

900 and beyond

News from around the Diocese of Ely

WHAT'S ON

April 25th at 10am.

'Liturgy and Architecture' - the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust Annual Conference 2009 at Wolfson College, Cambridge. There will be talks by four distinguished speakers Dr Allan Doig, Dr Bridget Nichols, Dr James Garrard and Richard Giles. Further details at www.ely.anglican.org/900/parish_events.html/#chct

April 25th at 7pm. 'Ely After Dark' - guided tour of the medieval/Benedictine past of the Cathedral; supper served in the Lady Chapel accompanied by readings from the Rule of St Benedict; candle-light procession; Compline. For details and tickets go to www.elycathedral.org or telephone 01353 660359.

May 15th at 6.45pm. Praise Party for 5-11s at Ely Cathedral. See www.ely.anglican.org/education/children/childrens_events.html for details and bookings.

May 16th at 5:30 pm. Ely Festival of Music at Ely Cathedral. The theme is *'Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever'*. The service will include the world premiere of a new John Rutter anthem written to celebrate Ely 900. www.ely.anglican.org/900/events/church-music-festival.html for details.

Three paintings by Canon Shamus Williams entitled 'Ely 900: Penitence, Ministry, Glory' are currently on display in Great St. Mary's.



*Photo: Mrs Rosemary Kempshall and Mrs Joan Cameron at MU Service on 28th March.
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Visit of Mothers' Union Worldwide President

Hundreds of Mothers' Union members from across the Diocese together with invited guests, including the Mayor of Ely, gathered in Ely Cathedral to hear their Worldwide President on March 28th. The service, which celebrated Lady Day – the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin – was led by Dr David Thomson, the Bishop of Huntingdon, for Ely's 900 celebrations.

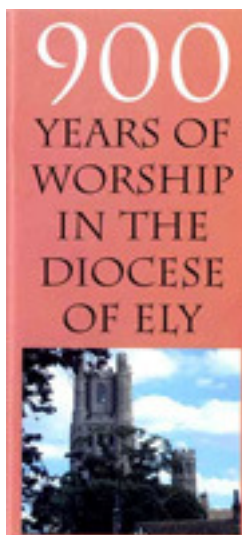
The Mothers' Union Worldwide President, Mrs Rosemary Kempshall spoke about the Annunciation and how the Virgin Mary had

accepted God's life-changing challenge given her by the angel Gabriel and how Christians should also be ready to respond to God's challenges.

The service ended with the traditional recessional procession of branch banners led by the diocesan banner carried by a young family from the Cathedral Mothers' Union branch.

For more about the service and to see photos go to www.ely.anglican.org/900/events/mu-service.html

History of Ely Diocese booklet



A 52-page colour booklet, commissioned to mark the 900th anniversary of the Diocese of Ely, has gone on sale. It has been compiled by former Ely Standard editor John Ison and local historian Lynne Turner, and tells a fascinating story that has relevance far beyond the faithfulness of the Christian community it records.

tion of its first Bishop. It records the growth of the Diocese in the 13th and early 14th centuries, which was brought to a sudden halt by the Black Death with its widespread devastation. It outlines the impact of the Dissolution of the Monasteries in our region, and the austere lifestyle imposed by the Puritans during Oliver Cromwell's rule.

All of the 14 deaneries has its own section in the booklet with a history on each.

This booklet, costing £2 a copy plus postage and packing, is available from Jackie Cox at the Diocesan Office, tel. 01353 653701, email: jackie.cox@office.ely.anglican.org

The account begins with the foundation of the Ely Diocese in 1109 and the consecra-

For more details on ordering the guide go to www.ely.anglican.org/900/900guide.html

Beer, bookmarks and badges



There has been a great deal of interest in the items celebrating Ely 900. 'Three Crowns', a commemorative **beer** brewed especially for Ely 900, has been produced locally by The City of Cambridge Brewery.

Ely 900 childrens' and adults' **bookmarks** were given out at the service in January but additional ones are available. They carry 'Ely 900' prayer and logo and are free of charge to all members of congregations but a donation of £1.25 per adult bookmark is suggested otherwise.

NEW! Core Skills Training

- Do you work with children in a midweek church group or holiday club?
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- Would you like to develop your confidence to work with children even more effectively?

Then Core Skills is the training course for you! It will give you the confidence, understanding and skills you need to work with children and nurture them in their journey of

Headteachers discuss 'A Good Childhood'

Church school headteachers recently spent a day together considering what makes for good childhood.

Drawing on the recent report 'A Good Childhood' (Penguin 2009) and Sue Palmer's book 'Toxic Childhood' (Orion 2006), they considered some of the cultural influences that can harm children and strategies for addressing them. Also on the agenda was advice on developing a Fairtrade School and

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Additional Ely 900 **lapel badges** are also available for which a £1 donation is suggested. There have been several encouraging stories of people wearing Ely 900 badges and therefore being recognised by others who otherwise would have had no idea that they too are part of a church in this Diocese.

For more information on obtaining the Ely 900 items go to www.ely.anglican.org/900/900merchandise.html or contact Sue Wyatt, 01223 247451 sue.wyatt@ely.anglican.org.

faith, whether you are experienced, new to children's work or hoping to start. It will inspire and refresh you and the work you do.



For further details, locations, dates and how to book go to www.ely.anglican.org/education/children/training.html or contact Julia Chamberlin, 01353 652714 julia.chamberlin@ely.anglican.org

a session with Bishop David culminating in worship.

Writing afterwards, one headteacher described the day as 'very helpful and motivating' and offering 'renewed strength and encouragement'. There are 82 Church schools in our Diocese, attended by over 13,500 pupils, with over 70% described as either 'good' or 'outstanding' by recent inspections.



Bishops of Ely and Huntingdon and Revd Canon Vanessa Herrick with Revd Nigel Whitehouse at his commissioning as Honorary Assistant Director of Ordinations in the Diocese of Ely on 14th March 2009.

The Revd Jonathan Randall is to be Incumbent of Yaxley, Holme with Conington and Priest in Charge of Farcet. Jon is currently curate at Hemingford Abbots and Hemingford Grey.

The Revd Margaret Harper has been appointed as Team Vicar of the Ely Team Ministry. Margaret, is currently Priest in charge in Burmantofts and Leeds. She is married to Tony.

The Reverend Andrew Chrich is to be incumbent of St Mary and St Michael, Trumpington. Andy, is currently incumbent of St Michael, Linton in Craven in the Diocese of Bradford. He is married to Jo and has two children, Anna and Oliver.

The Reverend Stephen Day has been appointed as Team Vicar, in the Papworth Team Ministry. Stephen, currently Assistant Curate of Holy Cross, Waltham Abbey Team Ministry in the Diocese of Chelmsford, is married to Janice and has two teenage sons Douglas and Teddy.

The Reverend Gareth Rowland, Chaplain at the Papworth Hospital NHS Trust, has been appointed as the Bishop's Adviser for Health Chaplaincy with immediate effect.

The Revd Dr Mike Hughes has been appointed as Bishop's Adviser for the Healing Ministry. Dr Hughes is a GP in the village of Feltwell and Honorary Curate in the Ely Team Ministry.

Reverend Dr Timothy Charles Appleton died peacefully at Addenbrooke's Hospital on the 14th March. He leaves a widow, Jan, and two children, John and Simon.

For more details see www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/media/announcements/