

What's on

5th Sunday Lordsbridge Team United Services, 29 April

Dry Drayton, 10.30 am,
A Service of Holy Communion
with Revd Alison Myers

Haslingfield, 10.30 am, Messy Church
with Holy Communion,
with Revd Beth Cope

Toft, 8 am, Holy Communion,
with Revd Michael Reiss

Ely Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

led by Bishop Stephen
1-12 February 2019

Ten full days in Palestine and Israel
and a visit to Petra in Jordan .

Any questions about the pilgrimage,
please contact the Revd Alan Partridge,
a.partridge7@gmail.com.

A brochure for the trip at: <http://www.elydiocese.org/event?id=7527>

A booking form is now available from
your lead minister or from
teamadmin@lordsbridge.org

Lordsbridge Book Club,

will meet on **22 May, at 11.30 am**
at 14 Hillfield Road, Comberton.
The book for discussion this term is
Heaven by Paula Gooder.

If you are interested, please do get in
touch with Revd Howard Bigg
(hcbigg40@gmail.com) for more details.
Howard can also get copies of the book.

Barton Open Gardens

with teas served in the church
for church funds
Sunday April 8th from 2-5 pm

The Harlton Summer Concert

organised by the Harlton Organ Scholars
will be held on Saturday 23 June,
in Harlton Church.

Further details later.

Tickets from John Helmsing,
01223 263203,
or johnhelmsing @outlook.com

ALLELUIA

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed

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Dear friends,

Looking through the contributions for this *Lordsbridge Life* there is quite an obvious thread revolving around prayer - an emphasis on delving deeper into the heart of God's transforming love.

Beth speaks about prayer in Hardwick; there is the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land being advertised for Feb 2019; and I cannot highlight enough the information about the annual *Lordsbridge Pilgrimage* - happening between 10th and the 19th of May.

The Diocese has also been thinking hard about 'raising the spiritual temperature' and produced a new resource called *The Way of Life*. This is a suite of introductory courses - some for adults, some for teenagers and one for families with young children - that aim to help us all think about developing some kind of Way or Rule of Life that makes sure our Spiritual Life is richly intertwined and inextricably connected to the rest of our life. Here in the Lordsbridge Team we will be thinking about how we might develop a *Lordsbridge Way of Life* that builds on these Diocesan resources. You may also want to think about using the introductory course material in your Home Groups.

I recently wrote a short article that picks up some of these themes, encouraging us all to 'dive deeper' in the ocean of God's Love. For some that means exploring the 'ocean trenches' and the darkness of divine mystery, for others it means diving amongst the coral and joining the colourful dance of the reef; and still for others it might mean going on a journey across oceans, riding the currents as they take you. Whatever the makeup of our own spiritual life, the call remains the same, to continue diving and discovering the richness of God's grace.

As we enter Easter Season many of us will journey through Acts and hear how God's Spirit is at work in the world. My prayer is that during this time we might remember that God longs to be deeply embedded in the ordinary bits of our lives; not segregated for Sundays and other churchy things. His Spirit walks with us as we meet for tea, go shopping, clear the garden, help a friend or go to work. With all this focus on prayer, let's commit to finding his love and his presence already out there in the world, for that is at least part of what we celebrate as Easter rolls over into Pentecost.

Yours in Christ,

David

ISHMAEL PRESENTS:
GLORIE DAYS

A CONCERT CELEBRATING ISH'S 35 YEARS OF WRITING SONGS FOR ALL AGES. ADULTS WILL ENJOY SINGING THEM ...WHILST A NEW GENERATION WILL HAVE FUN LEARNING THEM!

ISH'S SONGS ARE STILL INSTANTLY SINGALONGABLE, EXCITING & EDUCATIONAL. AND OF COURSE THE BEST WAY TO LEARN AND REMEMBER BIBLE VERSES! SO DON'T BE A MISERIE... COME AND JOIN IN THE 'GLORIE-DAYS' FUN!

DATE	TIME	VENUE
26 April	7.00pm	St Mary's Church, Comberton

ADMISSION ON THE DOOR: ADULTS £5.00 CHILDREN £3.00

The return of Ishmael (Revd Ian Smale)

for what promises to be another amazing concert.

April 26th 2018, 7 pm at St Mary's Church, Comberton

A concert celebrating 35 years of song writing for all ages. Adults will enjoy singing them...whilst a new generation will have fun learning them!

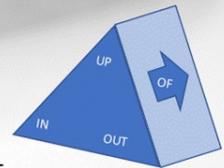
Admission on the door: Adults £5 Children: £3

Connecting Chocolate with church, culture, and community

During Lent, some of our villages have been thinking about **Strengthening Connections between Church, Culture, and Community** through a short course adapted by Beth from the national ecumenical scheme *MS/2*. Over 5 weeks, people have met in cosy living rooms, watched videos of stories from around the country, and (lent resolutions permitting) tucked into Toblerone. Yes. Toblerone. Because Toblerone can provide a tasty reminder of the historic understanding of what "church" is -- and prompt us to think about how we're doing in the different areas.

The Creed: 'Toblerone Church'

- An **UP** dimension connected to Father, Son and Holy Spirit - a **holy** church;
- An **IN** dimension in fellowship and community - a Christian community that is at **one**;
- An **OUT** dimension sent out in mission, broadly defined - an **apostolic** church;
- An **OF** dimension being part of the whole body of Christ, round the world and in history - a **catholic** church.



Over in Hardwick, we got particularly interested in how we can continue to strength our prayer-life (UP, IN, and OF); we started asking questions about how we can make even more use of the wonderful asset that is our well-tended church grounds, gardens, and campfire circle (UP, IN, and OUT), and we were inspired to think about how tending God's creation is a crucial part of joining in with God's mission (OUT) even as it draws us closer together (IN).

Each village church will be different... but I wonder what you think are the strengths of your church? This might include how we worship, build each other up, empower each other to make a difference in the everyday places we find ourselves, and how we celebrate our belonging to something bigger.

If you've not yet been part of the course, why not talk to your lead minister about giving it a go locally?

Beth

Friends of St Mary's Church Comberton
presents (in the Church @ CB23 7ED) ... **FOSM**

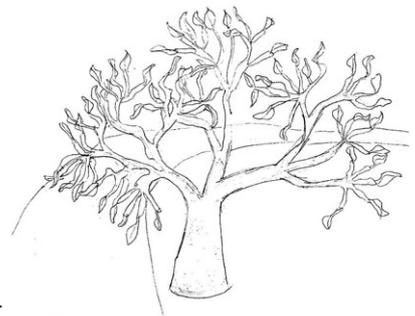
SongCycle
The all singing all cycling male voice quartet
Light entertainment with music from **Bach to the Beatles and more**

Saturday 28th April 7.30pm
Tickets £10 (Incl. Pre/Interval drinks & nibbles)
Available from: Your Churchwardens, Cruickshank the Butchers, David & Jane Hughes tel: 263355 Richard Elleray 30 Green End CB23 7DY

SongCycle are: The all singing all cycling male voice quartet
Brian Lynn Richard Baker Nick Rayner Sam Adams
www.friends-of-st-marys-church.org.uk

SACRED SPACE

The Lordsbridge Team's next Quiet Morning will take place on Saturday 19th May, 9.30-12.30, based at Harlton Church. The morning will be led by Rev Ian Adams, currently a tutor at Ridley Hall. Ian wrote the book 'Cave, Refectory, Road' which provides the theme for all of this year's Sacred Space events. Ian is passionate about the need for nurturing lives rooted in love for God, for neighbour and for the earth. Attention, stillness and prayer are, he suggests, the essential foundations for such a life and he will share more about this with us on 19th May. More information will be available nearer to the date.



Alternative worship for the Lordsbridge Team Churches

The acclaimed **Song Cycle** - the all singing, all cycling male voice quartet performance at St. Mary's Church, Comberton.

Saturday 28th April, 7.30pm

LORDSBRIDGE PILGRIMAGE

The Lordsbridge Pilgrimage will once again take place from 10th to 19th May as part of the Archbishop of Canterbury's 'Call to Prayer'. Churches across the team will open their doors to visitors and share with them their ideas based around the following prayer:-

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As has become our custom, the Pilgrimage will start with the Joint Service to celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday 10th May, which will take place this year at St Mary's Church, Great Eversden, and continue through to our services for Pentecost on Sunday 20th May (churches will be open until the evening of Saturday 19th May).



Additional features will include various walks between individual churches and also walking round all of the Team's churches in one day.

We are also delighted to offer people the opportunity to come together for a Lordsbridge Team Quiet Morning on Saturday 19th May, 9.30-12.30, based at Harlton Church. The morning will be led by Rev Ian Adam, author of 'Cave, Refectory, Road' which has inspired this year's Sacred Space evenings. Anyone is welcome to attend the Quiet Morning.

More details of all of the Pilgrimage's events will be available in the run up to the event and we look forward to as many people as possible joining in.

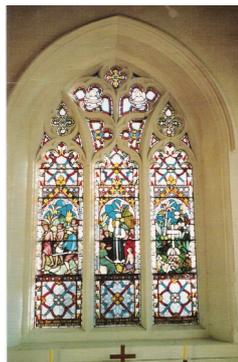
Kigali link



St Mary's Comberton is linked with Masaka Parish and continues to communicate and share prayer pointers with Masaka parish through Rev. Samuel Kandole and Manasseh. Rev. Albert was transferred to Kanombe Parish and Rev. Emmanuel Nkubito is now serving in the parish.

Lordsbridge was pleased to welcome Manasseh and his wife Catrin when a group visited the diocese from Kigali last October. Now a number of other Lordsbridge parishes and individuals are interested in supporting and growing this link. Alison Myers has been invited to be part of the group from Ely diocese visiting Rwanda in June and the current appeal for Kigali is to support the training of pastors and catechists from Kigali Diocese at KATC. The Lordsbridge team could support a student to complete a two year certificate for £600 or a three year degree for £900. Kigali Sunday this year will be May 27th. More news after the visit in June.

Malawi Link



In the 10 years since the first commemorative walk between Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge and Haslingfield Church, proceeds from the walk have gone towards the completion of a teacher's house and classroom block, the renovation of a monument stone, a roof, windows etc. for a new church at Magomero, the

completion of a new teacher's house and now a ceiling for the priest's house at Magomero. The walk itself commemorates a walk which Bishop Charles Mackenzie took from Cambridge on Sundays to help out at Haslingfield in the mid 19th century before going out to what is now Malawi as a missionary. Do join us for the 10th Walk on 22nd September – contact José Hopkins, 01223 872190.

In Caldecote, Gateways ran a 'Mother's Day Runaways' event for those men and women who, for whatever reason, find Mother's Day difficult. The Sidewalk kindly hosted us and provided coffee. We gathered for a guided reflection over colouring, with space to light candles, remember, grieve, and be assured that we are not alone.



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

PIPPIN'S
Coffee and Company

"Pippin's" is open
on 7 April and 5 May 10 to midday in the community room at the
Hardwick Primary school.
Coffee, cakes and company.
Perhaps we'll see you there.

Celebrating our first Holy Communion within Messy Church!



On the 1st Sunday of every month, something a bit different happens at St Peter's, Coton. "Messy Church" is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. We are pleased that here in Coton our intergenerational Messy Church is connecting with several families who wouldn't

otherwise be part of our community, and also includes many of those who worship with us throughout the month.

Like many Messy Churches, we typically start with a welcome then a long 'Exploring' time to explore the biblical theme through a range of formats – crafts, science activities, food-craft, painting, interactive prayer stations. Locally, we have a particular passion for offering reflective readings and visual presentations. We conclude with a short celebration time involving story, prayer, and singing, and a sit-down soup-and-rolls meal together at tables in the Parish Room. Messy Church meals are expected to have echoes of Jesus eating with, celebrating with, and teaching his friends... and provide a natural link to celebrating Holy Communion together. And, for the first time, we will be doing this in April!

Of course, Holy Communion isn't just something 'bolted on' after another act of worship, just as the meal isn't an 'extra' but an integral part of our Messy Church gatherings. So, in the same way that our familiar Anglican communion liturgy takes us through four stages: **Gathering**, **Word**, **Response** (including sharing bread and wine) and **Sending**, we are using the familiar Messy Church patterns and activities to deeply explore and participant in aspects such as confession, creed, and prayers. Common Worship allows us to be creative, using our senses to do these things. So, we will start by 'Gathering' over a shared breakfast. In our Exploring section we will unpack the Word and make symbolic objects that can be offered on the Communion Table in our Response, together with the gifts of bread (from our breakfast), wine, and financial offerings. Where specific words are set, we will be using these. Overall, there will be fewer words, but a perhaps an even more tangible sense of preparation and communion with the Holy.

The Coton Messy Church team have planned their first Holy Communion for Easter Sunday, starting at 10.45am with a breakfast of hot cross buns, rolls, and hot chocolate. There will be opportunities for other villages to share in this style of worship in Great Eversden on April 15th, and at our Joint Service in Haslingfield on April 29th. Again, starting with breakfast!

www.facebook.com/CotonMessyChurch



Youth weekend away



The annual youth weekend away took place at Burwell House over the weekend of 9th – 11th March. 26 young people aged between 11 and 18 from churches across the area, including those in the Lordsbridge team, came together for a weekend of fun and fellowship.

During the weekend, there were talks and discussions lead by Heather Rogers from the I Am Project (iamprojectuk.com). As well as the group discussions, there were team tasks and games for which points were allocated with the anticipation of the losing team captain (one of the leaders) being gunged on the Sunday morning. This is always a highlight of the weekend away!

A great time was had by all and we are currently in the process of booking Burwell House again for next year.

Teresa Taylor, youth@lordsbridge.org

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