

BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH
ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2004

In the Church Year between the APCM 2004 and the this Spring, your Education Committee will have met five times – June, September and November 2004 and January and March 2005.

Membership includes the Rev. Michael Camp - Vicar, the Rev. Alison Newman - Curate: Ernest Yeo - Church Warden, three PCC members - Sarah Dowling (chair), Vera Harvey, and Mike Hodge as well as Gerald Elves (Secretary), Wendy Williams, Donya Young and Peter Cheshire.

We feel we have had a productive year, with a number of new initiatives in place. We have identified a need for policies and procedures relating to our work with children and young people. Although we clearly have a very high standard of practice, it was agreed that this sort of documentation gives a firm foundation. To this end we are planning a meeting with holiday and Sunday school leaders to begin draft these documents and to plan some joint training, particularly on child protection issues.

We monitor work in two of the sections of the Parish Development Plan:

- **Developing Channels into the Life of the Church for Enquirers**
We have considered the needs of our Emmaus and Nurture groups and how we might best encourage the attendees. We also discuss the activities of the Men's Group and GNOG particularly with regard to the development and awareness of activities.
- **More Effectively Nurturing the Faith and Understanding of Existing Members**
We discuss regularly the activities of both our newer and the longer established home groups. We are fortunate to have a number of the home groups represented at our meetings. We hope to enable the restoration of the Church library and the introduction of sermon recordings for those who cannot be present at our principal services.

We have also monitored the activities of our various Sunday Schools, the Grown-Up Sunday School sessions, the YPG, and the orchestra which convenes for particular services. Sarah Dowling and Peter Cheshire have agreed with the Director of Music that they will provide a report on the choristers in the coming year.

Mention should also be made to the summer Holiday Club. The Holiday Club has been running for some years now, and the summer of 2004 saw another successful event themed around the Olympic Games. It should be noted that there will be no Holiday Club in 2005 due to a number of factors. We intend to contact parents to advise them of this fact and to promote our other church activities taking place throughout the year. We very much hope to see the return of the Holiday Club in 2006.

At present we are busy planning the Pilgrim Hall weekend programme (dates are Friday 16th until Sunday 18th September 2005). We have come up with a theme entitled 'Springs in the Desert' which is meant to reflect a more inward-looking approach than in recent years and allow us to consider our relationships with God and with each other. We are in the process of booking speakers and facilitators and will soon begin planning the programme in detail.