

900 and beyond

News from around the Diocese of Ely

WHAT'S ON

November 4th at 7.30pm.

Talk by Michele Guinness at Needhams Hall, City of Ely College. Details overleaf.

November 21st from

1.30pm onwards.

Celebratory Service 'Moving on from 2009' in Ely Cathedral with Dr John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York. All are welcome at any time during the afternoon's celebratory service.

November 22nd from

1.15pm. Stir Up!

at Ely St Mary's Junior School.

There will be a roast lunch and



talk from inspirational international speaker and author Trevor Cooling. Also creative activities and a short time of worship. This is a special event organised by the Diocesan Schools Team to celebrate Ely 900. It is aimed at teachers and their families, as well as those who are considering teaching as a career. For details go to www.stir-up.org.uk

November 30th at 7.30pm.

Open Meeting with the Permanent Secretaries in Ely Cathedral to air your views on the needs of the Diocese in relation to the appointment of the next Bishop of Ely.

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Photo: The Archbishop of York at Romsey Mill, Cambridge in May 2007 © Romsey Mill

Archbishop of York to visit

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, is visiting the Diocese of Ely on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st November to bring our year of Ely 900 celebrations to a close, and commission the Diocese as it moves forward in mission.

On Saturday 21st November from 1.30 p.m. there will be a special all-age celebration, "Moving on in Mission", in Ely Cathedral to which everyone in the Diocese is invited for any part of the afternoon. There will be a variety of worship activities throughout the Cathedral.

During the afternoon everyone will be invited to gather under the Octagon for central acts of worship led by the Archbishop which will

last about 20 minutes. At 2.15pm worship will be conducted in a contemporary style with a praise band; at 3.15pm there will be a special focus on children and young families; and at 4.15pm there will be a final act of worship and commissioning with hymns and choir.

Mission Action Progress reports will be displayed in the Cathedral as part of the "Moving on in Mission" theme.

Some seating will be available, but the majority of those attending should expect to stand. No parking will be available at the Cathedral.

For further details of this service go to www.ely.anglican.org/900/aby-visit.html

Bishop of Ely dedicates twelve new bells

Twelve new bells recently installed at the University Church of Great St Mary's, Cambridge, were dedicated by the Bishop of Ely, Dr Anthony Russell, on Sunday 4th October.

The bells, which were cast in Loughborough, mark the 800th anniversary of Cambridge University.

Along with the newly-cast bells, the five clock bells of the original set are also housed in the bell chamber. In 1793, the Reverend Dr Joseph Jowett used those five bells to compose the "Cambridge Chimes" which were later copied for Big Ben and

renamed the "Westminster Chimes". The bells will continue to ring out the famous tune for years to come.

"The new bells will enable high-quality ringing that will be enjoyed by local people, and at the same time will ensure the preservation of an important part of our history," said Canon John Binns, Vicar of Great St Mary's. *"It is a peal of bells of which the church, University and city can be justly proud."*

For photos and details go to <http://tinyurl.com/gsbells>

67 new Lay Ministers licensed



67 Lay Ministers were authorised by the Bishop of Huntingdon, Dr David Thomson, at a service in Ely Cathedral on Sunday 20th September. Hundreds of people from local churches came to support the candidates.

The new Lay Ministers have completed a training programme aimed at helping them to develop the specialist skills required for service in the Christian ministry within parishes across the Diocese.

Authorised Lay Ministers can serve in a variety of capacities as administrators, children's ministers, pioneer ministers, music ministers, pastoral assistants, social awareness ministers, evangelists, worship

Bishop's Visit to Germany

Bishop David, along with the Venerable Hugh McCurdy, made an official visit to the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of the North Elbe, Germany, from 11th-13th September.

This was the Bishop's first visit to the North Elbe, which has had a partnership with our Diocese since the early days of the Meissen Agreement (1989), which increased possibilities for partnership between Anglicans and the German Protestants.

The visit included services in the deeply rural North Friesland and in the centre of

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Following the announcement of the resignation of the Right Reverend Dr. Anthony Russell, Bishop of Ely, the See will fall vacant on 28th February 2010. The Crown Nominations Commission will meet on 23rd March 2010 and 20th/21st April 2010.

Any person wishing to comment on the needs of the Diocese, or the wider Church, or who wishes to propose candidates, should write to Caroline Boddington,

leaders and youth ministers within parishes.

At the same service 59 Lay Ministers, authorised in 2006, were re-commissioned to continue working in their local parishes.

Christine Worsley, Ministerial and Adult Learning Officer says *"It's great to see so many people coming forward to develop the gifts that God has given them. The commissioning marks the end of the course but it is also a new beginning, as those commissioned seek to respond with others to God's call to service within their local communities."*

More details can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/ely-alm>

Hamburg where Bishop David greeted congregations in German. The Bishop and Archdeacon discussed spirituality and the importance of church music with local Lutheran Christians.

The Bishop of Schleswig, Gerhard Ulrich, will visit the Diocese this month to be part of the 900th anniversary celebrations on the Feast of St Etheldreda.

For further details and photos go to www.ely.anglican.org/900/germany-visit.html

Archbishops' Secretary of Appointments, The Wash House, Lambeth Palace, London SE1 7JU, or Paul Britton, Prime Minister's Secretary for Appointments, 70 Whitehall, London SW1A 2AS **by 7 December 2009.**

There will be an Open Meeting with the Permanent Secretaries in Ely Cathedral at 7.30pm on Monday 30th November 2009. It is hoped that this meeting will be well supported by the parishes.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Revd Paul West has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Wisbech St Peter and St Paul. Paul is currently Assistant Curate at St John's Dee Why in the Diocese of Sydney, Australia. Licensing details will follow in due course.

The Revd Ian Thompson, the Dean of King's College, Cambridge, died tragically on the 24th September. Bishop Anthony has written to his wife, Ann, to express heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Diocese.

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

MICHELE GUINNESS

Tickets are now available for Michele Guinness's talk at Needhams



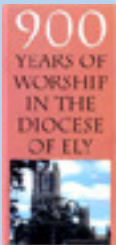
Hall, City of Ely on Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm. She will speak about her own story and about celebrating faith and festivals in the home.

This event is organised by the Mothers' Union to celebrate Ely 900 and is open to all. Michele is a well known author and a popular, international speaker.

For tickets, £5 including refreshments, contact Ros Wright, the Mothers' Union Secretary 01353 652725, resources.centre@ely.anglican.org or for more details go to www.ely.anglican.org/900/events/mu-talk.html

DIocese HISTORY GUIDE

The History of the Diocese of Ely 52-page colour booklet is still available, cost £2.



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