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Image: The two Rhiannons at Fulbourn Church

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### WHAT'S ON

**March 20th, 3pm. Charity Football Match** at Paradise Centre Ground, Newnham St, Ely. The Cathedral and Diocese All-Stars, captained by Canon Alan Hargrave and the Cambridge Castle Free Rangers, captained by Revd Philipa King, will be raising money for Street Child World Cup. If you would like to play on the Cathedral and Diocese All-Stars team please contact Alan Hargrave, 01353 660304. Do come and support the match. Details at <http://tinyurl.com/ely-fball>

**March 23rd, 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Ministries Fair** at St Anne's Primary School, Godmanchester

**April 17th, 2.30pm. Mothers' Union Service** at Ely Cathedral.

**April 22nd, 7.30pm. 'Reaching Families'** at Impington Church Hall. See overleaf for details.

Go to [www.ely.anglican.org/news\\_events/events.html](http://www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/events.html) for more details of all events.

### SAY ONE FOR ME

Bishop David took to the streets of Ely on Ash Wednesday to collect prayers from passers-by who wanted him to 'Say One For Them'. This was part of a national initiative and resulted in almost 100 prayer cards being completed which Bishop David prayed through at the following service and on into Lent. The BBC interviewed Bishop David for a report later shown on BBC Look East.



Several thousand prayers are still pouring in via the national 'Say One For Me' website which can be accessed from this webpage [www.ely.anglican.org/news\\_events/news\\_items/sofm.html](http://www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/news_items/sofm.html).

## Bishop's Lent Appeal launched

The Rt Revd David Thomson, the Bishop of Huntingdon, launched the Bishop's Lent Appeal 2010 at a service in Ely Cathedral on Ash Wednesday. This year's appeal is asking parishes to support two international charities both with local connections, CBM and Street Child World Cup.



CBM is an international Christian development organisation, committed to improving the quality of life for those with disabilities in the poorest countries of the world. They act upon the needs and rights of people with disabilities and support the provision of more than 900 projects in more than 90 countries. It is estimated that they reach out to 20 million people worldwide. 75% of the proceeds of the Appeal will go to the work of CBM whose UK headquarters are in Oakington.



The remainder will support the work of Street Child World Cup, who aim to make a difference to tens of thousands of children and young people living on city streets due to a multitude of poverty-related issues. For the first time (March 14th - 21st) Street Child World Cup will bring together street children from eight different countries to play football in South Africa. They will also be able to discuss the issues that are important to them.

If you, your church or group, would like to give to the Bishop's Lent appeal you may do so by either sending a cheque, payable to 'Ely Diocesan Board of Finance', to the Bishop's Lent Appeal, Accounts Department, Bishop Woodford House, Barton Road, Ely CB7 4DX or donate online at [www.justgiving.com/lent2010](http://www.justgiving.com/lent2010). For more details and to download a Gift Aid form go to <http://tinyurl.com/ely-lent10>

## Rhiannon or Rhiannon?

The Revd Rhiannon Elizabeth Jones, rector of Fulbourn, Great Wilbraham and Little Wilbraham with Six Mile Bottom, recently found herself in national newspapers and on television, after she was joined by a trainee theological student from Ridley Hall also called Rhiannon Elizabeth Jones. And the coincidences did not end with their names - both Rhiannons with training from Ridley Hall and with family from Llanelli in Wales.

The congregation have nicknamed the latest

Rhiannon 'Scottish Rhiannon' or 'curly Rhiannon' in reference to her hair to tell them apart. She came from the Diocese of Chichester and hopes to be ordained in 2011.

And if two Rhiannon Elizabeths were not enough coincidences they were interviewed for a recent slot on Anglia News by *Rhiannon Elizabeth Mills*. To see some of the local and national news stories on the two Rhiannons go to [www.ely.anglican.org/news\\_events/](http://www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/)

## Valentine's Day services around the Diocese

Some churches had special Valentine's Day services on Sunday 14th February.

The Revd Mark Savage, sent out invitations to couples who have been married at All Saints, Hartford over the last five years. The church was decorated for the occasion and was packed for the informal service of readings, poems, prayers, short presentations and music. Mark said, 'We celebrated God's love and our love and there was deep sense of worship. We left that morning feeling that we had fulfilled a significant part of God's mission for the Church and now we want to follow it up'. See <http://tinyurl.com/val-hartford> for more and photos.

## Authorised Lay Ministry training commencing in 2010

The Diocese is offering a variety of one-year 'ALM' training opportunities for a range of parish ministries for those keen to deepen their knowledge, wishing to exercise a specific ministry or already doing so and wanting to further develop their skills.

These are open to all who have the backing of their Vicar and PCC, and there is very little cost involved. At the conclusion of the course, participants may choose to receive authorisation

## Encourage more children into the life of your church

Two new dates and venues have been announced for the popular Core Skills training course which over 100 people have attended in the past year.

This course will give you the confidence, understanding and skills you need to work with children and nurture them in their journey of faith, whether you are experienced, new to children's work or hoping to start. It will inspire

## Would your church like help to reach families?

All clergy and lay people are invited to a 'Reaching Families' evening at Impington Church Hall, Impington, Cambridge on Thursday April 22nd 7.30pm - 9.45pm.

Come and hear about some of the success stories from across the Diocese and also of

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At St Vigor's, Fulbourn, the Revd Rhiannon Jones, invited couples to come back to church and renew their vows if they wished. Again this attracted many couples into the church and they celebrated afterwards with cake and champagne. Rhiannon said, 'We were thrilled to be able to hold this special service. It is one of the ways in which we can show the church's support for marriage and for those couples who came along'.

A three minute podcast by Rhiannon on church weddings was also top of the Church of England's website podcasts. You can listen to it here <http://tinyurl.com/wedding-podcast>

to exercise a ministry in the area in which they have trained, thus becoming an 'Authorised Lay Minister' (ALM), although not all do so.

All courses begin in September this year, and draw to a close in July 2011. Applications are welcome anytime from now but must be made by 30th May.

For further details and an enquiry form speak to your vicar or go to <http://tinyurl.com/ely-alm>

and refresh you and the work you do.

The course is six sessions and is running on Tuesday evenings at Downham Market from the end of April to July (fortnightly) and on Thursday evenings at Warboys for six weeks from June 10th. To book go to [www.ely.anglican.org/education/children/training.html](http://www.ely.anglican.org/education/children/training.html) or contact Julia Chamberlin, 01353 652714 or [julia.chamberlin@ely.anglican.org](mailto:julia.chamberlin@ely.anglican.org)

lessons learned along the way

There will be a chance to browse and borrow resources as well as enjoy coffee and cakes. The evening is free but please do book ahead with Julia Chamberlin, 01353 652714 or [julia.chamberlin@ely.anglican.org](mailto:julia.chamberlin@ely.anglican.org)

as a feed to display on your parish website. If you need any advice on how to do this please contact Val Robson, Communications Officer, 07957 522178 or [dco.ely@gmail.com](mailto:dco.ely@gmail.com)

## CHILDREN & YOUTH LEADERS' LUNCH with Bishop David

Up to four Children's and Youth Leaders per church are invited to this event on Saturday 12th June, 10am to 3pm at St Mary's Church of England School, High Barns, Ely. As well as a two course lunch there will be worship, speakers, resources, a Christian bookshop and giveaways. To book email David Waters, Diocesan Youth Adviser, [captaindavidwaters@live.com](mailto:captaindavidwaters@live.com) or contact Ros Wright, Diocesan Office, Barton Road, Ely CB7 4DX, 01353 652725. More details at [www.ely.anglican.org/news\\_events/events/diocesan\\_events.html#bishop-lunch](http://www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/events/diocesan_events.html#bishop-lunch)

## GENERAL SYNOD

The General Synod of the Church of England meet twice a year. As well as diocesan bishops, six representatives - three clergy and three laity - from the Diocese of Ely are members. They report back after each meeting and you can read their latest informal report on the website at [www.ely.anglican.org/about/structured/generalsynod.html](http://www.ely.anglican.org/about/structured/generalsynod.html).

## HOLY LAND PIGRIMAGE

The Revd Canon Stephen Earl is organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 17th - 26th February 2011, overlapping spring half-term week. To register an interest and learn more please contact Stephen asap. Details and flyer at <http://tinyurl.com/elyholyland>

## FELICITY LITTLEDYKE

We are sad to announce the death of Mrs Felicity Littledyke, Licensed Lay Minister at The Ramseys, following a long illness. The funeral is at St Thomas a Becket Church, Ramsey, on Friday 19th March at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Peterborough.