

# Ely Diocesan Association of Readers (Licensed Lay Ministers).

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Dear Colleagues,

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My I wish you all Happy New Year for 2012.

The start of any New Year, brings changes. Our first change is the venue for the AGM and Study Day, which is to be held at Wicken Village Hall this year on the 12<sup>th</sup> May (lunch will be provided). The theme of the day is 'Vocation - our own and others', and our guest speaker is the Revd Canon Dr Dennis Stamps, who is Director for Ministry in St Albans Diocese. I am looking forward to a good attendance, and registration details will be sent out in April.

Our next change is to say congratulations to Rev Dr Julie Norris, who has been appointed to Rural Dean, and we are pleased to welcome Canon Sue Wyatt, who has agreed to become Area Subwarden for Cambridge South. While on the subject of Board members can I remind you who the Area Representatives are, please meet them at the AGM/Area Meetings and use them to feed back to the Board:

Cambridge North	Ms Angela Watts (Secretary)	and	Ms Kathy English
Cambridge South	Mrs Rita Ollett	and	Mrs Maureen Dobson
Huntingdon Area	Mr Harvey Marshall	and	Mr Tim Berry
Wisbech Area	Mrs Stevie Brookes	and	Mrs Carol Nicholas-Letch

To keep communication simple for you to contact the Board, we now have a generic email account, [chair@readers.ely.anglican.org](mailto:chair@readers.ely.anglican.org). This will always be linked to the current Chair, who will pass any correspondence to the relevant members of the Board.

At this time of the year attached to this mailing is the dreaded Annual Review Form, and this year we have given you an added bonus the Working Agreement Form. On the Annual Review Form, we have included the following Personal Details, Date of Birth, Year first admitted and Year Licensed in Ely. In order to ensure all our records are up to date, please can both forms be returned to your Area Subwarden, by the end of February. They are also available to download from Bishop David's Blog.

Just to leave you with some good news. Many of you will have fond memories of John Hullock, or even appeared in one of his famous photos. The Association has been left a legacy of £2000 from John's estate, and his request was for it to be used for books for training. Therefore the Board has recommended that on the triennial of a newly Licensed Lay Minister from 2011, they will receive details for purchasing a book for further training.

And finally we congratulate Kate Aylmer to her newly appointed position of Lay Canon.

Bishop +David and I look forward to meeting you all on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, when we have another opportunity of celebrating the work of Licensed Lay Ministry and developing our role as lay theologians in the Diocese of Ely.

Yours sincerely

*Steve Mashford*

Chair, Ely Diocesan Association of Readers (Licensed Lay Ministers)



## **Forthcoming Events 2012**

### **February 2012**

Exploring the Eucharist through Music and Image, Diocesan Office and Cathedral. This is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 12.00 to 3.30pm. This will include training of Communion By Extension. Contact [Christine.worsley@ely.anglican.org](mailto:Christine.worsley@ely.anglican.org), or [Alison.evans@office.ely.anglican.org](mailto:Alison.evans@office.ely.anglican.org). to book your place by end of January.

Board Meeting, Diocesan Office. This on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm

### **March 2012**

Using Art in Preaching. A focus on Holy Week texts, Cathedral. This is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 9.45am to 1.00pm. Contact [Alison.evans@office.ely.anglican.org](mailto:Alison.evans@office.ely.anglican.org). to book your place by the end of January.

'Evening Pilgrimage Tour', Ely Cathedral. This is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Contact Jan Payne to book your place ([janmpayne@googlemail.com](mailto:janmpayne@googlemail.com)).

Selection Day, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Diocesan Office.

An Early Good Friday, Ely Cathedral. This is on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9.45am to 4.00pm, includes lunch but only 120 places. Contact Dr Bridget Nichols, The Bishop's House, Ely, Cambs, CB7 4DW or [bridget.nichols@ely.anglican.org](mailto:bridget.nichols@ely.anglican.org) to register and mention any dietary needs by 31<sup>st</sup> January.

### **May 2012**

'Vocation - Our Own and Others' AGM and Study day at Wicken Village Hall. This is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 9.45 to 3.00pm. Registration details to be sent out early April.

'Valuing Age: The Church's Ministry Amongst Older People, Ely Methodist Church, led by Dr James Woodward. This is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 9.45 to 4.00pm. Application forms can be downloaded from the Ministry section of the Diocesan website. There is a cost of £5.

### **July 2012**

Board Meeting, Diocesan Office. This is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm

### **September 2012**

Board Meeting, Diocesan Office. This is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm

### **October 2012**

Annual Licensing Service, Cathedral. This is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm to 4.00pm

Selection Day, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October, Diocesan Office

### **November 2012**

Board Meeting, Diocesan Office. This is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm

'Living Doctrine: Meeting God in the Ordinary Life. This is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 9.45 to 1.00pm. Details to be confirmed later.