

News from around the Diocese of Ely

WHAT'S ON

August 6th Scarecrow Festival, theme The Bible 2pm-4pm. Wigenhall St Mary Magdalene

August 10th Breakfast Briefing, "Trade Unionism in a hostile world" Speaker Terry Parr, UNISON 7.30am. Hotel Felix, Cambridge

August 27th to 29th God's Gift: Nature's Bounty Flower Festival. All Saints, Pidley

September 10th The Fairhaven Singers "September Song".

St Mary's Church, Buckden

September 13th Children's Leader Network 10am. Resources Centre, Diocesan Office.

September 13th-15th Innovation and Tradition Seminar. Westcott House, Cambridge

September 15th-17th Dying Well: Faith and Compassion in Dialogue. Ridley Hall, Cambridge

September 26th Train Up Bite Size training evening 7.30pm. All Saints Church, Milton

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Rave in the Nave

A thousand young people, youth leaders and Christian youth ministers gathered together in Ely Cathedral on the evening of 15th July for one of this region's largest annual Christian youth events, 'The Rave in the Nave'.

In addition to the usual entertainment that has formed a staple part of this event for almost twenty years, there was a special visitor this year in the form of the Doctor Who's 'Matt Smith' Tardis.



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Photo: TARDIS under the Octagon

This most famous of British television icons was rushed from filming the 2011 Doctor Who Christmas special to arrive in Ely just in time for our young people to take their own photographs. A few young visitors to the cathedral during the day even had the chance to hold the actual key used by 'The Doctor' in the television show or pose with the Doctor's sonic screwdriver.

The event included worship on the main stage, atmospheric old testament bible readings, ten-minute talks for young people based on major Christian themes, two prayer chapels and training workshops for youth leaders.

The worship was provided by Christian band, 'Empire Nation' and 'top of the bill' was the Christian band, 'Tom & Olly'. Their act at one point including its drummer standing and balancing upright upon his own set of drums whilst beating out the rhythm.

Meanwhile the cathedral's north and south choir aisles and its high altar area was used as an interactive prayer walk for young people to reflect on the Bible and the impact humanity has made on God's world.

'Rave in the Nave' will return next year.

God chooses allsorts!

On Saturday 2nd July, nearly a thousand people spilled out on to Palace Green to greet sixteen newly-ordained deacons and priests as they emerged – hand in hand with their training incumbents – from Ely Cathedral. The sun shone as friends, family and congregations from across the Diocese celebrated together, giving thanks for God's calling of eight men and eight women to serve him and the Church of God in ordained ministry. Amongst those ordained by Bishop Stephen were present and former teachers, medical practitioners and entrepreneurs, as well as an engineer, a lawyer, an army serviceman and those who have worked in broadcasting and publishing.



Ordination at Cathedral © Keith Heppell



Ordination at Downham Market

The following day, Bishop Lindsay Urwin ordained painter and decorator, Alan Davies as priest in the parish church of St Edmund, Downham Market – another great celebration for all who were able to be present.

The Arbory Trust Open Day

The open afternoon at Barton Glebe Woodland Burial Ground [Arbory Trust] on June 22nd was a great success despite the heavens opening late morning. More than 100 people came and the team was interviewed by BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, an edited version of which went out on the following Sunday morning programme.



Winter Willow is a Cambridge based social enterprise that supports the homeless and visitors were able to admire a completed coffin. Many were fascinated to talk with and watch Roger expertly weaving a willow panel



Then it was standing room only to hear the talks and watch the film.

Prof Douglas Davies from the University of Durham and supervisor of the PhD research gave



A Church / School link:

If you can't bring the school to your church try the reverse !

Catworth PCC recently decided that they would like to raise the profile of the local Brington C of E Primary school, which lies at the heart of their relatively new group of seven rural parishes (the "West Leightonstone Group", currently in vacancy). After discussion with the acting Head Teacher, Kate Lund, it was agreed that on the 26th June Catworth's monthly lay-led family service would be held at the school instead of in the parish church.

a short introduction to the project and then Dr Hannah Rumble talked about some of the themes that came out of her research. Sarah Thomas then introduced her film saying it is to be shown at a number of film festivals in Europe! Display boards showed how things have developed since 2000 and Barbara [the new Assistant] produced these stunning cupcakes!



The PhD research is available online Rumble, H "Giving something back: a case study of woodland burial and human experience at Barton Glebe" University of Durham 2011 <http://etheses.dur.ac.uk/cgi/search/simple>

The film is by Sarah Lloyd and is called " Earth to earth: natural burial and the Church of England" by Sarah Lloyd for the collaborative doctoral award.

There will be a showing of the film at the Diocesan Offices one lunchtime in September, date to follow and all will be welcome

Hilary Jackson, Arbory Trust Administrator

Result, a full house well supported by the group. Over seventy people, adults and youngsters (including a small troop of Brownies from Raunds in the Peterborough Diocese) came to a happy and rewarding service. The lessons and prayers were read and the collection taken by school pupils. The service was followed by refreshments at which many useful contacts were made and which no-one was in a hurry to leave.

It sometimes pays to live dangerously !

COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Revd David Lewis will retire as Vicar of the Anglesey Group (Bottisham, Lode with Longmeadow, Stow cum Quy, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior) with effect from 30 September 2011. His last Sunday in the parishes will be 28 August.

The Revd Professor Brigid Hadfield has been appointed as House for Duty Priest for Harston, Hauxton and Newton. Licensing details will follow shortly.

The Revd Lucy Cleland has been appointed Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham. Lucy currently serves as Priest in Charge at Waterbeach and Landbeach. Her last Sunday in the parishes will be 9 October 2011.

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