



# ELY CATHEDRAL

## CATHEDRAL AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

May 2026

Dear members of the Cathedral congregation and community,

### CANON PASTOR APPOINTMENT



The Dean writes, "I am pleased to share that the recruitment process for the Canon Residentiary post has been successfully completed. Following this process, we are delighted to confirm the appointment of the Revd Canon Robert Mackley as Canon Residentiary and Canon Pastor. Canon Mackley is currently Vicar of St Mary the Less, Cambridge, and a member of our College of Canons. Canon Mackley will be preaching at Evensong on 17 May, providing an opportunity for you to hear him ahead of his installation which will take place at Evensong on Sunday 20 September." We look forward very much to welcoming Canon Mackley.

### BISHOP DAGMAR

Following six years of ministry among us as Bishop of Huntingdon and then Acting Bishop of Ely, Bishop Dagmar has concluded her work in the Diocese and is preparing to take up new responsibilities in Edinburgh. Last Sunday's service of Choral Evensong with a farewell to her and presentations is available to view here: <https://youtube.com/live/mzLn8cenoPY?feature=share>

### THE DEAN'S FINAL SERVICE AND LEAVING GIFT



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. Gemma Hardy, the Executive Assistant to the Dean, writes: "I am writing to share the details of the Dean's farewell service, which are available here <https://www.elycathedral.org/about/news-media/farewell-service-mark-bonney>. The link also includes information on how to contribute to the collection. At the beginning of May, a card will be available for everyone in the congregation to sign; this will be located in the Vergers' Vestry. If you would prefer to email your message for inclusion instead, please feel free to send it to me. If you have any questions, or if you know others who may wish to attend the service or contribute, please do pass on the link above."

### BISHOP SARAH

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. If you would like to attend, please contact Gemma Hardy either via email [gemma.hardy@elycathedral.org](mailto:gemma.hardy@elycathedral.org) or 01353 660 306 by 16 May to be included in a ballot. Applications should be made either individually

or in pairs. The outcome of the ballot will be communicated by the end of the month. The service will be livestreamed on this link: <https://youtube.com/live/2MCutPjs7EE?feature=share>.

## **ANNUAL REVIEW**

The Annual Review of Cathedral Activities for 2025 is now published and can be viewed and downloaded on this page of the Cathedral Website: [Ely-Cathedral-Annual-Review-2025.pdf](#). A limited number are available in hard copy from the Chapter Offices.

## **SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN AID**

Details of services and events to mark Christian Aid Week are on the final page of this newsletter.

## **YOUTH PILGRIMAGE**

We are once again inviting young people from churches in the Diocese in school years 7 to 13 to gather together for a Pilgrimage on Saturday 11 July. Details are here: [Youth Pilgrimage - Ely Cathedral](#). If you would like to make a £10 donation to sponsor a pilgrim to attend this year's Youth Pilgrimage, please use the link on this page: [www.elycathedral.org/donate/ely-cathedral-youth-pilgrimage](http://www.elycathedral.org/donate/ely-cathedral-youth-pilgrimage).

## **UKRAINIAN ICONS UPDATE**

The organisers were delighted that the recent Ukrainian Icons exhibition generated around £685 in donations from visitors at Ely Cathedral. These funds have contributed toward transport costs for a vehicle currently undergoing repairs in Ukraine, which will be used in Black Sea demining operations. In addition, the organisers confirmed that one icon sold for £4,500, providing further support for their ongoing work.

## **A PRAYER**

Father in heaven,  
form in us the likeness of your Son  
and deepen his life within us.  
Send us as witnesses of gospel joy  
into a world of fragile peace and broken promises,  
and touch the hearts of all with your love  
that they in turn may love one another.  
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

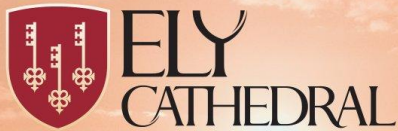
*The Roman Missal, adapted*

With best regards,



Canon James Reveley

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# Christian Aid Week *in Ely*

Saturday 9 May, 10.00am-12noon

**Coffee Morning**  
**in support of Christian Aid**  
Methodist Church, Chapel Street  
(entrance through St Mary's  
car park).  
Bric-a-brac, cakes and hot drinks.  
Donations welcome.

Sunday 10 May, 6.00pm

**City-wide**  
**Ecumenical Service**  
**to Celebrate the Start of**  
**Christian Aid Week**  
St Peter's Church, Broad Street  
Preacher: Fr Stuart Thomson  
(Schools Chaplain for King's Ely)  
Light refreshments to follow.

Friday 15 May, 10.00am-12noon

**Coffee Morning**  
**in support of Christian Aid**  
The Black Hostelry  
(next to the Cathedral car park)  
Homemade cakes and coffee.  
Suggested donation £5

Saturday 16 May, 11.00am-2.00pm

**Plant Sale**  
Cathedral East Lawn  
Donations of plants can be left  
outside the South Door of the  
Cathedral from 6.00pm on the  
Friday night.