

CARMEL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



September 2007

YOUTH CHAPLAIN INTERVIEWS

In June 2007 members of the Spiritual Development Team from years 8, 9 and 10 interviewed the candidates for the Youth Chaplain and the Performing Arts Assistant.

The Youth Chaplain and Performing Arts Assistant candidates were very hard to choose because they all had different opinions that would all fit in the with job. All of the candidates showed great enthusiasm for the job and top of their list was working in Goa with Sr Christabel and they all had good fundraising ideas to help people going out there in the future. In the end there were only two jobs up for grabs. The Youth Chaplain will mainly work in the Carmel Centre and will be Jack Devine and the Performing Arts Assistant who will work mainly in the BEC is James Churchill.

Joshua Bennett - Year 9

Spectacular Concert a winning formula
ANOTHER concert is being planned for Christmas following the success of the charity spectacular given by the St Edmund's community Symphonic Wind Band in April.

The event, which was held at the Nye Hall, Duke of York's School, featured a choir with singers from The Duke of York's, St Edmund's Catholic School, Charlton Primary School, Whitfield Primary School, Langdon Primary School and St Mary's CE Primary School.

The guest vocal soloist was Elizabeth Woodland, who sang a new version of Ave Maria written by Michael McDermott.

More than 450 people attended the concert, which raised, £2,500 for Demelza House Children's Hospice. The band's director, Graham Harvey, presented the cheque to Demelza House's chief fund-raiser Will Grover at one of the band's rehearsals.

HOUSE BADGES

This year we have asked the students of St Edmunds to design new House badges to represent our 6 houses, Curie, Frank, Kolbe, Mandela, Romero and Teresa. The only condition was that it included the house colour. The response was fantastic, and the 6 winners will be chosen by a group of students together with the Collegiate heads. The badges will then be adopted by the houses and made into banners to use at school masses and sports competitions.



**Harvest Festival
Mass for Year 7
21st September 2007
All Year 7 parents
welcome!**

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*Sixth Form Conference
President for the Day is coming to
the Carmel Centre
March 7th 2008*

*Themes for Academic Year 2007/2008
Golden Rule - 'Do unto others as you do to yourself'*

- Term 1: Peace - Harvest Festival, Collegiate Mass
- Term 2: Advent & Remembrance - Poems, Readings
- Term 3: Make Poverty History - SVP, Resources,
- Term 4: Jonah - Hymns
- Term 5: Stewardship - Brazil and El Salvador:
- Term 6: Achievement/Metamorphosis



St. Edmund's
Catholic School
specialist college for the performing arts

ACTS Christian Drama

ACTS Christian drama was set up in 1984 in response to a request from a local church in Deal. For nearly 15 years, I ran a dedicated drama group of young people from 10-18 years of age. In that time, I wrote and produced approximately 45 sketches and plays ranging from one minute long pieces to full length plays. These were performed in a variety of venues including Canterbury Cathedral in front of an audience of 3000.

I have since operated under the ACTS banner at schools, churches and within retreats that I have designed and led in Norfolk, Hertfordshire and Kent.

Although most of the material devised has been for a specific Christian focus, I have also produced cross-curricular projects to accommodate citizenship, Emotional Literacy and social values, (e.g. prejudice, bereavement, social inclusion, famine).

The workshops I can offer are a mix of discussion, encouraging alternative views and lateral thinking, research and problem solving, teamwork and collaboration. Obviously the performing arts are involved from the start with emphasis on movement, acting and vocal. Equally important are the opportunities offered within the production for design, production and multi-media involvement. (Many of the performances/presentations have involved video, photography and soundscapes).

The projects can be designed to fit different time-scales and will be offered as half or full day visit's. A dedicated scheme can even be devised to last a term or longer.

Hopefully the school or organisation will encourage a cross-curricular approach that will involve a variety of staff to work both within and beyond the subject boundaries. However, I am equally willing to work with a group independently.

The outcome is usually a dedicated performance (or performances) to an audience agreed by the school/organisation. Once performed, any school/organisation can use the material for future use royalty-free.

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Our Mission

Education for Parish Service exists to foster the vocation of all the baptised for ministry, by providing:

- Theological Education
- Spiritual Formation
- Pastoral Training

We also prepare people for informed pro-active evangelisation in their:

- Parishes
- Families and Households
- Places of work

We endeavour to do this by promoting:

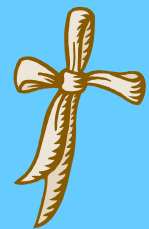
- Spiritual Development through personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Intellectual development through, teaching, study and class interaction
- Pastoral Skills for collaboration by reflection on practice and group work
- A sense of community among students and teachers in an adult learning environment

We are based at the Christian Education Centre Tooting Bec which is the Diocesan Centre for Adult Formation.

We collaborate with the adult formation team to complement the provision for the Diocese by offering formation programmes leading to the Certificate for Pastoral Ministry after one year of study, and on completion of two years the Diploma in Pastoral Theology. These are awarded in partnership with the University of Wales, Lampeter.

We also offer short evening workshops of a more practical nature.

All of our tutors are highly qualified in their various fields and also involved in pastoral ministry. We are proud that our tutors are aware of the real grass roots needs of people in a parish setting.



In addition to our daytime programmes we offer short evening workshops through out the year. For more information about daytime modules and evening workshops contact the EPS office at 020 8767 4445 or visit our website at [2222. ip-suk.ik.com](http://2222.ip-suk.ik.com)

