

## Director's Jottings

### Education Sunday and Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



**This is a busy week for churches of all denominations!**

Over the next week, the churches and cathedrals of Great Britain keep two annual occasions which you will want to mark in school and parish. The first, for eight days beginning on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January, is the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. The second, celebrated this Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, is **Education Sunday**.

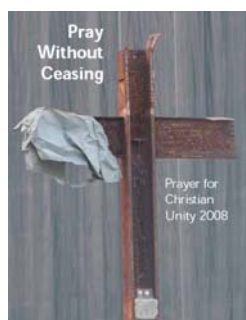
Both have been observed for a long time – Christian Unity Week marks its centenary this year and Education Sunday has been observed for even longer.

Both are reminders that Christian faith changes lives and our perspectives on life.

One of the reasons Christian people try to practice regular prayer day by day rather than just on occasions or when they feel like it, is that it helps to form and fashion us for the better. Like taking regular exercise, diet and sleep, regular prayer promotes health— spiritual health. That is a good reason to hold daily collective worship in school. After a while, like people adjusting their eyes as they emerge from a shadowy room to the bright light of day, regular prayer can change the way we see ourselves and our neighbours and our world. Our perspective can become closer to God's perspective. So much of what we do in school is intended to be formational, indeed transformational; shaping lives for in positive ways.

So the themes of this year's Education Sunday and Week of Prayer for Christian Unity fit together well.

For Education Sunday, the theme is 'Come and See'. Its focus is on how the teachings of Jesus help us to see differently and more clearly, in the same way today as they helped his first followers to change their own lives and perspectives.



The theme for Christian Unity Week, is 'Pray without Ceasing'. It is one hundred years after an 'octave' (eight days) of prayer for unity was first developed by Father Paul Wattson in New

York in January 1908. Today, Christians the world over set aside this week to pray for unity and have adopted the testament:

**"In order to unite with one another, we must love one another; in order to love one another, we must know one another; in order to know one another, we must go and meet one another."**



Tim Elbourne

You can find resources and prayers, including PowerPoint slides suitable for assemblies and all age worship, for both Education Sunday and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity by following links from the homepage of the Churches Together in England website (<http://www.churches-together.net/>).

Full link addresses are:

**Education Sunday:**  
<http://www.churches-together.net/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=96291>

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:**  
[http://www.ctbi.org.uk/CGC/183?N\\_@wpcu2008/weekofprayer.html](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/CGC/183?N_@wpcu2008/weekofprayer.html)

## Diocesan Children's Work Adviser

**See Page 4 for details of an exciting opportunity!**

## Schools Bulletin

Feedback indicates that you appreciate the regularity of a Schools Bulletin every fortnight-but it can be easy to miss something and space doesn't permit lengthy articles or guidance documents. So every Bulletin, together with associated documents, is available on our website for future reference. See [http://www.ely.anglican.org/education/schools/schools\\_bulletin.html](http://www.ely.anglican.org/education/schools/schools_bulletin.html)

If you receive this by e-mail, don't forget that only the front page is transmitted in the body of the e-mail: you should open the pdf attachment to see the whole bulletin! We are always glad to add (or remove) names from our mailing list and to include news and ideas from your school.

We also encourage you to print hard copies of the Bulletin to distribute to colleagues in staff rooms and churches.

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The Schools Bulletin is published fortnightly in term. We are pleased to publish news and notices. Please send details and pictures (jpeg) and we will try to include them. Send to: [debbie.jordan@ely.anglican.org](mailto:debbie.jordan@ely.anglican.org)

## From the Schools Team

### Stained Glass Windows for your School



Ely St Mary's School Entrance  
Hall Window

The Stained Glass Museum has just completed a project with St Mary's primary school, Ely, which has resulted in this wonderful window for their entrance hall.

The whole year group was involved in the making of the window - cutting glass, designing an individual element of the window and then fusing the panels.

Thanks also to Althea Braithwaite who taught them and who was overall design co-ordinator for the project, Barley Studio for assembling the panel and to local joiner Bob Button for making the cabinet.

Susan Matthews writes: The Stained Glass Museum would like to help schools to produce a stunning piece of stained glass art for their school which will not only provide a beauti-

ful and most unusual feature but will provide valuable learning opportunities for children and staff. The making of stained glass demands a range of skills not covered in any other art form. It also involves art & design, science, RE and technology. Our staff are happy to work in schools or with children in the Museum to help in the realisation of a school project.



In the first instance a Pupils involved in the making of meeting would be necessary before any idea of cost could be given but the making of a window would require dedicated funding.

Please contact the Curator of The Stained Glass Museum if you would like to discuss a project. Email [Curator@stainedglassmuseum.com](mailto:Curator@stainedglassmuseum.com)

### Day for Change



Schools in the UK can help more children in The Gambia to have safe water and sanitation by signing up for Day for Change and raising funds for Unicef's programme.

Schools that register receive a resource pack with materials to support curriculum-based activities on water and sanitation.

Pupils can discover more about The Gambia and prepare their own assemblies to help them raise as much money as possible.

The resource pack has been prepared by Unicef's education team and contains a CD-Rom with presentations, resources and assemblies. It has two A2 posters and six photo cards carrying real stories of children.

Joining Day for Change is on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008 (but your school can pick another day if this is not suitable).

You can register online at [www.unicef.org.uk/daydayforchange/teacher](http://www.unicef.org.uk/daydayforchange/teacher) or call/email Unicef on 0870-6063377 - Email: [dayforchange@unicef.org.uk](mailto:dayforchange@unicef.org.uk)

### Watch for birdie (KS1-2)

Turn your classroom into a bird hide and set up bird feeders this winter.

21<sup>st</sup> Jan to 1<sup>st</sup> Feb will see the world's biggest bird survey, the RSPB Big School's Birdwatch.

It will encourage children and their teachers to look for and count the birds that share the school environment.

Visit [www.rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch) or ring 0870-0555761 for a FREE pack



### Ictopus



Ictopus (ICT online primary user support) is a FREE Service to help primary teachers develop their use of ICT. You can register

on the site for the weekly magazine 'Sharing Good Practice'.

Every week the site offers four new lessons in different subjects for different ages offering ideas on using the technology. There is a range of activities including word searches and puzzles.

In many instances the technology simulates a problem that could not be solved conventionally in the classroom. More information from [www.ictopus.org.uk](http://www.ictopus.org.uk)

## From the National Society

### Leadership in Faith Schools



You can listen online to Nick McKemey's contribution to a roundtable discussion on the challenges of leadership recruitment in faith

schools, hosted by veteran broadcaster Sue MacGregor.

The National College for School Leadership brought together Nick McKemey, Head of School Improvement from the Church of England Education Division, Oona Stannard, Chief Executive and Director of the Catholic Education Service, and Jeffrey Leader, Director of Education for the Agency for Jewish Education to discuss the issues of leadership recruitment for schools of a religious character.

Nick outlines that his aim is to provide a sufficient quantity and quality of leaders for Church of England schools. This is no small undertaking, as there are around 5,000 schools in the system, the bulk of which are primary schools, but with a growing secondary sector. He says:

"Nearly 40% of all the children that attend a Church of Eng-

land school are in a rural school and most of them are in very small schools. At the other end, we have a very rapidly expanding Academy programme of up to a hundred new secondary schools. We also have around 40 dioceses who are actively engaged with those schools so there is a support network, but one of the reasons that we have joined with the National College enthusiastically in this new partnership is that we recognise that providing the right quality of leadership is key. We expect our schools to be distinctively Christian and therefore we are looking for leadership which will underpin that. Now that does not necessarily mean that the head has to be the focus of Christian leadership in the school, that can come from chaplaincy or other directions and very often it is located somewhere else in the school".

To listen to the roundtable discussion go to [www.ncsl.org.uk/tomorrowsleaderstoday](http://www.ncsl.org.uk/tomorrowsleaderstoday) You will also find publications, keynote speakers and interactive resources, specially developed for governors, dioceses and local authorities, current headteachers and aspiring headteachers.

## From the Diocese

### Grow Together



#### GROWING TOGETHER

Adults and Children learning, having fun and worshiping together!

Children are very much part of the church of today and not just the church of tomorrow. This is a day that brings together children themselves and the adults working with them, to learn, have fun and worship. There will be some joint workshops, workshops for adults alone and a children's only programme in the morning.



- ◆ This is probably the largest gathering of all-ages from many different church denominations in the Cambridge area coming together to inspire one another, and worship as God's people! So let's be excited and make sure you are part of it!
- ◆ Last year people came from as far a field as Norwich and King's Lynn and we were full so do book early!! Come as a church! Come as a family! Come on your own! All welcome!
- ◆ The feed back was very positive from both children and adults alike!

If you are planning to come it makes life much easier if you book up in advance. Please spread the word!

**Saturday 19th January 2008**

**9.50 - 3.30pm (Registration 9.15am)**

**at MILTON CofE Primary School, Humphries Way, Milton CB4 7DL**

**Cost £10 for adults, £2 for children if booked in advance**

**£12 for adults, £3 for children if you pay on the door**

**Bring a packed lunch – Drinks available**

**Bookings (including booking form and Details: - Pam Lyon, 12 Harding Way, Histon, Cambridge, CB4 9JH. [pam-ela.lyon@homecall.co.uk](mailto:pam-ela.lyon@homecall.co.uk)**

**More details- Linda King, 01954 780924, [lakingl@btinternet.com](mailto:lakingl@btinternet.com)**

#### Note:

Children are most welcomed alongside adults – *This doesn't mean you have to find a group of children to be able to attend!* – Children remain your responsibility and we would suggest those aged 7+ would get most out of the day, although there will be a hands on under 5 workshop. (No crèche facilities)

## From the Diocese

### *Diocesan Children's Work Adviser*

We wish to appoint a Diocesan Children's Work Adviser. This is a strategic post to carry forward mission with children and their families across the diocese. The full-time job is located in the Education and Training Team, supported by the Children's Council, and will include encouraging parishes and mission communities across the diocese to develop environments which are protective and nurturing. It will also involve working with others to organise events, resources and training as well as engaging our whole diocesan community for its mission with children.

Further details will be published on the website :



<http://www.ely.anglican.org/education/children/>

People interested in exploring further this opportunity are invited in the first instance to contact the Director of Education and Training, Canon Tim Elbourne ([tim.elbourne@ely.anglican.org](mailto:tim.elbourne@ely.anglican.org) or 01353 652724).

Deadline for initial expressions of interest: 8th Feb

## From our Schools

### *Elton Primary School's Visit from the Bishop*



**December 2006 saw the start of our long awaited building project.**

Nearly four years had passed since planning permission was approved and the plans agreed and finally we were given the go ahead.

I could scarcely believe it. Would the dream really become a reality?

Well, Anne Wass, the Secretary and I moved out of our offices and began life in our salubrious temporary accommodation – a portacabin on the playground! The staffroom also became another portacabin perched on top of the offices! Suddenly it really did seem that the project was real!

The contractors moved in and very quickly the school became a building site with walls being ripped down and rubble everywhere. New foundations were laid and gradually the new walls and extensions as well as the internal restructuring began to take shape. The noise and mess was phenomenal but the children and staff superb.

The majority of work took place during the depths of winter with snow, ice and wind whistling around us (there were days when we thought the staffroom might actually blow off the top of the offices) but still the builders worked on. Gradually the winter months disappeared and spring then summer emerged, along with our new

school. The walls were painted and new carpet laid, ready for us to open in September.

The new school year arrived and we were delighted to finally be in our new offices and entrance, Reception outdoor play area, children's cloakrooms and toilets, staffroom and group room (although a tiny part of me missed our portacabins – they were very warm and cosy!!)

We were all so grateful for our new buildings that it seemed only right to mark the occasion in a special way and so we invited the Bishop of Ely, Dr Anthony Russell to lead a special service to bless the new buildings and dedicate them to God. This special service took place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and was attended by many both old and young.



Following our very successful OfSTED Inspection and Church School Inspection in November and December this service was the perfect way to end the term and year.



Mrs Claire Drake,  
Headteacher

## For Governors

### *Welcome to newly appointed Foundation Governors*

**New (or re-appointed) Foundation Governors:-**

- ◆ **Alexander Lister—Duxford CE Community Primary School**
- ◆ **Martin Seeley—St Luke's CE Primary School**
- ◆ **Patricia Howlett—St Martin at Shouldham CE Primary School**

May I ask all Clerks to keep a check on the terms of office of all Foundation Governors and advise Debbie Jordan of any re-appointments.

Thank you,



## Hellos and Goodbyes



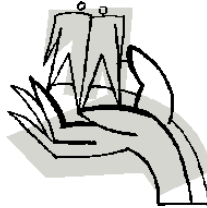
The Revd Kylie Hodgins has been appointed as priest in charge of All Saints Church in Cottenham

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### Dates for the Diary

### In our Prayers over the next month



Day	School
14th January	Barnabas Oley CE Primary School
16th January	Buckden CE Primary School
26th January	Great Paxton CE Primary School
28th January	Dry Drayton CE Primary School

Grow Together	19th January 2008	Milton CE Primary School
Education Sunday	20th January 2008	
The Changing Face of Religious Education	22nd Jan 2008	Godmanchester Professional Development Centre
National Conference for Christians in School Leadership	7th-9th Feb. 2008	Coton House Rugby
Farmington Fellowships 2008/09	4th Feb 2008	Closing date for applications
Diocesan Children's Work Adviser	8th Feb 2008	Deadline for initial expressions of interest
Fair-trade Fortnight	25th Feb -9th March 2008	

### Vacancies

SCHOOL	VACANCY	CLOSING DATE
Teversham CE Primary	Headteacher	25.1.08
Great & Little Shelford	Teaching Assistant	23.1.08

Contact details for all schools can be found on our website:  
[www.ely.anglican.org/education/schools/Info/Sch](http://www.ely.anglican.org/education/schools/Info/Sch)

### Please note.....

department for  
**children, schools and families**

Please note that the Department for Children, Schools & Families Accounts have been sent out to all our Church Aided Schools.

Thank You.

David Hicks, Buildings and Finance Officer

### SIAS Inspections

Inspection Reports (Ofsted and Statutory Church School Inspection) were published recently for the following schools:

- **Great Gidding CE Primary School**

These Inspection Reports can be read directly via the link on our website. Click on:

**"Information about Individual Schools" on the Education or Schools homepages**

We're on the web!  
[www.ely.anglican.org/education](http://www.ely.anglican.org/education)