

You are warmly invited to

The licensing of Revd Rebecca Gilbert

as Team Vicar in the Lordsbridge Team,
to be Lead Minister in Barton, Coton,
Harlton and Haslingfield

At All Saints' Church, Haslingfield
Monday October 20th at 7.30pm
Followed by refreshments in the Village Hall



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WHAT'S ON

"Connected to God"

*Annual united area-wide
celebration*

**23 Nov, 10.30am - 11.45am,
At Comberton Leisure**

**With Revd Adrian Chatfield,
Director of the Simeon Centre;**

**also with GenR8 led
children's session
& creche with video relay of the
service;**

followed by refreshments.

*Created and supported by: Anglican,
Methodist, Catholic, Baptist, URC and
Independent Churches west of Cam-
bridge & WCCYM.*

Fairtrade Shop

**SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER
10.00 AM - 4.00 PM
AT COMBERTON PLAYGROUP**

Fairly traded foods,
hand-crafted gifts, homewares,
cards and more
Refreshments available

TRAIDCRAFT
*Fighting poverty through trade
Making a difference to people in
developing countries*

The story of the Lordsbridge Team

The Lordsbridge Team story is in fact many stories: stories of individuals following a calling and of parish churches serving their communities. It is a continuation of the long story of Christian ministry and witness in this area. But it is also the story of something new: a story particular to this time and place, to these people.

The story begins in autumn 2010. Although, in truth, cooperation between some of the parishes existed before then, it was four years ago that the team was formally inaugurated, bringing together four benefices and 11 parishes churches, and strengthening a network of Christian ministry and witness across this area west of Cambridge.

It is the story of commitment to each village. From the start clarity about who was the named 'vicar' in each parish was important. But, committed to sharing ministry, we have recently acknowledged more clearly that each vicar in each village is in practice the 'lead minister' for a developing team of lay and ordained ministers particular to the people and the needs of that place.

It is also the story about what we do better together. Over time, the legacy of the pre-Lordsbridge benefice boundaries has faded, as creative partnerships between communities have been strengthened or have emerged – such as Fairtrade, Oasis, and joint services with different combinations of neighbouring churches. We have also together discovered things that we can't do locally but that we can do at Team level – things like Sacred Space, the School of Theology and youth work.

Now four years old, we are beginning a new phase in the life of the Team. We have Revd Charles Fraser and Revd Rebecca Gilbert as new 'lead ministers' in particular parishes. The 'better together' things continue to grow. And we are looking afresh at the bigger picture of mission beyond the current reach of our parish churches, extending the network of Christian ministry and witness across this area.

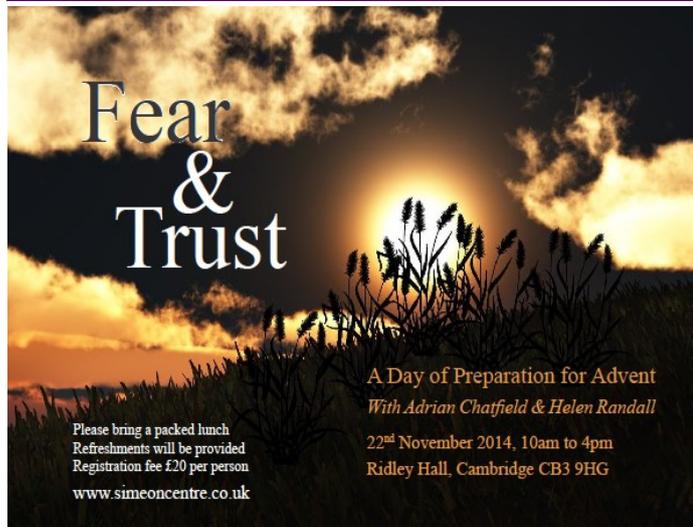
'O sing to the Lord a new song' Psalm 96:1

Alison

The Lordsbridge School of

THEOLOGY

After a break, the School of theology is back in 2015. We'll be looking at how theology makes contact with life – worship, mission, being the Church, and making right choices in a confusing world. We're probably going for the fourth Sunday evening of each month. It's open to everybody, whether or not you have been to other parts of the course. Book the dates, and look out for more details soon.



Fear & Trust

A Day of Preparation for Advent
With Adrian Chatfield & Helen Randall

22nd November 2014, 10am to 4pm
Ridley Hall, Cambridge CB3 9HG

Please bring a packed lunch
Refreshments will be provided
Registration fee £20 per person
www.simeoncentre.co.uk

ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION

AT

ST MARY'S CHURCH, COMBERTON



Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd November
Open 10 am. – 4 pm.

Lordsbridge Mission

Did you know...?

A 'Fresh Expression' is a form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church.

www.freshexpressions.org.uk

"For every one person to start a fresh expression, 2.6 more people join".

From the report Anecdote to Evidence, Jan 2014 (c) Church Commissioners.

www.churchgrowthproject.org.uk

what are...

they are forms of church that:



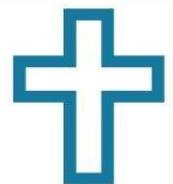
listen to people and enter their culture

fresh expressions of church?

serve those outside the reach of the existing church



make discipleship a priority



intentionally form church

fresh expressions

freshexpressions.org.uk

CALL TO PRAY

Lordsbridge Team of Churches next prayer evening will be held in Coton Parish Room on 15 October from 8.00-9.00pm.

We welcome you to come and join us as we make prayer central to our life together in the Lordsbridge Team of Churches.

Everyone is welcome.

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

Shaping a vision for the Diocese of Ely

The Diocese of Ely has a new motto –

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

It sounds simple and obvious, but has within it a challenge that we don't indulge in anything that is mean-spirited or hidden away and not shared with the world around us.

Within that simple phrase is a call to mission and to prayer, reaching out to our communities in words and in action.

Please pray for our bishop, for Alex Hughes our new archdeacon, and also for Mike Booker, our team rector, as he works with a small diocesan strategy group to think how these priorities can work out in action throughout the diocese.

Big changes in the Papworth Team

Our neighbours in the parishes to the western side of Lordsbridge are going through some big changes. Rev Fiona Windsor has moved on from being team rector there, to become the new Archdeacon of Horsham.

Rev Steve Day is spending quite a bit of his time in the diocesan office, making some major and much-needed changes to the diocese's computer systems.

All of which leaves our friends just down the road facing a challenging time until a new team rector is appointed.

Please pray for the Papworth Team in this time of change, and for some of the clergy and lay ministers from the Lordsbridge Team who may need to take time helping out and supporting our neighbours.



Hardwick's community cafe, is open on
4 October and 1 November, 10 to midday in the
community room at the school.
Coffee, cakes and company.
Perhaps we'll see you there.

Harlton church website:

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

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

Email: kd323565@gmail.com



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

Exploring the
Spirituality
of AUTUMN

7.30–8.30 pm
(followed by refreshments)

16th November

St. Mary's Comberton



Alternative worship for the
Lordsbridge Team Churches

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.

Photo Gallery



18 walkers setting out from Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge for Haslingfield Church on Saturday 20 September. They were undertaking this walk "In the Steps of the Bishop" to raise money for a new teacher's house at the Bishop Mackenzie School in Magomero, Malawi. The memorial window to Bishop Charles Mackenzie can be seen in Haslingfield Church.



This summer 50-70 adults and children enjoyed each of the 'summer afternoons' outdoor cafe and activities in the 'garden' area behind St Mary's church, Hardwick.

