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From the Archdeacon of
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Dear Churchwarden,

I am writing to you as the first named churchwarden in the Diocesan Directory. Please pass on all the information in this envelope to your colleague warden (if you have one) as they will not have received this letter.

The annual Articles of Enquiry form is enclosed.

Please also note that an e-version is available on the Diocesan website. It can be found at www.ely.anglican.org/information/aoe2009.html

It would help us enormously if you could fill in that version and submit it electronically rather than sending a paper copy back. However, which version you use is entirely up to you but please return it to me as soon as possible.

This letter also contains a number of other items

- 1) The “blue form”. This is the form that gives us up-to-date contact details for every churchwarden. Please bring it with you to the visitation. **Do not return it with the Articles of Enquiry.**
- 2) Details of this year’s visitations. As you know, to be a churchwarden you have to appear before me so that I or the Registrar can officially swear you in. I perform this function on behalf of the Bishop.

As the Office of Churchwarden is an annual office, even if you have been a warden for twenty years you still have to be sworn in each year.

If you are unable to present yourself before me at one of the visitations this year please inform me by writing to me at the above address.

- 3) Churchwardens’ Training. This year we are slightly changing the initial training offered to wardens. Instead of being on a Saturday we are offering two evening events. The venue will be at the Diocesan Office.

These have proved to be very successful and have been appreciated by those who have attended in the past. If you or your successor would like to come please return the form to the Diocesan Office marked ‘Churchwardens’ training’.

4) Additional Training is being offered this year by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings (SPAB): there is a leaflet about that day event in this package. I do hope that a number of you will be able to attend.

5) Details of a series of sponsored cycle rides I am planning around each deanery.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for all you do as a Churchwarden. It is a time consuming task but one which I hope has its own rewards.

I look forward to seeing many of you again at this year's visitation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hugh', written in a cursive style.

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ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION DATES 2009

For the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon and Wisbech

- Tuesday 5th May, 7.30pm St Mary, Denver
- Thursday 7th May, 7.30pm St Mary, Wisbech
- Wednesday 10th June, 7.30pm Holy Trinity, Orton Longueville
- Monday 15th June, 7.30pm St Mary, Buckden
- Monday 22nd June, 7.30pm St Peter and St Paul, Chatteris