

News from around the Diocese of Ely

LETTING CHILDREN BE CHILDREN

Mothers' Union response to the Bailey Report.

Mothers' Union launched its "Bye Buy Childhood" Campaign against the commercialisation and sexualisation of children in September 2010. We wish to see the end of childhood being treated as a marketing opportunity and of children being targeted with or exposed to the "sex sells" approach. We welcome the Government's response to address these issues in its "Programme for government" and the subsequent appointment of our Chief Executive, Reg Bailey, to chair an Independent Review to determine whether or not further legislation is needed at this time.

The Review was completed and its findings were published in May of this year and Mothers' Union welcomes the recommendations made in it and has issued comments on each of the committee's recommendations.



Photo: Reg Bailey, Chief Executive, Mothers' Union

The subject has taken on a particular relevance recently and the voluntary code suggested in the report will be subject to assessment at regular intervals.

For further details please contact the Diocesan Mothers' Union Office e-mail mothersunion@office.ely.anglican.org or at the Diocesan Office, Barton Road, Ely, Cambs CB7 4DX

Joan Cameron
Diocesan President

BIG East Anglian Christmas Crib Exhibition

The education teams of the three dioceses of Ely, Norwich and St Edmundsbury & Ipswich are sponsoring a BIG Crib Festival this year.

BIG Cribs are ones with figures at least two feet high, and they can be anything up to full life size! Information about the Exhibition and the churches which will be the host venues is already available at <http://www.stir-up.org.uk/cribs.htm>.

Registering to make a crib for the Exhibition is simple and can be done using one of the forms from the website, or by sending an

email to shirley.hall@ely.anglican.org. The closing date for registration is 21 October 2011.

All schools and church and community organisations are warmly invited to create a BIG Crib and be part of the celebrations.



WHAT'S ON

September 10th

The Fairhaven Singers

"September Song".

St Mary's Church, Buckden

September 10th

Heritage Open Day, History

Fair and Fun Day 10.30-4pm.

St Edmund's Church, Downham Market

September 10th

"Come and Sing" from 2pm.

Cambridge, St Mary the Great Church

September 10th Castle

Garden Party 12.30-6pm.

Cambridge, The Ascension - St Giles Church.

September 13th Children's

Leader Network 10am.

Resources Centre, Diocesan Office.

September 13th-15th

Innovation and Tradition

Seminar. Westcott House, Cambridge

September 15th-17th Dying

Well: Faith and Compassion

in Dialogue. Ridley Hall, Cambridge

September 16th John Donne

7pm. Dry Drayton Church

September 24th-25th

"Seasons and Sacraments

through the Church Year

Flower Festival. St Michael

and All Angels Church,

Chettisham

September 25th The St

Petersburg Blagovest

Ensemble 7.30pm. St Peter's

Church, Wimblington.

September 26th Train Up Bite

Size training evening 7.30pm.

All Saints Church, Milton

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

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Blueprint for Mission - Mothers' Union

How up to date is your knowledge of the work of today's Mothers' Union?

If you still think only of small groups of women meeting for tea and a talk in parish rooms then it's time to change your perception of our organisation. We are a worldwide organisation of 4 million members in over 80 countries working to bring about a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships.

The Annual Review 2010 – 2011, "*Blueprint for Mission*", is a well presented account of the organisation's work in the UK and worldwide and of its goals for the future. I recommend this report, you may well be

surprised by the range of activities carried out by Mothers' Union in the 21st century.

Copies of the report have been have been sent to all Rural Deans and further copies may be purchased [£2] from Mary Sumner House, 24, Tufton Street, London SW1P 3RB, telephone 0207-222-5533 or e-mail mu@themothersunion.org

For further information about the Mothers' Union please contact Joan Cameron, Ely Diocesan Mothers' Union President telephone 01353 614467 or by e-mail mothersunion@office.ely.anglican.org

Thank you from Bible Society

Bible Society exists because millions lack the Bible in a language they can understand, in a form they can use or at a price they can afford. At the same time millions still have no understanding of the Bible's value for them and their communities.

The 2011 Lent Appeal was for Bible Society and raised £11,685.

Bible Society says:

"Your gifts, support and prayers are bringing the Bible's life-changing message to people around the world.

Bible Society exists to make the Bible heard. We aim to show how the Bible connects with life.

We make Scriptures available where there are none. And we work with the Church to help it live out the Bible's message.

We do all this because Bible poverty is real. And fighting it matters."

Deputy Warden needed



Bishop Woodford House is the Ely Diocesan Retreat & Conference Centre.

We seek a Deputy Warden to share responsibility for running the Centre including management, administrative, housekeeping and catering tasks.

This is a residential position and a 2 bedroom bungalow is provided rent free

This post is subject to enhanced CRB disclosure

For further details contact Peggie Banks on 01353 663039 or at office@bishopwoodfordhouse.com

Closing date: 19 September 2011 Interviews: 11 & 12 October 2011

COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Revd Ruth Adams has resigned as Priest in Charge of Bar Hill. Her last Sunday in Bar Hill will be 11th September 2011

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