

SOCIETY FOR ECUMENICAL STUDIES

NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter incorporates the minutes of the AGM and a reminder about subscriptions. You are asked to pay the latter by 1 April. Please send them directly to John Coventry, making cheques payable to the 'Society for Ecumenical Studies'. If you are paying by any other method, eg. bankers' order, please write and tell John so, in order that he may keep his records straight. The ordinary sub remains at £12, and that for students, unwaged and retired people at £6.

Two additional matters should, perhaps, be mentioned. Firstly, the report of the 'Churches Together in England' Working Party, 'Called To Be One', had its launch on 5 February, just before our AGM. It is available from InterChurch House, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL, at the modest cost of £2.50. Three of our members were involved in the work. It represents a major achievement for Martin Reardon, who guided the rest of the group through the immensely complex task, not merely of analysing the views of twenty or so churches, but trying to find points of common ground from which we can all advance together. Martin carried this task out: with his usual tact, gentleness and clarity. The hope is that the churches, at every level, will discuss the report and its conclusions and suggestions. Knowing the very considerable interest in local ecumenism, as well as in the national scene amongst all our members, I hope everyone will have a role in this work, however expressed or carried out.

The Cambridge meeting, as aforementioned, is at Westminster College, on 27th April, 11am to 4pm on the subject of 'United in Baptism?' Maximos Lavriotes and David Thompson from amongst our membership will give papers, as will Mrs Faith Bowers, a Baptist with extensive knowledge and experience in Faith and Order matters.

Martin Conway, President of the Selly Oak Colleges, has details of this year's Conference of the Societas Oecumenica, due to take place from 24-29 August in Strasbourg. You are welcome to contact him if you would like details at Selly Oak Colleges, Bristol Road, Birmingham, B29 6LQ.

The Congress of the Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at Bristol, 24-29 Sept, may also interest members. Two of our members, Paul McPartlan and Pierre Parré

are due to give papers, the latter on the 'Malines
Conersations'. Details from Joe Farrelly.

David Carter