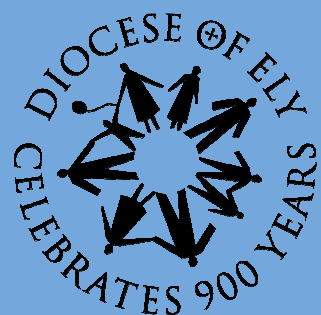


900 and beyond

News from around the Diocese of Ely



WHAT'S ON

March 28th 10am - 4pm

Visual Liturgy Training Day at King's School Ely. *Visual Liturgy* is a powerful software package to help you plan services and acts of worship by using a computer.

www.ely.anglican.org/900/parish_events.html/

March 29th at 6pm.

Ely Cathedral Film Club presents *The Son of Man* in the Cathedral Centre. Suggested donation £3 which includes a glass of wine.

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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/childrens_events.html for details and bookings.



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Archdeacon to cycle around all his churches

The Venerable Hugh McCurdy, the Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech, is celebrating the 900th year of the Diocese by cycling around all the churches in his archdeaconry this summer - over 180 churches. He will stop briefly at each church and pray, giving thanks for life of the church and for its future. In doing this Hugh hopes to raise a substantial amount for Five Talents, the Anglican Charity specialising in micro-finance projects and for the local Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust.

Hugh is a keen cyclist and, together with Alan Hargrave (Canon Missioner at the

Cathedral) and Alan's wife Annie they raised about £3000 in 2006 for the Breakthrough Breast Cancer charity in the London to Cambridge Bike Ride.

In 2008 Hugh, again with Alan and Annie, completed the gruelling Cost to Coast cycle across the north of England in just 3 days.

For more details and photos on Hugh's cycles (past and present), dates and proposed routes and how to sponsor him go to www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/ahw-bikeride.html

Valentine Dinner raised £2000 & a Marriage Proposal!

The candlelit Valentine Vellore Dinner in Great Wilbraham Farm Barn got off to a



great start when one of the guests popped the question to his unsuspecting partner, who thankfully lost no time in saying 'yes'. Chris and Rachel are new members to St Vigor's Church, having moved to Fulbourn just a month ago. The other 100 guests toasted them and gave them a big cheer.

The event was organised in conjunction with the Diocesan Vellore Group to celebrate Ely 900 and to raise funds to build a primary

school in the Diocese of Vellore, our link Diocese, in India.

After the excitement of Chris and Rachel's engagement, the evening continued and with the help of an Auction of Gifts and Promises £2000 was raised - almost half of what is needed to build a primary school in the village of Serkadu 20km north east of Vellore. If you would like to make up the rest (£5500 is needed in total) do let the Revd Rhiannon Jones (01223 880337) know who would be very pleased to hear from you!

For photos and more about this event go to www.ely.anglican.org/900/events/vellore-dinner.html

Making your voice heard

Have you ever thought of serving on one of the Diocesan Committees? It gives you a chance to get more involved, provides you with a better understanding of what's happening in the Church and gives you an opportunity to help shape its direction.

Elections are being held in May for the Diocesan Synod and in the Autumn for the Boards and Committees. Each has a fixed term of appointment and number of meetings each year.

Bishop's Council acts as both the Board of Directors of the Ely Diocesan Board of Finance and the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Synod.

Board for Church in Society seeks to pro-

Singing with the world

Over twenty teachers recently enjoyed a day's training on music from the world church, led by Jan Payne (Bishop's Adviser for Music) and Shirley Hall (Assistant Director of Education and Schools RE Adviser).

Much of the morning was spent working on songs in the new publication, "*Sing with the world*", available as both a book and on CD from the Iona Community.

Opening our doors wider

The Churches are taking seriously the need to adopt a more understanding and friendly approach to people with autistic spectrum disorders and other life-long developmental disabilities. One in every hundred people in the UK suffer from these conditions which inhibit the way a person communicates and relates to other people.

A conference aimed at helping parishes and local communities to offer a warm welcome and a supportive, inclusive environment for

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mote, develop and coordinate responsible social thought and action within the Diocese.

Board of Education and Training supports work with adults, children and young people in schools, colleges and parishes.

Houses Sub-Committee ensures that clergy housing is maintained and sets the budget for that maintenance to be carried out.

For further details of the work of Diocesan Synod and the Boards and Committees and how to stand for election go to www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/elections.html or contact Jane Logan (01353 652729) at the Diocesan Office.

In the afternoon Shirley Hall introduced "*Flippin' Praise*", also just recently published.

If you would like to know more about music from the world church email Jan Payne at janmpayne@googlemail.com. For more details of the day go to

www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/songday.html

these vulnerable people and their families will take place on 6th June at Histon Parish Church. Speakers include one of the foremost authorities on autism, Simon Baron-Cohen along with Bishop David, Dr Jeremy Morris and Yvonne Quirk.

For further details contact Owen Spencer-Thomas (01223 358448, owenst@btinternet.com) or go to www.ely.anglican.org/900/events/autism-conf.html

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COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Revd Lesley Gore, formerly curate at St John the Evangelist, Cambridge was licensed as Curate in the Linton Team by the Archdeacon of Cambridge on 1st March at Horseheath All Saints.

The Revd Bruce Kinsey has been appointed as Bishop's Advisor on Confidential Counselling. He succeeds the Revd Canon Dr Fraser Watts and took up his post on 1st March.

The Revd John Penny has been appointed as Rural Dean of the Wisbech Lynn Marshland Deanery for a period of five years. John's commissioning will be held later in the year.

The Bishop of Ely has appointed the **Revd Nigel Whitehouse** as Honorary Assistant Director of Ordinands. Nigel is Team Rector of Whittlesey St Andrew and St Mary, Pondersbridge and Coates. He was commissioned at the Diocesan Synod meeting on 14th March.

The Revd Kenneth (Ken) George Thomas Cook passed away on 2nd March having been unwell for a number of weeks. A memorial service will be held at St Barnabas, Huntingdon, 1pm on the 19th March.

The Revd Christopher James Weston died on 15th February. A funeral service was held at St Mary & St Michael's Church, Trumpington, on 2nd March followed by a private committal.

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

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