



ELY CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRAL AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Dear members of the Cathedral congregation and community,

OUR NEW DIOCESAN BISHOP



The College of Canons (Residentiary Canons from the Cathedral and Honorary Canons from the parishes) met on Monday unanimously to confirm the election of the Right Reverend Sarah Clark as our next Diocesan Bishop. It is anticipated that Bishop Sarah will be welcomed and enthroned at Ely Cathedral in the early summer. Further details about this service will be shared as soon as they are available.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Cathedral Community sends congratulations to The Revd Dr Ros Lane who has been appointed as the Priest-in-charge of the parish of St Brandon's in Brancepeth in the Diocese of Durham. She will begin this new phase of her ministry sometime in the summer. We pray for her in this time of change and transition, and wish her well in her new appointment.

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Details of services and events to keep Lent and Holy Week, and to celebrate Easter are in the seasonal booklet available in the Cathedral and listed on our website: www.elycathedral.org/worship/len-holy-week-and-easter. This year's Holy Week preacher is The Revd Dr Stephen Hampton.

THE ENTHRONEMENT OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Join us on the afternoon of 25 March to watch together the live broadcast of the Enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury. If you would like to join us in the Cathedral Presbytery, please make a note in your diary - the service will begin at 3.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING FOR JERUSALEM DIOCESE

A retiring collection will be taken at Cathedral services on Good Friday for the Diocese of Jerusalem's Gazan Hospital (the *Al Ahli* Hospital). The *Al Ahli* hospital in Gaza is the only Christian hospital in the city. It fearlessly continues to serve all (*Ahl*) in Gaza, despite five bomb attacks during the war. At the ceasefire it was operating at more than double its normal capacity. Funds are needed for staff salaries, as well as medical supplies, generator fuel and, of course, repairs. For details, please see [here](#). Individuals can make donations online via [this link](#).

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 on Thursday 30 April at 6.30pm. Please contact me for an invitation.

WILDLIFE IN THE DEAN'S PADDOCK

Newly installed cameras are offering an exciting glimpse into the hidden wildlife of the Dean's Paddock. Early footage, captured with help from the Biodiversity Team, is already revealing a variety of animal and bird activity. Regular visitors are becoming easier to identify, and the images show how species move through the area. Encouragingly, the "dead hedge" is working as intended, with wrens and robins using it as a safe nesting site. Footage should soon be available to view, along with the latest environment news here: <https://www.elycathedral.org/community/environment-action/renew>

INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE



The national 'Cathedral Music Trust' is leading a nationwide initiative to recognise English sacred choral music as part of the UK's submission to UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list. Please consider showing your support for this recognition by signing on this link: <https://www.cathedralmusictrust.org.uk/unesco-living-heritage> or by scanning the QR code to the left.

ELY CATHEDRAL TRUST

Leaving a gift in your Will to Ely Cathedral Trust (Charity No. 264803) helps support key areas of the Cathedral's work - from maintaining the historic building and sustaining its choral tradition to expanding children's learning programmes. The Cathedral offers a free Will-writing service through the National Free Wills Network and *Farewill*. You can request a pack [online](#), contact our fundraising team (01353 660305 or email fundraising@elycathedral.org), or access an online Will writing facility. See: www.elycathedral.org/leave-a-gift-in-your-will. The Friends of Ely Cathedral operate a similar system.

ELY REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT CAMPAIGN



The Ely Refugee Resettlement Campaign is looking for new members for its working group. Their work is described on their website: [Ely Refugee Resettlement Campaign](#) and they are currently looking for volunteers either for long term support or for one-off projects. Please contact Poppy at info@elyrrc.co.uk to find out more.

SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN AID

In support of Christian Aid Week, a 'Cuppa and Cake' morning will be held at The Black Hostelry on Friday 15 May from 10.00am to noon. All are welcome.



CANONS' UPDATE

The advertisement for the new Residentiary Canon (a 'Canon Pastor') is on the Cathedral website and interviews will be held a couple of weeks after Easter. I shall formally assume the role of Canon Precentor in a short ceremony at Evensong on Sunday 26 April and hand over the role of Chapter Safeguarding Lead to Canon Jenny Wright around this time. We will be doing all we can to cover all the areas of responsibility between us until the new Canon Pastor is installed and during the time that the Dean's position is vacant.

A PRAYER

We pray for the nations of the world in the midst of escalating conflict in the Middle East.

God of mercy, look with compassion
on all who are affected by the present conflict.
Grant insight to hardened hearts,
comfort to the fearful,
protection to those in danger,
and hope to those who are despairing,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

With best regards,

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

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