

### What's it all about?

From 10-20 November eleven people, ranging in age from 12 to 81, will be taking part in a working mission to Lima, Peru. The Archdeaconry of Gibraltar has, for the past three years, been twined with the Anglican Church of Peru, in prayer, support and fellowship. It is hoped that this working visit will further that relationship, and encourage deeper levels of support and understanding as we in both our communities seek to live and grow as people of God's Kingdom, and share what we have been given with those around us. This Sunday we learn a little more about this project, and the remarkable work of the Anglican Church in Peru.

A word of support and encouragement from Bishop David Hamid

*The congregations of our diocese are made up of generous people, generous in support of their local ministry and generous in charitable giving to the many needs around them. Bishop Bill Godfrey has moved us towards a growing partnership between the Archdeaconry of Gibraltar and the Diocese of Peru. It is a step beyond mere charity. It is a journey that recognises that all human beings are knit together. Our communities, even though thousands of kilometres apart, belong to each other in Christ. This partnership visit is a way to share in each other's lives as sisters and brothers, not merely donors and recipients. It is a reaching out to make visible our common humanity and our unity in the Gospel. It is a journey of loving solidarity.*

*May God bless our representatives, help them to share his love, open their hearts to greater compassion and understanding and sow in us all a passion for the kingdom of his Son.*

And from Fr. David Such, Archdeacon of Gibraltar...

*I hope you have seen and read the latest edition of the European Anglican – our diocesan magazine. Page twelve tells of our Archdeaconry link with the Anglican Diocese of Peru. Amongst the very poor, the Anglican Church of Peru led by Bishop Bill Godfrey is establishing social action and church centres to bringing hope and the Gospel. In November a group from the Archdeaconry are travelling to Peru to help in a number of building and social outreach projects. Our retiring collection will be given to assist the ministry of Bp. Godfrey and the Anglican Church in Peru through the USPG, their supporting body. Fr Haynes Hubbard from the Algarve has led groups like this before and is sure that the benefits are to both the sending and the receiving parishes. Fr Ian Hutchinson-Cervantes from Madrid is also going because he has worked in South America before and has the language skills helpful to the working party.*

*We can help our poorer brothers and sisters in Christ in Peru through our giving, through our Church planned giving, and through our prayers. Please help in as many of those ways as you can.*

**For more information about the Archdeaconry Visit to Peru in November, please contact:**

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## Celebrating the Relationship of Prayer, Ministry and Fellowship between the Archdeaconry of Gibraltar and the Anglican Diocese of Peru

**'Peru Sunday'  
11 October 2009**



*A Word of Welcome from Bishop Bill Godfrey, Bishop of the Diocese of Peru*

*The Anglican Church of Peru is a missionary diocese with growing churches, forming part of the Body of Christ in South America's third largest country. There are parishes and missions in Lima, Arequipa, Juliaca, Ica and Cabanaconde as well as numerous social outreach and development programs so desperately needed in this poor country. As a missionary diocese we still rely on support from overseas mission personnel, mission organizations, and direct support from churches and individuals.*

*As part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, which has more than 80 million members found in 160 different countries, our spirituality is catholic, evangelical and charismatic - catholic in that we preserve the faith of the early Christian Church, with its sacraments and three fold ministry of bishops, priests and deacons; evangelical in our emphasis on the authority of the Holy Scriptures and the proclamation of the word of God; and charismatic in that we rely on the grace and power of God for our work and ministry.*

*The Anglican Church of Peru is a diocese which is clearly both Peruvian and Anglican in its identity. Its roots and history go back to the first half of the nineteenth century with the arrival of English and N. American immigrants. But Peruvian congregations are now the overwhelming majority, even though there is still a live English-speaking congregation at the Cathedral. National clergy and lay ministers make the Church and its worship relevant to the people they serve in Christ's name and in many of our congregations Latin American Christian music enhances the worship.*

**A Wish List from the Diocese of Peru for our team:**

**does your church have any of the following?**

**--Check with your churches to see if they have any altar linens to spare. We can always use corporals, purificators and lavabo towels. They don't have to be new, just in good shape is fine.**

**--Ask your clergy if they have any old shirts that are still serviceable as some of our clergy have only one shirt.**

**--Any vestments or altar hangings that are in good shape as we are always opening new churches.**

**And for the Children – new deflated footballs, and easy to use pumps.**

If you have any of these items, the team will be happy to take them to Peru, to be used there.

A Word about the USPG....

*The USPG is excited that a team from the Archdeaconry of Gibraltar is going to Peru to work alongside Bishop Bill and Judith Godfrey. The work of Bishop Bill and Judith really makes a difference to lives in Peru. Since the Godfreys started their work in that country, they have trained many clergy and lay leaders to go out far and wide and preach the gospel through actions as well as words. This in itself will make a difference for many years to come, but their work doesn't begin and stop here. The diocese has been active under their leadership serving people where they most need it – everything from projects that provide schooling in shanty towns, to counseling, teaching people nutrition and setting up income-generation programmes. God's love has been shown to many people, and thousands of lives have been transformed for the better. USPG is committed to enabling Bishop Bill and Judith's ministry in Peru, but we can't do this without your help. Engage in mission with them – make prayers for them part of your personal worship time. Keep up to date with Bishop Bill and Judith's ministry by visiting their page at [www.uspg.org.uk/godfrey](http://www.uspg.org.uk/godfrey).*

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