

What's on

Comberton Church Fete

Monday 28 August, 2pm to 4.30 pm
in St Mary's Church and churchyard

Comberton, St Mary's
CHURCH
FÊTE 2017

Monday 28th August
(Bank Holiday Monday)

2.00pm- 4.30pm,
in and around the church...

Cakes, Produce, Bric-a-Brac, toys,
children's games, books, plants,
Tombola, Raffle, Nearly new clothes and
of course, teas
and much, much more...

Barton Coffee Morning

Saturday September 2nd
in Barton church with a Book Sale
10 - 11.30am.

Generous Slice Cafe is back,

Wednesday September 13th
from 8.45am. in Barton Village Hall.
Tea, fresh coffee, croissants, toast etc.

Haslingfield Church Fete

16 September
In and around the church

Barton Harvest Weekend

Friday September 15th Concert in Barton
church by Vox Cantab at 8pm.
Saturday/Sunday September 16th and
17th Gift Day and Harvest.

Slidin' About Trombone Quartet Family Concert

Saturday 1 October, 3 pm
at All Saints' Haslingfield,
fun for all the family, £10, children free



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Photo: Ordination of priests at Ely cathedral on 1 July 2017

Summer is a busy time in the life of our churches with fetes, cream teas, patronal festivals and all manner of celebrations and huge amounts of time, gifts and talents shared with the communities we serve. It is also a time when many of our services are based around the theme of discipleship. Our churches are 'dressed' in green and the clergy will to different degrees also wear green stoles or vestments. You all know what this means as far as I am concerned! Green is a symbol of growth, of fruits on the way to ripeness and of the shoots on which next year's fruits will grow. Bishop David used to preach frequently on the importance of "Roots, Shoots and Fruits". Discipleship requires us to have roots deeply nourished by word and sacrament in order that we produce the shoots and fruits that will ripen as our faith expands and deepens.

Summer is also the time when most deacons and priests are ordained and a number of us were able to join in celebration with Beth as she was ordained priest at Ely Cathedral on 1st July and as she celebrated her first Eucharist the following morning. During the service the bishop says to the ordinands: "We trust that long ago you began to weigh and ponder all this, and that you are fully determined, by the grace of God, to devote yourself wholly to his service, so that as you daily follow the rule and teaching of our Lord and grow into his likeness, God may sanctify the lives of all with whom you have to do." These might be part of the ordinal but they strike me as good words for us all to ponder.

Summer is also a time when many of us will find time to down tools for a well earned holiday. You won't need me to remind you that the origin of that word is 'holy days' that is days which are set apart. I wonder whether you might find a refreshing oasis of time to think about your discipleship? Might God be calling you deeper into his service? Have you ever had a niggle or an itch that just doesn't go away? Has someone you know suggested they could see you in some kind of public ministry? St Paul writes that there are many ministries. Please reflect and pray about what God might be calling you to. Please talk to Alison, Becca, Beth or me if you feel that God might be drawing you towards a public authorised, licensed or ordained ministry.

God Bless.
Charles

STOP PRESS – We have recommended a new Team Vicar

On 10 July a 'discernment day' was held for a new Team Vicar to join the Lordsbridge team of clergy and to take particular responsibility for serving the parishes of Comberton, Caldecote and Toft. We interviewed two good candidates, one of whom was recommended to the Bishop for the post. We are now waiting for the necessary checks and conversations to be had before we can make a proper announcement. With a notice period to serve we should expect their arrival here to still be some months away but we have taken a giant step forward! Many thanks to all those involved in meeting the applicants and on the interview panel.

INTO THE SILENT LAND

Howard Bigg leads a fortnightly Tuesday meditation session open to all. We are learning about this ancient Christian practice which is experiencing something of a revival in our noisy and distracted world. We spend about twenty minutes in silence before God, and sometimes listen to a very short talk from an experienced meditator.

Venue: Coton Parish Room, behind 70 High St, CB23 7PL

If you would like to know a little more about this, please don't hesitate to contact Howard Bigg, on 01954 211673 or hcbigg40@gmail.com
More info on meditation from www.wccm.org



Photo from the 2016 walk

In the Steps of the Bishop

2017 will be the 9th year in succession when a sponsored walk has been held from the Chapel of Gonville & Caius College in Cambridge to Haslingfield Church to commemorate the walks undertaken by Bishop Charles Mackenzie on Sundays to help with services in Haslingfield. He later went as a missionary bishop to what is now Malawi and his memorial window may be seen at the east end of the south aisle in the church.

The date is Saturday 23 September and walkers set out following a brief service in the College Chapel at 10.30 am and refreshments are available at the end of the walk. In past years, we have helped to build teachers' houses, provide a roof and finishing touches for a new church and helped to complete classroom blocks. This year we are hoping to put some monies towards improvement of the clergy house. Funds raised are sent to MACS (Malawi Association for Christian Support). Enquiries and sponsor forms from José Hopkins, 01223 872190.



"Pippin's" is open

on 5 August, 2 Sept & 7 Oct

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

Mission Update

Story-sharing at Lordsbridge's Missional Conversation

Join us to talk about the things we are noticing, hear stories of what's happening in other places, and get training and support to help us join in with what God's doing in the places where we already are.

Tuesday 12th September

7.45–9.15pm

Coton Parish Rooms
(70 High Street, Coton)



Mission, it's said, is "finding out what God is doing and joining in..."

Contact bethcope@lordsbridge.org 01954 214 518.

Mission: nothing new, always fresh!

One of the big themes of Scripture is God's 'mission' - his salvation plan - to bring creation to perfection (e.g. Genesis 12.3; John 3.17; Revelation 21.1-4). At the core of Jesus' earthly mission was the kingdom of God. The Son became human, not just to draw alongside and identify with men and women, but to launch the kingdom - God's rule that will eventually transform the world. And that's what he invites us to join him in doing! This has inspired people down the centuries to found churches, monasteries, schools, communities, businesses, and towns... as well as breathing new life into the workplaces and communities around them. In each generation, people have prayed, listening to both God and their context, and then started exploring how best to draw together groups of disciples in ways that learn from and inhabit the richness of the Christian tradition, but applying it (as the ordinal demands) "afresh for each generation."

What 'fresh' things is God doing in the places where we already are? If you've a story to share, or want to know more, try popping down to the next Lordsbridge Missional Conversation, or read more at bit.ly/TransformingMission.

Beth

Great Get Together Weekend

This year **The Big Lunch** joined with the **Jo Cox Foundation** to create the **Great Get Together Weekend**.

Two groups in Hardwick took the opportunity to create a couple of very local, very easy Get Togethers, inviting neighbours to bring a contribution to a picnic on a local patch of green space. It gives people a chance to converse properly with neighbours they have said 'hello' to for years! Somehow, with minimal organisation, an event comes together with everyone joining in, the kids enjoying playing together and people finding out what they have in common with each other. Perhaps we will see more Get Togethers next year? All it takes is the courage to knock on some doors with an invite.

Clare Bigg

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust

Ride + Stride 2017

will take place on 9th September.

Many of the Lordsbridge Team churches are taking part and will be open for visitors on the day.





A life of prayer in the Lordsbridge villages

Prayer can take as many forms as there are pray-ers, but when we think about the prayer life of a disciple of Jesus we can perhaps think about three expressions of the practice of prayer:

1. The daily office or liturgical prayer

Did you know that as well morning prayer takes place in one or more of our villages every weekday? Anyone is welcome to join any of these small groups meeting regularly in particular places. Days and times where the daily office is said were listed in the last Lordsbridge Life.

On other days, I recommend the practice of saying the daily office at home to 'set your compass' for the day using Anglican *Common Worship* or something like *Celtic Daily Prayer* from the Northumbria Community. *Common Worship's Time to Pray* offers a simple framework for the daily habit of prayer and Bible reading, and is available as a prayer book from Church House Publishing or as an app from the Apple and Google stores. *Celtic Daily Prayer* is also available as a book with daily readings or on the website www.northumbriacommunity.org.

2. Contemplative prayer

Sometimes called 'being un-busy with God', this is relaxing into God's presence, cultivating a quiet centre in a noisy world. In Lordsbridge we support this kind of prayer with *Sacred Space* and *Into the Silent Land*. *Sacred Space* is an hour or so for anyone to join which takes place termly with a short act of worship and prayer stations to visit individually. *Into the Silent Land* is a fortnightly day-time Christian meditation group, open to new members, who practice silent meditation together.

3. Intercessory prayer

This is praying for others – for people, activities, places and situations both near and far. We do this weekly in our Sunday services and as part of weekday Morning Prayer. In some of our churches, intercessory prayer is led by a lay person or the Sunday Club, in others by the priest or minister. Some church communities have prayer boxes or take a note of those requesting prayer, some encourage praying in 2s and 3s at home, some use village prayer calendars on Sundays and at home.

There will be many different experiences of prayer across our churches, unique to different individuals and different places, but all need quality time and perseverance if they are to nourish us and sustain our calling here. But 'pray as you can, not as you can't' - what is important is not how we pray but that we pray, because prayer is keeping company with the God who loves us.

More in this subject in the online article 'Pray as you can, not as you can't' on the page 'How shall we then live?' on the website www.northumbriacommunity.org



Alison Myers, Team Rector, July 2017

Church websites:

Caldecote: www.caldecotechurch.org.uk
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

Youth Activities

Soul Survivor, 19 to 24 August.

This summer we will be attending Soul Survivor Week B at their new location in Peterborough. If you would like to join the WCCYM group at this year's Soul Survivor please contact Mrs Emma Slater, lordsbridge.youth@gmail.com for a booking form.

Comberton OASIS HOLIDAY CLUB

OASIS is an interdenominational event for the over 60s run in Comberton by the Anglicans, Baptists and Roman Catholics. Our aims are to develop an atmosphere of friendship and relaxation together. There are many activities to take part in including: woodwork, painting and drawing, visits to an alpaca farm and a model railway, music and singing, Christian meditation and so on. This year the theme is on 'Rivers' with outside speakers coming in to broaden our interests with illustrated talks. There is a short time of Christian worship followed by a hot lunch together.

The Comberton OASIS will be held in the Comberton Baptist Churches facilities at Green End from Wednesday 30th August to Friday 1st September, time 9.30am – 2.30 pm. The cost per person is £6 pounds per day; which includes a hot lunch. Booking forms can be obtained from Bob Barnes 01954 212842 or oasis@c-b-c.org.uk.

Please book early to assure a place.



The Summer Afternoons at St Mary's Hardwick

run on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 30th and 31st August from 2:30 to 4:30.

Enjoy tea and homemade refreshments, with activities for the children in a unique setting in the Sunday Club garden behind the church.

All are welcome: there is no charge, though contributions are gratefully received.

If you would like a news item included in the next edition (Oct/Nov) please email information to the Administrator by 15th Sept
Email: teamadmin@lordsbridge.org

Photo Gallery



Photos from the Service of Blessing for Pets at Harlton Church on Sunday 11th June, to which our friends from Little Eversden also came.



Coton Cream Teas, 2nd July on the Village Green

