

# **Society for Ecumenical Studies**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **Secretary's Notes**

This newsletter contains details of future meeting plans for this year and the paper given at the London seminar by James Cassidy.

### **Subscriptions**

Please note that these are due on or before 1 April 1998.. The current rates are £12 ordinary, £14 married couples, £6 for students and those who are retired (£8 for married couples, where one or both is/are a student or retired). Please send these directly to our Treasurer, Sister Fidelis Daly, 40 Duncan Terrace, London N1 8AL. I fear some members have not paid for a couple of years or so. If you need to cease membership, please let Sister or me know. I will put in reminders for those who did not pay in 1996 or 1997. If they are ignored also in respect of the 1998 sub, I fear I may have to cease to send mailings to them.

### **Future Meetings**

We now have a good draft programme.

On April 25, there will be a meeting at Westcott House, Cambridge, which will be addressed by Fr Maximos Lavriotes and Nick Sagovsky. Maximos will talk to us about the current Orthodox role in and problems with ecumenism. Nick will talk about the importance of the Orthodox for the western churches.

On June 20, there will be a meeting at Campion Hall, Oxford, by kind invitation of the Jesuits including our own Fr Ted Yarnold. It will be addressed by Paul MacPartlan and Colin Davey. we will be looking at developments in the wake of 'Ut Unum Sint', and, in particular, at the responses to it. Colin Davey has been involved in CCHI consultations on 'Ut Unum Sint' and can therefore, speak with particular authority on them. Further details from me, if required.

Both the above meetings will start with foregathering at about 10.30 am. Coffee will be provided at the beginning and a drink at lunchtime. Please bring you own food. At Westcott, we will be asked to pay £1.25 for coffee. The meetings will end by about 3.30pm.

On 17 October we hope to have a meeting on the role of women inn the Ecumenical Movement, organised and addressed by Sr Fidelis and Jean Mayland. This will probably be at a London venue and fuller details will appear in the next newsletter.

### **The London Seminar**

has three further meetings planned beyond that notified in the January newsletter.

March 25. Liz Taite, a graduate student of Heythrop College will talk about the Focolare Movement and its role in ecumenism.

May 27. Emmanuel Sullivan will talk about Catholic-Evangelical convergence and dialogue in America. This will be one of his last speaking engagements before returning to the USA.

June 17. Sheila Maxey, URC ecumenical officer and one of our own members, will talk about the problems of ecumenical worship, a subject on which she worked during a recent sabbatical and on which she hopes soon to publish a booklet. It will be the first time we have a seminar touching on this subject.

All these seminars will be at Heythrop College, Kensington Sq, W8, at 5pm. Kensington High St Tube Station is two minutes walk away

We are very grateful to all those organising and/or speaking at these forthcoming meetings. We give special thanks to Nick Sagovsky for being prepared to give a second paper so soon after his AGM one. We also wish Emmanuel Sullivan Godspeed as he returns to his native USA. For about thirty years he has graced – I use the word advisedly – the English ecumenical scene with his eirenic spirit and profound knowledge and wisdom. Everyone who has had contact with him has benefited enormously from his friendship and counsel.

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