

FAITH in Lambeth

Lambeth Faith Groups Newsletter

A New Way to Worship The Gospel Café



Reverend Claudette Douglas (right) from the Gospel Café in Clapham speaking to Winsome Ennis about the support for community members

Be Inspired - to make a difference, Be Informed - about policy & Council plans Be involved - with Faiths Together in Lambeth




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WELCOME TO THE SUMMER EDITION OF FAITH IN LAMBETH.

Lambeth Council and the Faith in Lambeth Network would like to extend special thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition of Faith in Lambeth.

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The next newsletter will be published November 2010.

If you would like to contribute to the next edition please send your articles in by Monday 4th October 2010.

The sentiments and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the authors from a variety of organisations and may not necessarily represent those of Lambeth Council.

We hope you enjoy reading this edition.

A NEW WAY TO WORSHIP



The Gospel Café Refreshment for the Spirit – Nourishment for the Soul

The Gospel Café is a delicious menu of forum theatre in I'M A BELIEVER GET ME OUTTA HERE, live music, poetry, short films, emerging talent, inspirational interviews, interactive quizzes and social debates on key topical issues.

It is refreshing and challenging to know that at a time when religion is often seen as divisive and marginalised by some, that this is also an unprecedented new era of spiritual reawakening. This is motivating a growing mass movement of people who are asking much more profound and fundamental questions about the real reason and purpose for all of our lives here on this planet.

Who are we, what is our purpose? Do we share a common heritage? Do we share a common destiny? Is there a spiritual and divine reality to our existence? These are some of the questions explored in an energising and rousing manner in the dynamic blend of spiritual creativity and intellectual expansion.

There are many avenues now open for those who want to explore their own spirituality and affirm the

divine nature of life that does not have to take place in a religious context.

The Gospel Café is pioneering a brave new way of engaging a new audience for God!

Reverend Claudette Douglas, founder of the Gospel Café says *"If Christ was able to preach in a boat or on a hillside then I think we should be just as creative in how we transport his message of hope and renewal to the wider world."*

The event is a product of The Holy Apostles Theatre Ministry who are a creative force of power and gifts that have been crafted in over two decades of local and international education and theatre arts experience. The Ministry are able to use a wide range of creative tools which include theatre, music and poetry to illicit reflection, redemptions and personal resurrections in a unique and mind-blowing way. The Holy Apostles have moulded an innovative and uplifting format that results in the enabling of the spirit, and entertaining the soul.



Revd Claudette Douglas
 interviews
Author and Chorographer H. Patten



Gospel Café Regular
Musical masterpiece
from The Chronicles of
Journeyman



Gospel Café Regular
South London's favourite Poet
Beverley Campbell

From its humble beginnings **THE GOSPEL CAFÉ** has grown and developed into it is a mouth watering experience for those who seek to be edified as well as entertained.

THE GOSPEL CAFÉ audience contains a diverse and interesting mix which includes Christian's and non-Christians. It is an evening designed to inspire and build community and understanding through the celebration of the diversity and the creativity of the human spirit.

The evening's interviews are always a highlight and range far and wide to include leaders, celebrities or those who inspire in politics, the arts and culture as well as entrepreneurs and new and emerging talent.

The interactive atmosphere is conducive for connectivity and the sharing of ideas, supportive contacts and remarkable wisdom to help people find their purpose and destiny. **Join us on the third Friday of each month!**

The Gospel Café

<p>Main Menu</p> <p>UPLIFTING INTERVIEWS</p> <p>PERFORMANCE POETRY</p> <p>I'M A BELIEVER GET ME OUTTA HERE</p> <p>THE GOSPEL CAFÉ PEACE choir</p> <p>BIBLEMANA QUIZ.</p> <p>SHORT FILMS.</p> <p>LIVE MUSIC</p> <p>OPEN MIC</p> <p>COMEDY</p> <p>DANCE</p> <p>PRIZES</p> <p><i>Hosted by Revd Claudette Douglas</i></p>	<p>Side Orders</p> <p>The Gospel Café resides at West Indian Service Personnel (formerly West Indian Ex-servicemen & women Association) 167 Clapham Manor St London , SW4 (5 minutes walk from Clapham Common Tube).</p> <p>DOOR OPENS: 7pm. SHOW TIME: 7.30pm.</p> <p>ADMISSION: A credit-crunching £5.</p> <p>Refreshments by Divine Intervention.</p> <p>MAKE YOUR RESERVATION FOR GOSPEL CAFÉ ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH</p>
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**A word from
Councillor; Rachel
Heywood, Cabinet
Member, Culture
and Communities,
Lambeth Council**

Do faith and politics go?

It is a pleasure, and rather a relief, to have been asked to write a short piece once again for this publication. Elections are nerve wracking things, and there cannot be a guarantee of their outcome. But I'm still here, elected to serve the people of Coldharbour ward, and asked to act as the borough's political lead on faith and belief for another year.

My portfolio has changed somewhat overall. I have retained the 'Communities' element, and still have responsibility for equalities and human rights, community cohesion and engagement, forums and networks and new communities, counter terrorism and child poverty as well as religion and belief. To that I've added 'Community Safety' which includes policing, serious violent crime (and crime in general), young offenders and youth crime, domestic violence, drugs and alcohol, CCTV, dangerous dogs and licensing amongst other things. So – a huge portfolio and I do not yet know how I am going to live up to those needs and expectations which it carries. I will do my best, but I will need an awful lot of help to do it.

The question I've posed at the start of this piece is one that I often ask myself. Sometimes I feel uncomfortable as a politician amongst people of faith, or in sacred places. Our ambitions, our guiding principles, our priorities cannot always be the same. For me there is something intensely personal and private about faith that is not for a public arena. I seek in my own belief a place that is contemplative and reflective, a still calm place away from the turmoil of every day life, a place of solace when it is needed, when there is frustration and anger and despair as there can be in this work.

One of the most powerful gatherings I attended in the run up to the election turns on its head much of what I have just said. On a beautiful day in Windrush Square, in the heart of Brixton, a meeting was called by the Leaders of South London Citizens. They are not of course only an organisation composed of faith groups, but one which includes different civil society organisations working together for social, economic and environmental justice. They do have a strong religious membership which seems to me to influence their campaigns, but that is of course a personal opinion. Their challenge to politicians of every background on that day was a powerful, relevant and entirely fitting one – about a Living Wage, about a safer city - and as a newly elected administration we will be working hard with them to meet that challenge and to improve the lives of many of our citizens as a result.

I haven't had a chance to answer the question I've asked, merely to put it forward. If any of you have the answer, or part of an answer, then I would truly love to hear from you. And whether faith or politics go, or not, and whatever your political colour or inclination, I would ask of all of you exactly what I asked when I last wrote a piece for this publication, before the elections – please keep all your elected representatives in your thoughts and in your prayers in these difficult times. Thank you.

Lambeth Muslim Community Forum



Lambeth Muslim Forum (LMF) was established in June 2008 following extensive partnership work between Lambeth Council, its partners and members of Lambeth's Muslim communities to develop 'Together - As One', The Lambeth Muslim Community Development Plan.

There have been a number of achievements of the Forum to date, including the agreement for additional Muslim burial space in the borough, an independent Muslim school, *Iqra* becoming part of the local education authority



and moving to larger and better premises increased access to community health services; Improved partnership working in strategic areas of work, e.g. the Prevent Board; Increased social inclusion through community projects.

"Together - As One" is currently being reviewed, with exciting developments in relation to sports and leisure provision for Muslim women, health care provision, and the support and development of Muslim organizations and businesses. "Together - As One" is being taken forward and plans for the

next few years will be published in the Autumn.

Lambeth Muslim Community Forum membership is open to all Muslim groups and organisations that meet in Lambeth. If you are interested in joining the Forum or just interested in finding out more about the work please contact Faith Abbey, Capacity Building Officer on 07951 921 220, or email fabbey@lambeth.gov.uk

South London Liberal Synagogue



is having a very lively time, under the leadership of its Rabbi, Janet Darley.

In November we held a big birthday party to celebrate our 80th anniversary, and the activities have just kept on. We have had films, talks, exhibitions and dances as well as our usual services. Currently there is an exhibition of photographs of the East End Jewish Community in the Lily Montagu Hall, which will run at least till the end of July, and is well worth a look, if you come to one of our services or other events.

Hospitality is extremely important in Jewish life: the story of Abraham entertaining strangers who turned out to be angels is well known and there is tradition that Abraham's

tent had doors on each side to make sure he was prepared to welcome guests whatever direction they came from. At Passover, we were delighted that Mandy Hodgson from St Leonard's Church, Charles Ijaz of the South London Islamic Centre and Simon Kewer of LAMAG joined our communal Seder, to commemorate the exodus from Egypt. Details of services and events are on our website - <http://www.southlondon.org/> - just go and check. We would be very happy to see you: it would be helpful to email or call before to warn us you are coming, but if that is not possible, just turn up on the day. It is sometimes necessary to ring the bell for admission (left hand door), and we will ask some questions if we don't know you already. It's unfortunate that this is necessary for security reason: please remember it does not mean you are unwelcome.

WORLD MUSIC DIVA IN SOUTH LONDON

Mor Karbasi plays South London Liberal Synagogue, Sunday 4 July

Mor Karbasi, described by the Guardian as "one of the great young divas of the global music scene" is to play at South London Liberal Synagogue as part of the Streatham Festival. The Guardian noted "*Her voice is remarkable, mixing delicacy, power and control*" and the New York Times described: "*a voice infused by Middle Eastern music and the quivering intensity of Iberian flamenco and fado.*" Mor's material ranges from traditional Ladino songs to new material written by Karbasi herself, and Joe Taylor, who will also be appearing, together with Andres Ticino and Jorge Bravo.



Take the advice of a reviewer on Amazon: *If you get a chance to see Mor Karbasi in concert, do, you won't be disappointed.*

Mor is sought after round the world. Later in July she will be in Spain, Portugal, the Czech Republic and Sicily. This rare opportunity to catch her and her talented colleagues south of the river should not be missed.

The concert will take place on Sunday 4 July at South London Liberal Synagogue, 1 Prentis Rd, London SW16 1ZW. Doors open 6.45, concert at 7.00pm. Tickets (£9 full price, £8 concessions) can be reserved through office@southlondon.org

Imagine yourself in someone else's shoes



Do you have the skills and interest to see how others see and think?
Are you wondering how to make difference?
Find yourself interested in peace and unity?

Following its local networking event in March at the Loughborough Centre in Brixton, the Christian Muslim Forum are developing an interfaith volunteer network. The network will be made up of people from different faith groups who are interested in developing interfaith facilitation skills to serve and shape the Forum's emerging vision in Lambeth.

People are especially sought in the areas of:

- Web writing and design
- Creating regular newsletters and press releases
- Administration and attracting funds
- Event hosting and facilitation

For more details on ongoing projects go to www.christianmuslimforum.org.

To be sent a volunteer information pack email: julian@christianmuslimforum.org or call 020 7820 0444

In the words of Rowan Williams, the Christian Muslim Forum provides a space

“for conversation and co-operation between two communities of faith that will remind the whole of our society that faith is a perfectly normal activity for human beings”.

It's one world...Come and be a part

Religious Festivals

July

Friday

- 9 Martyrdom of the Bab – Baháí**
Anniversary of the Bab's execution in 1850
Lilat al Miraji - Islam

Sunday
Tuesday

- 11 St Benedict Day - Catholic Christian**
20 Tisha B'Av - Jewish

A solemn day that commemorates a series of tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people over the years.

Friday
Sunday

- 23 Birthday of Haile Selassie - Rastafarian**
25 St James the Great Day - Christian

August

Thursday

- 12 Ramadan begins – Islam**
A month of fasting

Sunday

- 15 Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary - Catholic Christian**

Tuesday

- 17 Birthday of Marcus Garvey – Rastafarian**
The Jamaican politician born in 1887 who predicted the crowning of a king of Africa.

Tuesday

- 24 Raksha Bandhan – Hindu**
A festival that celebrates brotherhood and love

September

Monday
Thursday
Friday

- 6 Laylat al Kadr - Islam**
9 Rosh Hashanah – Jewish
10 Eid ul Fitr – Islam
The end of Ramadan when Muslims celebrate the end of fasting.

Saturday

- 11 Ethiopian New Year – Rastafarian**

Saturday

- 18 Yom Kippur – Jewish**
The holiest day of the Jewish calendar marked by a fast and solemn prayer to repent for the previous years sins.

Thursday

- 23 Sukkot – Jewish**
Commemorates the year that the Jews spent in the desert on their way to the Promised Land.

Wednesday
Thursday

29 **St Michael's Day - Christian**
30 **Shemini Atzeret - Jewish**

October

Monday
Friday

4 **St Francis Fay – Catholic Christian**

8 **Navaratri – Hindu**

Navaratri (nine nights) Symbolises the triumphs of good over evil marks the start of autumn.

Wednesday
Sunday

13 **St Edward's Day – Christian**

17 **Dussera – Hindu**

Celebrates Lord Rama's victory over the evil demon Ravana

Wednesday

20 **Birth of the Báb – Baháí**

Celebrates the birthday of the Báb, cofounder of the Baháí faith, who was born in 1819 in Shiraz, Persia.

November

Monday
Tuesday

1 **All Saints Day - Christian**

2 **All Souls' Day – Catholic Christian**

Commenorates the faithful departed.

Coronation of Emperor Haile Selassie – Rastafarian

Friday

5 **Diwali – Hindu and Sikh**

The festival celebrates the triumph of good over evil. In Hindu Diwali means "Festival of Lights" it is the most popular of all the festivals from South Asia. For Sikh, Diwali is particularly important because it celebrate the release from prison of the sixth guru.

11 **Armistice Day – Multifaith**

Marks the end of the First World War. At 11.00 on this day people in the UK pause for 2 minutes of silence to remember those who died in the war.

Sunday
Friday
Sunday

14 **Remembrance Sunday - Multifaith**

26 **Day of the Covenant - Bahai**

28 **First Sunday of Advent – Christian**

Advent is the season before Christmas, preparation for Jesus Christ's birthday

Tuesday

30 **St Andrew's Day**

The EXPO provides a chance for people to tell Lambeth what is important to them

STREATHAM is getting ready for its annual festival which kicks off on Saturday 3 July with the Big Day Out on Streatham Common, and end on Sunday 11 July.

Thousands of people are expected to make the most of the week-long Festival with dozens of events taking place across the area. The Festival is now in its ninth year and organisers are hoping to attract around 10,000 people.

The annual festival is organised by local volunteers and backed by Lambeth Council and Streatham businesses. This year's theme is Air and Streatham Festival Association committee chairman Paul Cutts said: "It's a true reflection and celebration of local life, a festival by the people for the people."

The Festival will see a range of arts, music and entertainment taking place at venues across Streatham with plenty of opportunities to take part or just sit back and enjoy. The Big Day Out marks the beginning of the Festival and the fun starts at 1pm with stilt walkers, giant puppets, kites and flags setting the scene. There will also be live music, dancing, storytelling, interactive workshops and a range of arts, crafts and food stalls and a special children's village with events aimed at younger visitors.

Within the Big Day out is the Streatham Expo which gives visitors a chance to find out more about local services and how they can get involved. More than 50 different community groups will be taking part in the Expo event to promote and provide providing advice on a range of subjects and be active within their community. The Expo is also a chance for residents to have their say on what they think is important and find out more about how to help shape local plans to create a cooperative council – which will see the council, residents and community groups working together to design and deliver future services.

Charlotte Evans, Lambeth Council's Head of Active Communities, said: "The Streatham Festival is always a great event with lots of things going on for all ages. Streatham Festival Association supported by their volunteers do a fantastic job of organising the Big Day Out.

Visitors can find out what's being done locally day-in and day-out, not just by the council, but also by the many community groups and local services that are active in the community.

Visit www.streathamfestival.com for a full programme of events



LIFE stands for Local Initiative for Faith and the Environment.
LIFE has been created as a bridge between faith-based networks and environmental action in the Borough of Lambeth.

Reflection on LIFE – June 2010
(for Christian Muslim Forum website)

LIFE stands for Local Initiative for Faith and the Environment. The hope is that this bridge serves to bring people together around two of the most vital pillars of peace-building in society today: climate change and inter-faith dialogue. The aim of LIFE is to promote greater mutual awareness of local ecology, global climate change and the role multi-faith groups can play in nurturing sustainable living on a local and regional level.

In September 2009 we decided to launch our project as a 'pilot' in the borough of Lambeth – building on already existing links between churches, mosques and temples in the area. It emerged as an all-women venture as it was women who were coming forward and wanting to get involved. From an Islamic point of view, this also simplified things and meant that we could really engage with local Muslim women in an open way about issues that they were not necessarily having access to.

As we started to gather, eat, share views and discover how we can be more engaged, resourceful, alarmed, encouraged, creative and joyful about the environment, we were beginning to see through our own experience, that awareness about the global dilemma begins with the local. The route into this is friendship, and the bumps and delights of building relationships, regardless of differences in opinion, style, background, beliefs.

LIFE hopes to provide intimate, open and creative spaces for dialogue about the issues and practical on-the-ground application that is fun, inclusive and offers opportunity for sharing of skills and time for reflection.

Contact: Rebecca Brewin –
rebecca@handtoearth.net /07896 936 625 (Project Coordinator) or **Sadaat Yusuf -**
saadat_yusuf@yahoo.co.uk / 07939 325 032
 (Muslim Outreach Worker)

LIFE - Current Programme

Hands-to-Gather 3: Wednesday 21st July 2010

Finding Our Common Ground – with LIFE-maker Tini Brodie & Sue Sheehan, (Lambeth's Green Community Champions Officer).

To include a walk on Tooting Bec Common and visit to Hyde Community Farm. After lunch discussion: 'Faith and Belonging: Wisdom of the Desert ('no-man's land') in different spiritual traditions.'
Children welcome – Creche provided.

10.30am – 2.30pm at 32, Emmanuel Road, Balham, SW12 0HF

Hands-to- Gather 4: LIFE-out-of town: A 24-hour Retreat Saturday 31st July – Sunday 1st August

A 24 hour LIFE-giving retreat at The Quadrangle (see www.thequadrangletrust.com), a beautiful converted barn in Kent, an easy train ride from South London. Starting mid-morning on Saturday and finishing mid-morning on Sunday, we will breathe fresh air, walk, explore ecology, do yoga and eat together in relaxing surroundings. A unique chance to sleep in a dormitory together and share LIFE stories! If you are interested in coming, the cost will be on a donations basis, depending on how much you can afford.

Hands-to-Gather 5: Wednesday 22nd September 2010

Food-growing Workshop at Brockwell Park Community Gardens

10.30pm – 2.30pm. Details to be confirmed.

Hands-to-Gather 6: Wednesday 20th October 2010

Preparing for Winter – Ecology and Mental Health – an exploration in mindfulness. How can we keep growing in faith during dark times?

10.30pm – 2.30pm. Details to be confirmed.

Hands-to-Gather 7: end of year Celebration: Celebrating Eid, Advent and sharing the hidden lights of mid-winter.
Details to be confirmed.

Please note these are women only events!

Each includes a delicious life-giving vegetarian lunch – donations welcome.

NOTICE BOARD



SUNSHINE FUN!

Immanuel and St Andrews C.E. Primary School
are holding a great event coming up to get
the Summer off with a swing.

FRIDAY FUN DAY
Friday 2nd July, 3:30pm till 6pm
£3 per child in advance, £4 on the day
Bouncy castle, climbing wall, games for all ages
and lots, lots more. Feast at the family barbecue or
pick up some treats at the cake stall - all donations welcome!

Buckleigh Road, Streatham, SW16 5SL

◆ GRASSROOTS GRANTS

Purpose of the grant is to help build thriving local communities, bringing people from different backgrounds together and empowering them to achieve change. You can apply for up to £5,000.

Your group must have been active in your local area for at least 1 year before you apply, with an annual income of less than £30,000. This can relate to your last financial year or be taken as an average over your last three financial years. Applications for capital costs are welcomed.

Areas

Bexley, Bromley, Camden, Greenwich, Kensington and Chelsea, Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark, Westminster

Income Threshold

Annual income of less than £30,000

Closing dates:-

Friday 13th August 2010 & Friday 8th October 2010

◆ SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Lambeth Active Communities and Lambeth Safeguarding Children's Board are pleased to offer our next round of free Safeguarding Children training to Faith Groups in Lambeth on **Tuesday 26 November 2010, 9.30am to 1pm in Room 101, Lambeth Town Hall, London SW2 1RW**. The training will be offered to **one representative per organisation, on a first come first served basis to the first 20 organisations** that respond. Priority will be given to groups who have not yet been on the course or organisations which already have child protection procedures in place or under review, but have not yet had their designated child officer trained.

If you would like to attend please contact amjones@lambeth.gov.uk or call Anne-Marie Jones on 020 79262758

Finally, this course is free of charge. However, should you register for a place and not attend without reasonable notice a charge of £150 may become payable.

◆ DO YOU KNOW A VULNERABLE PERSON WHO MAY BE SUFFERING FROM ABUSE OR MISTREATMENT

- Did you know that 4% of older people living in their own home report being abused or mistreated?
- Are you aware that older and vulnerable people from Black and Minority Ethnic groups are less likely to report when they have been treated badly?
- Do you know what to do to help an older or vulnerable person who you think may be being abused, neglected or mistreated?

Lambeth aims to be a borough where there is zero tolerance of abuse of older and vulnerable people. It has been recognised that this can only be achieved if every citizen and every organisation takes responsibility for helping to safeguard old, frail and vulnerable adults.

Faith Groups have a vital part to play in protecting vulnerable adults.

- They can often be the only link with some isolated individuals
- They could be the only group that some vulnerable adults trust.
- They are often working with adults that are most at risk.

Who is a vulnerable adult? Anybody who is unable to look after themselves due to a health problem, this includes dependency on drugs and or alcohol and those needing treatment for mental health problems.

People who have a learning or physical disability.
People who are frail due to old age or a physical illness

What is abuse? Abuse includes physical harm including misuse of medication and failure to provide food and drink, theft, fraud and sexual abuse. It also includes shouting at the person, denying them contact with others or the outside world, or name calling, graffiti or damage to property on the grounds of race, faith or disability.

What can you do to help? Do all you can to make sure the person is safe? Report the abuse or support the vulnerable adult to report the matter. You can do this by contacting **Lambeth Adults' and Community Services on 020 7926 5555** (9.00am to 5.00pm) or **020 7926 1000** (outside office hours)

If you work within a faith organisation let somebody in authority within the organisation know (even if the vulnerable person is reluctant to report it).

Finally if you think a crime has been committed encourage the person to report it to the Police. You may need to report it on their behalf particularly if you think there is a possibility that others could be harmed

For free Training visit
<http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/Services/CommunityLiving/InformationForCareProviders/SafeguardingAdultsCourses.htm>

◆ BRIXTON PREGNANCY ADVICE CENTRE

BPAC opened its doors in October 2008, and are truly excited about their new venture in the community. BPAC is a voluntary Christian pregnancy advice centre, with a caring team of trained counsellors and advisers dedicated to providing support and advice to women and couples facing an unplanned pregnancy. The Centre is managed by Frank Brookes (Centre Manager), Marcia Jones (Centre Co-ordinator) and a small committed team.

What do they Offer

- The Centre is currently opened for drop-ins or appointments on Tuesday & Saturday mornings, between 11am-1pm
- A Helpline for advice and support: Monday – Saturday, from 10am-2pm and 7-10pm every evening
- A website with all our services and details – www.bpac.org.uk
- Our services are FREE, including FREE pregnancy tests
- Counselling support using a model called 'The Journey'
- A calm place for clients to think through their options and consider alternatives to abortion
- Information and advice on issues relating to pregnancy, housing, finance, parenting, adoption and abortion, helping women and couples to make informed decisions through a FREE consultation.

How to find them

BPAC is located at: Rear of Raleigh Park Christian Centre, Arodene Road, Brixton Hill, London SW2 2BH

How to Contact them

We are happy to hear from anyone in the community who would benefit from our services. You can contact us by Email: office@bpac.org.uk or our Helpline for appointments, advice or support: 020 8674 6972

◆ HELP LOW-INCOME FAMILIES TO GET ONLINE AT HOME

Low-income families who are receiving certain benefits can qualify for a grant to buy a computer and/or a minimum of one year's internet access. Home Access is a government programme aimed to help families that do not have access to a computer or the internet at home. Schools should promote the scheme and support families in applying. Act fast as the grants are limited. See the **Home Access website** for more information <http://www.homeaccess.org.uk/> or telephone 0333 200 1004

◆ EVERY POUND COUNTS

Are you aged 60 or over? Are you under 60 but suffering ill health or caring for someone who has additional support needs, including children or want to refer someone to us you believe we can help.

If so you may be missing out on extra financial help. Lambeth provides a benefit advice service 'Every Pound Counts' to help identify if you are missing out. The service, funded by NHS Lambeth and Lambeth Council, has already helped unlock over £7million pounds of benefit for Lambeth residents. People helped are on average £4000 per year better off. Even if own your own home or have savings or a private pension you could be eligible for extra help.

You can contact an Every Pound Counts adviser either by phone or textphone on 020 7926 5555 or by email at everypoundcounts@lambeth.gov.uk.

◆ THE LAMBETH BOROUGH DEANS

The Dean would like to invite you to the following 3 events:-

Lambeth Leaders Prayer Breakfast

This will take place on Thursday 8th July 2010, 7.45am - 9.30am at Clapham Methodist Church, Nelsons Row, CLAPHAM, London. SW4 7JR

Lambeth Borough Deans Dinner

This will take place on Thursday 16th September 2010, 6.30pm at New Covenant Church, 21 – 29 Pendennis Road, Streatham, London. SW16 2SS

Lambeth Borough Deans Civic Celebration

This will take place on Sunday 26th September 2010, 6.30pm at St Lukes Church C of E Church, Knights Hill, West Norwood, London, SE27 0HS

For further information please contact Mrs Christine Bongo on patodirector@ascensiontrust.org.uk or 020 8330 2809.

◆ A CHANCE TO CONNECT – THE EXPOS ARE BACK

The Expos have been designed to promote and strengthen community engagement and provide an opportunity for local people to meet with statutory services, local businesses, and voluntary and community sector organisations. It also provides an opportunity for local people to engage with their democratically elected representatives and discuss issues that are important to them.

In the past these themed events have attracted a mixture of people from different ethnicities and we are hoping this year even more residents in the areas come and feel a part of their community. The events will be fun filled but most importantly free.

Below is a list of the Expos happening near you:-
Streatham Common – 3rd July
Norwood Park – 24th July
Vauxhall Spring Gardens – 11th September
Larkhall Park – 25 September

For the theme of the day and further details email SCoyte@lambeth.gov.uk or Gevans2@lambeth.gov.uk

◆ PEACE WEEK

Lambeth Council and the Metropolitan Police will be hosting Peace Week 2010 from 18 to 25 September 2010.

It is a time for the whole community to celebrate diversity, equality and promote harmony across Lambeth.

The theme for 2010 is 'Giving back' and we have organised a range of activities for the community to get involved with. On Saturday 18 September at 12pm it's something for the younger members of the community; it's their chance to showcase their skills on a skateboard or BMX at the Skateboard Jam in Stockwell Park. On Thursday 23 September at 6pm come and mingle with representative from communities across the borough, enjoy opera dramatics courtesy of the Connaught Opera and Gospel singing from Streatham Baptist Church. For further details look out for the posters in your area or contact amjones@lambeth.gov.uk

If you would like a summary of this information in community languages, or in other formats such as large print, Braille, or on disk, please contact Lambeth Adults and Community Services on 020 7926 5555.

Spanish

Si desea esta información en otro idioma, rogamos nos llame al 0207 926 5555

Portuguese

Se desejar esta informação noutro idioma é favor telefonar para 0207 926 5555

French

Si vous souhaitez ces informations dans une autre langue veuillez nous contacter au

0207 926 5555

Bengali

এই তথ্য অন্য কোনো ভাষায় আপনার প্রয়োজন হলে অনুগ্রহ করে ফোন করুন

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Se wope saa nkaeboy yi wo kasa toforo mu a fre 0207 926 5555

Yoruba

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Lambeth 1 Call 020 7926 1400

Repairs and adaptations for older people

If you are an older person and you live in Lambeth, you can call this number for information, advice and practical help with repairs or adaptations to your home. Lambeth 1 Call is available to residents in all types of housing, including rented, sheltered, private sector and owner occupiers.

It provides information and offers direct access to the following services:

- Lambeth Living Repairs
- Age Concern Lambeth Handyperson Service
- Home Improvement Agency

More information is available at:
www.lambeth.gov.uk/lambethonecall


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