

May the peace and hope of Christ's birth be with you now and in the year to come.

For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given;  
Isaiah 9:6



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### What's on

#### Christmas Family Fun Morning

Christmassy activities, stories and refreshments

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30 am-12

at St Mary's Church

Including making a contribution to the community crib scene

#### Services in the team on Dec 28<sup>th</sup>

- 8.30 am Holy Communion (traditional) at Toft St Andrew's
- 9.30 am Prayers after Christmas at Comberton St Mary's
- 9.30 am Morning Prayer at Haslingfield All Saint's

As I write this I have only been in post for four weeks, and Christmas is approaching faster it seems than any other Christmas before! However I have been immensely grateful for the welcome and great support I have received and although a little daunted that Christmas is only around the corner, I am confident that the Lordsbridge way of doing things – of seeing our worshipping communities flourish in their local context, and joining together to do things that could simply not be done alone – is something I already greatly appreciate and will value deeply over these coming weeks ahead.

As I reflect on the Christmas approaching, in light of the last few weeks, I am thankful that at that first Christmas everyone very much played their parts. From the devotion of Mary, to the obedience of Joseph, to the messages carried by the angels, to the courage of the shepherds, and later to the worship of the Magi – and above all in the God who sent a saviour. I am thankful. And so as we celebrate Christmas together this year in our own ways, but together, what can we offer? Well, I am drawn to the carol that asks the same question, and simply encourages us to give Him our hearts. I pray that as we worship this Christmas, we may devote ourselves afresh to the God who loves us and came to join us in the person of Christ.

And as we embark on a new year ahead, I'm excited that as we continue to play our parts in our churches, communities and as part of the Lordsbridge story, we might discover new ways to share that story with others.

With love,  
Rebecca

**PIPPIN'S**   
Coffee and Company

Hardwick's community cafe, is open on 6 Dec, 3 Jan and 7 Feb. 10 to midday in the community room at the school. Coffee, cakes and company. Perhaps we'll see you there.

### CALL TO PRAY

Lordsbridge Team of Churches next prayer evening will be held in Coton Parish Room on 3 December from 8.00-9.00pm. This will be the last time before Christmas when members of the 11 churches can gather together to 'pray as one' for God's work throughout Advent and the Christmas period. Everyone is welcome. If you need more information please contact Christine Woods: [christinewoods39@gmail.com](mailto:christinewoods39@gmail.com)

# The Lordsbridge



## School of

**The Lordsbridge School of Theology is back.** Next year we'll be meeting on the last Sunday evening of each month, starting on Sunday 25th January at 7.30pm. There's no need to have attended previous years of the School. In 2015 the theme will be Living for God. We'll be exploring how theology makes a difference to daily life - to worship, belonging to the church, to mission and to the hard choices we have to make in a complicated world. Come and dig deeper into our faith. Look out for posters with more details, or contact Mike Booker to find out more.

**SACRED SPACE**  
2015

**WIND** Nov 8  
**FIRE** June 14

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

**EARTH** Feb 8  
**WATER** Aug 9

7:30-8:30PM  
DRY DRAYTON

New for 2015  
**SACRED SPACE  
QUIET MORNING**  
9 MAY

Take more time for gathering, worshipping, praying, exploring.

Alternative worship for the  
Lordsbridge Team Churches

Contemporary worship in word and song, prayer actions, time to reflect and pray, and perhaps be prayed for, exploring a different way to encounter God.

Church websites:

Harlton: <http://harltonvillage.org.uk/church>  
Comberton: <http://www.combertonchurch.co.uk/>  
Hardwick: <http://stmaryshardwick.org.uk/>  
Coton: <http://stpeterscoton.org.uk/>

## Lordsbridge

### Mission



### Mission and the start of something new

Alison writes: "I am looking for people who are interested in mission, specifically in thinking and praying about starting a 'Fresh Expression of Church' – an entirely new church with different people - in the Lordsbridge area. You might be someone who would like to pray for this and encourage others, or you might be (or hoping to be) involved more directly. Both are good!

For starters, I am hoping to initiate two things in which you might be interested. These are:

- (1) A periodic e-mailing to an interested network to keep you up to date with local developments, to encourage us to pray, and to pass on resources & ideas. **Let me have your email address if this is for you.**
- (2) A fortnightly get together over a friendly cup of coffee to network, to pray specifically for a new 'Fresh Expression' of church in the Team's area and to share a few ideas. I'm thinking of a Saturday morning from 11 to 12ish, probably twice a month. **Are you interested in coming along?**

You can reach me on 01954 212815  
or [alisonmyers@lordsbridge.org](mailto:alisonmyers@lordsbridge.org).

This is part of my new role as Lead Minister in Mission. Find out more about mission and Fresh Expressions of Church at [www.freshexpressions.org.uk](http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk).

### People Fully Alive - towards a diocesan strategy for Ely Diocese.

The Diocese of Ely - which means us, because we are part of the diocese - doesn't have the time or the money to do everything that might be done. And keeping things going just because we've always done them before is not the best reason for things happening. A small group has been working hard to draw up a strategy for the diocese, thinking what our priorities need to be, and how we can keep moving in the right direction. Look out for information on display in our churches, and also find out more by downloading the package from: <http://www.ely.anglican.org/about/strategy-consultation.html>

### Deanery Synod

There will be a series of open deanery synod meetings in early 2015, where there will be a chance to learn more, to discuss with each other and our archdeacons, and to offer feedback. You are welcome to attend any of them, but the Bourn Deanery meeting will be on **Wednesday 25th February**.



The Lordsbridge Team packed over a hundred boxes and raised money at coffee mornings for **Operation Christmas Child 2014**

### Youth Events and Activities



Soul Survivor 2014



Punting



Youth drama at Hardwick St Mary's



Rave in the Nave



Illumin8 shooting social

More information from: Emma Slater - [lordsbridge.youth@gmail.com](mailto:lordsbridge.youth@gmail.com)

If you would like a news item included in the next edition (December/January) please email information to K Dawson by 20 January. Email: [kd323565@gmail.com](mailto:kd323565@gmail.com)

# Photo Gallery

**"Connected to God"**  
23 November  
Annual united area-wide celebration at  
Comberton Leisure



**Art and Craft Exhibition**  
at St Mary's, Comberton, 21-23 November

