

News from around the Diocese of Ely

WHAT'S ON

July 14th, 2pm.

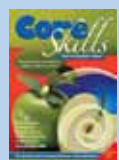
Church Website Seminar at St Andrew's Church, Histon.

July 16th, 7.15pm - midnight.

Rave in the Nave in Ely Cathedral.



CORE SKILLS COURSE



Coming in September to Burwell, in Fordham and Quy Deanery - don't miss this opportunity to find

fresh enthusiasm, confidence and deepen your understanding of this important ministry with children, while making new friends. Bookings must be made by 1st September.

For further details contact Julia Chamberlin, 01353 652714, julia.chamberlin@ely.anglican.org

TRAIN UP!

Saturday October 9th, 9.30am - 3.15pm at Milton Primary School, Cambridge.



A day of worship, workshops, networking and inspiration to encourage and equip you in your ministry with children. 'Train Up' aims to motivate you as you enthuse children on their journey of faith. Speaker is the Revd Mark Griffiths, overseer of children's ministry for New Wine.

Bring a packed lunch. Refreshments provided.

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See www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/events.html for more details on all events.



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Image: Long Service Award for Music winners with Bishop David. Photo © David Neate.

One million days of service celebrated

On 13th June, Bishop David presented awards to long-serving musicians from parishes in the Diocese.

Among those honoured were Molly Crouch and Ken Negus who had both given over 70 years service to music, Molly as an organist and Ken as a singer. Close on their heels was Mervyn Ling who completes 69 years of service this year.

In his address Bishop David spoke about the incredible fact that the combined years of service of the ninety musicians honoured totalled about 1.27 million days.

Each award winner received a Certificate of Long Service and those serving fifty or more years also received engraved medallions. In addition there were special written messages of congratulations for each nominee from John

Rutter, local distinguished musician and composer, and Lindsay Gray, Director of the Royal School of Church Music. Bishop David thanked all those present for their faithfulness in the gift of their talents, their time and their teamwork in the service of God.

Many of the recipients spoke of their surprise and joy that their hard work had been recognised in this way.

Jan Payne, Hon Bishop's Adviser for Music in the Diocese said, "This was a most enjoyable and rewarding occasion. It is right and proper that such extraordinary service should not go unrecognised. We owe much to these loyal and dedicated musicians who have enhanced the worship in their churches over many years."

For further details of those honoured and photos go to tinyurl.com/lsm-awards

Lunch with Bishop David

In June, sixty Children and Youth Leaders enjoyed a five hour event, including lunch with Bishop David, at St Mary's Church of England school in Ely.

The event was organised by David Waters, the Diocesan Youth Adviser, who gave free resources to everyone as they arrived.

During the day, worship was led by Jan Payne and musicians from the Diocese. Bishop David and Julia Chamberlin, the Diocesan Children's Adviser, held morning seminars.

The Revd Mark Savage chaired a 'Question

Time' session with panelists Bishop David, Julia Chamberlin and David Waters.

A two-course lunch was provided from the Diocesan Youth budget as a 'thank you' for all the good work done for young people by laity in churches throughout the Diocese.

After lunch, there was a 'Breathe' resources 'try out session' for youth leaders and also a session for children's workers. The day proved to be very popular and such a success that it is hoped to run it again next year.

For photos go to tinyurl.com/l-lunch



Ordination 2010

The Bishop of Huntingdon, Dr David Thomson, ordained seven priests and eight deacons in Ely Cathedral on Saturday 3rd July.

This year five of the new deacons are women – a figure reflecting the growing number of women clergy within the Church of England nationally.

The Cathedral was packed with friends and relatives of the new clergy together with

people who travelled from the parishes where the newly ordained will be ministering.

The preacher at the service was the Dean of Ely, Dr Michael Chandler, who had just spent three days leading a retreat for those to be ordained.

For more photos of the occasion and to see the parishes each candidate is serving in go to tinyurl.com/ord-2010

Bishop opens Stilton school Peace Garden

Bishop David recently visited Stilton Church of England school to open their newly created 'Peace Garden'. It is a place where children (and adults) can go to enjoy quiet and peace.

The children were all involved in designing the garden, buying plants and pots, and creating the artwork. The prayer of St Francis also features in the garden.

A service was held in the school hall to mark the occasion and Bishop David also invited the children to his, now infamous, challenge of 'how many children can get under a bishop's cope'. The children equalled the current record of twenty one!

For photos and more news of the day go to tinyurl.com/peace-gar

Two years to go!

It is now only 2 years until London 2012 with the Olympics running 27th July – 12th August 2012 and the Paralympics 29th August – 9th September 2012.



The Revd Tim Hayward, Curate at Buckden with The Offords, has been appointed as the Diocesan Missioner for 2012. If you would like to start sharing ideas about London 2012 and

how the local church can get involved please phone Tim on 01480 819665 or email him at timhayward@hotmail.co.uk

Tim is working alongside Olympic bodies and organisations. His main role will be to coordinate with churches and communities throughout the Diocese to help them engage with the opportunities that the Games present. These may be local events such as community festivals, street parties, Holiday Clubs, school assemblies, visits to the Paralympics, hospitality to competitors and visitors, joint events with sports clubs, village halls and parish councils.

For the latest information, resources and a leaflet on how your church can get involved with the Olympics go to www.ely.anglican.org/olympics

COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Revd James Pullen has retired from the benefice of St Ives. His last Sunday in the benefice was 20th June.

The Revd Jon Scamman, currently Associate Vicar at St Barnabas, Cambridge has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of St Thomas's, Lancaster. Jon's last Sunday in his current parish will be 25th July.

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

BISHOP OF ELY UPDATE

The Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech writes:

It was a privilege to serve on the Crown Nominations Committee and represent the Diocese. Six of us from Ely joined the regular members of the CNC, including the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, to consider prayerfully who the next Bishop of Ely might be.

The meeting went extremely well and a candidate emerged through the process. We had hoped to announce who the new Bishop will be this month. However a number of factors have intervened, not least the General Election and the formation of the coalition Government. I am now in a position to say that the announcement will be made in September.

So, watch this space...

PARISH EVENTS

At this time of year there are always a lot of events in many parishes around the Diocese, including flower and music festivals. Details of many of these are on the Diocesan website on the Parish Events page:

<http://tinyurl.com/parish-ev>

If you would like to advertise your parish event here email the details to Val Robson, dco.ely@gmail.com.