

News from around the Diocese of Ely

WHAT'S ON

June 8th - Ely Cathedral

7.30pm. Dr Adrian Chatfield 'The Bible & Prayer'

June 11th - Witchford Village College 9.30am.

Diocesan Synod Open meeting - Women in the Episcopate. Roadshows to be held on June 13 at Ely St Mary's; June 16 at Bar Hill; July 7 Wisbech St Peter and St Paul.

June 11th - Cambridge St Giles 10.00am-4.00pm

Quiet Day 'The Day of Pentecost had come'

June 18th - Witchford

2.00 - 4.00pm Summer Fete at Manor Farm, Main Street, Witchford.

July 9th - Fenstanton Church 10.00am-4.40pm

Come and sing with John Rutter

July 9th - Cathedral Centre 10.00am. Bishop John Taylor 'The Writing & Message of the Old Testament'

July 9th - Ferrar House, Little Gidding 2pm. T S Eliot Festival

July 12th - Ely Cathedral 7.30pm. Dr Rebecca Nye 'The Bible & Children'

July 16th - Cathedral Centre 10.00am. Dr Will Lamb 'The New Testament - Texts & Manuscripts; Jesus: Paul'

July 16th - Cambridge St Mary the Great from 2.00pm 'Come and Sing' Mozart Vespers K339



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Photo: Queen Etheldreda arriving by boat last year.

The Etheldreda Parade

Once again the Cathedral will be celebrating the life of Etheldreda, our foundress, with a Parade on Saturday 25th June, beginning at 11.30am in Jubilee Gardens, where Queen Etheldreda will arrive by boat to marry Tonbert, King of Fenmen. We will then make our way up through Cherry Hill to the Cathedral, led by the Bishop and the Mayor of Ely, re-enacting Etheldreda's life in drama and song. This year the Ely Imps will be

singing for us. The Parade will end at the site of Etheldreda's shrine in the presbytery. It will be followed, for those who would like to attend, by a Eucharist in the Lady Chapel, at which the Bishop will preside. Do come and join us for a fun, all-age event with a serious spiritual twist.

Alan Hargrave

RETIREMENT OF THE DEAN OF ELY

Dr Michael Chandler announced on Monday 23rd May that he would be retiring at the end of September 2011.

Bishop Stephen Conway said :

'Michael has exercised a very warmly appreciated ministry at the Cathedral and in the wider life of the Diocese for eight years, and in that time, we have had the opportunity to benefit from his scholarship, wisdom and humour.

He has made it a particular project to secure the future of the Cathedral, ensuring a steady programme of maintenance and refurbishment of the fabric, and leading the

Chapter in their stewardship of this remarkable building and its resources.

I have benefited personally from Michael's support and pastoral care in recent months, as I have embarked on a new ministry and have rapidly come to value him as a perceptive and loyal colleague.

There is a relatively new process for appointing Deans. More detail as to how this will operate in Ely will be published soon. In the meanwhile, we continue to celebrate Michael's ministry as he moves towards September, and wish him and Janet a very happy retirement in Whitstable.'

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Build a School in India?



Will you help the Diocesan Board of Education rebuild schools in India?

Are you grateful for your education? This is one of

the questions the church schools of the Diocese and the Diocesan Board of Education is asking in 2011 as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the National Society. The Society gave a national impetus to the founding of church schools throughout the country, and was an important part of the movement for mass education in England. However, we didn't want our year of celebrations to be inward and backward looking and, acting in gratitude for all that we have received and continue to receive from our own education, we are making 2011 a year of fundraising for schools in our partner diocese, the Diocese of Vellore in South India.

Many of you will know that the Diocese of Vellore has been a partner of the Cambridgeshire Ecumenical Council, and thereby the Diocese of Ely, for almost twenty years and visits between England and India have been going on throughout this time (see last month's E-life for an opportunity to join the next visit to Vellore in January 2012). On the last visit our attention was particularly drawn to three small village schools which were threatened with imminent closure. These school buildings had literally been condemned by government inspectors because they were in such a

Women in the Episcopate

As the General Synod has agreed that women should be ordained to the Episcopate Dioceses are asked to vote on whether or not the legislation proposed is the right way forward to achieve this.

There will be a presentation and an opportunity for reflection and questions at the Diocesan Synod meeting on 11 June 2011 at Witchford Village College at 9.30am. This is an open meeting to which all are invited to come and listen and discuss this matter.

There will also be 3 meetings around the Diocese when a presentation about the legislation and the issues around it will be made with time for discussion and debate. Finally, there will be an opportunity for speeches and further debate at the Diocesan Synod meeting on 22 October at the Hayward Theatre when a vote will be taken about the legislation.

This is an important issue for the Church and all are encouraged to take part.

poor state, we saw: fragile asbestos roof tiles; roof beams being devoured by white ants; crumbling walls; buildings without water or sanitation. Responsibility for rebuilding these schools lies with the local church community - yet the villagers are so poor that they cannot feed or clothe their families adequately. Education offers the children of the community the opportunity to improve their lot, perhaps eventually becoming technicians, nurses or engineers, instead of field workers like their parents. If the schools close the children will lose their education, and their hope. To completely rebuild one school, with the addition of water and sanitation, is "just" £4,000.

Will you join in with the celebrations and help us give the gift of education to Indian children? You can find out more about the 2011 project and how it is progressing at <http://www.ely.anglican.org/education/schools/vellore/2011.html> (at the time of writing we have half a school!). Here you will find details of how to give and a gift aid form. If you would like a speaker on the Vellore link for any event or group then please contact shirley.hall@ely.anglican.org or 01353 652712.

For more about all the Diocesan Board of Education is doing to celebrate both 200 years of mass education and 400 years of the King James Bible see <http://ely.anglican.org/education/schools/documents/2011brochure.pdf>

Dr Shirley Hall

Everyone is invited to come to the Diocesan Synod on 11 June and/or an open meeting.

13th June St Mary's Ely, 7.30pm

16th June Bar Hill Church, 7.30pm

7th July Wisbech St Peter & St Paul, 7.30pm

You will need to make an informed decision so...

Look at C of E Website & read the legislation yourself

Consider the arguments from all sides:

'Watch' www.womenandthechurch.org

'Reform' www.reform.org.uk

'Forward in Faith' www.forwardinfaith.com

Talk with your PCC & Deanery Synod about the issues & encourage them to attend the 'Roadshows':

Jane Logan

Assistant Diocesan Secretary

COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Revd Mary Hancock appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Sutton, Witcham with Mepal, licensing will take place on Monday 25 July 2011 at St Andrew's Church Sutton at 7.30pm.

The Revd Dr Mandy Maxwell, appointed as Rector of Girton, licensing will take place on Monday 27 June 2011 at St Andrew's Church, Girton at 7.30pm.

The Revd Tom Finnemore, appointed as Associate Priest at Cambridge St Barnabas Church, licensing will take place on Sunday 3 July 2011 at St Barnabas Church, Cambridge at 7pm.

The Revd Mary Jepp, appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Alconbury cum Weston, Winwick, Hamerton, Great Gidding w Little and Steeple Gidding, Upton and Copmanford, licensing will take place on Tuesday 12 July 2011 at St Peter and St Paul Church, Alconbury at 7pm.

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