

WHAT'S ON

September 4th, 7pm in Ely Cathedral. Book Launch: Canon Alan Hargrave's book. See overleaf for details.

September 11th, 10am-4pm. "It Was Good: Being Creative to the Glory of God" at Ridley Hall Simeon Centre, Cambridge.

September 18th, 6pm Choirs' Festival Evensong in King's College Chapel.

September 21st, 8pm General Synod evening at Michaelhouse, Cambridge. See overleaf for details.

September 25th, 10am-3.30pm Churchwardens' Training Day at St Mary's School, Ely. See overleaf for details.

October 7th & 21st and 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.

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

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

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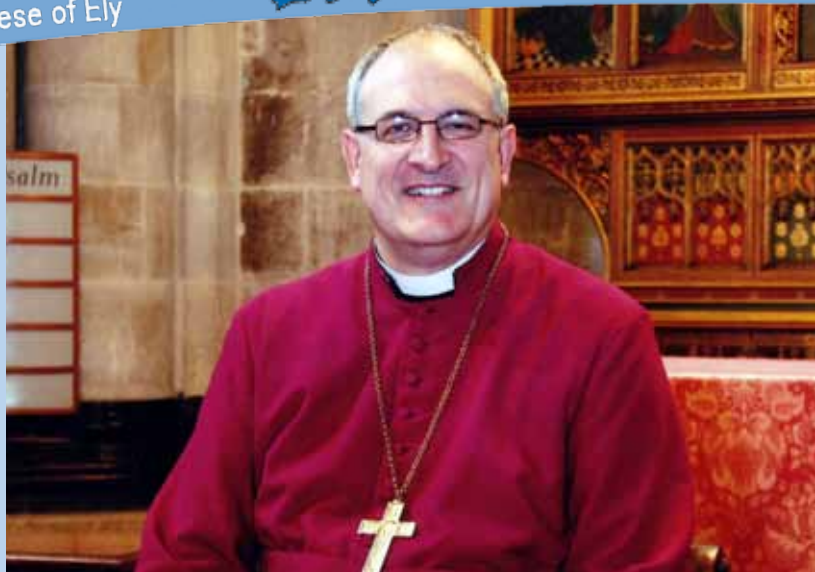
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Image: The Rt Revd Stephen Conway, the 69th Bishop of Ely

Bishop Stephen is coming to Ely

The next Bishop of Ely will be the Right Revd Stephen Conway, currently the Bishop of Ramsbury in the Diocese of Salisbury. He succeeds the Rt Revd Anthony Russell who retired earlier this year.

Following the formal announcement and a press conference with the local media, Bishop Stephen spent the day touring the Diocese visiting some of his future colleagues and parishioners.

After meeting Diocesan Office staff and others he visited a farm in Ramsey. He then went to Hampton, the site of a new church, for lunch with others from the Diocese. In the afternoon he met with a headteacher from one of our church schools, and visited a small innovative hi-tech business and one of the Universities in Cambridge. His day concluded at Ely Cathedral where he joined worshippers for Evening Prayer.

The Ven Hugh McCurdy, Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech and a member of the Crown Nominations Commission, said, *"I am delighted that Bishop Stephen is to be the next Bishop of Ely. As well as a man of great experience, he is an outstanding Bishop of Ramsbury and a pastor with a heart for mission"*.

Bishop Stephen hopes to move to Ely in the new year and to be installed before the beginning of Lent. He is intending to use the intervening time to begin to get to know members of the Diocese informally.

He grew up in multi-cultural South London, where some of his family still live. Following his time at a Church of England grammar school

with views of the Oval cricket ground, he was the first member of his family to go to university, reading Modern History at Keble College, Oxford. He trained as a teacher and taught at an Anglican public school in Scotland. He coached the school basketball team, with the obvious advantage of his height at nearly six and a half feet.

After his time as a teacher, he trained for the priesthood at Westcott House in Cambridge. He has had a passionate interest in mental health since doing a student placement on an acute admissions ward at Fulbourn Hospital, Cambridge. He also has family links with East Anglia as his great-great-grandfather was a farmer here. Bishop Stephen says, *"you could reputedly see him on horseback from all around. I'd like to think that it will be the same with me"*.

Bishop Stephen is single and part of a loving family including his mother, stepfather, two married sisters, a teenage nephew and niece and a number of godchildren. He is a keen walker. He enjoys rugby and cricket as a spectator, enjoys the cinema and is interested in the connection between faith and film.

On hearing the announcement the Right Revd David Thomson, Bishop of Huntingdon, said, *"I am delighted that Bishop Stephen is to be our new diocesan bishop. We were both archdeacons in the Northern Province a few years ago and it will be very good to be able to work more closely with him now in the Diocese of Ely."*

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/new-bish> for a full biography and photographs of Bishop Stephen.

General Synod Elections

Nominations for General Synod close on Friday 3rd September so if you haven't sent yours in yet please do so immediately.

Ballot papers will be sent out to those eligible to vote on 17th September and the election addresses for all the candidates will be available via the Diocesan website. They will also be sent out with the ballot papers.

If you do receive a ballot paper, please vote and ensure that it is returned by 8th October.

The count will be held on 13th October with the

General Synod Digest - informal reports

The Ely representatives report back to the Diocese after each meeting of the General Synod. These informal reports are placed on the Diocesan website for the information of people in the diocese, and especially for

Churchwardens' Training Day

The Archdeacons of Cambridge and Huntingdon and Wisbech are hosting a training day for Churchwardens on Saturday 25th September, 10am - 3.30pm at St Mary's School, Ely.

Topics covered will include the role of Churchwardens, how the DAC works and faculties, diocesan finance and church insurance.

This day should prove especially useful to new

'Living Well' - latest book from Canon Alan Hargrave

Alan Hargrave, Canon Missioner of Ely Cathedral, will be signing copies of his new book 'Living Well' on Saturday 4th September, 7pm at Ely Cathedral.

Alan draws upon 'rules of life', from Benedict to Iona, to enable us to think seriously about the pattern of our living.

Through absorbing stories, honest and often very funny accounts of his own personal struggles, and the provision of many useful exercises, he

The Revd John Hibberd



The Revd John Hibberd is to be admitted to The College of Evangelists in May 2011.

John says, 'I have been involved in missions around the UK since 1994 when I moved to Ely Diocese to join 'Through Faith Missions'. My work focuses on equip-

ping churches, apologetics and training. The latter includes the Society of Contemporary Evangelists, a national inter-denominational scheme to develop lay evangelists.

There will be an evening at The Michaelhouse Centre, Trinity Street, Cambridge at 8pm on Tuesday 21st September.

This will be a chance to meet the candidates for election and also some of the current General Synod members from the Diocese of Ely including John Beer (Archdeacon of Cambridge), Rhiannon Jones (Rector of Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams) and Elaine Storkey (Director of Education Church Army). Refreshments from 7.30 pm.

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You may wish to read the latest report from the July 2010 General Synod and the previous ones here <http://tinyurl.com/gs-reports>

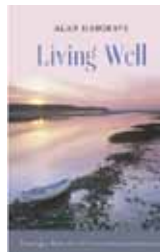
Churchwardens but old hands are welcome too.

Please bring a packed lunch for the day. Tea and coffee will be provided.

If you would like to attend this day please contact Hugh McCurdy, Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech, 01353 652709 or archdeacon.handw@ely.anglican.org.

aims to help us find our own 'rule of life', one that will not only sustain us, but allow the light that may have gone out of our eyes to shine once more.

Tickets for the book launch can be bought in advance from Ely Cathedral Box Office, 01353 660349 or on the night itself. They are £10 and include a copy of the book and a glass of wine.



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I feel privileged to join the College and hope that it will bring additional mission opportunities within the diocese and further afield.'

COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Revd Mandy Flaherty was licensed as Assistant Curate of Alconbury cum Weston on the 11th July.

The Revd Canon Edward de Toesny Wingfield Longford died on the 17th July. He leaves a widow, Joan.

The Revd Malcolm Ingham is stepping down from being Priest-in-Charge of Elton, Water Newton & Stibbington with effect from 1st September. He will remain as Rector of Alwalton and Chesterton.

The Revd Anne MacLaurin will be instituted as Vicar at St Barnabas Church, Cambridge on 7th September, 7.30pm.

The Revd Alison Myers will be licensed as Team Vicar of Hardwick, Coton and Dry Drayton, in the Lordsbridge Team on 20th September, 7.30 pm at St Peter & St Paul's Church Dry Drayton.

The Revd Martin Dale has been appointed as Vicar of the East Marshland Benefice. Martin is currently a Priest-in-Charge in the Leicester Diocese. His institution will be at Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen on 5th October, 7.30pm.

The Revd Peter Wainwright will retire as Priest-in-Charge of Harston with Hauxton and Newton. His last Sunday in his parishes will be 10th October.

The Revd Rhiannon Jones has been appointed as Transforming Church Co-ordinator in the Diocese of Birmingham. She is currently Rector of Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams with Six Mile Bottom. A leaving service will be held on Sunday 31st October, 11am at St Vigor's, Fulbourn.

Rhiannon will be licensed on the 20th November at the Birmingham Diocesan Synod meeting.

The Revd Ron Frost will retire on 31st October. His last Sunday in his parishes (Kimbolton, Stow Longa, Covington and Tilbrook) will be the 26th September.

The Revd Charles Dixon has retired as Chaplain among Deaf People.

The Revd Charles Miller has resigned as curate at Downham Market and Crimphesham with Stradsett.

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