



ELY CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRAL AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Dear members of the Cathedral congregation and community,

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. Details of the Dean's farewell service, 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. A card is available for everyone in the Vergers' Vestry for the congregation to sign.

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. Applications have now closed but you can view the service on the livestream on this link: <https://youtube.com/live/2MCutPjs7EE?feature=share>.

A GATHERING OF HOPE



A service in support of survivors of church-based abuse. Friday 12 June at 7.00pm in the Cathedral Presbytery. The purpose of this service is to create a welcoming and safe space for survivors in the Cathedral, with a focus on relationship, healing and demonstrating the love of God. Join us to gather in solidarity with survivors to listen, to bear witness and to affirm the love of God. Please feel free to come and support others who will attend. The Ely Cathedral Octagon Singers will lead the music.

NEW VESTMENTS FROM THE FRIENDS



As part of their Ninetieth Anniversary celebrations, the Friends have generously gifted a new Green High Mass Set to the Cathedral. It will be worn for the first time on Sunday 7 June, and again at the Dean's retirement service on 28 June. If you're interested in becoming a Friend of Ely Cathedral, we'd be delighted to welcome you to a special introductory event on 9 June at 6.30pm. The event is free to attend but places are limited — please register by emailing friends@elycathedral.org or calling 01353 660348.

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.

CATHEDRAL ENVIRONMENT GROUP



The Biodiversity Team have been learning how to scythe from Richard Brown from WildScythe (<https://wildscythe.co.uk/>). They will be using their newfound skills to manage the grassland in the Dean's Paddock which will help promote a flower rich, biodiverse grassland. This process is an efficient method of grass cutting and it also helps to protect the wildlife that lives in the Dean's Paddock. More Cathedral Environment news is on this page of the website: [Renew Environment Group - Ely Cathedral](#).

A PRAYER

Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.
Come, my Life, and revive me from death.
Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.
Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins,
kindling my heart with the flame of your love.
Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there.
For you alone are my King and my Lord.

Dmitri of Rostov, d. 1709.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Reveley'.

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