



ELY CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRAL AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

April 2026

Dear members of the Cathedral congregation and community,

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

The remaining services for Holy Week and Easter are:

Maundy Thursday 2 April

10.30am Chrism Eucharist

5.30pm Choral Evensong

7.30-11pm Eucharist of the Last Supper

Good Friday 3 April

10am Christians Together Walk of Witness

Midday-3pm Preaching of the Cross and The Liturgy of the Day

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Holy Saturday 4 April

5.30pm Evensong with plainsong

8pm Easter Vigil with Baptism and Confirmation

Easter Day 5 April

8.15am Holy Communion

10.30am Festal Eucharist (with Children's Easter Activities)

4pm Festal Orchestral Evensong

THE DEAN'S FAREWELL SERVICE



We will say farewell to our Dean, The Very Revd Mark Bonney DL, at a celebration of the Eucharist at 10.30am on Sunday 28 June. Everyone is welcome to attend and join us after the service for refreshments in the Bishop's Garden - a chance for the Cathedral community, staff, volunteers, friends and colleagues to come together, give thanks for Mark's ministry, and to wish him and Katy well for the future. Mark officially retires on 31 July, bringing to a close more than forty years of stipendiary ordained ministry, including fourteen years of faithful service here at Ely as the Cathedral's spiritual and executive leader. Details of how to contribute to a farewell gift are on the Cathedral Website: <https://www.elycathedral.org/about/news-media/farewell-service-mark-bonney>

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.



BISHOP DAGMAR AND BISHOP SARAH

A farewell service for the Rt Revd Dr Dagmar Winter, Bishop of Huntingdon, will be at 4.00pm on Sunday 3 May, followed by refreshments. Do join us to give thanks for Bishop Dagmar's ministry among us, ahead of her installation as Bishop of Edinburgh at the end of May. We shall be welcoming The Rt Revd Sarah Clark as the next Bishop of Ely at an Installation Service on Sunday 21 June at 3.00pm in the Cathedral. This will be a ticketed service as we need to make space for representatives from all the parishes and chaplaincies across the Diocese. But it will be livestreamed.

CANONS' UPDATE

Interviews for the new Canon Pastor will take place a couple of weeks after Easter. I will formally take up the role of Canon Precentor at a brief ceremony during Evensong on Sunday 26 April, and will serve as Interim Dean following Mark's farewell service. Canon Jenny will be stepping into the role of Chapter Lead for Safeguarding, and - bringing her title in line with the shorter styles of Canon *Pastor* and Canon *Precentor* - she will become known as Canon *Theologian*. We are very grateful to the Priest Vicars, who are kindly taking on additional responsibilities while we are short-handed over the summer. And thank you, too, for your patience and understanding as we navigate this period of transition.

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 23 April (please note - new date) at 6.30pm. Please contact me for an invitation.



PRAYING THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES



Cambridge Courses in Spiritual Direction is offering a programme of praying the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises over a nine-month period, in a group setting, with two-weekly reviews. The programme will run from 21 September to 10 May next year based at St Andrew's Church, Histon. The course fee is £500. For more information, write to ccsd.secretary@gmail.com or visit their website: <https://www.cc-sd.info/>.

A PRAYER

A prayer for Holy Week and Easter.

Jesus, our true and only Saviour,
you died like a criminal on the cross; but you are God, the one who forgives.
You were broken, helpless and in pain; but you are God, in whom there is hope.
You have shown us a love beyond words: give us your forgiveness, hope and love.
Amen.

A New Zealand Prayer Book

With best regards,

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