

St Gabriel's College links with Ghana school

In February Half Term, four members of staff from St Gabriel's College travelled to Ghana with Canon Mark Williams and parishioners from St John the Divine, Kennington.

The Revd Ellen Eames (School Chaplain) reports:

The group visited the Diocese of Asante-Mampong, where Mark was made a canon of Mampong Cathedral last year together with Canon Angus Aagaard from the North Lambeth Team.

The Bishop of Mampong, Bishop Cyril Ben-Smith, used to worship in the North Lambeth Parish and visited St Gabriel's College on a trip to the UK last year.

The main purpose of the trip to Ghana was to establish a link between St Gabriel's College, a Church of England secondary school in the Diocese of Southwark, and Ejuraman Anglican Senior High School in the Diocese of Mampong.

The parish of St John the Divine has been supporting Ejuraman School for the past



Left to right: Ejuraman staff: Assistant Headteacher Ms Mary Boakye, Senior Housemaster Mr Amponsah, School Chaplain Fr John Danso with Saint Gabriel's staff: Head of Humanities, Craig Adams, Assistant Principal, Terri Roach, Head of Blue Learning Community, Kay King

year as part of their mission giving, and working towards a partnership between the two schools.

St Gabriel's and Ejuraman will work together to improve teaching and learning, and to

enable students and staff to learn about school and culture in a different part of the world.

The St Gabriel's College teachers and chaplain stayed at Ejuraman School.

They spent time with the Headteacher and teaching staff, discussing what both schools would like from the link. They discussed swapping ideas for teaching and learning which can be shared through the partnership.

They also had open and frank conversations, recognising some of the cultural differences between the schools and areas in which both schools have much to learn from each other.

Ejuraman School serves a rural, agricultural area with a predominately Muslim community.

The staff are very committed to the students but they struggle with a lack of facilities and some of the parents who would prefer their children to work rather than go to school for education. There are only 18 classrooms for 1007 students, which means that some lessons have over 100 students, which makes progress very difficult.

The St Gabriel's staff were overwhelmed by the warmth and generous hospitality with which they were welcomed by

both staff and students at the school.

St Gabriel's College will work together with the parish of St John the Divine to fundraise to get better teaching resources for Ejuraman, and to set up an exchange programme where students and staff from both schools can travel to visit the other school.

As sister schools in the worldwide Anglican Communion they share an inclusive Christian ethos, both schools serving young people in the local community, regardless of faith or background. Staff and students in both schools are already excited about the opportunity of working together.

Some of the boarding students at Ejuraman



(Left) Saint Gabriel's Assistant Principal Terri Roach discusses advanced mathematics with Ejuraman students

Could you help manage a Croydon Day Centre?



South Croydon Centre Trust is looking for new Management Committee members to help run the Day Centre for the Elderly.

The centre, at the rear of St Peter's Hall was inaugurated in 1981 by members of the Churches in South Croydon. It offers food, entertainment and exercise four days per week plus outings, talks and lectures.

The Committee meets every six weeks but members are hands on and get involved in the various tasks agreed by the Committee.

If you are interested, contact Terry Currion (Chairman) 020 8657 3020 or email : terrycurrion@hotmail.co.uk

OPPORTUNITIES

Director of Music

Come and help us extend our musical worship. St Anselm's is a diverse, friendly, family-orientated and active urban ministry in Kennington, London. We are seeking a Director of Music who will:



- Be an excellent organist and choral leader, directing all musical content at our Sunday Holy Communion services
- Have the vision and passion needed to develop a creative yet feasible approach to growing our existing adult, junior and gospel choirs
- Be fluent in the traditional canon of liturgical music but interested in incorporating other styles (gospel and Taizé, for example) at our Communion and other services

Salary: £6,000

Application form and full details from Parish Administrator, Tetla Goulbourne on 0207 735 3403 or e-mail: anselm.nlp@btconnect.com Ref: TBAPR <http://www.northlambethparishandcircuit.co.uk> Application deadline: 12 noon Monday 4 April 2016

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY LEADER RICHMOND TEAM MINISTRY



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We are seeking to appoint a Children and Young People's Ministry Leader who will:

- be a practicing Christian with a sympathy for the Anglican tradition
- have a natural gift with children and young people and is able to build a community in which children can thrive in their Christian lives
- have a vision for incorporating children and young people into the liturgical life of the church
- work collaboratively, planning children's activities for children and young people's ministry
- be able to build and resource a team of volunteers
- be committed to working as part of a wider ministry team to grow the congregations

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Interviews: Saturday 30th April 2016

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