

News from around the Diocese of Ely

WHAT'S ON

June 16th, 10am - 4pm. Arbory Trust Open Day. More overleaf.

June 16th, 12 noon. Royal Anglian Regiment Service of Thanksgiving in Ely Cathedral.

June 19th - 20th. Annual Etheldreda Procession and Festival in Ely. More overleaf.

June 21st, 9.30am - noon. 'Thinking about Primary School Collective Worship' at Burwell School.

June 24th, 7.30am. 'The Conundrum of Policing'. A talk by Mrs Julie Spence, Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire Constabulary. Chaplaincy to People at Work Breakfast Briefing at Hotel Felix, Cambridge.

June 25th, 9am - noon. 'Take a look: Eucharists and Schools' at St Mary's Church of England School, St Neots.

June 30th, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Mother's Union Garden Party in the garden of the Bishop's House.

July 3rd, 3pm. Ordination 2010 in Ely Cathedral.

July 5th, 9.30am - noon. 'Thinking about Primary School Collective Worship' at Winhills School, St Neots.

July 14th, 2pm. Church Website Seminar at St Andrews Church, Histon.

July 16th, 7.15pm-midnight. Rave in the Nave in Ely Cathedral.



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Image: HRH Duke of Gloucester at Brington School.
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HRH Duke of Gloucester visits Brington School

The Duke of Gloucester, recently visited Brington School for their 40th anniversary celebrations. Forty years ago his mother, HRH the Duchess of Gloucester, opened the brand new school to serve seven local villages.

The celebrations began with the Duke and Bishop David accompanying head Allyson Watkins on a tour of the school, followed by judging the cake competition.

A short service followed in which the assembly sang 'Saviour, teach me day by day', the hymn which had been sung when the school opened forty years ago. Revd Jackie Duck led a prayer of rededication. Bishop David talked with the children about how they, and the school, should grow like the beautiful blossom-laden

plum tree in their courtyard which the Duchess had planted on her first visit.

The Duke, who has an estate nearby, told the children how he visited their village regularly to buy bird seed from one of the school's former pupils. He then presented the children with their own commemorative coins with the newly re-designed school logo. The new design is an attractive silhouette showing the local church with the school nestling beside it, children at play, and local farmland, the whole showing church and school in partnership together at the heart of the community.

For more on the Duke's visit and photos of the occasion and the new school logo go to <http://tinyurl.com/hrh-brington>

Hugh Pym captures hearts and minds

Hugh Pym, BBC Chief Economics Correspondent swept into the Annual Evening of Chaplaincy to People At Work on June 7th at Wesley Methodist Church Cambridge just as the Annual Meeting was finishing. He left on a cloud of glory at about 9pm to catch a train back to London.

In between he captured the hearts and minds of the audience of about 65 people with, as Bishop David reminded us in his Vote of Thanks, "his humanity, his humility and his sense of humour".

Hugh spoke briefly of the circumstances leading to the credit crunch but stopped short of charting the fall of Northern Rock. He

challenged a mixed audience of business and church representatives by asking if they had ever questioned the morality of mortgage companies lending four times (or more) of their salary to house buyers.

Hugh also questioned why there was no coordinated response from the Churches to the current crisis. In a challenge to workplace chaplains he asked, "did you warn workers about the folly of over borrowing or too much dependence on credit?". He recognised the difficulties churches have of being heard in a secular society but challenged us to be controversial.

Photos and more at <http://tinyurl.com/hugh-pym>

David Bellamy to open woodland buriallodge extension

Environmental campaigner and broadcaster, David Bellamy, will officially open a new £120,000 extension to the lodge at the woodland burial site on Barton Glebe, near Cambridge. The Grand Opening is to be at 12noon during the Arbory Trust Open Day on Wednesday June 16th which runs from 10am until 4pm.

The new extension involves the construction of a new meeting room, designed to accommodate around 75 people for a funeral service, which will enable families to hold a service and proceed to burial on site. Office and additional toilet facilities will also be added.

Etheldreda Celebrations

The annual Etheldreda Procession and Festival will be taking place on the weekend of Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th June.

The procession leaves from Jubilee Gardens in Ely at 11.30am on Saturday 19th June and is followed by the Etheldreda Eucharist at 12.15pm in Ely Cathedral with Bishop David.

Ordination 2010

The Petertide Ordination service will be on Saturday 3rd July at 3pm in Ely Cathedral.

The Bishop of Huntingdon will be ordaining seven candidates to the priesthood: *Christine Barrow, Jenny Gage, Sarah Gower, Tim Hayward, Anthony Lees-Smith, Barbara Pearman*

Parish Website in need of a facelift? Or not got one?

Many parishes are finding that their website was created many years ago and are looking to bring it up to date both in terms of style and content. Other parishes do not yet have a website and are looking to create one from scratch. And some are just bewildered by the whole subject and not clear how, where and even whether to begin.

If you fall into any of those categories, or are simply interested, there is a seminar on Wednesday 14th July at 2pm at St Andrew's Church, Histon. The seminar will be packed full of useful information and tips.

It is free for all in the Diocese of Ely who are interested in using the web effectively for their church.

Following the seminar (and refreshments)

'The original building was not designed to hold services, but merely to provide shelter on inclement days,' said the Trust Administrator, Deryn Coe.

The Bishop of Huntingdon, Dr David Thomson, has welcomed the new extension. *'The Arbory Trust's woodland burial site has proved very popular,'* he said. *'Its natural surroundings and environmental ethic provide an excellent setting for burials and remembering those whom we love but see no longer.'*

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/arborytr> for more information on this event and the woodland burial site.

This is a fun event for all ages. Yet it also offers opportunity for serious spiritual engagement. Why not invite your family and friends along?

For details of all the celebrations during the weekend and how to get involved go to <http://tinyurl.com/ethel-cel>. There are also photos from last year's procession on this link.

and Brenda Stewart and eight as deacons: *Alan Davies, Charles Fraser, Julie Gawthrope, Rebecca Gilbert, Jane Penn, Emma Rothwell, Lynda Taylor and Ken Waters.*

To view the parishes each candidate will serve go to <http://tinyurl.com/ord-2010>

there will be a separate optional presentation for those interested in finding out more about the popular Church Edit website builder that is used by churches throughout the UK.

As well as parish websites this seminar and the presentation afterwards would be of benefit to any considering setting up any church related website. Free registration is required to guarantee a place at the seminar. To register go to www.churchwebsitetips.co.uk/ely/

There is a page on the Diocesan website which links to all the parish websites we know of in the Diocese: <http://tinyurl.com/find-par>.

If your parish website **is not** linked from there, or you would like to know more about the above seminar please contact Val Robson, the Communications Officer - details below.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Revd Barbara Burton, currently Curate at St John's March, has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Boughton, Barton Bendish with Beachamwell and Shingham and Wereham, Fincham, Marham, Shouldham and Shouldham Thorpe.

The Bishop of Huntingdon will license Barbara on 27th September at 7.30pm at St Martin's Church, Fincham.

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

SOCIAL NETWORKING

For those who use some of the newer social networking technologies you can now keep abreast of events and activities in the Diocese of Ely via

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