

WHAT'S ON

May 13th. National Day of Prayer for the Police Service.

May 14th, 6.45pm - 8.30pm. Praise Party at Ely Cathedral.

May 15th, 5.30pm. Ely Festival of Church Music at Ely Cathedral.

May 23rd, 7.30pm. Pentecost Praise service of celebration and renewal at Ely Cathedral, led by the Bishop of Huntingdon.

June 7th, 6.45pm. Annual Evening of Chaplaincy to People at Work at Wesley Methodist Church, Cambridge. Speaker is **Hugh Pym, BBC Chief Economics Correspondent.**

June 9th, 6pm - 9pm. Open Evening at the Diocesan Resource Centre, Ely. A chance to browse resources - planning materials, games, books, DVD's, puppets, Godly Play sets and much more.

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.

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Image: John Wroe with one of the Brazilian team at a Street Child World Cup arts workshop.
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Volunteering in Durban

Twelve members of St Paul's, Cambridge, including the Vicar, Michael Beckett and his wife Debbie, went to Durban to volunteer at the inaugural Street Child World Cup.

Their mission was inspired by a fortnight visit to Durban four years ago by two families from the congregation. Chris Rose, curate at St Paul's and Development Manager at the Amos Trust, coordinated that visit which was named 'Street Kids Surfing and Safari'. The families made the trip with the aim of introducing their children to international development issues.

During their time in South Africa they got to know the street children while playing football, having BBQs, sharing meals and many other activities. John Wroe, there with his wife and children, said *'we all came back feeling a strong sense of wanting street children all over to be able to enjoy the same rights that our own children have - access to education,*

good health care and protection from violence being just some of those issues'.

On their return home in 2006 the children gave several talks about their visit, including school assemblies. At one of those assemblies the headmaster said, *'what about a World Cup for street children?'* This 'off the cuff' remark led to the formation of Street Child World Cup.

And so it was that in March 2010, the inaugural Street Child World Cup took place in Durban, a few months before the 'other' World Cup. Street children from India, the Philippines, Tanzania, Ukraine, South Africa, Brazil, and the UK represented their countries at football, shared their experiences with each other through art-based workshops and took part in a conference about the international rights of the street child.

For more on this story and other photos go to <http://tinyurl.com/scwc-sp>

The College of Evangelists welcomes David Male

On Wednesday 21st April the Revd David Male was admitted to The College of Evangelists at the Annual Commissioning Service at St Martin in the Bullring parish church in Birmingham.

The College of Evangelists exists to recognise and affirm evangelists whose ministry is nationwide or at least beyond the confines of any diocese. It is not an academic institution but a support and resource group for its members. It was set up by the House of Bishops in 1999. At the Annual Service the new Chair

of the Board of the College, John Inge, the Bishop of Worcester, was also welcomed.

David said, *'I feel very honoured to be part of the College and I look forward to learning with and from other evangelists from around the country. From my earliest days in the church I felt the call to be an evangelist and have seen the different ways that gift has worked out in my ministry.'*

For more details and a photo go to <http://tinyurl.com/davemale>

New churchwardens sworn in this month

Over the course of the next few weeks about 600 churchwardens will be sworn in at one of the nine Archdeacons' Visitations being held around the Diocese.

Churchwardens have important legal duties in the life of the church but also spiritual, pastoral and mission responsibilities. The role of churchwarden is an ancient office and one that is constantly changing but today generally involves being a key person in the life of the parish. It can be demanding but is usually an interesting and rewarding experience.

The Archdeacons run training events each year where they look at the many different roles of a churchwarden while giving clear advice and guidance about where to find useful resources, advice and help. Topics covered may include the role of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), finance and church insurance. Experts from various fields

come to speak at the training events. Any churchwarden is welcome to attend, whether newly in office, or if in need of an update on what the role of churchwarden entails.

This year's training event, is on Saturday 25th September. If you would like to know more about the role of churchwarden or the training event the Diocesan website has a section for churchwardens including the very useful Archdeacons' Papers which give detailed information about many aspects of the duties of churchwardens:

www.ely.anglican.org/churchwardens

In the recent edition of their newsletter the Archdeacons, John Beer and Hugh McCurdy, expressed their gratitude to all the churchwardens, saying, *'thank you for all the hours, skill, wisdom and sheer effort you have given this year'*.

MU banner carried by member of St Mary's, March

The Mothers' Union Diocesan banner at their recent Commissioning Service for the next Triennium was carried by a member from St Mary's, March whose branch banner was destroyed in the recent fire at the church.

The service was held in Ely Cathedral on 17th April. The sermon was preached by the Rt Revd

David Thomson, Bishop of Huntingdon. Branch banners were carried in procession at the end of the service.

For more photos go to <http://tinyurl.com/mu-17apr10>.



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Choosing a new Diocesan Bishop

Having undergone a lengthy consultation process establishing the needs of the Diocese, the Crown Nominations Commission met in March to agree a final, concise statement of the challenges facing a new Bishop and the type of person sought.

The Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) is the body responsible for the selection of Diocesan bishops. Alan Hargrave, Canon Missioner and member of General Synod, is one of the six elected members of the Diocese serving on the CNC.

Alan reports that the CNC asked for *'someone of energy, intelligence, prayerfulness, inner strength and resilience; someone in whom we can encounter Christ; a leader in mission who will encourage and enable clergy and laity alike; a creative person who enjoys people, is a good communicator, both within the church*

and in the wider world; someone who is capable of grappling with difficult issues, is unafraid of change, can work in partnership and is able to offer a prophetic voice.'

The CNC met at Whalley Abbey, near Blackburn, in April. Following considerable prayer and discussion, a decision was agreed. That decision is now sent by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Prime Minister, who will write and ask the chosen candidate if they are willing to take on this role.

Assuming all goes well, the candidate will need to do homage to the Queen and the name will finally be made public, hopefully in July.

The new bishop will not, in all probability, be in post here until the end of the year.

For Alan's full report go to <http://tinyurl.com/bishop-may10>

COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Revd Anne Maclaurin is to be Vicar of St Barnabas Church, Cambridge. Anne is currently Mission Priest-Executive Leader and Senior Anglican at St Thomas' Church at Philadelphia in Sheffield. Licensing details to be announced soon.

The Revd Alison Myers, currently assistant priest at Cambourne, has been appointed as Team Vicar of Hardwick, Coton and Dry Drayton, in the Lordsbridge Team.

The Revd Dr Jeremy Morris, currently Dean of Trinity Hall, has been appointed as Dean of King's College Cambridge from 1st October.

The Revd Canon Fred Kilner, Assistant Priest of Somersham with Pidley and Old Hurst, has been appointed as Rural Dean of the St Ives Deanery from 1st April.

The Revd Michael Matthews, Priest-in-Charge of Haslingfield with Harlton and Great and Little Eversden has been appointed as Rural Dean of the Bourn Deanery from 1st May.

The Revd Canon Stephen Earl, currently Vicar of Burwell with Reach, will be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of Lavenham with Preston, in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich on 9th September. His last Sunday in the parish will be 25th July.

The Revd Dr Will Adam, currently Rector of Girton, will be instituted and inducted as Vicar of St Paul, Winchmore Hill in the Diocese of London on 6th September. His last Sunday in Girton will be 18th July.

The Revd Jonathan Dowman, currently Assistant Curate in the Anglesey Benefice, has been appointed as Priest of B1 Church in Birmingham. His last Sunday will be 27th June.

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