

News from around the Diocese of Ely

WHAT'S ON

December 4th, 11am. Advent Ordination of Anne Broxham at St George's Church, Littleport.

December 7th-8th. Apologetics Conference at Westcott House, Cambridge.

See www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/events.html

for more details on all events, including those in parishes.

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT ELY CATHEDRAL



To download a pdf of Christmas events at Ely Cathedral go to <http://tinyurl.com/ely-xmas2010>

CHRISTMAS LUNCH IN ELY CATHEDRAL

We are aware that there are people both in the Cathedral community and the wider community who will be on their own at Christmas. So this year we are planning a Communal Christmas Lunch in the Lady Chapel on Christmas Day, after the Eucharist, at 12.30pm, for anyone who would like to come. Tickets are £5 and are available from the Cathedral Box Office. Lunch will include the main course and drinks. Please bring a dessert to share.

For more information and booking details go to <http://tinyurl.com/ely-xmas> or call 01353 660349.



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Image: The Revd Annette Reed and Peter Hagger together with parishioners receiving the cheque for £50,000 © Christine Hagger

£50,000 cheque for Little Paxton's bell restoration

Little Paxton Church has received a cheque for £50,000 from the *The People's Millions* to fund restoration of their church bells.

for the Little Paxton Bell Appeal. This will mean work on our bells and clock can start very early in 2011."

The bells in St James' Church, Little Paxton date back to the 18th century and have not been rung regularly for about 100 years. The church applied to the *The People's Millions*, a grants programme run by the Big Lottery Fund, in partnership with ITV.

One of the bells was made in St Neots in 1791 by John Taylor. The company who are to carry out the restoration work, John Taylor & Co, are effectively that same company. The clock is unique and is also thought to have been made at John Taylor's works in St Neots although its age is not certain.

Their project reached the regional final where the result was decided by viewers' votes. The Revd Annette Reed, Vicar of Little Paxton, and parishioners received the £50,000 cheque the day after winning the TV vote.

The clock face was restored as the Village Millennium Project and it is fitting that the movement is now restored.

Peter Hagger, Treasurer of Little Paxton, said "A very big thank you to everybody who voted

For more details and a link where you can keep up-to-date with the restoration project go to <http://tinyurl.com/lp-bells>

New book: 'History of the Diocese'

A new book '*Ely: Bishops and Diocese, 1109-2009*' was recently launched at an event in Ely Cathedral.

examines their impact on the Diocese, and their role in the wider Church in England.

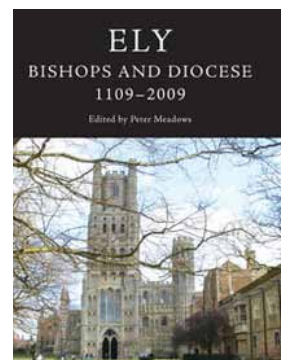
The book has contributions from many experts in the field and is edited by Peter Meadows, Manuscript Librarian at Cambridge University.

Other chapters consider such areas as the estates, the residences, the works of art and the library and archives.

It is a companion volume to the recent '*History of Ely Cathedral*' from the same publisher, Boydell and Brewer.

It explores the lives and careers of Ely's bishops, their families and social contacts,

For more details on the book go to <http://tinyurl.com/history-ely>



2011 - 200th Year of National Schooling

2011 will see a year of celebrations marking 200 years since the foundation of the National Society and mass education in England and Wales.

The National Society was founded in 1811 with the aim that *'the National Religion should be made the foundation of National Education'* - education for all, firmly based on the Christian Gospel and Anglican principles.

They established a national system of education,

New Diocesan Secretary announced

The Bishop of Huntingdon is very pleased to announce the appointment of Graham Shorter as the new Ely Diocesan Secretary.

The son of a veterinary surgeon, Graham comes from Bury St Edmunds where he was a partner in chartered accountants Grant Thornton, including nine years as managing partner.

His family has close links with Cambridge. Graham read modern languages at Trinity Hall; his two sons were choral scholars at St John's College; and his wife Anne did her ordination training at Westcott House. She is

New General Synod - report from the Ely Reps

Her Majesty The Queen inaugurated the Ninth General Synod of the Church of England in Church House, Westminster on Tuesday 23rd November.

The Inauguration ceremony followed a celebration of the Eucharist in Westminster Abbey, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, presided and Dame Mary

Advent Ordination and Resources

Advent Ordination on Nicholas Ferrar Day

The Bishop of Huntingdon, Dr David Thomson, is to ordain Ann Broxham as a deacon in St George's, Littleport at 11am on Saturday 4th December.

Ann came to Cambridgeshire in 2003 to work as Assistant Warden at a retreat house owned by the Community of the Resurrection. It was while she was at St Francis House, Hemingford Grey that she discerned a calling to the Distinctive Diaconate (aka Permanent-Deacon) and decided to follow it up. She said

supplemented by the State from 1870 onwards.

A number of celebratory events and projects are planned in the Diocese throughout 2011 including *'Explore.Discover.Learn - Celebrate 200'* in Ely Cathedral on 10th July, 5.45pm.

For further details go to <http://tinyurl.com/2011-200> or subscribe to the Schools Bulletin, <http://tinyurl.com/ely-sb> for regular updates on events planned.

currently serving her title as a full-time stipendiary curate in St Peter's, Brackley in the Diocese of Peterborough.

Graham has a varied church background, having worshipped at the Round Church Cambridge, Holy Trinity Brompton, St Edmundsbury Cathedral and a rural benefice of six parishes. His great love is music. He plays the organ and keyboards and also directs the choir at St Peter's.

Graham said, *'I am thrilled to be given this opportunity to serve in the Diocese of Ely'*. He will be taking up his post early in the new year.

New General Synod - report from the Ely Reps

Tanner (a President of the World Council of Churches) preached.

The six elected members representing the Diocese of Ely at General Synod have compiled an informal report of the synod business that you can read here

www.ely.anglican.org/gs/nov10

'I feel called to serve God as a Deacon and to "build bridges" between the church and the community'. For more on the Advent Ordination go to <http://tinyurl.com/adv10-ord>

Advent Resources

For resources for Advent, including the Church of England and the Archbishop of York's online Advent Calendars go to

<http://www.cofe.anglican.org/faith/christian/advent.html>

COMINGS AND GOINGS
The Revd Dr Janet Bunker has been appointed as Team Vicar in the Ascension Team, Cambridge, with specific responsibility for the new development on the NIAB site. She will be licensed by the Archdeacon of Cambridge on 12th December, 4.30pm at St Giles, Cambridge.

The Revd Matthew Bradbury, Vicar of Wisbech St Mary and Guyhirn with Ring's End, Gorefield and Southea with Murrow and Parsons Drove, has been appointed as Rural Dean of the Wisbech Lynn Marshland Deanery for a period of five years from 1st January 2011. Matthew is taking over this rôle from the **The Revd John Penny**.

The Revd Linda Liversidge will be licensed by the Bishop of Huntingdon as Priest-in-Charge of Willingham on 18th January, 7.30pm at St Mary & All Saints, Willingham.

The Revd Karen Burnett-Hall will be licensed by the Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech as Priest-in-Charge (House for Duty) of Wimbotsham, Stow Bardolph and Stow Bridge with Nordelph on 22nd January, 11.30am at St Mary's, Wimbotsham.

The Bishop of Huntingdon will institute and the Archdeacon of Cambridge will induct the **Revd Alasdair Paine** as Vicar at St Andrew the Great (Holy Sepulchre), Cambridge on 22nd January, 2pm, at St Andrew the Great, Cambridge.

The Revd Robin McKenzie has resigned as Priest-in-Charge of Hilton. Robin will continue as Priest-in-Charge of Fenstanton.

The Revd David Busk has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Hilton. David will remain as Priest-in-Charge of Godmanchester. He will be licensed by the Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech on 30th January, 11.15am at St Mary Magdalene, Hilton.