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Amen



Reverend Rebecca Gilbert
WELCOME!
To the Lordsbridge Team of churches

WHAT'S ON

The Rt Revd Lord Harries

On Sunday, April 6th, following Evensong (6-6.30) in Dry Drayton's parish church, the church community of Dry Drayton and the Lordsbridge Team are pleased to be able to welcome Richard Harries (former bishop of Oxford and now an active member of the House of Lords) to give an illustrated Lecture entitled 'The Image of Christ in Modern Art', the title of his most recent book. Those who do not come to Evensong will still be welcome for the lecture, which should begin at about 6.40 and end around 7.20, followed by questions and discussion.

Prayer Points:

- ◆ Easter services in the country and in the team churches
- ◆ Rebecca as she prepares to join the team.

The next **Lordsbridge prayer evening** is Tuesday 8th April at 8.00pm and will take place in Coton parish room.

Team Training Morning.

Saturday May 17th, 10 am-1 pm
We're planning some useful workshops on a range of topics, including: Leading intercessions. Reading in Church. Leading small groups. Church admin tips. Book the date now - more details soon.

Following discussions with a wide range of people of all ages, the Diocese of Ely recently published a statement of its vision. The overarching ethos is reflected in these words from the diocesan website:

We pray to be generous and visible people of Jesus Christ.

While our own focus was written by the Lordsbridge Team Council before the above, its centring on **mission, celebration, enjoyment** and **relationships** finds resonances with this vision. As does our recently composed Team Collect:

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All three of the statements above call us to be a living presence of God's love in our communities based upon being the living presence of God's love in our congregations and team. As Easter people, none of this is possible without the living presence of God's love in our own lives; fragile and partial at times that this might feel.

As part of our shared journey, we are very pleased to welcome the Reverend Rebecca Gilbert to join us, following her successful appointment to the post of Team Vicar in the Lordsbridge Team.

Rebecca is very much looking forward to joining the team and to operating as lead minister in Barton, Coton, Harlton and Haslingfield. She, along with her husband, Rich, and their two young children will be living in the rectory in Haslingfield.

Having trained at Ridley Hall Theological College, Rebecca gained a range of experience during her curacy, spending time at St Mary's, Ely and in the five parishes that make up the Three Rivers Group in the diocese.

We are so pleased to be welcoming Rebecca to the team and look forward to her joining us in the autumn, to her licensing on October 20th and to her accompanying us as we walk together generously and visibly into the future that God holds for us.

Every Easter blessing

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Thank you Leslie!

Across the Lordsbridge parishes we depend so much on the support and dedication of our retired clergy colleagues. After many years of dedicated service, Leslie Manderson is stepping down from his regular Lordsbridge commitments. Leslie put a huge amount of care and hard work into looking after Comberton and Hardwick when they were each without a resident vicar, as well as sharing in ministry across many other parishes over many years. His warmth and his commitment to preaching have been very greatly valued by so many of us. Thank you, Leslie.

(Leslie will still be helping out from time to time when there is special need)

Calling all Parish Councillors!

One of the great strengths of our parish churches is the way they are so closely involved with their local communities. Across our congregations, a number of people serve on Parish Councils (that's parish councils - not PCCs!). This is such an important way to serve God in the realities of village life, but it can also be pretty tricky doing the right thing when local village issues are contentious. Following on from the Call of the Kingdom series, it would be really good to create a network of Christians serving on parish councils - both those from the Lordsbridge parishes and also active members of other churches. If you are on a Parish Council, please let Mike Booker know on mikebooker@lordsbridge.org (or mpmb2@yahoo.co.uk if the email bounces). Hopefully we'll be able to have a gathering after Easter, and see how we can do a better job of supporting one another and serving our communities to God's glory.

Report by Emma Slater, Lordsbridge Youth worker

Since I took up the position of Youth Worker for the Lordsbridge Team in September, I have spent the last few months getting to know our young people and getting to know what they would like to do as a community of young people.

Illumin8 café is on every 3rd Sunday from 6pm and provides a place for our young people to come and chat, have fun and spend time with each other, as well as discussing topics relevant to them.

One of the things the young people asked for is a youth worship service, so they can learn more about God and worship Him with their friends. Our first Illumin8 Worship will be on Friday 25th April from 6:30, and will hopefully continue at least every other month from April onwards.

As well as running activities specifically for the Lordsbridge youth, I also represent Lordsbridge through WCCYM (West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries), going into Comberton Village College. At CVC I am involved in assemblies, various lunch clubs, mentoring and girls groups (building self-esteem and dealing with friendship issues). After Easter we will also be starting a Youth Alpha course after school at CVC, which the college has welcomed.

Although I have managed to squeeze all of this into 8 hours per week, I would love to do more with these wonderful young people. If you would like to volunteer to help (even if it is making drinks and being an extra body in the room!), I would love to have a chat with you. I believe that you never get too old for youth work, and young people can learn valuable life lessons from older people.

If you want to contact me further, you can do so using the following email:

lordsbridge.youth@gmail.com



Gathering...Worshipping...Praying...Exploring...

Exploring the
Spirituality
of SPRING

7.30-8.30 pm
(followed by refreshments)

18th May

Dry Drayton Church

Contemporary worship in word and song; prayer stations; time to reflect and pray, and perhaps be prayed for; exploring a different way to encounter God; four evenings for 2014.

After-sunset worship for the Lordsbridge Team Churches

Lordsbridge Team Churches



If you would like a news item included in the next edition in June please email information to K Dawson by 22 May
Email: kd323565@gmail.com

Easter in the Lordsbridge Team

Some services and activities in the team churches in addition to the usual Easter services.

Easter Fair Trade Shop & Café

Sat 12 April, 10am – 4pm in Coton Parish
Room (opposite the village green)
and **Easter Egg Hunt** ,
Saturday 12 April ,10.30 – 11.30am



Easter Family Fun Morning 12 April @ St Mary's Hardwick

Activities, Bible stories and refreshments.

All are welcome as preparation for Easter

A presentation of

Bach- St. John Passion



Music in Harlton

**The Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
on Palm Sunday 13th April at 7.00pm.**

Bradley Smith as *The Evangelist*, Bradley Travis as *Christ*, with Anna Harvey (alto),
Sofia Larsson (soprano), Richard Deeming (tenor), Bozidar Smoljanic (bass)
supported by the Cambridge Orpheus Singers,
London Oriana Singers, and the Brandenburg Baroque Sinfonia.

Conductor Leon Lovett

To reserve a seat in advance please contact John Helmsing, 96 High Street, Harlton,
jandmhelmsing@hotmail.com, or telephone 01223.263203.

ADMISSION FREE—RETIRING COLLECTION



Good Friday

Walking
with Jesus
on the way
of the Cross

Interactive
& child friendly,
all ages welcome.

18 April- 11 am @ St Andrew's, Toft

**Good Friday 18 April
Between 10am & 12 noon
St Mary's Hardwick, Church &
churchyard open for prayer
and reflection.**

With prayer stations.

Please come and go as it suits you.

The Dawn service

20 April- 6 am
A service at Easter
sunrise!

@ the far end of
Miller's Road, Toft.

Good Friday, 18th April: Carrying the Cross (1.00pm-3.30pm).

Once again we shall be carrying the cross around the five churches in the Mareway group of parishes on Good Friday, 18th April. This year we start at St.Mary's, Great Eversden at 1.00pm and will stop briefly at St.Helen's, Lt.Eversden at 1.25pm, then at Harlton Church at 2.00pm, and at All Saints, Haslingfield at 2.35pm. The last leg of our walk of witness is to St.Peter's, Barton for a short devotional service at 3.30pm (or thereabouts). Do come along and join us anywhere along the route to walk with us, or to help to carry the cross, or you might like to meet us at one of the churches for a brief time of reflection and prayer.

