

News from around the Diocese of Ely

WHAT'S ON

November 4th & 18th, 2pm-3.30pm. 'Ministry Matters' in Ely. An opportunity to reflect theologically in conversation about some of the dilemmas and paradoxes of priesthood and ministry.

November 4th, 7.30pm. Reaching Families. A conference for clergy, lay leaders and children's workers at St John's Church, March.

November 6th in St Albans and November 27th in Cambridge. Training for volunteer workplace chaplains.

November 13th, 9.30am - 12.30 pm. Celebration of Healing and Wholeness at Ely Methodist Church.

November 21st, 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Beyond Prisons - a lecture at Ely Cathedral for Prisons' Week given by Dame Anne Owers.

December 7th-8th. Apolgetics Conference at Westcott House, Cambridge.

See www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/events.html for more details on all events.

NEW EVENTS SECTION

Do check out the new look front page on the Diocesan website with all the news and popular links in one place.

All events are now in a Google calendar which can be accessed by clicking on the top right button or by going to www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/events.html

If you have events happening in your parish email details of them so that they can be included.

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Image: Newly licensed LLMs with Bishop David and supporters
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New Lay Ministers in the Diocese

All Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) have to renew their licences every three years if they wish to continue in this valuable ministry. On 16th October nearly two-thirds of the currently active LLMs in our Diocese gathered for the triennial service.

During the service three new LLMs were admitted to the ministry and licensed to work in Ely Diocese. The new ministers are Elizabeth Brown, Sharon Clark and Duncan Keys. Patricia Highton transferred to Ely from Norwich

Diocese and was licensed. At a service at Childerly on 20th October Amanda Norman was licensed.

Bishop David preached at the Cathedral service with a sermon that reminded us of the call to be holy, wholesome and whole-hearted.

To read more about the service and also a link to be able to hear Bishop David's sermon go to www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/news_items/llms-2010.html

Farewell to the Diocesan Secretary



Following Dr Lavis' announcement of his retirement a presentation as made at Diocesan synod.

Dr Matthew Lavis joined the Diocese as Diocesan Secretary in the mid 1990s. The rôle entails being responsible for all the diocesan finances. The Diocesan Secretary is a member of the Bishop's Senior Staff, liaising with them about all policy issues. He is also responsible for the Diocesan Synod, the Bishop's Council and the Diocesan Board of Finance.

At the Diocesan Synod, Matthew and his wife Hilary were presented with gifts. The Ven Hugh McCurdy, Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wis-

bech, spoke on behalf of the Diocese, "*Dr Lavis has been a great Diocesan Secretary - someone who has served the Diocese well for the last 15 years. Over those years the financial pressure has been immense, pension contributions have increased, cost of ministry has likewise increased but we are in a good financial position largely thanks to Matthew's prudent management and forward thinking leadership.*"

New projects have been completed including the Woodland Burial site at Barton and Cambridge Church. Matthew has played a significant role in both those projects as well as the new church at Hampton. We are grateful for his wise, perceptive and dedicated ministry among us and wish him well in retirement."

For more details of the presentation and photos go to tinyurl.com/ml-retires

2011 - Year of the Bible

2011 marks the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible. To mark this anniversary many activities are planned at a national as well as a local level.

The Diocese is planning a series of events at the Cathedral, as well as the pilgrimage to the Holy Land detailed in last month's eLife. It is hoped that parishes, schools and individuals

will also get involved.

To find out more, get some ideas for how to mark the year in your community, and for resources go to www.ely.anglican.org/mission/bible-2011.html

If you have any events planned, email details to dco.ely@gmail.com so they can be included.

Bid for new Church of England school successful

The Diocese has won the opportunity to establish a new school near Peterborough. The primary school, which will be called St Michael's, is to be a Church of England Voluntary Aided school. It will serve a newly built development called 'Cardea', south of Stanground where there are plans for more than 1500 homes.

Director of Education, Canon Tim Elbourne said, "This will be an inclusive neighbourhood

school with a clear Christian ethos. Schools are at the heart of their communities, and the Church now has the chance serve this new development from its beginning."

It will initially be built for up to 210 pupils to open in September 2012.

The Diocese currently provides 82 schools serving over 13,500 pupils. St Michael's will be the fifth new school it has established over the last decade.

Uganda Projects update

Following their walk from Ely to Norwich in the spring to raise money for The Bishop's School in south-west Uganda, Canon Richard Darmody, his wife June and six others visited Uganda in the summer.

On the first Sunday some of the party attended a Confirmation Service. In an event lasting 5 hours, the Bishop confirmed 140 people with a congregation of around one thousand people.

Richard and June, together with the Revd Gita Bond, spoke at Convention meetings which entailed a lot of travelling on bumpy mountain

roads. One of the other speakers was a Ugandan evangelist named Canon Wilson, aged 93!

Others in the group visited a model farm where some of the money they'd raised was being used to purchase pedigree goats to establish a milking herd. This in turn will provide kids to start herds in the villages.

For further details of the many other projects that the group were involved with during their visit go to the Richard's blog at ugandaprojectupdate.wordpress.com/

New look website and myDiocese iPhone app

The home page of the diocesan website has been revamped to give easier and quicker access to the most frequently viewed items. Diocesan and Church of England news is now easily found. Alternatively you may wish to keep abreast of the news by subscribing to one of the alternative ways available for receiving Diocesan news such as Facebook, Twitter or the RSS feed.

Newly available is **myDiocese**, a free iPhone application, which contains news stories from the Diocese of Ely and other dioceses, as well as events and community information.

The app works in conjunction with *A Church Near You* to help users find their nearest parish church, using their exact phone location, as well as providing them with information about their faith. The app displays a daily passage of scripture, as well as prayers and bible resources.

For further details, and to download the app from iTunes, click on the myDiocese button shown in the right column of the home page of the website  www.ely.anglican.org

COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Revd Jackie Duck died, suddenly and unexpectedly, on 10th October.

Jackie (66) was priest in charge of Brington with Molesworth, Old Weston, Leighton Bromswold, Keyston and Bythorn and Great Catworth. She leaves her husband Graham and three adult sons.

A service celebrating Jackie's life was held on Monday 18th October at St Mary Leighton Bromswold.

The Revd Canon Andrew Greany will retire as Vicar of St Mary the Less in Cambridge from 31st March 2011. He will also cease to be Rural Dean of Cambridge South.

The Revd Mark Amey has been appointed as Vicar of All Saint's, St Ives. Mark is currently Vicar of Sutton, Witcham with Mepal. He will continue in his role as Wing Chaplain for Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Air Training Corps.

The Revd Christopher Woods is to be the new Secretary of the Church of England Liturgical Commission and Worship Development Officer. Christopher is currently Chaplain and Director of Studies in Theology at Christ's College, Cambridge.

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTION RESULTS

The following people have been elected to represent the Diocese of Ely in General Synod:

The House of Clergy:

- The Revd Tim Alban Jones
- The Revd Mike Booker
- The Ven Hugh McCurdy

The House of Laity:

- Mrs Janet Perrett
- Dr Elaine Storkey
- Mr Stephen Tooke

For full results from all the dioceses, visit www.generalsynodelections2010.org