

SOCIETY FOR ECUMENICAL STUDIES

NEWSLETTER

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This comes with my profoundest apologies for the delay, caused largely by needing to sort out aspects of the two meetings earlier notified.

Our 9 November meeting, in conjunction with the College of the Ascension at Birmingham, and at the College, is now finalised and I can give you the programme.

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| 10.30 am | Coffee |
| 11 am | Presentations on current concerns in the relationship between the Orthodox churches and the WCC, given by Dr. Mary Tanner, and on the East Cardiff Ecumenical Bishop plan, given by Rev. Gareth Powell. |
| 1 pm | Lunch |
| 1.45 pm | Second session. Presentations by Rev. Gary Penison of Bar Hill Local Ecumenical Partnership (near Cambridge), by John Ataya on ecumenical developments in Africa and by Prof. Iris Devadason on ecumenical developments in India. |
| 3.30 pm | Inaugural service for the new ecumenical centre associated with the College of the Ascension |
| 4.30 pm | Tea |

This promises to be an excellent day and we are grateful to Dr Israel Selvanayagam and his colleagues for hosting the event and for their share in all the planning. Intending participants are asked to let Mrs Joan Marks, at the College of the Ascension, Weoley Park Road, Birmingham, B29 6RD, know of their wishes by 28 October and to pay £10 (includes coffee, tea and lunch), cheques payable to USPG. The nearest station is Selly Oak. Weoley Park Road is a turning off the main Bristol Road (A38). For further details, phone the College on 0121-415-6810 or phone me on 020-8643-5871.

I can give advance notice that one of our most active members, Rev. Mark Woodruff, is busy with the CLEF, *Couturier Links of Ecumenical Fellowship*. Plans include a day conference at Westminster Cathedral Hall on March 22 to celebrate various aspects of 'spiritual emulation', (a favourite phrase of the Abbe's), in art, music, spirituality and learning etc.

I regret that I am unable, as yet, to confirm the *exact* arrangements for the big conference at St Alban's in May. This is because the organisers are still waiting for confirmation from Archbishop Rowan that he will, in the light of his new

commitments, still be able to speak. You may take it for granted, though, that the event will go ahead, if necessary with a suitable speaker replacing Rowan Williams. I hope to send out a further newsletter towards the end of October including full details of the May event plus other news, notice of books etc. Once again, I apologise for this- but, at least you all have the date and the general outline of aims from the previous newsletter!

David Carter.