

What's on

Coffee Morning

Saturday October 17th, 10 to 11.45am.

In Barton Village Hall.

Christmas cards on sale for Save the Children Fund

Other proceeds for church funds
Admission £1.50 - includes unlimited coffee and biscuits

Confirmation is on the evening of Tuesday November 3rd. Please talk to your local lead minister (Charles, Becca, Alison or Mike) if you or one of your family is interested in finding out more.

Bourn Deanery Synod

Open Meeting-

24 November, 8 pm at Cambourne Church, Jeavons Lane, Cambourne, CB23 6AF. The Archdeacon will update us on the "People Fully Alive" diocesan strategy.

Honorary Canons-

The Bishop of Ely is pleased to announce the appointment of the following new canons:

The Revd Anna Matthews, Vicar of St Bene't's, Cambridge and Diocesan Director of Ordinands

The Revd Mike Booker, Team Rector of the Lordsbridge Team and Rural Dean of Bourn
Anna and Mike will be collated and installed during the Eucharist in Celebration of the Translation of St Etheldreda, Ely Cathedral, 5.30pm on Friday 16 October 2015.

Etheldreda Canon-**The Revd Peter Wood** will be collated and installed as Etheldreda Canon during Evensong, Ely Cathedral, on Monday 9 November 2015.

Photo: from "Soul Survivor-2015"

More photos of this event in "Photo Gallery"



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July 4th and Ordination to the Priesthood at Ely seems far away now, and being Ordained Deacon and Licensed to the Lordsbridge Team as Assistant Curate even further away in July 2014 ! I still find time to wonder at it though.

Those of us who serve as Self Supporting Ministers (SSMs) usually juggle the responsibilities of "day jobs" outside of the Church, as well as our Priestly duties. I am one of the fortunate Priests who also works within a Christian Charity, so am able to combine not only my managerial role, but also that of a Priest, all at the same time during the week.

My average Sunday morning on a duty weekend, like that of the rest of the Ministry Team, can be spent packing the car for two quite different Services, at two different Parishes, and driving in between them with one eye on the clock, and hoping I don't get a speeding ticket! Then there are the PCC meetings, and various evening meetings throughout the Team during the week. It's all part of the joys of rural ministry, and with it comes the warmth of village parishes and diverse communities. For me, who spent 45 years thinking about vocation, one of the things I was quite clear about was, that I wanted my work to be in a rural setting.

The joys of being seen around the villages, not only in the church, but **out of it** at the Pub, Associations and local events are for me what the Church and our ministry is about. We are all blessed by those we meet, and in the last few years no greater blessing, and fun, has come from helping with the Oasis week in Haslingfield, and meeting so many people from so many different parishes.

Being Ordained Priest does not stop the training round which continues until the end of the 3 years and 9 months of Curacy, and beyond, in different forms. Through it you reflect, pray, and with God's help, your ministry is formed, and continues to be so. My book cases groan, and I am trying hard to weed out the 100s of social books I have to make more space for the theological and spiritual books, which somehow seem to breed in an uncontrollable way.

Advent looms, and before that a time of Remembrance during November, and I shall look back and remember all those who have helped me to be where I am called to be today in the Church – and who I see no more. There are a lot to remember! I thank God for them, and for all of you in the Lordsbridge Team of churches and villages, who share faith and love with me on a regular basis.

Rev Judy Polkinhorn
Assistant Curate to the Lordsbridge Team

Three evenings

with Alan Storkey

talk, drinks and discussion at Coton Church 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

1. 13th October. Two World Wars – Same Cause?
2. 20th October. We can disarm the World.
3. 27th October. Big Picture Christianity.

Bach and beyond

Robin Walker (organ)

WORKS BY BACH, SCHUMANN,
BRAHMS, MENDELSSOHN

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
HASLINGFIELD

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2015
7.30 PM

ADMISSION BY PROGRAMME ON THE DOOR
£10 INTERVAL REFRESHMENTS
ENQUIRIES 01223 872190

EXPLORING PRAYER

Saturday 17 October 2015,
10am to 4pm

Ely Cathedral. A time to discover new ways of praying including:
Praying with the Imagination
The Jesus Prayer
Poetry and Prayer
Benedictine 'Lectio Divina'
Prayer in Pain and Lament
Praying with Clay and Paint
Review of the Day/Examen
A Pilgrimage Walk
Praying with Music

Cost: £10 including lunch, Numbers limited. Advance booking essential

Art & Craft Exhibition

Friday
20th,
Saturday
21st
& Sunday
22nd
November

at
St Mary's
Church
Comberton

10 am to 4 pm
entry free

www.combertonchurch.co.uk

Lordsbridge Mission Update

A new venture for Highfields

With a population of around 1500, and a third of households with school aged children, Highfields Caldecote consists of houses built 10-20 years ago, with a village hall and school, but the new settlement is nearly two miles from the old village and the parish church, St Michael's. St Michael's has for some time held a monthly family service in the village hall. But now we are rethinking what we do here. A 'seed team' from the Lordsbridge mission network has gathered a group of interested people, from a variety of churches and none, to talk about beginning a new venture in Highfields. Over the last few months we have eaten together, played games together, scribbled on flip chart paper and post-it notes, and thought about our values, what it takes to build a community and what we might want or not want to be and do. This is all with the support of St Michael's, the wider Lordsbridge Team and other denominations working locally. (There is a bit more posted on my blog at <https://hccddvicar.wordpress.com> if you want to find out more about what we've discussed so far). This is still a work in progress but I thought you'd like to know that there has been progress! We've been getting to know each other and having fun but we've not finished the conversations. So please do pray for us, and watch this space...

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family friends
reflection
community generosity
open compassion
welcome justice
real laughter
wonder fun
care stillness

A changing pattern of ministry

Not so long ago, ministry in a church meant what the vicar did. He (and it was always he) preached, prayed, and was a presence in the community, and the parishioners were delighted to have him there – if he did a good job! Ministry has changed, and is changing, very quickly. We have been blessed by the ministry of ordained women for over twenty years now. In fact, it seems strange to imagine all-male ministry at all. As well as many active retired clergy, Charles Fraser, Judy Polkinhorn and Michael Reiss are all sharing in ordained ministry while having demanding jobs, and Corin is now re-joining us as another self-supporting ordained minister.

Licensed lay ministers have played a full part in the ministry team for many years, and more recently a whole range of ALMs have joined, bringing specialist training in youth work, pastoral care and admin. We also have excellent youth work and administration support from part-time, professional colleagues.

More importantly, the ministry of the Church of God is the ministry of the whole People of God. We have fewer full-time vicars, but more licensed and recognized ministry. And once we remember that every Christian is a minister, the scale of what is being done and can be done in God's service is quite remarkable.

Very many thanks to each and every person in the Lordsbridge team for being part of that wonderful, growing and multi-faceted ministry.

Mike Booker

The first ever Lordsbridge

Prayer Pilgrimage. 4 to 11 Oct.

11 Oct at 4.30pm we are invited to gather in Dry Drayton for tea and a service of prayer to draw the threads together.

Photos below, courtesy of Rick Nelms



Beer and hymns in Toft

This year, Toft's harvest service was earlier than usual, to coincide with the village beer festival. The Methodist Church was packed, and the congregation joined in an excellent roast lunch at the beer festival after the service. Church and community growing ever closer together.

HARLTON ORGAN SCHOLARS

Anastasia Kell has been elected to an Organ Scholarship at Harlton Parish Church from September 2015. Angela Le was junior organ scholar last year and her scholarship has been renewed for a second year. Caroline Worster, who was the senior organ scholar has left to take up her studies at University of Cambridge.

AN OASIS IN HASLINGFIELD

Had you happened to call into the Methodist Church in Haslingfield, visited the Parish Church, or a model railway in a parishoners' garden in Harlton, from July 28th – 30th you would have found yourself in the midst of music making, quizzes, wood working, poetry reading, reflection, art class or even chair aerobics. Maybe you would have sunk into a chair to enjoy the daily paper, whilst others cooked the Lunch!



You would find yourself refreshed with coffee and tea, fed with choc ices and a two course hot Lunch, and eating scones baked in the village Bakehouse fired for the occasion.

You would have been surrounded by up to 50 guests from various local parishes in the Lordsbridge team and Cambridge, along with 7 helpers per day. All having a good time at Oasis – Holiday at Home.

The Lordsbridge Team boasts two such events each year, with the Haslingfield event, the older of the two having only missed 2012 because of a Chaplaincy in Switzerland, and the Olympics...just can't get the staff!!!

Started 10 years ago by Canon and Mrs David Lewis, Oasis in Haslingfield benefits from the modern facilities afforded by the Methodist Church and many regular, and new, guests and helpers each year.

The 2015 week featured a Talk on Eclipses and Islands by Dr Nicholas Branson, and Linda Taylor sharing her favourite music, and spiritual journey, not only as a Bishop's wife, but as a writer. The Quiz at the end of the 3 days always brings a little extra competition and fun, even if the ministry team did not win!

It's a time for Guests and helpers to share and receive a blessing from each other. A chance to worship together each day before Lunch – with a visit from Bishop John Taylor an added joy! It is a chance for many who live alone to catch up with old friends, to share, to laugh, and to be loved. For the privilege of being part of all that we are able **to give to each other** we thank God.

Judy Polkinhorn
Assistant Curate
Lordsbridge Team





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

Next session: 25 October, **Living reality – life and death** with Revd Prof. Michael Reiss

School of Theology 2016

Next year we are aiming to have a more discussion-base series of seminars that the School of Theology. As usual, it look hard at some of the issues Sunday services and parish home groups can't easily address. Let Mike Booker know if there are live issues of challenging questions you think it would be good for the School to take some serious time grappling with.

Harlton Church : Organist and Director of Music

Harlton Church is seeking to appoint an Organist and Director of Music in succession to Leon Lovett who retires on 31 December 2015. The church has an outstanding three-manual pipe organ. Duties include supervising the organ scholars when they play in church. Fees negotiable. Initial enquiries should be addressed to

John Helmsing jandmhelmsing@hotmail.com



"Pippin's" is open on
7 November
and 5 December,

10 to midday in the community room at the
Hardwick Primary school.
Coffee, cakes and company.
Perhaps we'll see you there.

Church websites:

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

Comberton: <http://www.combertonchurch.co.uk/>

Hardwick: <http://stmaryshardwick.org.uk/>

Coton: <http://stpeterscoton.org.uk/>

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

SACRED SPACE

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

WIND

St. Peter
and Paul's
Dry Drayton

November
8th

7:30—8:30pm
(refreshments after service)



West of Cambridge Churches Joint Service
present

HOW DO WE ENGAGE WITH POST CHRISTIAN BRITAIN?

with guest speaker **Dr Rowan Williams**

Sunday 22nd
November, 2015

Comberton Leisure
10:30-11:45



**Come and join us for a morning of
sung worship, prayer and a talk from
Dr Rowan Williams followed by refreshments.**

Children of all ages are welcome.

A crèche and a session for primary school age will be provided.
Both will have an audio and video relay of the main service.

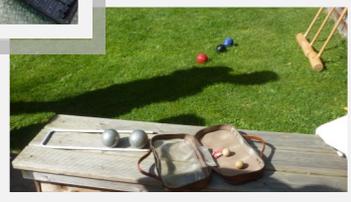
Service supported by: Local Baptist Churches, Cambourne Church, Hardwick Evangelical Church, Lordsbridge Team Ministry, Methodist Churches, Papworth Team Ministry, WCCYM

'A large number of local families enjoyed the Summer Afternoons outdoor café and family activities at St Mary's Hardwick again this year.'

Photo Gallery



Comberton Oasis 2015



Recently we celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving Services around the team.
Photos: Caldecote with Childerley Harvest Festival at Childerley Hall



Photo Gallery

We had an amazing time away at **Soul Survivor** worshipping with 7,000 other young people! Our young people met with God and grew in their relationships with Him. They also enjoyed the social events like the Foam Party and Silent Disco. If you see any of our young people who went to Soul Survivor - ask them about it! They have some amazing stories of what God has done for them and for others!

Emma

