



ELY CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRAL AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

August 2025

Dear members of the Cathedral congregation and community,

ANGELA JONES

The news came to us this morning of the death in the hospice of Angela Jones. Angela was an active member of the worshipping community and committed to pastoral care and children's work through the MU Edward Bear Group. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

RAILWAY ANNIVERSARY



It was an honour to join the Mayor in unveiling a plaque on the wall of train last week in celebration of the 180th anniversary of the first rail passenger service to Ely. The first such train departed on 30 July 1845 and the then Dean, George Peacock, gave a speech extolling the economic benefits of the railway and the increase in the moral and intellectual welfare of the community that he trusted it would bring. The plaque is on platform 2, just before the ramp.

AND OTHER ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Susan and Stephen Brooker are celebrating fifty years of marriage and invite the cathedral congregation to share a celebration cake and a glass of champagne after the 10.30am service on Sunday next, 10 August. We are looking forward to celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of David Parker's ordination to the priesthood on 29 September. He will preside at the Tuesday morning 8.00am Eucharist on that day. Do join us to mark this joyful occasion. Joanna and I thank you for your good wishes as we celebrate our silver wedding this summer too!

ELY IMPS

The Ely Imps gave a concert in the Cathedral a few weeks ago to mark the end of term. The choir's membership has recovered from just 16 members at the end of the Covid pandemic to a grand total of 58 members now, three of whom will soon become Cathedral choristers. The Imps is open of all children aged 7 to 13 and rehearses on Wednesday evenings in term time.



RIDE AND STRIDE



The Rev'd Tim Thompson and I will once again be cycling around Ely to raise funds for the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust in the morning of Saturday 13 September. We are planning a gentle route (the diary is busy in the afternoon) so if any wish to join us, please get in touch. Any sponsorship can be made via this "GoodHub" link or using sponsorship forms over Sunday coffee. Thank you!

www.goodhub.com/go/offerings/cambridgeshire-historic-churches-trust-15601

HEAD OF EVENTS

We are pleased to announce that Amy Royal joins us this month as the Cathedral's new Head of Events. Amy is local to Ely and brings a wealth of experience having worked in most aspects of event management for over 14 years. Welcome, Amy!

THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

We shall be offering another free "Bereavement Journey" course in the autumn for those who have suffered a bereavement. It will be held at Powcher's Hall from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on Thursdays from 2 October to 13 November and will be hosted by me and Fiona Stern (St Mary's Ely). Please let others know and email me to book a place or call 01353 660302.

SAFEGUARDING NEWS



Chapter recently approved the appointment of Phil Priestley as the new Independent Chair of the Cathedral's Safeguarding Advisory Group (ESAG). With a background in policing and experience in coaching education leaders through his organisation, *Inclusive Development*, Phil brings valuable external insight to our safeguarding work. His appointment ensures independent scrutiny that helps keep the Cathedral a safe and welcoming place for children, vulnerable adults, and all who enter.

ZOOM EVENING PRAYER

In addition to the services held daily in the Cathedral, a group meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to say Evening Prayer together on Zoom. The service is around half an hour long with the text available on the Church of England Daily Prayer app. You are welcome to join them: Meeting ID 819 0657 0977, Passcode 065383. Here is the link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81906570977?pwd=ZTJ2QnNhYkVHNFp5eTJmV2hIUm5XQT09>

A PRAYER

*I thank you, O God, for the pleasures you have given me through my senses;
for the glory of thunder, for the mystery of music,
the singing of birds and the laughter of children.
I thank you for the delights of colour, the awe of the sunset,
the wild roses in the hedgerows, the smile of friendship.
I thank you for the sweetness of flowers and the scent of hay.
Truly, O Lord, the earth is full of your riches!*

After Edward King, Nineteenth Century.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Reveley'. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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