



ELY CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRAL AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

January 2025

Dear members of the Cathedral congregation and community,

JIM GARRARD RIP

It was with deep sadness that we learned of the death of Canon Jim Garrard in the early hours of Monday 8 December. Our prayers have been for him, for Ros, Richard and Sophia, and all of Jim's family and friends. His funeral will be at the Cathedral on Friday 9 January at 11.30am. For those unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed on this link: <https://youtube.com/live/Wvd7MglDvK8>. Should you wish to send cards to the family, please address them to the Chapter House and we will pass them on.



ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE WORK

The Cathedral will be completely closed for the three days from Monday 12 January to Wednesday 14 January while some essential maintenance work is undertaken by visiting contractors. The Cathedral building itself is not in any risk, however this closure is the only way to ensure that the necessary work can be carried out safely and in line with our insurer's requirements. Daily services will be relocated as follows:

Monday 12 January

- 7.30am Morning Prayer and 8.00am Eucharist - Prior Crauden's Chapel
- 5.30pm Choral Evensong - St Peter's Church, Ely

Tuesday 13 January

- 7.30am Morning Prayer and 8.00am Eucharist - Prior Crauden's Chapel
- 5.30pm Choral Evensong - St Etheldreda's (RC) Church, Ely

Wednesday 14 January

- 7.30am Morning Prayer and 8.00am Eucharist - Prior Crauden's Chapel
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer - Prior Crauden's Chapel

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This runs annually in the days leading up to the Festival of the Conversion of St Paul (25 January). You are invited to join with other Christians in Ely for special services and events to mark this week and pray together. Daily Reflections from clergy and ministers will be available to view on a link accessible via the Cathedral website.

Monday 19 January

- 6.00-7.30pm: Countess Free Church – Open for prayer.

Tuesday 20 January

- 7.00pm: The Lighthouse Church – Join for prayers.

Thursday 22 January

- 12noon: Ely Methodist Church – Prayer Service followed by a Soup Lunch.

Friday 23 January

- 5.30pm: Ely Cathedral – Choral Evensong to mark the Week of Prayer.

Sunday 25 January

- 6.00pm: St Mary's Church – United Service for all Ely.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service for David Stazicker, whose funeral was in Mepal in December, will be held in the Cathedral on Monday 26 January at 2.30pm. David served as Secretary to the Cathedral's Fabric Advisory Committee for many years and gave his time and expertise generously to the Cathedral.

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Alison Binstead writes following the December meeting of the Ely Cathedral Environment Group:

- We continue to look for ways to improve recycling around the site. ... The bars that we run now use more recyclable materials, but we need to find better ways to ensure all of these items are recycled rather than put in bin bags and ending up in general waste.
- We now have reports from our engineering consultancy firm on all of the properties that we use (other than the Cathedral itself) detailing how best we decarbonise these buildings. As you can imagine, with grade I listed properties, and the various restrictions on us that Jonathan detailed at the staff and volunteer update last week, this makes the solutions both technically difficult and very expensive. But with the huge success of the Almonry kitchen air source heat pump and other upgrade works we will continue to work through these challenges.
- The under-floor heating in the Lady Chapel is currently run by gas fired boilers. When these get to the end of their life we aim to be in a position to replace them with air source heat pumps, but the various permissions and funding required for this is huge and so we will start work on this now so that we can be ready.
- We have been given a very generous donation to enable us to work on the third border area of the East Lawn. It is currently an area set aside for biodiversity and the aim is to preserve a blend of biodiversity and beauty.

ADVENT SLEEPOUT - THANK YOU

Thirty people from the Cathedral and wider Ely Community took part in the Advent Sleepout in December, including Bishop Dagmar and her dog, and several Cathedral staff and volunteers. We are so grateful to everyone who sponsored us. Money raised for Crisis and the Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project was well over double what we had first hoped for and with other donations for Shelter, the total came in at just under £4,000 in sponsorship. A photo of the participants (less Canon Jenny who took it) is below.



A PRAYER

God of all people and all places, like the magi we would journey into the presence of Jesus the Christ. There we would offer our gifts; before Christ, we would lay the realities of our lives, good and bad. We offer our joy and love and laughter, that they might be made holy; we relinquish our bitterness and hatred and worry, that we might be made whole once more; through the living Spirit of Christ. Amen.

Flames of the Spirit, Ruth Duck.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Reveley', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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