

News from around the Diocese of Ely

WHAT'S ON

May 22nd - Ely Cathedral 5.15 pm. Gordon Jackson - The Bible as Poetry. 'Banquet of love' a poetry reading based on Song of Songs

June 6th - Ely Cathedral 7.30pm. Prof Richard Bauckham 'The Bible and the Environment'

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.

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

www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/events.html for details of all events.



In this issue

- Royal Wedding at Ely Cathedral
- Duke and Duchess of Cambridge
- Ride and Stride
- Vellore
- Commissioning of Chaplains

Photo: Royal Wedding shown on a Big Screen in Ely Cathedral

Royal Wedding from Ely Cathedral

Along with millions across the world, Ely Cathedral celebrated the Royal Wedding in style. We decided to screen the event in the cathedral and advertise it through the local media. Some people queued from 7am on the day to get the best seats. By 11am the cathedral was packed, with over 1000 people enjoying the party atmosphere. Those near the front sat around tables. Some brought their own picnics, including champagne! Many bought food and drinks from our Refectory and stalls. As the Queen appeared people cheered, applauded and waved their Union Jacks, as they did for William and Kate and at other key moments throughout the day.

We used a big screen and data projector, linked to a satellite dish and free-sat receiver, relaying the sound through our own PA system. The technology is not difficult for anyone who enjoys playing with IT equipment. By printing off copies of the service (available online) people were able

to join in the hymns & prayers, as well as the National Anthem. Everyone agreed that it was a brilliant day, a real street party atmosphere on a big scale. Not quite like being on Horse Guards Parade, but certainly the next best thing – and with fabulous views of the whole event.

But if you missed the chance this time round, why not have a go yourself for the very important events coming up next year – the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee** and the **Olympics** (we plan to show the opening and closing ceremonies). All these will be broadcast on the BBC and can be shown in public places without charge. You will, however, need to sort out a TV licence.

Such events put the church at the heart of the community. They can be combined with displays, hospitality and other events which promote the church's mission. Don't miss out next time round!

Canon Alan Hargrave

Duke and Duchess of Cambridge

It was announced on 29 April 2011 that William and Kate were to be Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. The Bishop of Ely, Stephen Conway, said:

"I am delighted to learn that HM The Queen has made Prince William the Duke of Cambridge. In

The Queen honours us in Cambridge and across East Anglia.

We are delighted and honoured that our future King is even more closely associated with us. We pray most fervently for His and Her Royal Highnesses today and into a bright and happy future."



The Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust gives grants and especially loans to congregations to help them repair the fabric of their churches and chapels, to heat and light them and to make the most of them by creating new facilities.

Our biggest fund raising event is the 'Ride and Stride' day in September (on Saturday 10th this year). People are sponsored to walk, cycle or ride on horseback to as many places of worship as they can in one day. What they raise is then split between the Trust and the church of their choice. Our website

www.cambshistoricchurchestrust.co.uk/s-c-r.htm gives greater detail.

We need an enthusiastic person to engage more people to take part, by identifying and meeting new groups right across the county and so generate support. Agreed expenses will be paid and a modest honorarium is also offered. Please contact the Trust's Chairman, Richard Halsey 01353 645131 or Secretary David Stazicker 01353 778129 to learn more about how you could help us and the churches of Cambridgeshire.



Hinxton Church last September

Vellore

Do you want to travel to India and visit Vellore. A trip is being organised for 14th –31st January 2012 in the company of Revd Graham Thompson, who is Chair of Cambridgeshire Ecumenical Council and Chairman of East Anglia District (Methodist Church), and Janet Scott who is Chair of the Vellore Link Support Group and Society of Friends.

It will be a chance to meet the Christian sisters and brothers with whom we are linked. To experience Christianity in a totally different context and see the India that Indians live. You

will also be part of the renewal of the covenant between Cambridgeshire Ecumenical Council and the Diocese of Vellore. The last covenant was signed in 1998.

Cost of the trip is £1300. This includes cost of air fares, all accommodation and transport to and from Heathrow airport and whilst in India .

For further information please contact: The Revd Fiona Brampton 01353 740309 or email fiona.brampton@ely.anglican.org

Commissioning of Chaplains Press Release

Have you ever seen a chaplain commissioned? Probably not or perhaps you have.

Chaplaincy to People at Work Cambridgeshire will be holding the first ever Commissioning of Chaplains service at Wesley Methodist Church, Christs Pieces, Cambridge on May 22nd at 6.30pm.

There are 30 chaplains not only in Cambridge but also in Huntingdon, Littleport and Peterborough.

The Revd Graham Thompson, Chairman of the Eastern District of the Methodist Church will

commission the chaplains who visit staff in their workplaces, including police stations, BBC Cambridgeshire, farming communities, city and town centre shops and offices, to name just a few.

The preacher will be the Revd Malcolm Torry, Co-ordinating Chaplain Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy.

If you would like to know more, please contact Canon Chris Savage: chris@workplacechaplaincy.org.uk Or 01223 276657

The Revd Mary Hancock has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Sutton, Witcham with Mepal. Mary is currently Curate in The Fen Orchard Group (Elm, Friday Bridge with Coldham, Emneth and Marshland St James). Licensing details will follow in due course.

The Revd Dr Mandy Maxwell, has been appointed as Rector of Girton. Mandy is currently Curate of Madeley, Betley and acting Priest in Charge of Silverdale and Keele. Licensing details will follow in due course.

The Revd Tom Fennemore, has been appointed as Associate Priest at Cambridge St Barnabas Church. Tom is currently Assistant Curate at Crookes in the Diocese of Sheffield. Licensing details will follow in due course.

The Revd Canon Michael Goater has been appointed as Master of the Hospital of St Nicholas in Sarum in Salisbury Diocese. His last Sunday at Great Shelford will be 26 June 2011.

The Revd Brenda Stewart has been appointed Curate in Charge of Brington with Molesworth and Old Weston, Keyston and Bythorn, Great Catworth, Leighton Bromswold. Brenda is currently Curate at Abbots Ripton, King's Ripton, Houghton & Wyton. Licensing details will follow in due course..

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