

WHAT'S ON

January 18th at 7.30am.

"Turning the corner: Banking in 2010" at Doubletree by Hilton hotel in Cambridge. A Breakfast Briefing organised by the Chaplaincy to People at Work.

January 22nd 7.45pm - 9.15pm.

Pray for Schools event at St Bede's School, Cambridge.

Making every school a prayed-for school. The Bishop of Huntingdon to open.

January 23th at 3.30pm.

Bishop Anthony's Farewell

Service in Ely Cathedral. This is a ticketed event which parishes have received invites for.

January 31st Education

Sunday. See overleaf for details.

February 23rd 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

Ministries Fair at St

Wendreda's Church, March. See overleaf for details.

Go to www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/events.html for more details of all events.

ALM TRAINING COURSE

The next Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) course begins in September 2010. If you are involved in a particular aspect of the life of your local church and want to improve your knowledge and confidence, this could be for you.

Training is offered in Administration, Children's Ministry, Evangelism, Lay Pioneer Ministry, Music Ministry, Pastoral Care, Social Awareness, Worship Leading and Youth Ministry. It is also a great way of meeting people from other churches and swapping ideas and experiences.

For details go to www.ely.anglican.org/mission_ministry/adult_learning/alm_training.html or ask your incumbent. Please register before the end of May.



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Image: Clickable map showing Ely 900 events from Diocesan website

Ely 900 - the Year in Review

There were celebrations throughout the Diocese in 2009, the 900th year since the Diocese of Ely was founded by St Etheldreda.

They began in January with a visit from the Archbishop of Canterbury and closed at the end of the year with visits from the Archbishop of York and HM The Queen and Prince Philip.

During the year there were many special events in Ely Cathedral including the Festival of Music, the Children's Cathedral Celebration and a Praise Party and the ever popular Rave In the Nave.

In September the Bishop of Ely and many others walked from Ely to Cambridge where they met the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University for a joint celebration as the University was celebrating its 800th anniversary.

Around the Diocese there were numerous events such as a reading of the entire Bible in the parishes of West Wrattling, West Wickham, Weston Colville and Balsham and a Traditional Summer Fête in Gamlingay.

The Whittlesey, Pondersbridge and Coates parishes recreated the Fenland Ark, a floating

church from around 1900 which served outlying parishes as these were not easily accessible by road at that time.

Hildersham, Great and Little Abington celebrated by having a special Songs of Praise in a tepee while the Parish of the Ascension in Cambridge did an Ecumenical Pilgrimage Walk from Cambridge to Ely.

Beach Churches Together marked the occasion with an ecumenical service at Denny Abbey while at Biggin Abbey, site of the Bishop's Palace built in the early 13th century, the Bishop of Ely arriving by boat with a flotilla for their Ely 900 celebrations.

Peter Carter, the last traditional eel catcher on the Fens, punted 22 miles along the River Ouse from the village of Outwell to Ely over four days. He arrived in Ely on St Etheldreda Day where he presented the Bishop of Ely with a bucket of eels and a willow eel trap. Later on there was a St Etheldreda Day procession with many in traditional costume.

For details and photos of all these celebrations and many more go to the clickable map at www.ely.anglican.org/900/map.html

Choirboy Walter still hitting the high notes after 80 years

The Bishop of Ely recently presented Walter Chamberlain, aged 87, with a framed thank you for his long service as a chorister. Walter first sang as a choirboy in 1929 and is still singing in the choir at Christchurch parish church, Cambridgeshire.

In the past 80 years Walter has also served on the PCC, been an organ blower and a bell-ringer. He has spent 20 years digging graves and 30 years mowing the grass. The Revd Kevin Fitzgibbon, Priest-in-Charge of Christchurch, said: "We are very proud of him."

THE CLOCK IS TICKING...

On Tuesday 26th January, 7.30pm at The Kings School Board Room, Kings School, Ely the Ely Diocesan Environment Committee are hosting a conference entitled More Than Gold.

This is a chance to discover how churches in the Eastern region can respond to the London 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games. The conference is a catalyst to cast vision, connect and coordinate Christians in the delivery of programs and events leading up to, during and beyond London 2012.

Ministries Fairs 2010

Have you a sense of wanting to do something for God and not knowing what is possible for you?

The Diocesan Vocations Team are hosting three Ministries Fairs this spring to give you the opportunity to hear about how to develop your discipleship. They will explain about different expressions of lay and ordained ministry within the Church and also give suggestions about how to discern the way forward. There will be a selection of workshops from which to choose and opportunity for discussion and asking questions.

The Big Swap - Fairtrade Fortnight

Pauline & Ben Jupp, Diocesan Fairtrade Coordinators, write:

"A big thank you to all of you who made it possible for the Diocese to obtain Fairtrade status last year and a Happy 2010. And a reminder to those churches who haven't yet applied for Fairtrade church status that's its never too late to apply – see www.ely.anglican.org/fairtrade/ for details on how your church can join in.

Welcomers Wanted

Around 200,000 people visit Ely Cathedral every year. Most of them only come once, so it is vital, in the short period of time they are visiting that they are made to feel welcome and encounter something of God's love, grace and challenge for their lives.

So the Cathedral are seeking to expand their **Ministry of Welcome** volunteer team. The team is an ecumenical initiative. It is made up of lay people from different denominations who greet people as they enter the Cathedral. It complements the work of the Cathedral Clergy

Church Leaders are invited to come and hear about the exciting possibilities for your situation and our region.

Guest Speakers include Graham Daniels, CEO of Christians in Sport, and David Wilson the CEO of More than Gold.

For more details contact the Revd David Male, dm432@cam.ac.uk or 07878 099890 or go to www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/events/diocesan_events.html.

The Ministries Fairs will run from 7.30pm - 9.30pm with a choice of dates and venues:-

- Tuesday 23rd February at St Wendreda's Church, March
- Wednesday 10th March at St John the Evangelist, Hills Road, Cambridge
- Tuesday 23rd March at St Anne's Primary School, Godmanchester

Further details can be found at www.ely.anglican.org/mission_ministry/vocation_ministry/ together with a leaflet and booking form.

Fairtrade Fortnight this year runs from 22nd February until 7th March and is always a terrific opportunity to highlight trade justice through Fairtrade in your community.

This year the theme is The Big Swap – exchanging your usual cuppa for a Fairtrade cuppa. To get a Church Guide and many other resources go to www.fairtrade.org.uk/thebig-swap/

and Day Chaplains.

If you are fit and well, enjoy talking to people and are a good listener, have some spare time on your hands, love our Cathedral and feel passionate about welcoming people warmly in Christ's name, this may be for you.

If you would like to know more please contact Alan Hargrave, A.Hargrave@cathedral.ely.anglican.org or 01353 660300.

People already doing this work find it a real blessing – and so might you!

COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Revd Scott Watts will be licensed by the Bishop of Huntingdon as Lead Chaplain at Hinchingbrooke Hospital on 28th January, 7.30 pm in the Chapel at Hinchingbrooke Hospital.

The Revd Dr Jessica Martin will be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of the parishes of Duxford, Hinxton and Ickleton by the Bishop of Huntingdon on 18th January, 7.30pm at Ickleton.

The Revd Diana Penny will retire on 28th February owing to ill health. Diana is currently Vicar of The East Marshland Group of Parishes. Her last Sunday in her parishes will be 14th February.

The Revd Barney de Berry has been appointed as Vicar of St Mary's Bredin, Canterbury Diocese. Barney is currently Associate Vicar in the parish of Holy Trinity in Cambridge.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Education Sunday, this year on January 31st, has been an annual day of prayer and celebration for over 100 years and is for everyone involved in the world of education in England and Wales.

It is an opportunity to explore and celebrate Christian vocation, to pray for those already exercising their vocation in education and also those who are considering it.

The Churches Together website www.churchestogether.net gives lots more information and has a leaflet full of ideas.

Particularly interesting are two film clips which can be found on www.transforminglives.org.uk The first film explores the impact a Christian teacher can have on children and the second shows a Christian talking about why he became a teacher.