

## CWO e-news January 2010 issue 23

Welcome to issue 23 of the e-news. Editor Pat Brown. Please visit CWO's website [www.catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk](http://www.catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk) Previous issues can be seen there.

Please send items for publication in the next e-news by 10 February 2010. These any enquiries about any item in this e-news to [info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk](mailto:info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk)

### **Our campaign to prepare for the Pope's visit in September**

From January to March we are targeting politicians. It would be good if as many of you as possible could write to your MP and/or any other MP's you know, particularly RC ones. You can find your MP at <http://findyourmp.parliament.uk/> With the election coming up they should be keen to listen to the voters!

There are three main points. You can mention one, two, or all of them.

1. The exemption of the church from the sex discrimination act
2. The breach of basic human rights by the ban on discussion of women's ordination. (See our website [www.catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk](http://www.catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk) Click on resources/books/discussion points tab and scroll down to "but say our critics". You will find reference to John Paul II's apostolic letter in 1994 'On Reserving Priestly Ordination To Men Alone'. This latter document is also known now as the 'Dubious Dubium', questioning the authority of the Pope.)
3. Ann Widdicombe's possible appointment as ambassador to the Holy See. A decision has not yet been made. It would seem to be especially important to write to your MP if they are Conservative as they are pushing Ms Widdicombe.

If you would like to see a sample letter, please email [info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk](mailto:info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk)

We hope to lobby MP's at the House of Commons at the end of March.

The campaign will develop as follows

April to June: prayer and reflection, contacting clergy, bishops, papal nuncio, cardinal.  
July to the actual visit: action including a presence at greenbelt festival at the end of August

If you have any ideas, please send them to [info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk](mailto:info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk)

### ***Advice to activists***

*Always keep several get-well cards on the mantelpiece so if unexpected guests arrive, they will think you've been sick and unable to clean!*

## Stand up for Vatican II

A meeting to launch Stand up for Vatican II will be held on the 26 January 2010, at St Vincent's Carlisle Place, Westminster SW1P 1NL, (alongside Westminster Cathedral), starting at 7.00 pm.

Stand up for Vatican II is a campaign designed to involve the whole Church, Catholic organisations and individuals, who recognise the benefits the Second Vatican Council brought to the Church to stand together to celebrate the forty fifth anniversary of the closure of the Council.

Our speakers will be:

- Robert Nowell, as assistant editor of The Tablet he reported from the Council, subsequently report widely on Church affairs as well as translating the works of Hans Kung.
- Myra Poole SND de Namur - Educator, Historian, Feminist Theologian and activist for women in all churches but especially in the RC Church. Present main interest - 'Ecclesiology in a Different Voice'.
- Michael Winter is a theologian, and founder member of the Movement for Married Clergy. He is the author of several books on English Catholicism, including **WHATEVER HAPPENED TO VATICAN II?**

Who will each describe why they are standing up for Vatican II and why the whole Church should gather together celebrate this important anniversary.

In the chair Frank Regan

We hope that many people will want to join us on this important occasion and ask only that you let us know in advance that you will be coming. Please send an email to [standup4vat2@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:standup4vat2@yahoo.co.uk)

## And yet another bishop!

Joyful news from Peterborough Diocese - Following a recently revived ancient tradition, Eve Crookenden Johnson (Aged 13) was inaugurated as Child Bishop at All Saint's, Wellingborough, in the Diocese of Peterborough this morning December 6 by the Archdeacon of Northampton, The Venerable Christine Allsopp. Bishop Eve will serve until Holy Innocent's Day (28th December), during which time she will preside at services and pray for and bless the parish congregation.

The Peterborough WATCH contact, Dr Dennis Allsopp writes:

" As Bishop Eve was inaugurated in front of a packed congregation, the sun broke through the wet grey clouds and blue sky blessed us. This was indeed a joyous event and a portent of happy things to come. Resplendent in her newly crafted vestments, Bishop Eve blessed the congregation and joined Archdeacon Christine in greeting several hundred parishioners as they left the church. May every blessing be upon Bishop Eve in her short present ministry, the good people of Wellingborough and the Priest at All Saint's, Fr Tony Lynett."

*From WATCH*

**The Lisieux Trust for Women's Ministry  
Invites you to a Training Day  
'Making Liturgy'  
Saturday, 27 February 2010  
St. Andrew's Church, Waterloo, London**

All are welcome.

Donation to cover the hire of the room.

To book or for more information please contact

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**Programme**

10:15 Welcome / Coffee

10:45 Welcome Liturgy

11:00 First Session. What does 'Making Liturgy' mean? An introductory presentation in the form of a dialogue by some of the authors of the book *Making Liturgy*.

11:45 Small groups: each small group to be led by one of the authors:

a, Ianthe Pratt on inclusive language in liturgy,

b, Pat Pinsent on creating new liturgies,

c, Myra Poole on what can be expected from experiential liturgies.

12:45 Shared Lunch

14:00 Second session. Developing Liturgy. A short input lecture by Lala Winkley.

14:30 Making liturgy, workshops coordinated by Hilary Thompson:

d, Saying /words, prayers, texts, explanations/

e, Sound /music, singing

f, Ambience /movement

15:15 Plenary, coordinated by Dorothea McEwan:

a, each group reports on its workshop / presents its work / explains why they did what they did.

b, General discussion of problems encountered, pitfalls, solutions.

16:00 Tea

16:20 Concluding liturgy, as prepared by the groups.

16:50 End.

**Advance Notice of Richard Rohr weekend**

Richard Rohr is leading a weekend at St James' Piccadilly on 3-4 Sept "The greatest vocation is not the contemplative, nor is it the active, but the utter art form of putting the two together." Some of the input will come from his Franciscan Tradition, and the event is sponsored by the Society of St Francis. Price £40

Bookings as follows:

[www.oxfordplayhouse.com/ticketsoxford](http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com/ticketsoxford)

Phone 01865 305305

## **Westminster Cathedral Vigil**

London CWO will hold a vigil on the Cathedral Piazza on Sunday 31 January from 11 to 12.30, focusing on St Bridget. This will catch those coming out of 10.30 Mass and those going into 12 Mass. They stand with banners, hand out CWO leaflets and attempt to engage people in discussion - response has been increasingly encouraging.  
*Jillian Dempsey*

## **The CWO Newsletter**

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## **Prayer Link**

Wednesday between 6.00 and 7.00pm, please pray for CWO, its members and its mission.

Saturdays at noon, join with women and men all over the world to pray for the work of Women's Ordination Worldwide (WOW!)

Please take part in one or both of these prayer networks if and when you can

### *The CWO Prayer*

*Moved by a compulsion of the Holy Spirit,  
we cannot remain ignorant of this injustice in our midst.*

*We long for all humanity to be acknowledged as equal,  
particularly among your community of the church,  
so we pray grieving for the lost gifts of  
so many women.*

*We ask you, God of all peoples,  
to bring insight and humility  
to all those in positions of dominance,  
and an understanding that the ascended Lord called  
us all to act*

*doing Christ's work here and now.  
We ask this of you, God our Creator,  
Jesus our Redeemer, Spirit our Sustainer*

## **Happy New Year!**

God of the seasons, Lover of the ages, Master of every moment.

You who are beyond time yet within all time.

We return to you what you have given to us - the moments, the minutes, the hours, the days, the weeks, the months, and the year of 2009.

Time has been gracious to us again, and we thank you for freely giving us these human bodies, these events, and these relationships. We have lived another year and we have died another year, and now you are granting us the beginnings of another.

We now hand over to you the blessed year, 2009, with all that it gave us and all that it took from us, knowing that both are necessary, just like our breath.

We trust you in both the givings and the takings, the inhalings and the exhalings.

May every breath of 2010 be a breath of the Holy Spirit, joyfully received and joyfully returned, beginning with this one right now.

Amen.