

Shirley's Jottings

I remember once someone turning to me in a meeting following a sizzling, whizzing, presentation on yet another new initiative, and muttering in weary tones: "It won't happen – she's a starter, not a stayer..."

We all have moments when we feel like starters and not stayers; perhaps there are just too many things landing on our desk at once and we cannot give them all the attention they deserve (or think they deserve); perhaps we get launched into something with enthusiasm and other priorities override it, and then it lurks unfinished in a corner waiting to be remembered – often there are simply not enough hours in the day!

I'd like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the things which are lurking on my desk in unfinished form – not because I don't intend to finish them, but because we could really do with your assistance and commentary to make sure that they evolve into the kind of resources that will be of genuine use to you in schools.

It is a multicultural resource, mirroring the multinational Anglican Church. Do use these resources in your RE or assemblies to help children find out about the Lambeth Conference, or to prepare for a visit from a bishop. *Let us know what you think of the site and what else you would like to see there. The materials will remain on-line after the Conference as a permanent resource.*



Shirley Hall

The second resource is a **flip book**. Some church schools are already working with this booklet – but we would like still others to trial it. The booklet was put together in response to the need to produce materials to support **Anglican worship** in Church of England schools. It contains a collection of opening greetings and endings from a variety of service books which are appropriate for collective worship, in addition there are suggestions for prayer, or how to organise the main theme of the worship. Like all good flip books the four elements of the book can come together in a variety of combinations. **The simple principle behind the booklet means that it can be used by pupils as well as teachers to lead collective worship!** *Does this sound interesting to you? Do get in touch with me and I'll send you a copy to trial. We would like to collect you opinions on the flip book at the end of this term. We would also welcome suggestions for additional materials to include. Ultimately – if you assure us it's the good idea we think it is – we shall be looking to publish it. Get in now before the rush!*

The third resource is the **CASIAS website**, which will be a shop window to help share all that is **special and distinctive about Church of England schools in East Anglia**. Some of you have already been visited by our photographer, Marian Agombar, or been asked by your Bishop's School Visitor about resources or events which would be of interest to others to share on the site. We have the start of the collection of interesting materials, and as soon as the glitches in the new website are sorted out we shall start putting them on-line.



Meanwhile, as this website is all about you, do remember to keep us up to date with some of the excellent things you are doing, so that we can tell the rest of the world! So that's a quick tour of some of the most interesting items on my desk—I hope you will find them exciting too!

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First is a website called **"Bishops in Action"**.

This is being produced to support the Lambeth Conference which will take place at the end of this term. Bishops from several dioceses in the Anglican Communion will actually be in Ely Diocese from 10th to 15th July, prior to the Conference.

The website is not yet complete, but you can already find the first sets of materials on-line at:

**http://
www.bishopsinaction.
com.uk/factfiles.html**
(you may have to press the "refresh button" if the site does not work immedi-

When completed (and that will be soon) the site will include photographs, posters, fact files, acts of collective worship and powerpoints for the interactive whiteboard, all on the subject of bishops.

The Schools Bulletin is published fortnightly in term. We are pleased to publish news and notices. Please send details and pictures (jpeg) and we will try to include them. Send to: debbie.jordan@ely.anglican.org

RE Meetings—Summer Term 2008

Teaching—"Learning from Religion" - RE AT2

- * Thursday 24th April—Great Paxton School
- * Wednesday 14th May—Teversham School
- * Thursday 15th May—Diocesan Office, Ely
- * Wednesday 21st May—St Peter's Junior School, Wisbech
- * Thursday 5th June—Farcet School, nr. Peterborough
- * Wednesday 11th June—Thriplow School
- * Wednesday 18th June—All Saints School, March
- * Thursday 19th June—Wormegay School, West Norfolk
- * Thursday 26th June—Linton Infants School



All meetings start at 4.15pm and last one hour. Open (and **FREE**) to all primary schools and those who work with schools.

If you want to book out particular resources to borrow at a meeting, contact **Ros** at the **Diocesan Resources Centre (01353-652725)** or Email: resources.centre@ely.anglican.org

These meetings are sponsored by the Diocese of Ely

From our Schools

Tree planting

Robin class from Mepal & Witcham CE Primary School enjoyed an afternoon of tree planting.



The Year 3 and 4 pupils helped out Mepal Parish Council by planting saplings on the recreation ground in the village.

"It was a one-off to improve the presentation of the area" said Headteacher Jane Green.

Mepal & Witcham pupils planting their saplings

New ICT/Art Studio



New ICT/Art Studio at St John's

Our picture shows Warwick with Headteacher Colette Firth, David Hicks, The Ely Schools Team Buildings & Finance Officer at the Diocese of Ely.

Celebrity, Warwick Davis, who has appeared in block buster films such as Harry Potter and Star Wars, was the special guest to open the new ICT/Art Studio at St John's CE Primary School, Orton Goldhay recently.



First time lucky as boys scoop county crown

A boys hockey team from Witchford has beaten the odds to be crowned County Champions.



Rackham's Winning Team

The boys won 1-0 scoring the winning goal in the last two minutes of the match.

Rackham Primary School's under 11's hockey team triumphed in the hotly contested Cambridgeshire District Tournament at Ely Hockey Club beating the defending holders Saffron Walden in dramatic style.

It follows an impressive defensive record throughout the competition, which saw them beat Cambridge City Hockey Club, Peterborough Hockey Club and St Faiths without conceding a single goal.

The school will now play other county winners in the Eastern regional heat which takes place in Norfolk this month.

Headteacher, Sid Wales said "It's the first time we have played at this level so we didn't expect to win.

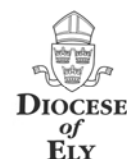
"There were really good teams, including some from hockey clubs and private schools, so it's a terrific achievement by the boys"



From the Diocese



A Training Workshop
A brief guide on how to
plan, lead & run successful



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUBS



Explore the challenges, practicalities and huge rewards of organising a parish children's holiday club.

Whether your parish is just beginning to think about offering a Holiday Club or has been running one for years, there will be something for you at this half-day workshop.

Saturday 17th May 2008 (10am-1pm)
The Diocesan Office, Barton Road, Ely.

To book places on this **FREE** workshop—
telephone Ros on 01353 652725 or
e-mail resources.centre@ely.anglican.org
Numbers strictly limited!



Children's Mega Praise Party Event

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Friday 16th May 2008

Ely Cathedral

6.45-8.30pm—Doors open 6.30pm

Ages 5-11

Non-stop fun with cool music, exciting stories and puppets
also hands on Workshops

Cost: £2.00 in groups of 10+ pre booked
£2.50 advance or £3.50 on the door



Contact: Linda King on 01954-780924 (laking1@btinternet.com)
or log on to www.johnhardwick.org.uk for bookings

For Governors

Welcome to newly appointed Foundation Governors

New (or re-appointed) Foundation Governors:-

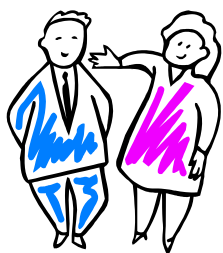
of any re-appointments.

- ◆ Jenny Farnham—St John's CE Primary School, Orton Goldhay Thank you,
Debbie
- ◆ Patricia Simmons—St Philip's CE Primary School
- ◆ Michael Pope—St Mary's CE Primary School, St Neots



May I ask all Clerks to keep a check on the terms of office of all Foundation Governors and advise Debbie Jordan

Hellos and Goodbyes

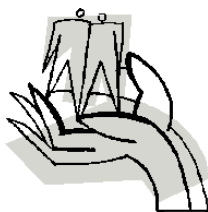


Keith Archer has been appointed as the new Acting Headteacher at Burrough Green CE Primary School

St Peter's CE Junior School appointed a new Deputy Headteacher, **Christopher Jones** on the 16th April 2008.

Liz Jenkin was successfully appointed as the new Headteacher at Teversham CE Primary School.

In our Prayers over the next month



Day	School
28th April 2008	Anthony Curton CE Primary School

Vacancies

SCHOOL	VACANCY	CLOSING DATE
Guilden Morden CE Primary School	Headteacher	25.4.08
St Paul's CE Primary School	KS2 Class Teacher	2.5.08

Contact details for all schools can be found on our website:
www.ely.anglican.org/education/schools/Info/Sch

SIAS Reports

Inspection Reports (Ofsted and Statutory Church School Inspection) were published recently for the following schools:

- ◆ Denver CE Primary School
- ◆ Holme CE Primary School
- ◆ Anthony Curton CE Primary School
- ◆ Bury CE Primary School
- ◆ Wilburton CE Primary School
- ◆ Runcton Holme CE Primary School

These Inspection Reports can be read directly via the link on our website. Click on:

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Dates for the Diary



RE Meeting – "Learning from Religion"	24th April 2008	Gt Paxton School
RE Meeting – "Learning from Religion"	14th May 2008	Teversham School
RE Meeting – "Learning from Religion"		Diocesan Office, Ely
Gifted & Talented in RE	16th May 2008	Swynford Paddocks Hotel, Newmarket
Succession Planning Regional Conference	16th May 2008	Lincoln Cathedral Centre
Training Workshop Children's Holiday Clubs	17th May 2008	Diocesan Office, Ely
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We're on the web!

www.ely.anglican.org/education