

What's On?

Children's 900th Celebration Service
19 Sept 09, Ely Cathedral
www.ely.anglican.org/900

RE Groups
24 and 30 Sept 09
1, 8, 13, 21 and 22 Oct 09
11 and 12 Nov 09
(see page 2 for full details)

Church School Cathedral Days
6 & 7 Oct 09, Ely Cathedral

Community School Days
14 & 15 Oct 09, Ely Cathedral

Vellore Trip Meeting
2 Nov 09, Diocesan Office
7.30pm
www.ely.anglican.org/education/vellore

Cambridgeshire RE Celebration Event
4 Nov 09, Over
Community Centre 4.00-6.00pm

Interfaith Week
15-21 Nov 09
www.interfaithweek.org.uk

The Role of a Governor in Church Schools
12 Nov 09, Diocesan Office 7.00pm

Archbishop of York visit
21 Nov 09 (and a Question Time for yr 11-13 students on 20 Nov)

Stir-Up Event
22 Nov 09, St Mary's School, Ely 12.00-4.00pm
(look out for more soon on our website)

New Heads Conference
27 Nov 09, Bishop Woodford House

Governor Training - SIAS
23 Feb 2010, Bishop Woodford House

Senior Teachers Conference
26 March 2010

Director's Jottings



Tim Elbourne

A very warm welcome to the new academic year from your diocesan Schools Team, especially if you are settling into a new post or role! We hope you enjoy our new style Bulletin too.

This promises to be a very eventful term for us in the Diocese with a number of special events with a Schools and Young People's focus to look forward to.

As we have been giving thanks for the past in celebrating our 900th birthday, we express too our hope for the future. Indeed we always set out in hope at the beginning of a new school year – for ourselves, our pupils and our communities. It's good to remember just how central hope is to the Christian life. Hope is more than wishful thinking or naïve optimism that things will get better. The hopes we have for our world, our young people and ourselves empower and energise us and are a defence from cynicism, fear and despair. Hope is at the heart of the educational enterprise and is grounded in the very character of God and is coupled with faith and love as one of the three most enduring gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Of course, daring to hope can be hard work too and sustaining it in ourselves and others is one of the challenges of leading a school or any community. We wish you a hope-filled school year!

Introducing Jane



Jane Sansom

Jane Sansom has spent the summer settling into her role as our new Schools Administrator.

Jane was born in London, grew up in Norfolk, and has since lived, studied and worked in London and Cambridge. After completing her studies as a Home Economist, with a particular leaning towards food photography and recipe development (her 'claim to fame' is the preparation of a roast turkey with all the trimmings which was used in a poster for a major supermarket!) Jane married and went on to become

Forthcoming highlights this term are:

Special occasions in Ely Cathedral as we conclude our Ely 900 celebrations:

- **Children's Festival** on Saturday 19th September 2-4pm. See page 4 or go to www.ely.anglican.org/900 for more details
- **Schools Days** in October
- **Archbishop of York** visit on November 21st (and a 'Question Time' for Y11-13 students the day before);

**Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

a full-time mum. She to work part-time when her children started school, and during this time has gathered many years of varied experiences working, among other things, in retail, customer services, banking, as a mortgage advisor and as student support administrator at a local school.

Jane will be on the other end of the phone to help with any of your enquires or pass them on to whichever member of our team can help.

Her particular responsibilities lie with governor support.... and gathering your news (as you will read later!).

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From The Schools Team

Christian Values - this term's liaison groups

Christian Values permeate all of a church school's life – ethos, relationships, RE, collective worship.... This term's RE groups are looking at this very important theme and anyone interested in this aspect of a school's life is invited to attend, including heads and governors – you do not have to be the school's RE co-ordinator!

The meetings all begin at 4.15 p.m. and last for just over an hour. The host schools are scattered throughout the Diocese – there should be a venue near you:

- Thursday 24 September - Wormegay School, (West Norfolk)
- Wednesday 30 September - All Saints School, March
- Thursday 1 October - Farcet School, near Peterborough
- Thursday 8 October - Teversham School
- Tuesday 13 October - Linton Infants School

- Wednesday 21 October- Thriplow School
- Thursday 22 October- Diocesan Office, Barton Road, Ely
- Wednesday 11 November- St Peter's Junior School, Wisbech
- Thursday 12 November- Great Paxton School

The meetings are free and open to both church and community schools. There will also be a free booklet of RE and collective worship resources on the theme of Christian Values for all attendees.

Please make sure that you let us know you are attending in order that we can ensure we have enough resources available.



Are you reviewing your RE provision?

Several schools have indicated that they will be trying new approaches to the curriculum this year following on from the discussions around the Rose Review – is this you? Of course, whatever effect the curriculum review has, this in no way affects the position of Religious Education, which remains a statutory locally determined subject – all schools should therefore continue to work with the county Agreed Syllabus as before.

However, some of you may be thinking it is time to introduce some new approaches to your RE themes or topics, and perhaps wondering what can be done, so we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that schools which have signed up to the Ely

Partnership Agreement are entitled to call on the Diocesan officers for support in reviewing their RE. Shirley is happy to work with individuals or whole staff groups on their RE provision, please contact her on 01353 652712 or shirley.hall@ely.anglican.org (If you are one of the few schools which has not joined the partnership, or you are a community school, then support may be bought in from the Diocese.)

Do remember that there is also a lot of practical support for the teaching of RE on the Diocesan website, including all the RE booklets issued over the last few years which have been uploaded as pdf files – why not take a look at www.ely.anglican.org/education/schools/collective_worship/

For Governors

All new Governors are invited to attend a course to be held at Bishop Woodford House on 12 November, 7.00 - 9.00pm. The aim is to help recently appointed Foundation Governors understand the special church-related responsibilities, which are an important part of their role in church schools. It will also encourage governors to consider the distinctive ethos of their own school and Cambridgeshire and understand

how this relates to Diocesan expectations.

Governors of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough schools can book through Cambridgeshire Governor Services at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/governors those in Norfolk schools please contact Jane Sansom at jane.sansom@ely.anglican.org to book.

Just Checking!

The mailing for those attending the October Schools' Cathedral Days went out in the post at the beginning of term – if yours has not yet arrived, please contact us as a matter of urgency.

A note to all Clerks

Jane has sent a letter to you all asking for an update on the members of your governing body. Please return to her as soon as you can and let her know of any imminent changes. jane.sansom@ely.anglican.org

Young People of the Year

Revealing, Recognising and Rewarding Positive Role Models

Its always good to praise the achievements of our young people. Celebrate your pupils achievements and nominate those in your school who have done something special for someone else. Take a look at www.yopey.org for full details - and don't forget to let us know if a child in your school deserves a celebration.

From our Schools

We Need You!

We hope you like the new style bulletin. We have added more info and would like to include more stories from you and your schools - please please let Jane know of any events, celebrations or stories you would like to share....on our visits we will be on the lookout for exciting ventures as well.... And we need photos too! Staff, school visitors and children can all contribute.

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We aim to publish the next issue in the last week of September. Let us know what you have been doing to mark the beginning of another school year. Do you have some exciting news to share? Will your school take the 'headline' for the next issue?!

I will endeavour to pick up your news but will rely on YOU to let me know what you have been up to....could I be added to your newsletter distribution list?

Email
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Linton Church of England Infants' School

We have been looking at some of the fun things schools and pupils got up to at the end of last term. This event at Linton Infants' stands out:

Year 2 Sleepover!

What a great evening was had by children and adults alike. The evening started with a BBQ, cooked by Mrs Markham, followed by a movie, a good run around in the playground and then the night walk. Despite all the excitement the majority of the children were asleep by 11.00 with the more resistant sleepers dead to world by 12.00. The adults were amused throughout the night with a variety of snores, sleep talking and one walker. Most children slept through to around 7 and were then fed with a light breakfast before going home to their families. My thanks go to all the adults who

made such a fun evening possible and I am glad to say the first one has not put us off doing this annually.



Thank you to www.lintoninfants.com

What a brave (for the adults) and exciting (for the children.... and adults?) idea.....do you dare.....?

GCSE results from St Bede's

The Principal, Richard Wilkin, and staff are rightly proud of the successful results for the Class of 2009.

Overall 73% of students who took their GCSE's gained 5+ A*-C grades; 65% when including Maths and English, and over 75% gained at least a C in Maths. Almost 25% of all grades were A* or A, with 23 students achieving more than 8 A* or A grades.

Richard Wilkin says: 'This demonstrates that our most able students thrive at St Bede's and enjoy the academic success that will allow them to access the very best in Higher Education...I firmly believe a Christian education is the best available.' He passes on his congratulations to the students and a big thank you to the parents for their support.

We say WELL DONE to staff and students!

Market Place

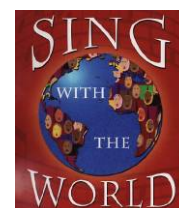
If like us you have had a tidy up over the holidays you may have found items you no longer need taking up valuable space. We wonder if we could help you with the clear up?

If you have something you no longer need taking up valuable space, let us know and we will 'advertise' it for you - to sell, or even swap (remember Swap Shop?).

Lets start with some things I have found here in our offices:

Sing with the World - a worship book

from the Iona Community, designed especially for use with primary schools. We have 3 CDs and 2 books (£5 each).



We don't intend to rival Ebay but will put you in touch with each other if you wish to buy, sell or swap.

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Take a Look

I am sure you have all heard of the living artwork One and Other by Antony Gormley. Members of the public who have been successful in a ballot stand on a plinth for an hour, in Trafalgar Square to 'perform' in whatever way they choose. Two recent 'plinthers' Alison and Hannah have spent their time in prayer - to join them visit www.oneandother.co.uk. go to week 4.

Why not use this as a new and exciting way to lead your pupils into prayer?

Document Summaries

Ref No. Cm 7588 June 2009

In June, the government published the White Paper 'Your Child, your schools, our

future:building a 21st century schools system'. It sets out proposals which, subject to legislation and in some cases further consultation, affect all maintained schools in England.

Some of the main proposals are:

- A new Pupil Guarantee
- A new Parent Guarantee
- A stronger role for School Improvement Partners
- The introduction in 2011 of a new School Report Card giving parents information
- A higher 'bar' for school inspection grades given by Ofsted
- A new Year 7 'progress check' for children starting secondary school below expectations in English and/or maths.

Hello and Goodbye

A warm welcome to all new staff at our schools.

Our new Head Teachers are:

Diane Hawkes at Swaffham Prior
Sally Daggianti at Oakington
Helen Williams at Orchards, Wisbech
Stephen Jordan at Cambridge, St Paul's

And Acting Heads:

Rebecca Richards at Elton
Kate Dorrell at Dry Drayton

New or newly reappointed Governors:

Richard Saw at Buckden
Geoffrey Datsun at Swaffham Bulbeck

Celebration



The Children's 900 Celebration Service will take place in Ely Cathedral on Saturday 19 September 2.00-4.00pm.

This is a free, all age event to which children from all parishes have been invited. You are invited to come



along, with children from your school, or your own family, to join in the celebrations.

Groups are being asked to bring a stone decorated with their parish name or any design or painting which represents their church or the life of their locality.

Go to www.anglican.org/education/children/childrevents for more details.

In Our Prayers

Mutual prayer and support is of the essence of Christian life. Ministers gather every day in Ely Cathedral and daily prayers include those for our parishes and schools. Schools included in the prayers during September are:

6th - All our schools in our Diocese
7th - Barnabas Oley CoE Primary
10th - Buckden CoE Primary

12th - Gt Paxton CoE Primary
18th - St Paul's CoE Primary, Cambridge
19th - St Philip's Community CoE Primary, Cambridge
25 and 26th - Gt & Lt Shelford CoE Primary
30th - Runcton Holme

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We Like

'Boomwhackers' - a fun musical 'instrument' made from plastic tubing which can produce a real musical note - bash 2 together and you have the makings of a tune. Try them....
www.boomwhackers.com

Vacancies

Upcoming Headteacher Posts:

Tilney All Saints
Elton
St Anne's, Godmanchester
Elm
St Marys, St Neot's (closing date 18 Sept)

Teacher

Ely St Mary's- to cover maternity leave (closing date 18 Sept)

Great Wilbraham - part-time, to cover maternity leave (closing date 17 Sept)

Teaching Assistant

Cambridge, St Lukes (closing date 11 Sept)

Nursery Nurse

Cambridge, St Lukes (closing date 14 Sept)

See www.epm.co.uk for more details on these vacancies.

SIAS Reports

SIAS and Ofsted reports were recently published for:

Cheveley Church of England School

Wisbech St Mary Church of England Primary School

See our website for full details on all schools reports, information including contact details and individual websites at www.ely.anglican.org/education