



# 900 and beyond

News from around the Diocese of Ely

## WHAT'S ON

**September 12<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm**

Archdeaconry of Cambridge Church Music Society Festival in King's College Chapel, Cambridge. Conducted by the Revd Canon David Pritchard.

**September 12<sup>th</sup> 10am –**

**4pm "Fresh Expressions and the Sacraments"** with Maggi Dawn at Milton.

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** Heritage Open Days.

**September 19<sup>th</sup> 2pm-4pm**

**Children's Cathedral Celebration** in Ely Cathedral. A celebration service for primary age children and their families.

**September 27<sup>th</sup> from**

**9.15am. The Bishop's Walk** from Ely to Cambridge.

**October 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

**Churchwardens' Training Evening** at Bishop Woodford House, Ely.

**October 8<sup>th</sup> 11am. "The**

**Trouble With Kids"** seminar by Professor Tanya Byron. Cripps Theatre, Magdalene College, Cambridge.

**November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.**

**Talk by Michelle Guinness** at Needhams Hall, City of Ely College.

**November 21<sup>st</sup> from**

**1.30pm onwards**

Celebratory Service **'Moving on from 2009'**

in Ely Cathedral

with Dr John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York.



[www.ely.anglican.org/news\\_events/events.html](http://www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/events.html) for details of all events.



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*Photo: The Bishop of Ely's flotilla arrives at Baits Bite Lock in May 2009 © Owen Spencer Thomas*

## The Bishop's Walk and Back to Church Sunday

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September will be a busy day for many across our Diocese.

'Many parishes are planning to take part in the 'Back to Church Sunday' initiative where churchgoers invite someone special to return to church with them. Last year's 'Back to Church Sunday' initiative estimated that over 37,000 people in the UK took up the invitation to return to church again in September 2008.

For more information on how to take part, ideas, or to download resources go to [www.ely.anglican.org/news\\_events/btcs.html](http://www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/btcs.html) or contact the Revd Nick Devenish, [nickdevenish@mac.com](mailto:nickdevenish@mac.com).

Also on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September the Bishop of Ely will be commemorating the

relationship of the Bishops of Ely and Cambridge University (who are celebrating their 800<sup>th</sup> year) by walking from Ely Cathedral to Cambridge alongside the River Cam – a distance of 17 miles.

All are welcome to join the Bishop – walkers and sailors too! Walkers will need suitable footwear and their own food and drinks as amenities are sparse along the route.

If you plan to join the walk, please let Mary Rone ([mary.rone@office.ely.anglican.org](mailto:mary.rone@office.ely.anglican.org), 01353 652703) at the Diocesan Office know so that meeting up is ensured. Call 07968 025157 on the day to find out when the Bishop will reach your part of the River.

Full details of the route and timings are at [www.ely.anglican.org/900/events/walk.html](http://www.ely.anglican.org/900/events/walk.html)

## New Youth Council to meet at Bishop David's house

The newly-formed Diocese of Ely Youth Council (DEYC) is holding its first meeting at Bishop David's house in Lynn Road, Ely on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

This new council consists entirely of 14 to 25 year olds. It meets three times a year plus one weekend residential. All the costs of young people attending are met by the Diocese. Only one young person per benefice is allowed to sit on the council at one time. A deanery may wish to submit the name of a young person to represent it.

After the initial meeting, Youth Council will meet on the same day and at the same venue as Diocesan Synod. They will meet in a separate room but join the Synod during its coffee break. Meetings will include worship, discussions, activities and fun events. The chairperson of the new council is Bishop David's daughter, Caitlin.

If a young person from your church/deanery wishes to serve on this council, please contact David Waters, our Diocesan Youth Officer, on 07815 899545.

# Dr John Sentamu to visit Ely Diocese in November

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, is visiting our Diocese on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> November to bring our year of Ely 900 celebrations to a close, and to commission the Diocese as it moves forward in mission.

As part of the Archbishop's visit there will be a celebration service "with a difference" in Ely Cathedral from 1.30pm on the Saturday afternoon. All ages, from children to teenagers to adults, will be welcomed at this

## Learning from St Benedict

Over the next two years Alan Hargrave, Canon Missioner, will be leading a series of studies focusing on the use of the Rule of Benedict and living together well today'. They will be based on 'Seven Sacred Pauses' by Macrina Wiederkehr. The Benedictine Sisters of Turvey Abbey have kindly produced a study guide to this book.

Alan says "The idea is that we take two or three months for each chapter in order not just to read the book, but to practice living it in our daily lives. We will then meet together to share our experiences."

The dates for the next few meetings at

## What children think...of church and community

As part of the annual Schools' Cathedral Days in October, schools in the Diocese are being asked to create a display about their local community, including the church, past, present and future. Through these displays, children will be relating their experiences of Church and their hopes for their communities.

The displays will be on show in Ely Cathedral's Lady Chapel from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Jordan in October 2010

Following the successful Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May 2009, we are planning another trip to the east of the Jordan River and the land of Jordan, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

This is a wonderful country, rich in biblical heritage and highlights (of which there are many) will include Petra, Wadi Rum, Lot's

"Moving on in Mission" service which will have different elements of worship. Dr John Sentamu will speak at various points during the afternoon and unlike most Anglican services you may choose to join in for all or just part of the afternoon's celebrations.

Please do put the date in your diary and look out for further details in next month's newsletter and on the Diocesan website.

Powcher's Hall, Ely are 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2009, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 15<sup>th</sup> August and 30<sup>th</sup> October. They'll begin at 1pm with a 'Bring and Share' lunch and, following discussion and prayer, end by 3.30pm.

If you would like to take part, send a cheque for £5, payable to 'Ely Cathedral' to Alan Hargrave, Powcher's Hall, The College, Ely, CB7 4DL. You will be sent a copy of the study guide but will need to buy your own copy of 'Seven Sacred Pauses', as well as a copy of Benedict's Rule.

For more details go to [www.ely.anglican.org/news\\_events/learning-study.html](http://www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/learning-study.html)

October. Do come and look if you are in Ely.

We would like to share these displays with the wider Diocese. Would your church be able to host the exhibition for a period, or is there somewhere in your local community they could be shown? If you are interested in learning more or booking the displays, please contact Shirley Hall (01353 652712, [shirley.hall@ely.anglican.org](mailto:shirley.hall@ely.anglican.org)) in the Diocesan Office.

Cave, Baptism Site – Bethany beyond Jordan, Mount Nebo, Machaerus (where John the Baptist was imprisoned) and the Dead Sea.

For further details and a brochure please contact the Revd Malcolm Raby ([mission@ely.anglican.org](mailto:mission@ely.anglican.org)).

## COMINGS AND GOINGS

**The Revd Holly Crompton** has been appointed as Chaplain at St Bede's Inter-Church Secondary School. Holly was previously Chaplain at the Bennett Memorial School, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

**The Revd Nigel Whitehouse**, Team Rector Whittlesey St Andrew & St Mary, Pondersbridge & Coates, has been appointed as Rural Dean of the March Deanery for a period of five years. Commissioning details to follow.

**The Revd Sheila Cameron** has been appointed Priest in Charge of St Anne's, Dunbar in the Diocese of Edinburgh. Sheila is currently serving as Assistant Curate in the benefice of St George, Chester-ton. Her last Sunday will be 27<sup>th</sup> September.

For more details see [www.ely.anglican.org/news\\_events/media/announcements/](http://www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/media/announcements/)

## DISPLAY BOARDS



Parishes are reminded that the set of six display boards (also A1 laminated posters) produced by the Cambridgeshire Archives and Local Studies Dept. at Shire Hall are available to borrow.

To book either the boards or the posters contact Ros Wright at the Resources Centre, Diocesan Office, on 01353 652725 or [resources@ely.anglican.org](mailto:resources@ely.anglican.org). More detail at [www.ely.anglican.org/900/parish\\_display\\_boards.html](http://www.ely.anglican.org/900/parish_display_boards.html)