



Circle the World
A celebration of God's world and our place in it
July 21 2012 Ely Cathedral

Dear Colleagues,

As we welcome many different nations to our country for the Olympic Games, the Diocese of Ely would like to celebrate the world which these nations represent. On **21 July 2012**, a week before the opening celebration of the Olympics, we are holding our own celebration of God's world and our place in it, called '**Circle the World**'.

To make the celebration as wide as possible, we are inviting the diocesan link groups, all parishes with world church links as well as other denominations and mission and aid agencies – both Christian and secular – to participate. We would like to invite you to put up a display within **Ely Cathedral** that tells of your link. The display can include whatever you would like to include. It would be good if there were some people who were prepared to talk to others about your work and how others can be involved. You will need to bring all the equipment you require. Displays can be interactive, and electricity provided (if we know in advance).

At lunchtime there will an enormous **bring and share lunch**. It would be lovely for this to have an international flavour, and if all those could bring food that represented the particular part of the world with which you are linked, that would be really wonderful. At the moment we are engaged in talks with the local council to organise games for children during the day. There will also be some children's activities in the Cathedral itself.

We would like a rolling programme of arts from around the world. If you know of any music or dancing groups either based in the UK or visiting at the time, any Olympians staying in your area, or if you have any travelling art exhibitions of any kind, please can you let Canon Fiona Brampton (fiona.brampton@btinternet.com) have a name for a contact person. It would be good if they were able to join us.

Please can you complete the register of interest form enclosed and return it to Canon Brampton, so the planning group can begin to plan the day.
I look forward to sharing this exciting day with you.

With all best wishes.

+ David

Rt Revd David Thompson,
Bishop of Huntingdon.