



ELY CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRAL AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

August 2026

Dear members of the Cathedral congregation and community,

CANON ROB'S INSTALLATION



We are looking forward to Canon Rob Mackley joining us as a Residentiary Canon. His installation will take place at Evensong on Sunday 20 September. All are welcome to this service which will be followed by suitably celebratory refreshments. Please hold Rob and the parish of Little St Mary's, Cambridge, in your prayers.

BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICE

This year's 'Back to School' service will be held in the Presbytery at 3.45pm on Tuesday 8 September. Children are welcome to come to this service to mark the beginning of a new school year. Simple school songs will be sung and backpacks blessed. Refreshments will follow.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH COORDINATOR



Canon Jenny Wright writes: "We are delighted to announce that Joanna Reveley has been appointed as Children and Youth Coordinator at Ely Cathedral. This role will cover midweek children's activities such as Story and Song Time and Lego Cafe, diocesan youth events and also Junior Church on Sunday mornings, working alongside the Learning Team in development of literature and resources and the Residentiary Canons. Joanna comes to us with many years' experience as a music teacher as well as leading Sunday School and young people's church groups. She is looking forward to joining us in September."

STEWARDSHIP VIA THE PARISH GIVING SCHEME



The Cathedral is registered with the Parish Giving Scheme which allows you to give to our work securely and safely online. Please click 'Regular Giving' to set up a monthly, quarterly, or annual Direct Debit (ideal for those who are regular members of the Congregation) or 'One-Off Gift' to make a single gift using your Debit, Credit Card or Apple/Google Pay wallet. <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/ely-cathedral-ely>

HARVEST SUPPER



The Cathedral Harvest Supper with harvest hymns will be held after Evensong on Friday 9 October in the Lady Chapel. The menu includes Jacket potatoes with generous fillings and homemade desserts. This year all tickets are free but must be booked via the website (link available next month). or in person at the Cathedral. Donations will be received on the night to cover costs (£5 suggested minimum). Proceeds to the Ely Food Bank. Our thanks to the Pastoral Hospitality Group for organising this event.

EARTH IN OUR HANDS - BREAKFAST WITH PROFESSOR JULIAN ALLWOOD



Join Professor Julian Allwood, a leading Cambridge expert on climate mitigation, for a clear-eyed, hopeful conversation about practical climate action that communities and individuals can take today. Saturday 17 October, 9.00am in the North Transept Tickets £6, including a light breakfast, visit: [Breakfast with Professor Julian Allwood](#)

PRAYERS DURING THE VACANCY

The process for the appointment of the next Dean of Ely is led by the Archbishops' Advisers for Appointments and Vocations. A selection panel will be created to include our new Diocesan Bishop, a Dean from another cathedral and representatives from the College of Canons, the Bishop's Council and from Chapter. Statements of need will be drawn up, and consultations will take place with diocesan, cathedral and civic representatives. We expect that the process will conclude with the appointment of a new Dean in the summer of 2027. In the meantime, I have written a prayer for use at our online Evening Prayer service on Wednesdays at 5.00pm. You are welcome to join Evening Prayer online on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5.00pm on the following link: [Join Evening Prayer via Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 819 0657 0977 Passcode: 065383. The prayer is at the end of this newsletter.

TWENTY YEARS OF THE IMPS

At the end of June, the Imps, our Cathedral children's choir, celebrated their twentieth anniversary. Founded in January 2006 by Paul Trepte, the IMPS have gone from strength to strength and celebrated this milestone with the first performance of a specially commissioned piece by Paul entitled 'Dappled Things.' The photo below shows Paul and some current members of the choir cutting the 20th Anniversary cake.



CHAPTER HEADLINES

Jonathan Bell, our Chief Operating Officer, has prepared a summary of the most recent meeting of Chapter (held on 20 July). It is available to view along with other relevant documents on the Cathedral website here: [How we are governed - Ely Cathedral](#)

A PRAYER

*Almighty God,
you have called us to be the Body of Christ in this Cathedral Church:
guide with your heavenly wisdom those entrusted with the appointment of a new Dean,
that they may discern your will and recognise the person whom you are calling;
and grant that, in due time, we may be shepherded with skill and care, built up in faith and love,
and further encouraged in the service of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory,
now and for ever.
Amen.*

With best regards,

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

Canon James Reveley

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