

News from around the Diocese of Ely

WHAT'S ON

October 7th & 21st and November 4th & 18th, 2pm-3.30pm. 'Ministry Matters' in Ely.

October 9th, 9am for 9.30am - 3.15pm at Milton Primary School. "Train Up". Skills for you to help children on their journey.

October 13th, 7.30am. 'Education or exams; faith or reason. Discuss' - Breakfast Briefing at The Felix Hotel, Cambridge.

October 16th, 2.30pm. Annual LLM Licensing Service in Ely Cathedral. Triennial service when all LLMs renew their licensing promises.

October 28th, 4:30pm - 6pm. An Open Evening at The Crown Court, Cambridge.

November 13th, 9.30am - 4pm. Celebration of Healing and Wholeness at Ely Methodist Church

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

COMPENSATION SCHEME

Does your church have wireless microphones? If so, are you aware of the compensation scheme for churches affected by the wireless microphone spectrum switchover?

Ofcom have announced a compensation package for users of licensed wireless microphone systems whose equipment may effectively be made redundant following changes to spectrum allocation due to take effect in 2012.

Churches must register between September and December 2010, in order to be eligible for compensation. Further details at <http://tinyurl.com/comp-ely>



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Image: The Rt Revd Stephen Conway, with the Senior Staff of the Diocese © Martin Gibson

Bishop Stephen's Visit

Following the recent announcement that the next Bishop of Ely is to be the Rt Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop Stephen spent the day in the Diocese meeting many future colleagues and parishioners.

In his introductory statement he said, "I thank God for calling me back to serve the region in which I studied for the ministry and where I was first sent out to preach the good news of Jesus. One strand of my family hails from the area and I am looking forward to my home-coming. With no spouse or children of my own, I have always sought in parish and diocese to

serve the building up of extended family life. One of my treasured titles as a bishop is 'father in God' and I commit myself to being a passionate builder of community wherever people live, learn, work and pray. My prayer is that in this way people may trust our approach to them with the good news of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ. I look forward to getting to know you all."

He will take up office early next year on a date yet to be decided. For many photographs and Bishop Stephen's full introductory statement go to <http://tinyurl.com/bs-visit>

Visit to Vellore

In August, the Revd Fiona Brampton and eight others from the Ely Diocese visited our link diocese in Vellore, India. Their visit was a chance to further relationships with the people in Vellore Diocese and allow an extended time to get to know the institutions visited.

Shirley Hall, the Diocesan Schools RE Adviser, used the visit to gather information and materials for an RE pack for schools in the Diocese.

The group also handed over some of the Ely 900 scholarship fund which will be used to support two auxiliary nurse midwives for their full 18-month training course.

The generosity and hospitality of all those they met was an abiding memory for the group. They were treated as honoured guests and

invited into people's homes and to share in a number of traditional Indian ceremonies. One member later reflected, "What I particularly gain from my visits is an injection of enthusiasm. It seems to be that if you are a Christian in India there are no half measures – if there's a service you're there."

The Revd Noble Gemberam, a priest from the Diocese of Vellore, is working with the Churches in Cambridgeshire until January 2011. If you would like to meet the Revd Noble, or have him come to a meeting at your church, please contact the Revd Fiona Brampton, 01353 740309, fiona.brampton@ely.anglican.org.

For a full report of the group's visit to Vellore go to www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/news_items/vellore-2010.html



A Choral Achievement

A Cambridge-based amateur choir has completed a tour of all the cathedrals of the Church of England.

The Ascension Singers were founded in 1986 to sing concerts and services in the parish of the Ascension, Cambridge. They sang their first cathedral services at Ely in January 1987 and were soon invited back to sing at the ordination of the first women deacons. Invitations to other cathedrals followed and eventually the choir decided to visit all forty-three cathedrals, including Peel Cathedral on the Isle of Man.

In addition to the cathedrals of the Church of England, the choir has sung at Westminster

Abbey, Tewkesbury Abbey, two Roman Catholic cathedrals and both Anglican cathedrals in Dublin.

The singers recently completed their twenty-four year journey with a visit to Liverpool, where they sang at both the Metropolitan Cathedral and at the Anglican Cathedral, one of the largest cathedrals in the world.

On every visit the Ascension Singers have been conducted by their musical director, Peter Horley.

For more details and a photo go to www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/news_items/ascension-singers.html

Diocesan Handbook now online

The Ely Diocesan Handbook is now available online. This is a very useful resource. It is a guide to Diocesan structures, policies, procedures and their application to the parish.

Topics covered include resources for mission, the rôle of churchwardens and facilities.

There are five main sections covering

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

2011 marks the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible - what better way to celebrate this occasion than to visit the very land where many of the events described took place, and especially those associated with Jesus and the gospel stories.

From 17th - 25th October 2011 Malcolm and Sue Raby will be leading a Diocesan Pilgrimage

Bye Buy Childhood

The Mothers' Union is an international charity, with four million members, which supports marriage and family life and believes that the wellbeing of the family cannot be separated from the welfare of the wider community.

On September 14th Mothers' Union published a report called "*Bye Buy Childhood: a report into the commercialisation of childhood.*" This

Worship, Deaneries and Archdeaconries, Mission and Pastoral Care, Church Fabric and Clergy – Personal Matters.

You can either browse each topic individually or the entire document can be downloaded as a pdf file.

To view online go to <http://tinyurl.com/ely-dh>

to the Holy Land. All are invited to join in with this pilgrimage which will include visits to Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Jericho and Jerusalem as well as many other Biblical locations.

For further details contact the Revd Malcolm Raby, 01954 230329, mission@ely.anglican.org. or go to <http://tinyurl.com/pil-2011>

report identifies some of the pressures that commercialisation brings to bear on children and demonstrates some of the negative effects that a consumer culture has on children's wellbeing.

Full details of the research report and campaign resources may be found at www.byebuychildhood.org

COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Revd David Spencer has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Elton for a period of two years.

The Revd Karen Burnett-Hall has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge (House for Duty) of Wimbotsham, Stow Bardolph and Stow Bridge with Nordelph. Karen comes from St Barnabas church, York where she has been Priest-in-Charge.

The Revd Alasdair Paine has been appointed as Vicar at St Andrew the Great (Holy Sepulchre), Cambridge. Alasdair is currently Minister of Christ Church, Westbourne in the Diocese of Winchester.

The Revd James Poole has been appointed as Assistant Curate at St Andrew the Great (Holy Sepulchre), Cambridge. James has held the Bishop's Permission to Officiate in the Diocese since 2007.

The Revd Linda Liversidge has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Willingham to serve in the team led by the Revd Malcolm Raby in the parishes of Willingham, Longstanton and Over. Linda is currently Team Vicar of Pilsey and Handley in the Diocese of Derby.

The Revd Peter Taylor has been appointed as Bishop's Adviser for Self-Supporting Ministry.

The Revd Dr John Hughes, Chaplain of Jesus College, Cambridge, will take up the post of Acting Dean of Chapel following the resignation of the **Revd Canon Dr Timothy Jenkins** as Dean.

The Revd Canon Jonathan Young will resign as Priest-in-Charge of Alconbury cum Weston, Buckworth, Hamerton, Winwick and Great Gidding with Little Gidding and Steeple Gidding from January 6th 2011. He will continue as Rector of East Leightonstone.