

News from around the Diocese of Ely

WHAT'S ON

January 28th, 7.30pm
"Developing a resilient life as a leader". An evening with Gordon MacDonald at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. See overleaf.

February 2nd, 7.30am
Breakfast Briefing with Bene't Steinberg at the Felix Hotel, Cambridge.

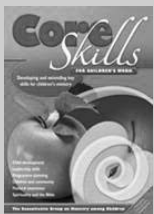
February 2nd, 12noon.
Open Meeting to discuss future General Synod agenda items. Bishop Woodford House, Ely. More details overleaf.

February 15th, 10am-4pm.
Keeping Vocation Alive.
 A Quiet Day for Clergy at St Mary's Church and Hall, Ely.

February 15th, 7-9pm.
Toolkit Workshop: 'Growing young people in your church'. St Barnabas Church Centre, Huntingdon.

See www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/events.html for details on all events, including those in parishes. Email details of events to Val Robson, dco.ely@gmail.com
 Diocesan Communications Officer

CORE SKILLS COURSE IN WILLINGHAM



Starting 28th February in Willingham
 - don't miss this opportunity to find fresh enthusiasm, confidence and deepen your understanding of this important ministry with children, while making new friends.

Bookings must be made by 18th February. For further details contact Julia Chamberlin via 'phone 01353 652714 or email julia.chamberlin@ely.anglican.org



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Image: Ordination of Ann Broxham at St George's, Littleport © Richard Creak

Ordination at Littleport Church

Ann Broxham was recently ordained as a Distinctive Deacon to serve in the Parish of Littleport St. George, by the Rt Revd Dr David Thomson, Bishop of Huntingdon.

The choir and organist contributed greatly to the atmosphere, especially as a piece of music had been commissioned for the service at St George. Daniel Bishop, assistant organist at

Liverpool Cathedral, was approached by Iain Harvey, St. George's organist, to write a fanfare for the metrical Gloria. This was played with great enthusiasm by Iain during the service, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The piece was dedicated to Ann, who received a signed copy of the music.

More at <http://tinyurl.com/ord-dec10>

March 5th date set for Bishop's installation ...



The Rt Revd Stephen Conway is to be Installed and Enthroned as the Bishop of Ely at 12 noon on Saturday 5th March at in Ely Cathedral.

Invitations to the service are being sent out in the coming week. All clergy will be invited and in addition each parish will be able to nominate four representatives to

attend. As a very large congregation is expected, there will be a video-link to a screen in the Lady Chapel, as well as some of the liturgy taking place in the the Lady Chapel.

Bishop Stephen will be moving to Ely early in 2011 and using the time before his installation to meet with leaders across the Diocese and start to acquaint himself with the area and its people.

Details at <http://tinyurl.com/bofe-install>

...and Children's Event

The installation will be preceded by a much less formal celebration from 11am with children and young people of the Diocese in St Mary's Church, Ely.

All children from our schools and parishes are invited, with accompanying adults, to help Bishop Stephen prepare for this important ceremony through interactive prayer and worship, presentation of his special vestments and by processing him to the Cathedral - where



we will celebrate with a balloon release. Afterwards there will be specially baked biscuits and refreshments for everyone in St Mary's Church Hall.

Please register that you would like to come by **Friday 18th February** as the number of places are limited. To register and for more details contact Julia Chamberlin, the Diocesan Children's Adviser, 07837 699016 or julia.chamberlin@ely.anglican.org.

Bishop Peter Knight Walker 1919-2010



The Rt Revd Dr Peter Knight Walker, Bishop of Ely from 1977-89, died after a brief illness on 28th December 2010.

An eminent Anglican Bishop, Dr Walker was educated at Leeds Grammar School and The Queen's College, Oxford. He served in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (RNVR) during the Second World War. He taught at The King's School, Peterborough and was assistant master at Merchant Taylors' School in London.

He was made deacon in 1953 and ordained priest the following year. His first parish post was a curacy at Hemel Hempstead after which he became Fellow, Dean and Lecturer at Corpus

'Developing a resilient life as a leader'

Internationally renowned Christian speaker, writer and pastor, Gordon MacDonald, is speaking on **Friday 28th January, 7.30pm at Ridley Hall, Cambridge.**

At a young age, Gordon recognized that he had inherited a "quitter's gene," and began a lifelong quest for answers. He questioned why some finish what they start, persevere in moments of adversity, push themselves in the direction of their potential, and often make their greatest contributions in the latter half of

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2011

For the Bishop's Lent Appeal 2011, parishes are asked to support the Bible Society's China Project. They provide several million Bibles a year to Chinese Christians, many of them new to the faith, at affordable prices.

Bishop Stephen says "*The work of the Bible Society is a particularly appropriate focus for giving in the year we celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible and its enormous*

The Weddings Project

The Diocese of Ely has joined **The Weddings Project** commissioned by the Archbishops' Council in 2007. This project aims to attract more couples to get married in church; to give the general public a growing knowledge that the Church of England is an enthusiastic believer in marriage and to resource parishes to care for couples so well that they have an excellent experience and recommend a church wedding to others. And also become more involved in their local church community.

At a one day event on **Tuesday 1st March**

Christi College, Cambridge. In 1962 he became Principal of Westcott House, Cambridge. He was appointed Suffragan Bishop of Dorchester in 1972. In 1977 he was translated to Ely, where he was until his retirement in 1989.

"Bishop Peter was an outstanding priest, scholar, Principal of Westcott House, Cambridge, and Bishop," said the Archdeacon of Cambridge, John Beer. *"During his long retirement he faithfully maintained his ministry of pastoral remembrance through letter writing and personal contact. He will be greatly missed."*

There will be a Memorial Service in Ely Cathedral on Thursday February 10th at 2pm. More at <http://tinyurl.com/pw-1919>

life. The key element in those who don't quit, he discovered, is resilience. Come and hear Gordon talk on how to develop it and be able to stay the distance and maintain the pace of life while avoiding burnout.

His bestselling books include *Ordering Your Private World*, *Restoring your Spiritual Passion* and *A Resilient Life*.

His talk is recommended for all in Christian leadership in the wider sense. More details at <http://tinyurl.com/gordon-mc>

influence on the English-speaking world."

Bishop David is also challenging us to **Read The Bible in 40 Days** this Lent. Learn more at <http://roundthebible.wordpress.com>. There will be a launch event on **Ash Wednesday 9th March** when Bishop David will be giving out Bibles on the streets of Ely.

More at <http://tinyurl.com/lent2011>

9.30am-4pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Ely. the team will offer advice and resources so that parishes, deaneries and the Diocese can engage creatively with regional and local wedding fairs and weddings shows.

Licensed clergy with close working colleagues who would benefit from the day are invited to bring one additional person with them.

Further details are available from Alison Evans, alison.evans@office.ely.anglican.org, 01353 652709 or at <http://tinyurl.com/ely-wp>

COMINGS AND GOINGS
The Revd Dr Eleanor Williams has been appointed as Vicar of Burwell with Reach. Eleanor is currently serving her curacy at All Saints, Milton. Licensing details to follow.

The Revd Mary Jepp has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Alconbury cum Weston, Winwick, Hamerton, Great Gidding with Little Gidding & Steeple Gidding, Upton, Copmanford and Buckworth. Mary is currently serving her curacy at St Mary the Virgin, Godmanchester and will continue in this post until June 2011. Licensing details will be provided prior to end of Mary's curacy.

For more details see www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/media/announcements/

GENERAL SYNOD OPEN MEETING

This meeting on, **Wednesday 2nd February at 12 noon, in Bishop Woodford House** is a chance for anyone interested in discussing issues on the General Synod agenda.

Synod reps will be there to listen to your views and any contributions you wish to make to the 7th-9th February 2011 General Synod.

Agenda items will be available via the Diocesan website from January 17th or contact Alison Evans, 01353 652709 or alison.evans@office.ely.anglican.org to have them sent to you. Please bring your own lunch.

NEED AN ORGAN?

Alwalton Village Hall Committee are seeking a good home for a Technics U40 organ which is no longer used. It is in working order and would be suitable for a school, community centre, church, stage group etc. If you would like to know more please email Colin Leary, Honorary Secretary, colinleary@hotmail.com