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Photo: Comberton Oasis, 24th to 26th August.

What's on

Bishop David's visit to St Mary's, Great Eversden,
10th September, 1pm. Details below

Barton St Peter's Gift Day,
17th September.

There will be someone in church between 10am and 1 pm to receive donations or they can be brought to the service on Sunday.

Barton. Generous Slice Cafe
Wednesday Sept 21st
from 8.45am in the Village Hall.
Coffee-tea-croissants-toast-chat
All ages welcome
Catch up with friends after the summer holidays

Sacred Space Quiet Morning
Space to breathe,
Saturday 24th September,
9.30 am to 12 noon.
A morning of quiet reflection
at St Peter and St Paul's Church,
Dry Drayton, led by Nicky Redsell

Space to breathe

A morning of quiet and reflection at
St Peter and St Paul's Church
Dry Drayton
Led by Nicky Redsell

Saturday 24th September 2016
9.30am-12pm

Sacred Space
Alternative worship for the Lordsbridge Team Churches

Lordsbridge Team Churches

Coffee & Cakes,
Saturday 8th October,
between 10 am and 12 noon
at All Saints', Haslingfield.
Please drop in for coffee,
cakes and chat.

We will, in a few weeks, enter a period of transition, in fact we have probably already entered it as we prepare. Some things will change – not least in due course we will welcome a new face to the clergy team in this area – and some things will stay the same. We will still have a Core Team of Lead Ministers, and a vicar for every village. We will still have a network of worshipping communities – 11 of which will be based in ancient church buildings and relate to a particular parish. Each worshipping community will continue to have its own community life, its own spiritual life, and its own way of relating to wider village life and mission. Here is local life with central support, and with a few things that are better done together.

This network, the Lordsbridge Team, is part of Mike's legacy here in this area west of Cambridge. We are very grateful for his work and the lead he has taken amongst us. We will thank him and celebrate his ministry here in a number of different ways over the next few weeks – look out for more details!

As the remaining members of the Core Team, Becca Gilbert, Charles Fraser, Beth Cope and I, will work with you to make sure that the vacancy works well and is a good - even creative - time in the life of the parishes most affected. We will, with you, make sure that services and key activities are covered and that those in the front line and those stepping up to take on new roles feel supported. We will, with you, sustain and grow our common life as disciples of Jesus Christ, in all our places. All of this we will do together with God's help. And we will pray, as I hope you will, too:

Lord God,
In your love you sent your Son
In your grace you called us back to you
In your mission you placed us where we are and formed us into a Team
Call us onward into your purposes and growth.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
The Lordsbridge Team Prayer

Alison

Award for Great Eversden, 10th September, 1pm.

I am delighted to write to tell you that St Mary's Church Great Eversden has been successful in being selected for one of the ten inaugural "Engage Awards" by Bishop David of Huntingdon this year.

The judge commented that: "A church in need of repair can be dispiriting both for the onlooker and those responsible for its maintenance. Hats off to Gt Eversden PCC who recognised that wider community involvement was key to success. Undaunted by phase 1, further repairs are planned as well as the addition of a WC, kitchen and artwork. Amazing."

Bishop David will present Great Eversden church with its certificate and £100 cheque in person on the annual "Ride and Stride" day, Saturday 10th September at 1.00pm. The community are invited and it will be excellent if there is a good number to welcome him at the event.

Neville Pritchard, Churchwarden.

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride, Drive and Stride campaign.

10th September, 10am to 6 pm.

Cycle, drive or walk around Cambridgeshire's churches and chapels to raise money for the Trust and for the church or chapel of your choice.

Sponsorship forms and further information from www.camhct.uk/ride or Contact www.justgiving.com/cambridgeshire-historicchurches.



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Music in Quiet Places

comes to Haslingfield.

The autumn season of MIQP opens at All Saints' Haslingfield on Saturday 8 October at 7.30 pm featuring ORPHEUS PRINCIPALS, the chamber music wing of ORPHEUS SINFONIA.

Founded in 2008, the orchestra provides opportunities for talented young musicians newly entering the profession.

Full information from the Cambridge Summer Music website in early September.

Tickets will be £15, £13 seniors, £7.50 students and under 26s, £5 unwaged, available on the door and in advance via Cambridge Live

Tickets (01223 357851) and CSM website from the second week of September.

News from Mike's sabbatical

From April to July I had the wonderful opportunity to take time on study leave. Very many thanks are due to everybody – ministry team, wardens, our administrator and others - who made it possible for me to get away.

I spent the first few weeks in the silence and beauty of the Isle of Skye – wintry even in April, but an important opportunity to find complete solitude.

There was also time to spend a week speaking at Lee Abbey – a beautiful Christian conference and holiday centre in Devon - and to join in a challenging and thorough course on conflict resolution run by a Christian training group called Bridge Builders.

A lot of the rest of the time was spent visiting churches doing interesting and innovative things to reach out and make contact with people in their parishes. The main lesson is that, varied though they were, none of these took place on a Sunday morning. Our society is changing fast, and whatever new ventures lie ahead for the Lordsbridge Team, it is very likely that our new points of contact with our communities will be at all sorts of times of the week – we need to think outside the Sunday morning box, and imagine how else we can build bridges to those who currently are not involved in the life and worship of our parishes.

Mike



Revd Canon Mike Booker

A new curate for Lordsbridge



**Revd Dr Beth Cope
Team Pioneer Curate**

Thank you for making me and my family (my husband Peter, a vet, children Matty and Rachel, and Sam the Border Collie) so welcome as we've moved into Coton and I've started as Lordsbridge's Team Pioneer Curate. I'm excited to be working across the villages and established churches, and also to be thinking about fresh expressions of church with Gateways and the mission network. Being an ordained pioneer means much of my ministry will focus on connecting with those outside of existing church structures, forming new worshipping communities with and for those discovering faith for the first time.

Before training for ordained ministry at Ridley Hall, I worked as a technical marketing communications specialist for a company that helped engineers to manage their materials information. I have always enjoyed asking big questions, which is why I studied computational mineral physicist (researching my PhD in the Cambridge University Earth Science Department). Far from finding a conflict between science and faith, I've appreciated how the two work together to help explore the 'hows' and 'whys'.

You are most likely to find me in a coffee shop rather than on the sports pitches... although while at Ridley I picked up some boxing basics at the Hardwick boxing club. My biggest weakness is historic murder mysteries, and I also enjoy cross-stitch, swimming, and growing rather more weeds than vegetables. And if you have any book recommendations, I'm always interested!

LORDSBRIDGE YOUTH

UPCOMING EVENTS

THIRST

6-8:30pm at Comberton Baptist Church
11th Sept
9th Oct
13th Nov
11th Dec

Coffee for the Soul

Open mic event 7:30-10pm ages 14 up at Starbucks, Cambridge Retail Park, New Market Road
30th Sept
7th Oct
14th Oct
21st Oct

Night of Champions

22nd Oct

Live and Amped

19th Nov
Auditions due before Oct Half Term



For more information on events please speak to a youthworker or Vicar. Keep an eye on the WCCYM website for more information on upcoming events and downloadable forms www.wccym.org



Pastures New

After eleven years in post, I shall be moving on to a new role at the end of October. After a considerable amount of thought, prayer and discussion, I have accepted the role of Bishop's Officer for Change in Market Towns. I shall be licensed at a special service at 9.00am on Saturday 22nd October in the Cathedral.

Looking back on my time here, one of the most exciting things has been the steady growth of friendship between our parishes, leading to the formal creation of the team ministry. I have been so very blessed by the personal support and wisdom of my colleagues. As parishes together we have been able to support one another, and also to move into shared youth work, the school of theology, Sacred Space, and some wonderful shared worship to name just some of what has been done together. It was so good to see the Lordsbridge Orchestra in action at the end of July in our joint Summer service.

I shall be living in Comberton for a while after my new job starts, so you may see me trying to keep a low profile for a while longer until new housing is arranged elsewhere in the diocese. It has been a privilege to serve in the Lordsbridge Team, and I know God has good plans and purposes as a new colleague will be joining next year to help lead forward God's work.

Mike

Conference report

I have just come back from the 2016 Common Awards Conference in Durham and it was an uplifting experience. We had a jam packed couple of days starting with lunch on Tuesday and finishing with lunch on Thursday. We had sessions from:-

Prof Mike Highton looking at the nature of Jesus and how we pass him on in our Church environment;

Prof Walter Moberly who had done much detailed study of Taussig's New New Testament in order to save us from having to read it;

Prof Richard Bauckham looking at the Gospels as Eyewitness testimony, which was a really interesting comparison of some of the accounts in Mark and Luke;

Prof Karen Kilby challenging us to compare the approaches to love and suffering in the writings of Han Urs von Balthasar and Julian of Norwich.

In addition we had several different forms of worship both on site and at Evensong in the Cathedral and the opportunity to either take a tour of the cathedral looking at the glass or to see some of the collection of medieval documents which was really fascinating.

It was really good to meet so many lovely people in training and to learn from them too. I am really glad I was given the opportunity to go.

Sue Nelms

Church websites:

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

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

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

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

Barton: www.bartonstpeters.org.uk

Haslingfield: www.allsaintschurchhaslingfield.org

IN THE STEPS OF THE BISHOP

Saturday 24 September 2016.

The 8th Annual sponsored walk 'In the steps of the Bishop' will take place on 24th September.

Starting from Gonville & Caius College Chapel at 10.30 am, the Walk will finish at All Saints' Haslingfield where refreshments will be awaiting tired and hungry walkers.

The walk commemorates one taken by Bishop Charles Mackenzie when he was assisting the Vicar at Haslingfield before he left for Africa in 1855. He established his base at Magomero in what is now Malawi, and the Church now raises funds for projects in that village.

Currently we are raising money for a new teacher's house at the Bishop Mackenzie School. Forms for sponsoring walkers will be available shortly in the Church, and all are invited to help us.

Bishop Mackenzie's memorial window may be seen at the east end of the south aisle in the Church.

Enquiries to José Hopkins, tel. 01223 872190.



"Pippin's" is open on

1 October & 5 November.

10 to midday in the community room at the Hardwick Primary school.

Coffee, cakes and company.

Perhaps we'll see you there.

If you would like a news item included in the next edition (Oct/Nov) please email information to the Administrator by 20 September. Email: kd323565@gmail.com

Photo Gallery

St. Peter's Barton Murder Mystery Evening - Fund Raiser



Comberton Oasis, 24 to 26 August



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**Gateways picnic
23rd and 30th August**

