



# ELY CATHEDRAL

## CATHEDRAL AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Dear members of the Cathedral community,

### CONGRATULATIONS



To married couple Canon Jim Garrard (Canon Precentor) and Dr Ros Lane (Chaplain of King's Ely) as they celebrate ordination anniversaries. Jim was ordained priest thirty years ago this Pentecost and Ros was made deacon at the same time (see photo). We thank God for their ministries in chaplaincy, parish and Cathedral contexts and wish Ros well as she embarks on new work as *Senior Chaplain for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust*.

### JOHN MARSHALL



It was with great sadness that we received the news of the death of John Marshall, a Lay Minister at the Cathedral, a strong supporter of our music tradition and a long-serving teacher at King's Ely. The Dean writes. "John was a hugely valued licensed Lay Minister at the cathedral and in the villages around Ely. He took services, preached regularly and was a leading light in ecumenical activity in Ely, notably with his involvement in the Good Friday walk of witness. "He was also an ardent supporter of the work of Christian Aid. A faithful Christian disciple." His funeral will be held at the Cathedral on Tuesday 15 July at 12:15pm. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### YOUR VIEWS, PLEASE

As part of the ongoing planning work of Chapter, we are asking members of Cathedral congregations to provide feedback about what matters most to you and what you feel are the areas for particular focus in the years ahead. Anonymous questionnaire cards are available in the Cathedral and may be placed in the designated collection boxes at the South and West Doors. Thank you.

### A GIFT TO THE FAMILY AREA



The family of little Amber who was baptised in the Cathedral in May as donated some new toys for children to enjoy in the Family Area on Sunday mornings. Our thanks to them and to the members of the Mother's Union who welcome families to the area every week. To join the Ely Cathedral Mothers' Union Branch or to find out more, please contact [mu.ely.c.info@gmail.com](mailto:mu.ely.c.info@gmail.com).

### SAFEGUARDING NEWS

The new chair of the Cathedral Safeguarding Advisory Group (ESAG) is to be Phil Priestley. Phil worked for seventeen years in policing, with Cambridgeshire Constabulary including in neighbourhood policing for Ely and in priority crime and the Domestic Abuse Investigation Safeguarding Unit. He has published two books on the topics of 'county lines' and child criminal exploitation.

## FINANCIAL GIVING

The Cathedral encourages regular worshippers to manage their planned giving by using the 'Parish Giving Scheme'. Gifts can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis with Gift Aid claimed and passed automatically to the Cathedral. For more information, please contact Gemma O'Shea, Head of Fundraising, on [gemma.oshea@elycathedral.org](mailto:gemma.oshea@elycathedral.org).

## CAMBS DEAF CHURCH

Last Sunday afternoon, Cambridgeshire Deaf Church gathered for a special Eucharist service in the Lady Chapel celebrated by The Revd Jan Smith, Chaplain working with Deaf and Deafblind people in Ely Diocese. The service was signed in British Sign Language and simultaneously interpreted into speech.



## ETHELDREDA FESTAL EVENSONG

The weather was kind to us this year as we celebrated the life and legacy of our founding Saint on Sunday 22 June. The assembled company processed into the Bishop's garden - the location of the former monastic cloister - where the choir sang Anton Bruckner's motet *Locus iste a Deo factus est* (This place was made by God).



## CONFIRMATIONS

Congratulations to Chioma, Ebube, Iruoma, Richard, Charlotte, Sophie and Leo who were prepared by us for baptism and confirmation on Trinity Sunday. They were confirmed by Bishop Dagmar alongside a good number of other candidates from across the diocese.



## ST CATHERINE'S CHAPEL



An elegant and simply designed new altar has been constructed for St Catherine's Chapel by Pete Hotine, our Workforce Supervisor. Pete is a long-standing member of the Conservation and Works Department and his particular skill in woodworking is of great benefit to the Cathedral. The altar comes with a matching unit designed to display a new series of free leaflets introducing aspects of the Christian faith which we hope will be of interest to our visitors.

## TESCO BLUE TOKENS

If you shop at Tesco, you might like to use your blue tokens to vote for the Learning Department's activities, such as Lego Café and Board Game Café which are being supported by the Tesco Stronger Stars initiative. These activities help to provide children and families additional opportunities to learn and play together. The project with the most votes will receive £1,500, second place £1,000, and third place £500. Collect your free blue token at Tesco Ely every time you shop from July to September.

## A PRAYER

Holy and compassionate God:  
so direct our strength and inspire our weakness,  
that we may enter with power into the movement of your whole creation  
towards wholeness, justice and peace. Amen.

Christchurch Cathedral Vancouver

With best regards,

Handwritten signature of James Reveley.

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