

News from around the Diocese of Ely

WHAT'S ON

7th - 9th October
 "We plough the fields and scatter" Harvest Festival.
 Ely Cathedral

7th - 9th October
 "Flowers and Paintings" Festival.
 Holy Trinity Church, Haddenham

Tuesday 11th October
 Cathedral Centre
 Open Day 8am-4pm.
 Ely Cathedral Centre

Sunday 16th October
 Commissioning service of ALMs and licensing of LLMs. Ely Cathedral
 6.30pm

Thursday 20th October
 Breakfast Briefing (Chaplaincy to People at Work) - Marshalls Past and Present by Terry Holloway 7.30am.
 The Marshall Group of Companies, Cambridge

Saturday 22nd October
 Diocesan Synod 9.30am.
 Eucharist in Cathedral then Hayward Theatre, King's School, Ely

Sunday 23rd October
 Prof Gordon Campbell - The King James Version.
 Ely Cathedral 5.15-7.15pm

Saturday 29th October
 The Etheldreda Community - Rule of Benedict. Bring and Share Lunch.
 Powchers Hall, Ely



Farewell to the Dean

A special service took place at Ely Cathedral to mark the retirement of the current Dean, The Very Revd. Dr. Michael Chandler. Members of the Cathedral staff and congregation were joined by members of the Diocese and local dignitaries to mark Dr. Chandler's eight years ministry.

The residential Canons of Ely and the Bishop of Ely, the Rt. Revd. Stephen Conway all took part in the Service which included moving tributes by members of Chapter and associated churches. The choirs of Ely Cathedral

sang hymns especially chosen by the Dean and they also performed one of his favourite anthems, 'The Gateway of Heaven' composed by Paul Trepte, Director of Music at Ely.

Dr. Chandler was installed in 2003 having come from Canterbury Cathedral.

He will be retiring to the Kent coast.



The Very Revd Dr Michael Chandler

Mothers' Union Autumn Diocesan Day

You are warmly invited to our Autumn Diocesan day which will be held at All Saints' church, Milton on **Saturday, 15th October**. The meeting begins at 10 am and coffee will be available from 9.30am. There will be a bring and share finger buffet lunch which will allow time to look at displays, to make your purchases from the Literature stall and to chat with others.

We are fortunate to have as our speaker Rachel Aston from Mary Sumner House, she will be speaking about the Buy Bye

Childhood campaign. There will also be the opportunity to find out more about Mothers' Union activities in this diocese.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Joan Cameron,
 Ely Diocesan
 Mothers' Union President.



Away from it all holiday scheme - Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union Away From It All holiday scheme

As the summer holiday season draws to a close, it is fitting to think about the successful Away From It All Scheme (AFIA) which the Mothers' Union funds from members' contributions, to enable families in financial hardship to have a short 3 or 4 night break, away from the problems of their daily lives. In the past three years, the scheme in Ely has funded 25 holidays, enabling 65 children to have a holiday. Often it is the first holiday the family has ever had. Holidays are offered in a caravan on the Norfolk coast at Hunstanton.

Comments from families who have enjoyed an AFIA include:

"Thank you for the holiday, we all had a great time, it was nice to get away from everyday problems. The children enjoyed the swimming

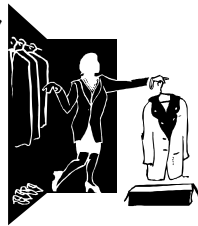
pool and beach". "The family had an absolutely wonderful holiday". "The family had a great time, the caravan was lovely and all the children really had fun." "The holiday was a great success and the family have benefitted from the experience. The pocket money was spent on numerous activities including the Sea life centre. The children also enjoyed the night time activities." "The family had a lovely time and didn't want to come home."

If you know of a family that could benefit from a short break away contact the MU Diocesan Office (mothersunion@office.ely.anglican.org) who will put you in touch with the AFIA representative for the Diocese. We are already considering requests for 2012.



Clothes Aid

Clear out your wardrobe and change someone's life!



AN APPEAL FROM CLOTHES AID

Hidden at the back of the wardrobe the average woman hoards 22 items of clothing she will never wear. And it's not just women – men have 19 items of unworn clothing hidden away.

Unbelievably British shoppers accumulate over five sacks of clothing every year but only wear 20% of their clothes 80% of the time. What's worse, over 2 million tonnes of clothes are thrown out every year.

Clothes Aid is a social business that collects second hand clothing on behalf of charities such as the Cambridgeshire based **Papworth Hospital Foundation** and we need your help liberating these unloved clothes. Whether you're hoarding impulse buys, unwanted gifts or clothes that just don't really fit – Clothes Aid can use these garments to raise money for charity. They don't need to be designer brands, high street fashion is fine.

The better the quality, the more money raised!

You can help us retrieve these clothes for charities like **Papworth** by becoming a Clothes Aid Charity Champion. As a Charity Champion, all we ask is that you collect just a few good quality items of clothing from your friends, family, community or church group a few times a year. You could do this at a coffee morning, a parent and toddler group, or even at your office. By signing up, we'll send you a toolkit with guidelines, posters and leaflets to get you started. When you have a few bags together, Clothes Aid will come and collect them from you at a mutually agreed time and location.

Clothes will be sent for reuse – diverting clothes from landfill (or gathering dust in the wardrobe) and reducing greenhouse gases.

If you would like to learn more about the network or to sign up, visit www.clothesaid.co.uk/specialcollections or call 08450 722 780.

Marianne
Special Charity Collections
Network Co-ordinator



COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Revd Terry McCabe will retire as Rector of Eynesbury on 30th November. His last Sunday in Eynesbury will be 30th October 2011

The Revd Richard Longfoot will retire as Rector of Stilton with Denton and Caldecote with Folkesworth with Morborne and Haddon on 30th November. His last Sunday in the parishes will be 30th October 2011

The Revd Canon Vanessa Herrick will resign as Director of Ordinands and Director of Ministry and Mission to take up a post as Rector of Wimborne Minster in the Diocese of Salisbury

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