



ELY CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRAL AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

September 2025

Dear members of the Cathedral congregation and community,

AUTUMN PROGRAMME



Our autumn programme, '*Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God*' is now published and available in hard copy from the Cathedral and online at www.elycathedral.org/worship/autumn-programme. Please make yourself aware of what is available through worship, lecture and study groups, including Canon Jenny's six-week course on Wednesday evenings on the Nicene Creed. Details of the popular Animal Service and the Harvest Weekend are also included.

FAREWELL TO SUE

As Friends of Ely Cathedral will know, Sue Hunting, will soon be retiring from her role as Friends' Officer after many years of dedicated service. To mark the occasion, the Friends are holding a Farewell Coffee Morning on Wednesday 15 October, from 9.15am to 12 noon in the Lady Chapel. All are welcome to attend. Donations towards a gift for Sue can be left with David Bruce at the Chapter Office Reception.

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 when they appear over Sunday coffee. Thank you!

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

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 Monday morning 8.00am Eucharist on that day. You are welcome to join us to mark this joyful occasion.

HARVEST SUPPER



The Cathedral Harvest Supper with harvest hymns will be held after Evensong on Friday 10 October in the Lady Chapel. The menu includes Jacket potatoes with generous fillings and homemade desserts. This year all tickets are free but must be booked via the website here: [Harvest Supper](#) or in person at the Cathedral. Donations will be received on the night to cover costs (£5 suggested minimum). Proceeds to the Ely Food Bank. Our thanks to the Pastoral Hospitality Group for organising this.

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 on this [link](#).

ADVENT SLEEPOUT

Canon Jenny and I will be leading an Advent 'Sleepout' on Friday 12 December in aid of Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project and Crisis. Individuals and groups will be able to join us to sleep outside or in the Lady Chapel. Registration (£10 for adults and £5 for children aged 10-17) will be via the Cathedral Website from mid-September. All proceeds go to the designated charities. Registration closes on 9 November.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



All members of Cathedral congregations are welcome to attend a meeting on Sunday 19 October at 12.30pm in the South Transept. Coffee will be available after the 10.30am service and this can be brought with you into the meeting. Celebratory drinks to mark Diana Barcham-Stevens' big birthday will be held in the Lady Chapel ahead of this meeting.

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.

THANK YOU



Gemma O'Shea, the Cathedral Head of Fundraising, writes: "Thank you to all volunteer stewards and team members who have helped introduce the new mobile tap to give devices at services on Sundays. The four devices have taken a total of £1,223.50 through 160 transactions to date since May. This includes offerings from those from the USA, the Netherlands, France, Ireland, Australia and Canada."

NEW TO THE CATHEDRAL?



If you have joined the congregation in the last year or so, the Dean and Chapter would like to invite you to a 'New to the Cathedral' drinks reception at the Black Hostelry in October. Please contact me for your invitation on James.Reveley@elycathedral.org or phone 01353 660302.

JUNIOR CHURCH SLEEPOVER

Intrepid members of Junior Church spent the night sleeping in the Cathedral at the end of August. They gathered for a picnic tea in the Bishop's garden and processed into the Cathedral for night prayers in the choir before settling into sleeping bags for hot chocolate and Cathedral-related bedtime stories. Breakfast was held in the Lady Chapel and a 'seven sacraments hunt' found them searching around several of the chapels for clues before joining us for the 10.30am Eucharist. Our thanks to Josie Gableman, whose brainchild this was, and to June Massey for making this possible. Photo over page.



A PRAYER

*Lord God Almighty,
pour your spirit into our hearts and set us on fire with love for you,
that we may bring forth the fruits of love, joy and peace,
and live to the praise of your holy name.
May that fire of love that burns in our hearts
create a flame of faith, of hope, of peace
in the hearts of all those whose lives we touch;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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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