

## On Saturday 7 March we will be holding the **Lordsbridge Marriage Preparation Day.**

This is an annual event that all the couples being married in the churches of our team are invited to. It is held in Dry Drayton village hall and receives fantastic support from members of the congregation there and elsewhere in the team, some who provide a delicious lunch for all, while others share words of wisdom on married life and others provide details on the different elements of a marriage service. It is a day that is always well received by all who attend, and is a great example of the work of the Lordsbridge team.



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### Special Team services leading up to Easter:

#### 18 Feb, **Ash Wednesday,**

- ◆ 12 noon at Hardwick, Holy Communion with Ashing
- ◆ 8 pm at Haslingfield, Holy Communion with Ashing
- ◆ 8 pm at Comberton, Holy Communion with Ashing

#### 2 April, **Maundy Thursday,**

- ◆ 7.30 pm at Haslingfield, Holy Communion with foot washing
- ◆ 8 pm at Toft, Holy Communion with foot washing
- ◆ 8 pm at Hardwick, Holy Communion with hand washing

#### 3 April, **Good Friday,**

- ◆ 11 am, at Toft, All Age Good Friday Experience
- ◆ 10 am to 1 pm, at Hardwick, Prayer stations
- ◆ 1 pm, Barton to Little Eversden *Walk of Witness with the Cross and Meditations*

#### 5 April, **Easter Day,**

- ◆ 6.15 am, Easter Dawn Service at the end of Miller's Road, Toft

### Dear Friends

There are now under 100 days to the General Election. It's tempting to groan every time a politician pops up on the news, but our responsibility as voters in a democratic society is important. There are certain convictions we all share as Christians – the need to respect everybody as made in God's image, the importance of wise laws to protect us from the worst effects of human sin, the importance of looking after the weakest, for example. But exactly how we follow those principles will vary. Our churches hold people who have quite strongly different views, and we need to be communities of love and respect, where opinions are shared and understanding grows, even though we are unlikely all to agree with each other on every point.

If we are struggling to work out the best way to bring Christian faith to bear on our political choices, we're not the first people to do so. If you'd like to find out more, it's well worth looking at the following web sites, run by Christians in the main parties:

[www.christiansontheleft.org.uk](http://www.christiansontheleft.org.uk)  
[www.christian-conservatives.org.uk](http://www.christian-conservatives.org.uk)  
<http://ldcf.net/web>

If we view politics as being a private matter, best not discussed in public, we can't really complain if those around us comment that religion is best kept quiet too. Faith matters, and we need to be free to share it. How we decide to run our society matters too, and as Christians we should not be afraid to have some open and honest conversations about our political choices as the election gets closer.  
 Mike Booker

### CALL TO PRAY

Lordsbridge Team of Churches next prayer evening will be held in Coton Parish Room on 4 March from 8.00-9.00pm. *Come and join with other members of the team as we gather together to pray for God's work in our villages.*

Everyone is welcome.

If you need more information please contact Christine Woods:  
[christinewoods39@gmail.com](mailto:christinewoods39@gmail.com)



Year 3 - Living Theology

Digging deeper – Thinking further

## The Lordsbridge School of Theology is back

Ten sessions from 25th January 2015  
7.30 – 9.30pm on the Last Sunday of the month  
Coton Parish Room  
Cost £10, including resources

To book a place, please contact:  
[mikebooker@lordsbridge.org](mailto:mikebooker@lordsbridge.org)

**SACRED SPACE**  
Gathering... Worshipping... Praying... Exploring...

**EARTH**

St Mary's Comberton February 8th 2015  
7.30—8.30pm (refreshments after service)

Available in partnership with the Lordsbridge Team of Churches

*The heartbeat of prayer*

10am to 4pm • Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
Ridley Hall • Cambridge CB3 9HG  
with Ian Randall and Adrian Chatfield

Registration Fee: £20  
Book your place at [www.simeiancentre.co.uk](http://www.simeiancentre.co.uk) or call 01223 746590  
Please bring a packed lunch with you; drinks will be provided

Church websites:

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

## Lordsbridge Mission



A Fresh Expression of Church is a new gathering or network that engages mainly with people who have never been to church. There is no single model, but the emphasis is on starting something which is appropriate to its context. Here are a couple of stories:



Wichenford is a small village that is part of a Team sharing clergy and ministers across villages. The church is full on special occasions, but Sunday congregations are small and many people just don't 'do' church. So the idea of a monthly, 90-minute, Sunday café-church in the village hall was born,

to offer the opportunity to demonstrate God's love by serving the community and by offering a relaxed and accessible place where faith could be shared and spoken. It starts at 10am with coffee, tea, bacon butties and newspapers, then at about 10.30, the vicar gives a Christian perspective on a couple of news items, there is a song or two and some prayers to share. Read the story at [www.freshexpressions.org.uk/stories](http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk/stories) (search for Wichenford) and find out what happened.

Cook@chapel is a Fresh Expression in a village near Milton Keynes amongst children and young people, based around the activity of cooking and eating together. Gradually a group began to come regularly and a small mission community of young people began to grow. Katherine writes: "I'm not very good at cooking, so I think it was quite interesting that God called me to work with a cooking-related fresh expression." As well as cooking and eating, they have learned to pray together and talk about spirituality and faith. To know more about how it is going, watch the video at [www.freshexpressions.org.uk/stories](http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk/stories) (search for 'Cook@chapel').

If you want to join the conversation about Fresh Expressions and mission communities in the Lordsbridge Team, contact Alison at [alisonmyers@lordsbridge.org](mailto:alisonmyers@lordsbridge.org) or 01954 212815 or speak to your Lead Minister.

## People Fully Alive

**The Diocesan Strategy for Ely Diocese.** 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>.

There will be a series of open **Deanery Synod meetings** in 2015, where there will be a chance to learn more. You are welcome to attend any of them, but the **Bourn Deanery meeting** will be on **Wednesday 25th February, 7.30 pm at Toft Methodist Church, High Street Toft, CB23 2RL**

Other Deanery open meetings in the area:

Tues, 10 Feb- Cambridge North at St Augustine's Church, Richmond Road, CB4 3PS  
Tues 24 Feb- Deanery of Cambridge South at St Mark's, Barton Road, CB3 9JZ

All are welcome as preparation for Easter  
Music in Harlton at The Church of  
the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
on Palm Sunday 29 March at 7.30pm.

## St John Passion J.S.Bach

Bradley Smith *The Evangelist*, Henry Neill *Christus*,  
Hannah Poulson *alto*, Sofia Larsson *soprano*,  
Gyula Rab *tenor*,  
Bozidar Smoljanic *bass*

Cambridge Orpheus Singers,  
and London Oriana Singers,  
Cambridge Orchestra da Camera  
Conductor: Leon Lovett

To reserve a seat in advance please contact  
John Helmsing, 96 High Street, Harlton,  
[jandmhelmsing@hotmail.com](mailto:jandmhelmsing@hotmail.com), or telephone  
01223.263203.



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### Fairtrade in Comberton

We have been selling Fairtrade products in Comberton very successfully, on behalf of St Mary's Church, for four years, helping to provide employment and generate a fair income for talented people in poorer parts of the world. We would like to thank all of you who support this enterprise.



### BIG BREW COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 28 February 10.30 – 12.00  
at St Mary's Church, Comberton

to raise money for Traidcraft Exchange,  
the Fairtrade charity which trains and advises  
producers and helps them to market their goods.

Admission: adults £1, school age children 50p,  
to include coffee and biscuits  
All Welcome – Bring a friend!

This year the government has pledged to match all the money raised between 4 January and 3 April pound for pound, so please come and help us to raise a good total.

There will be the usual cake stall, raffle and other attractions plus Fairtrade goods for sale.

Mary Jenkins and Joan Mead

### Butterflies Bereavement Support Group

Butterflies is a group for bereaved people offering friendship and support at what can be a difficult time. The name implies a changed life, but one which still has worth and hope, which are values we aim to promote. Sessions comprise informal chat over tea and biscuits plus an opportunity to reflect on a particular aspect of loss. It is open to anyone who has experienced the loss of someone close to them no matter when that occurred or what that relationship was. We aim to provide members with a network of people they can turn to for mutual support and understanding. Although it is church based it is open to the wider community across the Lordsbridge Team of parishes. We meet in the Parish room in Coton on the first Thursday of each month at 2 pm. Please encourage anyone who might be interested to contact Gill King on 01954 211691 for more details.



### News of our youth worker

It has been a second busy year for Emma, the Lordsbridge youth worker. It is such a blessing to have her and all her skills as part of the Lordsbridge team. She, along with Teresa Taylor and others, continues to develop Illumin8 café, which meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday from 6 p.m in Harlton. The café provides a place for our young people to chat, have fun and spend time together exploring the Christian faith. During the past year Emma has worked with the young people to reinvigorate illumin8 Worship, which now happens six times a year.

As well as running activities specifically for the Lordsbridge youth, Emma also represents Lordsbridge through WCCYM (West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries) by working in Comberton, being involved in assemblies, lunch clubs, the Christian Union, mentoring and girls groups. Emma also runs further girls' groups and Bibles studies with other local youth workers.

It is thanks to the generosity of Lordsbridge PCCs and individual donors who between them pay for Emma's 12 hours a week that she is employed by the team. Your support is so appreciated, along with the interest and encouragement that you have given to Emma in 2014.

Emma does such fantastic work with the young people across all our villages, nurturing and helping them to grow in their faith. She is also aware of how much more she could do if she had more time, including work on university transition, further Bible studies and homework support. She is undergoing training in delivering sex education in schools, and how to support young people with suicidal tendencies. If you feel that contributing financially to the Lordsbridge youth work is something that you would like to do, please contact our team treasurer, Erica Bithell, 4 Kings Grove, Barton, CB23 7AZ ([erica@lotsabits.net](mailto:erica@lotsabits.net)) for more details.

## What's on

# Paul Kerensa

## So a Comedian Walks Into a Church...

Confessions of a  
Kneel-Down Stand-Up

'Paul Kerensa's writing never fails to be  
uniquely funny and interesting.' MIRANDA HART



Join us for a  
cracking good evening...  
Saturday 28th February,  
8pm at  
St Mary's, Comberton  
Tickets £5 (at the door)  
Refreshments

### Mozart Mass in C Minor

Haslingfield Choir and Orchestra,  
Conductor Graham Walker  
7.30 pm Saturday 14th March 2015  
at All Saints' Church, Haslingfield

**PIPPIN'S**   
Coffee and Company

Hardwick's community cafe, is open on 7 Feb, 7  
March and 4 April, 10 to midday in the community  
room at the school.  
Coffee, cakes and company.  
Perhaps we'll see you there.

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEARING HELP?

The local charity that helps those living with hearing loss

**FREE** advice to help you hear

Come and discuss your hearing difficulties with those who  
understand the problem at

**Scotsdales Garden Centre**  
**120 Cambridge Rd Great Shelford CB22 5JT**  
**On Friday 20th March 2015**  
**From 10 am to 12 noon**

We will demonstrate equipment to help you hear better,  
whether or not you wear a hearing aid

**Telephones**  
**Television and radio**  
**Alarms Door bells**  
**Personal listeners**

More information about Cambridgeshire Hearing Help can  
be found on our website  
[www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk)

8A Romsey Terrace Cambridge CB1 3NH  
Tel 01223 416141 Registered Charity No 1154071  
(formerly Cambridge CAMTAD)

## Farewell to Bill & Holly Dubocq

We will be saying a sad farewell to Bill and Holly Dubocq in early March. Bill and Holly are returning to America to rejoin the Community of Jesus that they are members of based in New England. For the past five years they have lived in Barton in a house owned by the community where, with the help of Sister Grace and later Sister Hannah, they have been working on archiving books and materials by one of the leading experts on

Gregorian chant, along with being the administrators of the charity Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge. In addition they have thrown themselves into all aspects of life in Barton, including the life and work of the church, with Bill as a Congregational minister enjoying opportunities to preach on a regular basis. Other churches in the team have also of late benefitted from hearing him preach.

We will greatly miss Bill and Holly, and ask that God will bless them as they return to the States.

## Votewise 2015 Guy Brandon

Book Review

Votewise (produced by the Jubilee Centre) is aimed primarily at Christians who have become disenchanted with politics but provides much food for thought for Christians who are passionate about their politics. It sees the same sex marriage legislation as the straw that broke the camel's back for many Christians but urges us all to re-engage with the political process believing that Christians have a unique opportunity to influence politics when so many people are deserting the traditional political parties.

However, I would recommend this book for the bold way it explores the main political parties thinking on major political issues such as the economy, welfare, education, the NHS, the EU, immigration etc, against Old Testament and New Testament practice and theology. It challenges the reader to re-examine his or her own views by asking questions such as what is the economy for? What is education for? What does the Bible say about healthcare? Finally it calls for a radical rethink on policy making with a chapter dedicated to what it calls the relational manifesto as we approach the General Election.

Boyd Myers

If you would like a news item included in the next edition (April/May) please email information to K Dawson by 20 March. Email:  
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