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Tuesday Mornings
at St Mary's
Hardwick.
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What's on

Next meeting of the **Team Chapter**
October 10th

Next meeting of the **Team Council**
October 18th

Coffee and Cakes morning at All
Saints' Haslingfield, Saturday 12 October,
10-12, all welcome.

Coffee Morning in Barton Village Hall
Saturday October 14th 10-11.45am
for church funds.

Bring and Buy, Raffle etc plus
an opportunity to buy your Christmas
Cards from Save the Children Fund
in a leisurely setting over coffee

United Lordsbridge Team Services
Sunday 29th October

Worship with friends... or make new ones!

Holy Communion for All Saints Day
with ALM Commissioning,
10.30 am at St Andrew's Toft,
with Revd Rob Taylor,
Bishop's Officer for Growing Vocations

Matins

11 am at St Michael's Caldecote

Generous Slice Cafe open again
at Barton Village hall
Wednesday 15 November from 8.45am
real coffee, croissants, toast etc

Art & Craft Exhibition

at St Mary's Comberton,
24th, 25th and 25th November.
10 am to 4 pm. Entry free.

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Some of you will have heard my memories of Hidcote this summer but for those of you haven't - I was fortunate enough to spend the inside of a day there this summer, a garden that has been described as one of the finest, most influential gardens in the country. The first time I visited was in 2008 when I was training to be vicar and on placement in Warwickshire. Rich and I decided on the spur of the moment to visit. With no real expectations, except the desire for a decent cup of coffee, that day has stayed with me ever since. What we stumbled upon was pure delight, a riot of colour, shape, scent and form that has fixed vividly in my memory, an experience I will never forget. Without realising it we had timed the visit perfectly - everything was majestic and in full glory, flowers toppling over themselves to be seen, colours masterfully planned together. The proud trumpet of a yellow lily nestled alongside the delicate blue bloom of the flax - all welcome in the garden and all flourishing with enough sunshine and space to thrive. Such was the beauty, the shock to the senses - and the amazing vista from one scene to another, breathtaking views and framed to perfection - it lifted me. Such was the legacy of Lawrence Johnston, a little known man who transformed the gardens of his family estate. We all have places, people and experiences that have refreshed us, and bring us life. We too can be people that provide that space for others. I have since read that Johnston's mother called him a 'waster' and yet what I've experienced, he was a man with a huge gift, a master designer with phenomenal talent in his craft. His legacy is still giving so much today. He was certainly 'no waster'.

We may not all be gardeners like Lawrence Johnston but that's the delight in difference, for what we can bring might be just what someone else needs for that season. It might also make a difference for good we might never know, but changes someone forever. As we embrace a new season in our Team, preparing to welcome David Newton, our new Team Vicar and his family later this year, may we be confident to be who we are and be generous and provide space for one another to flourish as a whole in all that lies ahead.

Much love and prayers,

Becca



Introducing Revd David Newton, our new team vicar and lead minister for Caldecote, Comberton and Toft.

David studied Theology at Cambridge before training to be a teacher. He taught Religion and Philosophy at a school in Surrey where he met his wife, Sally. He trained for ordination in Durham and took up the position of Assistant Curate in the Ely Team in July 2015, where he has been lead minister for one of the churches in the Team as well as heading up some particular Team-wide projects. He and Sally have an 11 month old called Toby, and share their home with their beautiful black Labrador, Oreo. David enjoys good books, good food and long walks.

David will be licensed by the Bishop of Huntingdon on 5 December, 7.30 pm at St Mary's, Comberton, followed by refreshments at the Peoples Hall, Toft. All are welcome!

Introducing two Licensed Lay Ministers

— Clare Bigg and Sue Nelms, from the Lordsbridge Team were licensed at Ely Cathedral on Saturday 7th October at 2:30.



My name is Clare Bigg and I moved to Hardwick from the Mill Road area of Cambridge four years ago, having retired as a maths teacher. I quickly became part of the congregation at St Mary's, feeling very welcome there.

It has also been good to get to know people in the other Lordsbridge churches.

The LLM training has been a great privilege. I have spent time reading, reflecting and talking about our faith and mission and I am learning to take a fuller part in it. I am very grateful to all the people who have accompanied me with encouragement along the way. Please continue to pray for me if you are able.

I am married to Howard and have two grown-up children, two delightful grandsons (another one due soon) and a demanding cat!

Clare

My name is Sue Nelms and I am part of the St Mary's, Comberton church family.



Having had to stop work and take on the role of carer for my husband Rick, means that I now look at life and how we respond to its challenges differently and I hope to be able to make use of what I am learning to help other people both inside and outside of church life.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has encouraged me during my training. The Lordsbridge Team is so supportive and I have also been touched by the enthusiasm of people outside of my church family. I am really looking forward to serving as a Reader/Licensed Lay Minister in the Lordsbridge Team. The last two years training have been really challenging, but such an amazing privilege.

If anyone would like to talk about the training opportunities offered by the Ely Diocese, please get in touch and I would be happy to talk to you.

Sue

Mission Update

Exploring how to sustain and grow Fresh Expressions of Church in a Blended Economy.



#BLENDED: A DEEPER EXPRESSION

04.11.2017 @ 10am - 3.30pm

(networking from 9.30am)

The Old Palace, Ely, CB7 4EW

£10/£15 (including lunch)

#Blended: a Deeper Expression.

A Fresh Expressions of Church Conference for the Diocese of Ely

4th November 2017, 10am-3.30pm (networking from 9.30am)

The Old Palace, Palace Green, Ely CB7 4EW (adjacent to Ely cathedral)

Welcome from Rt Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely

Speaker: Ian Adams tutor in Pioneer Learning and Context-based Training, Ridley Hall.

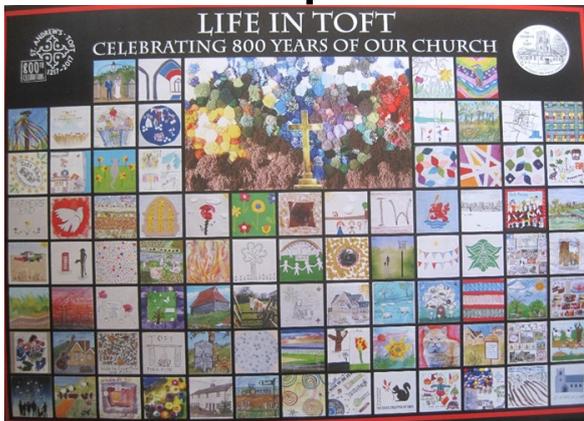
The Diocese of Ely has a vision to become a 50:50 blended economy by 2025, aiming by this point to have equal numbers of inherited and pioneer communities, and here in Lordsbridge we are already on that journey, with new expressions of church being developed in several of our villages. Whether you are involved already, or just want to find out more, **why not join Beth and others from our villages attending?**

The day opens with worship and have a conversational feel with lots of opportunity to talk, exchange ideas and to hear stories from those who are already on this journey whilst offering a road map for those who want to engage further.

For more details email mission@elydiocese.org, call 01353 652736 or visit <http://www.elydiocese.org/mission/fresh-expressions>

Beth

800 Years of Worship



St. Andrew's Toft has been celebrating 800 years of a known church in this place. We began the celebration last December. In the Spring we asked every household to portray on a calico square in any medium what Toft meant to them. 85 squares were returned and have been made into

banners. For our May feast the banners were hung in both our churches, and some of the pom-poms from early celebrations created into a collage of our countryside, a time-line was laid up the aisle and boards created for each century using, from 1539, entries from our parish records. In the summer we decided to enter the EIG competition and one of our parishioners created this poster by photographing every square. With two months to go we plan a 'thankful' service on October 22nd, when pieces of music and poems specially written will form the backbone of our 11.00am service of gratitude for what the church has offered down the centuries and on December 3rd, the Bishop of Ely will bring our year to an end as we worship in both our churches with services and lunch. Please do join us for either of these services, you would be most welcome.

Healthy Churches: Healthy Clergy

I have had a keen interest in clergy wellbeing (not just my own) for many years. Clearly the healthier clergy are – in all aspects of their wellbeing – the more they are able to flourish in their ministry. There is then a greater hope that the churches they serve will also be healthy and flourish. The more negative way of looking at this is that where the health of clergy fails this can have a profound effect on the church.

As St Paul put it when talking about the church as the Body of Christ: 'If one member suffers, all suffer together with it ...' (1 Corinthians 12.26-27). Clergy are part of the Body of Christ and their wellbeing has an impact on the whole church.

So who is responsible for encouraging the wellbeing of clergy?

The Bishop of Ely and his Senior Staff are responsible for the provision of personal and professional support of the clergy

Clergy themselves are expected to put in place measures that promote their own wellbeing, such as ensuring adequate time for their own spiritual refreshment and growth, taking time for physical exercise, etc.

Congregations can be pro-active in their care of clergy

The third of these, congregational care of clergy, is rarely spoken about – but not for much longer. The clergy, authorised ministers, Church Wardens and PCC members of the churches of the Lordsbridge Team have received invitations from the Bishop of Huntingdon to be part of a pilot programme in the Diocese that will look at how congregations can play their part in encouraging clergy wellbeing. The churches of the Lordsbridge Team comprise one of the groups of churches that, over the next few months, will trial new material designed to look at topics including: the links between the health of the clergy and the health of the church; the particular challenges for clergy in maintaining their wellbeing; shared responsibility for encouraging the flourishing of clergy. As the invitation says, this is not because clergy wellbeing is a particular issue in this group of churches but because we hope there will be a good response to this invitation so that the programme can be developed and made available more widely.

I hope that many who have received the invitation will be able to attend the meeting on Saturday 18th November at Dry Drayton church.

This is pioneering work and it is exciting that it is happening in our churches. Prayerful support for this work is very welcome and I will keep you posted on how it develops.

Sue Wyatt

"The next **Sacred Space** will take place on Sunday 26th November at 7.30-8.30pm in Dry Drayton Church.

Sacred Space offers a chance to gather with others for a time of contemporary worship using word and music. Prayer stations and times of quiet allow for personal reflection and prayer, and there is an opportunity to be prayed for if you wish. Come and join us to explore new ways of encountering God.

The Sacred Space team is currently looking ahead to events for 2018 and welcomes suggestions for themes that will guide our praying and planning. Please contact Rev Dr Lynda Taylor (lyndabtaylor7@gmail.com) with any ideas or feedback."

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

Tuesday Mornings at St Mary's

Something new is taking off in Hardwick.... Picking up the relationships built at our annual Summer Afternoons, St Mary's have started a new midweek gathering that has the potential to become a fresh expression of church. 'Tuesday Mornings' offers coffee, croissants, conversation, activities, bible stories and prayer for carers and their under-fives.

<http://bit.ly/TuesdayMornings>



Introducing an Authorised Lay Minister

On 29th October at the United Team Service in Toft team ALMs will be commissioned. Valerie James is one of the new ALMs to be authorised that day.

My name is Valerie James and I applied to take the ALM Pastoral Assistants course (visiting the elderly) as I heard that there are many lovely elderly people on their own. As I have time and can drive I thought visiting people was something I could do. The course consisted of six Saturday morning sessions with talks, discussions, role play and prayers. I also had to do a project of 10 hours which involved visiting people to gather information about their needs and expectations from the church. I also took a "Growing as a Disciple" course of 10 sessions. We studied sections of the Bible through reading and group discussions. This made me much more aware of the value of the Old Testament.

Val

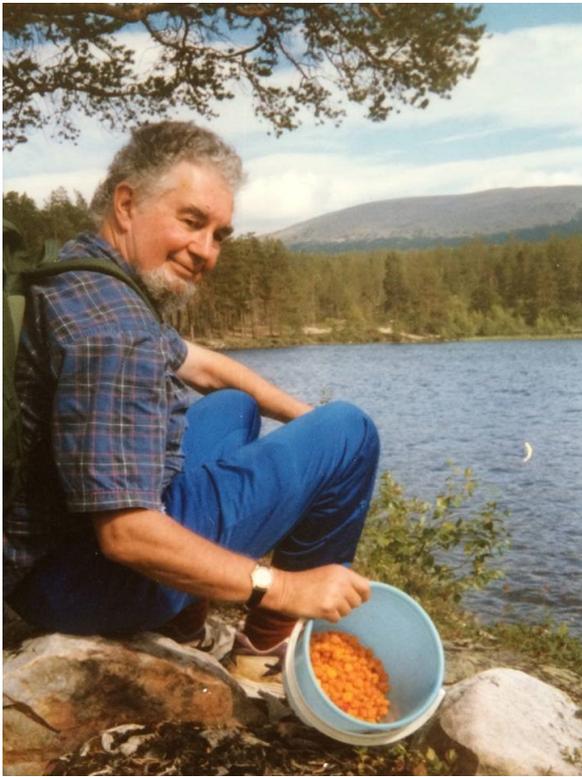
PIPPIN'S
Coffee and Company

"Pippin's" is open
on 7 Oct, 4 Nov

& 2 Dec

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 (Dec/Jan) please email information to the Administrator by 15th November
Email: teamadmin@lordsbridge.org



Paul by a lake in Sweden with a bucketful of cloudberry jam

**Paul Stanton Duffett,
1st October 1933 - 19th September 2017**

Revd Canon Paul Duffett lived in Barton with his wife Anita and was a much loved part of the local ministry team there. A service of thanksgiving for Paul's life and ministry was held at St Peter's Barton on Tuesday 3 October. He was a godly man and will be very much missed by friends and colleagues in the Lordsbridge Team and further afield. His son Chris Duffett, a Baptist minister and evangelist remembers him: ...

"...Dad loved Jesus.

He showed his faith right until the end. 'He's such a lovely gentleman' various nurses told us at the hospital. One 'night-Porter' had a difficult question about faith that had troubled him for years and Dad was able to help him. He ran the race till the end.

His call to becoming a priest happened at University at a university mission. He was studying at Keeble College Oxford, where Tolkien and C.S Lewis were tutors. His plan was to become an English teacher. Instead dad went on to Rippon Hall in Oxford to train to become a vicar, via Malay and Germany where he served in the national service for a couple of year.

His curacy was in Portsmouth for 4 years before he went to Zululand, South Africa...

In 1970 Dad married mum at the Swedish mission station in Rorkes Drift Zululand. They had their wedding celebration under a Eucalyptus tree with large pots of rice and stew made of a sheep that Dad had bought for the party! The church was decorated with Cosmos flowers picked from the fields.

Last year I visited where he and mum had worked. Even after 38 years the legend of Paul Duffett is well and truly alive and I met people who with tears in their eyes remembered him so fondly, having been loved and helped by him...

In December 1979 we all left the heat and sun of Africa and arrived in the snow and lived in Hampshire where Dad served as vicar in Greatham and Empshot and chaplain to a Cheshire home for people with disabilities...

After 8 years we moved to Papworth. Dad wrote about his ministry there, 'I have been one of the lucky ones to have my 'best job' the last in my career...'

He also loved Assisi the spiritual home of St Francis and went and served as chaplain 5 times in his retirement.

Even throughout the 19 years in retirement Dad continued to minister, not only on 2 Sunday's a month here in Barton and also in Lolworth but also through offering Spiritual Direction and meeting people as well as serving with the Third Order of Franciscans as area minister as well as Mothers Union chaplain. It was only 8 weeks ago that he preached his last sermon here (in Barton) before officially retiring...

His faith wasn't just a priestly, public one. He showed and lived a faithful life at home and with mum. Together they prayed for the family every day without fail. He was a dad we were proud of...

He was a good granddad too. The Grandchildren loved him being Father Christmas each year, sitting around the Christmas tree with his red hat on, handing out the presents. He liked to share jokes around the table, sometimes telling us things we weren't expecting like funny spoonerisms...

Most of all, he was a priest; a priest who served his Lord with love and devotion, but with a sense of inclusiveness which made those who spoke with him feel that they were part of the family of God. I am sure that his Lord and Master will have greeted him with that lovely phrase 'well done, good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of the Lord.'



WEST OF CAMBRIDGE CHURCHES JOINT SERVICE

WITH SPEAKER REV PETER WOOD

Come and join us for a morning of sung worship, prayer and a talk followed by refreshments.

**SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2017
10:30 - 11:45 at Comberton Leisure**

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

A session for primary school age led by Genr8 will be provided, as well as a crèche with an audio and video relay of the main service.

SERVICE SUPPORTED BY

Local Baptist Churches, Cambourne Church, Cambourne Catholic Church, Lordsbridge Team Ministry, Local Methodist Churches, Papworth Team Ministry, WCCYM



Service to Celebrate the re-opening of St Mary's, Great Eversden following restoration work 22 Oct, 11 am, led by Bishop Stephen of Ely

Photo Gallery



Caldecote Open Gardens 1st & 2nd July 2017



Summer afternoons in Hardwick, held on Wednesdays and Thursdays in August



Caldecote Choral Evensong with Vox Cantab and Archdeacon Alex to dedicate a new stained glass window on 16 July.



Pop up Café at Dry Drayton Church in August



Cyclists setting out from Haslingfield Church on the Ride Drive & Stride event held on Saturday 9 September.



Comberton Oasis Holiday Club, held in August, with the Baptist and Catholic community in the village.

More photos and information on the different church websites