

Exhibition in St Peter's Church, Coton

21 & 22 June

All Good Things Around Us

A celebration of
the natural world
in
photography, art,
crafts and the
written word.



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WHAT'S ON

Summer afternoons @ St Mary's, Hardwick

Enjoying tea and homemade
refreshments, with activities for
the children in a unique setting in
the Sunday Club garden
behind the church

on Tuesdays 5th, 12th and 19th
of August
and Wednesdays 6th, 13th and
20th of August

From 2 .30 to 4. 30 pm

*We don't make any charge but
contributions will be
most welcome.*

A concert featuring the City of Cambridge Brass Band

At All Saints' Church, Haslingfield

on Wednesday, 17 September
at 8 pm.

This is always a popular concert
and tickets (£10) will be available
from the Village Shop,

or enquiries in advance 01223
872190.

Walking, praying, looking, thinking

Over the next few weeks, life will have a slower pace. Life won't be stopping completely, and there some very important things happening in the life of our churches, including two Oasis clubs and the Summer Sacred Space. But generally, it will be quieter as the busy activities of our parishes slow down just a little.

I hope that most of us will get the chance for a holiday or for some good relaxation at home. That space is important, and gives us the opportunity to focus on thanking God in our prayers, recognizing all the beauty of the world around us.

If we're able to, I hope the Summer weather means that a lot of us will be spending more time outside. I'd like to suggest that we all use some of that time to pray – with our eyes open – asking that we begin to look at the world more as God looks at it. Maybe there are people God wants us to bump into, people who we are at other times too busy to notice. Maybe there will be things going on in our villages we had never spotted before – groups, places, activities, events we had not stopped to notice.

Seeing more and seeing it more in God's way can be an important spur to our praying. It might just also help us think how and where we can reach out in new ways into our communities. Are there people with whom we can share God's love? Are there places, groups or types of people currently untouched by the Christian message?

As we look to reach out in new ways in mission, looking and listening is such an important first step. Summer gives us a little more time – and hopefully the weather – to get out and about and to do both. Let's walk, look, and pray with open eyes and ears, and see what God leads us to discover.

Mike Booker

Preparing to welcome Becca, Rich and family.

Becca and family will be moving in at the end of August, and settling into life here and into their new home in Haslingfield Vicarage before her licensing on October 20th. To help them settle in we are aiming to have a house clear-up and tidy day on **Saturday 23rd August**. All volunteers welcome from 9.30-1.00. Please bring cleaning materials

This July, Mike, Alison, Corin and local church youth workers visited primary schools in Barton, Caldecote, Comberton, Coton, Dry Drayton and Hardwick for a fun and lively session with yr 6 students to explore the challenges and excitements of the transition to secondary school.

The Year 6 Transition Project is run in partnership with other local churches and the youth work team. As well as being known in the church youth network and the community, local church youth-workers - Emma, Teresa, Jonathan and Amy - regularly visit CVC and Cambourne Village College to run lunchtime Christian clubs and drop-ins and as part of the schools' pastoral teams.

Involving them in these visits provides valuable continuity for those moving on to these schools which is appreciated by the primary teachers.



The sessions also involve giving every yr 6 student a copy of Scripture Union's well regarded 'It's Your Move' booklet, as a gift from the church(es) in their community.

As well '40 top tips for secondary school', a dilemmas quiz, advice on 'how to choose your clubs' and other fun and useful things, these booklets include a Bible story or two and a contemporary version of Psalm 139.

Archdeacon designate of Cambridge **Revd Dr Alex Hughes**

Alex was born in Honiara, capital of the Solomon Islands, though he grew up on the south coast of England, in Southampton and Seaford. He came from a Christian family, but it was not until he was at Oxford studying theology that he sensed a call to ordination.



After graduating Alex worked as a factory labourer at Parker Pen. In 1998 he married Sarah, and they spent their honeymoon back-packing round East Africa, Australia and Fiji. On return they moved to Westcott House in Cambridge where Alex completed his ordination training and undertook post-graduate study.

Alex was ordained in Oxford in 2000. He served his curacy at Headington Quarry, before moving to Portsmouth diocese as Bishop's Chaplain. Since 2008 he has been a parish priest in inner-city Portsmouth. Among his duties in Portsmouth Alex is Chair of Governors at a secondary Academy.

The Bishop of Ely will collate the Revd Dr Alex Hughes as Archdeacon of Cambridge on **Sunday 14 September**. The service will take place at **3 pm in Great St Mary's** church in Cambridge.

More information from the Archdeacons' offices can be found on the [Archdeacons' Pages](#)



Hope on the Horizon

An excerpt from a letter

Re: Donation to Mercy Ships UK

Thank you so much for your note of the 5th July 2014 enclosing a cheque in the sum of £215.00 from The Mareway Group Churches as a donation to the work of Mercy Ships. I was very touched that Corin Redsell should suggest that our joint team collection be sent to Mercy Ships, it was most kind of him and a big surprise to me!

I guess it was extra special coming as it did on:

- a) St Peter's Patron Feast and
- b) Ordination Day

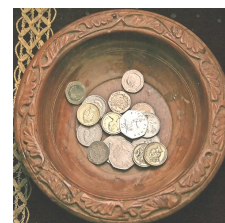
Just to bring you up to date I hope you will find the following information of interest...

The hard work carried out by our hospital ship *The Africa Mercy* in the Republic of Congo, has led to a very successful ten months outreach. Over 7000 people were screened leading to:

- * 2697 surgeries carried out on board the ship, of which 1085 cataract removals and pterygium procedures were completed and
- * 7410 dental patients were seen leading to 19,081 dental procedures being performed

The procedures were in addition to the mentoring and training of local medical professionals to ensure sustainability in local health services after the ship has left.....

Signed
Judy Polkinhorn (Revd)
Executive Director, Mercy Ships UK



OASiS

Holiday Club for 60+

Run by Comberton's Anglican, Baptist and Catholic communities at
Comberton Baptist Church, Green End

Wednesday 27th August to Friday 29th August 2014 9.30am – 2.30pm

Cost £15 for the three days, including lunch, refreshments and materials

There will be a choice of activities: arts and crafts, music, felt work, woodwork, model railway visit, croquet, boules, Christian meditations or just relaxing with a jigsaw or the newspapers

Each day there will be entertaining, illustrated talks on the theme of countryside.

These will be followed by a short time of Christian worship.

Each day ends with a hot lunch!



Space is limited and places are "first-come, first-served". Further details and forms from the churches, or call 01954 212842 / e-mail oasis@c-b-c.org.uk and we will pop one round to you.



This is a picture of a recent Confirmation Service in the newly completed Bishop Mackenzie Church at Magomero, Malawi, with which Haslingfield Church has a link.

Bishop Mackenzie used to walk from Cambridge to Haslingfield to take services before going to Africa as a missionary.

The sixth annual walk 'In the Steps of the Bishop' will be held on Saturday 20th September starting from Gonville & Caius College Chapel, Cambridge at 10.30.

Sponsor forms and enquiries from
José Hopkins, 01223 872190.

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CALL TO PRAY

At the beginning of the autumn term you are invited to come on 3 September to Coton Parish Room 8.00pm –9.00pm to help underpin God's work throughout the churches in prayer.

Everyone is welcome.

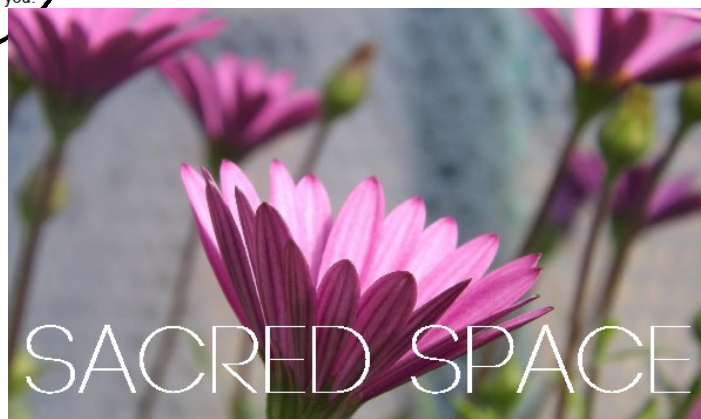
If you need more information please contact Christine Woods:
christinewoods39@gmail.com

Harlton church website:

<http://harltonvillage.org.uk/church>

If you would like a news item included in the next edition (October/November) please email information to K Dawson by 20 September

Email: kd323565@gmail.com



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

Exploring the
Spirituality
of Summer

7.30–8.30 pm
(followed by refreshments)

17th August

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.

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Photo Gallery



Dry Drayton's Songs of Praise for Feast Week in the village marquee with the Cambridge Salvation Army band (29 June).



Cream Teas on the Village Green, Coton
with Brass Band & Stalls (22 June)



St Mary's, Comberton – Evening to thank everyone who contributes to the life of the church (17 July)

