The Voice of the Earth:
Global Exploitation - or Global Flourishing?

Worship, Prayer and Christian Formation
at Ely Cathedral Autumn 2022
This autumn at Ely Cathedral, we will be exploring the intimate link between the exploitation of the earth’s finite resources and the exploitation of human beings, and will be pondering our Christian response to the global politics of greed and fear in this time of war, climate crisis, mass displacement, mass migration and their attendant covert cultures of enslavement and abuse.

Psalm 19 sings of the earth’s wordless speech, witnessing to the goodness of God. Yet in our seasonal prayer, Basil the Great, writing in the fourth century, speaks with sorrow of the voice of the earth as a ‘groan of travail’ in the face of humanity’s ‘ruthless cruelty’. Humanity has been ignoring the silent music of God’s praise a long, long time.

Psalm 19.1-4

The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. One day pours out its song to another, and one night unfolds knowledge to another. They have neither speech nor language, and their voices are not heard; yet their sound has gone out into all lands, and their words to the end of the world.

Our programme of sermons, discussions, practical planning and action aims to help us, as disciples of Christ, to make the difference we can make, in the places and ways to which we are called, in order that those silent, and silenced, voices might indeed be heard and honoured, signs of light amid the darkness of the times.
In our Autumn programme, we seek to hear the voiceless, both amidst creation and amidst the tumult of the peoples, and to witness to God’s justice in our unjust world.

Worship is offered daily, all are welcome

Monday - Saturday
7.30am  Morning Prayer
   (A short said service with bible readings, canticles and prayers)
8.00am  Holy Communion (said)
5.30pm  Choral Evensong

Sunday
8.15am  Holy Communion
   (A said service, in traditional language with a short address)
10.30am Sung Eucharist with music, hymns and sermon
4.00pm  Choral Evensong with short address

On Thursdays and Saints’ Days there is an additional Eucharist at 12.10pm
A full list of services can be found on the Cathedral website.

* Incense is used at services marked with an asterisk

Prayer for the Season

O God, enlarge within us the sense of fellowship with all that lives. We remember with shame that we have exercised the high dominion of man with ruthless cruelty, so that the voice of the earth, which should have gone up to thee in song, has been a groan of travail. May we realise that thy creatures live not for us alone but for themselves and for thee, and that they love the sweetness of life.

Basil the Great (330-379). Adapted.
Creationtide Programme

As we seek to respond to the voice of the earth, an important part of our calling is to make visible the ways we can protect and conserve its resources. The programme below is a mixture of awareness-raising, worship, and active planning for a carbon-neutral future.

Saturday 10 September, 10am - 4pm

**Ely Cathedral Green Fair**
*On Cross Green (next to Ely Cathedral)*

Join us for the second annual Green Fair showcasing eco-friendly stalls selling home-made, locally produced artisan products, plus vegan specialities, local beers and ciders.

Discover more about our local environmental groups and how you can support them. Stallholders will also include local commercial suppliers of low carbon solutions for the home or business. The fair will also include demonstrations from Blended Monkey and Wild Oak Workshops; entertainment; food and drink.

Saturday 17 September, 11am - 3pm

**FUEL**
*On Palace Green (opposite Ely Cathedral)*

A day event on Palace Green run by Christians Together in Ely. Music; arts and crafts; prayer tent; conversation café; games and activities for all the family; environmental stalls, including RENEW.

Tuesday 20 September, 6.30pm

**Public Talk on ‘Real Zero Emissions’**
*Speaker: Professor Julian Allwood*
*In the North Transept*

*This talk will be also be live streamed in partnership with The Church Times.*

Professor of Engineering and the Environment at Cambridge University Julian Allwood gives a frank overview of the challenges of the reality of reaching zero emissions. He’ll explain the hurdles that churches will encounter, and what the options are for creating a zero emissions commitment that can truly be delivered on.

**CHURCH TIMES**
Sunday 25 September, 2pm

**Animal Service**

Our annual Animal service, back after a 2-year break during the pandemic. A wonderful chance to give thanks for the animal companions with whom we share our lives and our planet, to bring them into our Cathedral, to ponder how best to care for animals and to ask God to bless them. The service will be led by Bishop Dagmar and her dog Tilda.

Thursday 29 September, 7pm

**Environment Vigil (via Zoom)**

Please check the Cathedral website for more details: www.elycathedral.org

Saturday 1 October - **Cancelled**

**Great Big Green Week Community Walk**

Finishing with outdoor worship on the East Lawn. See our website for timings and more details: www.elycathedral.org

Sunday 2 October

**Climate Sunday: Reflecting and Acting Together**

*Organised by the Diocese of Ely Social Justice Network*

Join us in the Cathedral from 12.15 - 3.45pm as we explore what it means to reflect and act together for God’s world. Speakers include Rebecca Watson, of the Faraday Institute, Jeremy Williams, author of *Time to Act: A Resource Book by the Christians in Extinction Rebellion*, and John Shropshire, CEO of local agricultural firm G’s Fresh.

**Book your place today on Eventbrite here:** https://bit.ly/ElyClimateSunday

Stay for our special Climate Sunday Evensong at 4pm!
October Sermon Series:  
**Human Flourishing, Human Exploitation**

During the month of October we explore, through worship, teaching and preaching, the deep links between the exploitation of human beings and the exploitation of the earth’s resources, and we seek to discern how our Christian hope, lived out and acted on, may make some difference to the wellbeing of the earth and its peoples.

**Sunday 2 October, 10.30am**  
**Climate Sunday**  
**16th Sunday after Trinity**  
**Preacher: Mark Rodel**  
**Seeds of Hope**

Mark has been the Mission Learning and Innovation Lead for the Diocese of Ely since 2019. A member of the diocesan Mission and Ministry team, he works on developing the diocesan learning platform, multiplying pioneering forms of mission and ministry, as well as contributing to diocesan thinking and initiatives on social and environmental justice. He has been a pioneer priest in Portsmouth and Nottingham, as well as a tutor at a theological college.

**Sunday 2 October, 4pm**  
**Evensong for Climate Sunday**  
**Preacher: Canon Imogen Nay, St Paul’s, Cambridge**  
**Greening the Soul: Spirituality and Climate Change**

Imogen has just moved to the Ely Diocese to be Vicar of St Paul’s, Cambridge; prior to her move she was Canon for Evangelism and Discipleship at Chelmsford Cathedral. Imogen is a keen environmentalist, having led St Andrew’s Church, Rugby to achieve a Gold Eco Award and also enabling Chelmsford Cathedral to become only the second Cathedral to achieve the Gold Eco Award. Imogen leads retreats on Greening the Soul, as well as giving workshops and talks on Greening the Church. She is studying for a doctorate looking at contemporary nature-spirituality and Christian approaches to creation.
Sunday 9 October, 10.30am

Harvest Eucharist
17th Sunday after Trinity
Preacher: Canon Jessica Martin

The Bread of Life
Jessica has been residentiary Canon at the Cathedral since 2016. She has written on sexuality, holiness and the modern world’s relationship to greed and consumerism in her 2020 book *Holiness and Desire*, and is completing her book *The Eucharist in Four Dimensions* (given as the 2021 Bampton Lectures) which ponders the relationship between the fractured history of eucharistic theology and modernity’s assumptions about what counts as ‘real’.

Sunday 16 October, 10.30am

Safeguarding Sunday
18th Sunday after Trinity
Preacher: The Revd Prebendary
Dr Isabelle Hamley

God’s Justice and Human Abuse
The Revd Preb Dr Isabelle Hamley is currently Theological Adviser to the House of Bishops in the Church of England. She has previously held posts as a parish priest, Old Testament tutor, university chaplain and chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Before ordination she worked as a probation officer. She is an Old Testament scholar and theologian with a particular interest in questions of personhood, justice, violence and trauma in Scripture.

Sunday 23 October, 10.30am

19th Sunday after Trinity
Preacher: Alianore Smith

Bringing freedom and justice: The work of International Justice Mission
Alianore Smith is the Church & Theology Manager at International Justice Mission (IJM) UK. She previously worked at the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC) and studied Theology at Durham University. She has been part of the team at IJM for nearly 3 years.

International Justice Mission is a global organisation that protects people in poverty and exploitative work.
Sunday 23 October, 6pm
Ben Jupp Memorial Lecture - Ely Amnesty Group
Sir Tony Brenton - Democracy and Human Rights; turning the ebbing tide

Tony Brenton is a distinguished British diplomat, writer on international issues, and a Fellow of Wolfson College, Cambridge. He joined the British Diplomatic Service in 1975 and, in the course of a 33-year career, served in the Arab world, the European Union, Russia and the USA. He has dealt with such issues as the Arab/Israel dispute, global climate change, international energy policy, and the Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq wars.

He was a senior official at the British Embassy in Washington DC following 9/11 and at the time of the Iraq war. He served as British Ambassador in Moscow 2004-8 during the most difficult period – until this year – in modern British/Russian relations. He has written a well-received book on international environmental diplomacy *The Greening of Machiavelli* and edited a book *Historically Inevitable?* on the Russian Revolution. He is a regular commentator in the “Times” and other British publications, Director of the Russo-British Chamber of Commerce and is writing a book on Russia at the time of Peter the Great.

Entry is free. There will be a retiring collection for the work of Amnesty.

Monday 24 October - Friday 4 November
Hear My Voice Exhibition
*In the Lady Chapel*

This family-friendly interactive exhibition, organised in partnership with the Clewer Initiative, captures the journey of refugees and migrants from their place of origin to the tent cities of Calabria, Italy.

A fence filled with kites and pieces of artwork by children and adults expresses their reasons for leaving, their experience of the journey and of their arrival and integration. Threaded throughout are the themes of dignity and hope, and bitter/sweet emotions at each stage of the process, and in different current contexts. All are welcome to join us in exploring these journeys and to create their own kite of hopes, finding common ground along the way.
Harvest Weekend: Harvest Home
Friday 7 - Sunday 9 October
Join us to celebrate harvest with several new events for 2022. The main Nave will be filled with spectacular floral displays by Ely Cathedral Flower Guild, and food and farming displays. There will be a harvest produce sale at the west end and, in association with the National Farmers’ Union, we are inviting members of the public to share messages of support with farmers at home and in the Ukraine.

Friday 7 October, 6.30pm
Harvest Supper
In the Lady Chapel
Tickets: £10 per person available from the Cathedral website.

Saturday 8 October, 10am - 3pm
Ely Creative Community Food Fair
In the Lady Chapel
Organised by Ely Community Lunches, the fair is free and welcomes people of all ages and abilities. There will be demonstrations, stalls and resources sharing innovative and traditional cooking skills, and new ways of purchasing seasonal, low-cost and nutritious food on a budget, as we experience the potential impacts of the new financial environment.

Saturday 8 October, 7-11pm
Harvest Festival Ceilidh
In the Lady Chapel
Tickets available from the Cathedral website.

Harvest Festival Worship
Sunday 9 October, 10.30am
Harvest Festival Eucharist
Please see page 7 for service details.

Sunday 9 October, 4pm
Harvest Prayer and Praise
A service of praise especially for families to worship together, exploring thankfulness, care for the earth, and care for each other as God’s family.
‘We feebly struggle, they in glory shine’ says William Walsham How’s great hymn ‘For all the Saints’.

Yet, as that hymn also proclaims, we who strain to discern the signs of God’s justice on our darkened earth are only the latest in a long line of those who have endeavoured, through obedience, service and God’s grace, to bring the kingdom of heaven near. In our Lord’s sight all, living and departed, are redeemed together, because our redeemer Christ lives.

So we who live and work in his sight in our generation look to the past in gratitude, work in the present in the power of the Spirit; and live in hope of Christ’s coming to wipe away all tears in the land of the living.

Sunday 25 September, 10.30am

**Commemoration of Lancelot Andrewes**, sometime Bishop of Ely and Anglican divine.

**Preacher: The Bishop**

Bishop Andrewes was a profoundly influential figure, as a preacher and teacher, and as someone whose personal devotion to Christ was deep and sustained.

Bishop Stephen has been our chief pastor since 2010. He has had a ministry to marginalised groups over many years. He has a particular interest in mental health issues. Having been the Anglican bishop accompanying the L’Arche Community in the UK, a mixed community of people with learning difficulties and those who care for them, he is now ministering in that role internationally.
Wednesday 2 November, 7.30pm

**Sung Eucharist for All Souls’ Day**
We remember those lost to us, naming them with love and giving thanks for all they taught and showed us about the kingdom of love to which we journey. The choir will sing the *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré.

Sunday 6 November, 10.30am

**Choral Eucharist for the Third Sunday before Advent**
Preacher: The Very Reverend Mark Bonney, Dean of Ely

*The God of the Living*

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Monday 17 October, 5.30pm

**Evensong for the Translation of St Etheldreda**
With the installation of new Honorary Canons
Preacher: The Bishop

As we honour our foundress, St Etheldreda, on this anniversary of her translation, we ponder our commitment to a shared calling to work and witness to Christ in this holy place.

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Sunday 16 October, 3.15pm

**Justice Service**
Followed by reception in the Lady Chapel
Preacher: Revd Petra Shakeshaft

A service for all who administer justice in the region, aligning our approximate and faltering attempts to ensure a just society with God’s transcendent justice for his world.

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Sunday 13 November, 10.30am

**Remembrance Sunday**

Preacher: The Reverend Dr David Coulter CB OStJ QHC formerly Chaplain General to HM Land Forces (2014-2018) now the Clerk to the Church of Scotland Presbytery of Fife

We gather to honour those who gave their lives for the freedom of others. We keep silence to witness the poppy drop from the Octagon as we pray for peace in our troubled world.

David Coulter is a Church of Scotland minister and former military chaplain. From 2014 to 2018, he served as Chaplain General to HM Land Forces and head of the Royal Army Chaplains’ Department, British Army. He was previously Principal of the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Centre and Deputy Chaplain General. Before ordination he was a commissioned officer in the Royal Irish Rangers.

Sunday 13 November, 4pm

**Solemn Orchestral Requiem Eucharist**

Setting by Maurice Duruflé. With the Cathedral Choir and Ely Sinfonia.
The Revd Canon Dr Tim Bull is an Anglican Priest serving at St Albans Cathedral and as the Director of Vocations for the Diocese of St Albans. Previously Tim has been a country vicar and a trainer in church leadership. He has degrees from Oxford and Cambridge in mathematics and theology, respectively. He gained a PhD from Durham in software engineering and a second PhD from King’s College London in theology. He is a member of the Society of Ordained Scientists and was elected in 2015 to the Church of England’s governing General Synod.

Sunday 27 November, 10.30am

The Feast of Christ the King

Preacher: Canon Tim Bull, St Alban’s Cathedral

The feast of Christ the King acknowledges and celebrates Christ’s servant kingship over all creation, and looks towards the fulfilment of his kingdom, where everything is turned upside-down: the hungry fed, the poor made rich, and the powerless given honour. It culminates the season in which we look towards that kingdom and pray especially for its coming, and it heralds the waiting and expectation of Advent.

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Discipleship: Growing in Faith and Love

Autumn Term Confirmation Groups

Tuesdays: 4, 11, 18 October; 8, 15, 22 November, 4.15 - 5pm

Youth - led by Canon James Reveley
At The Black Hostelry

Thursdays: 6, 13 October; 3, 10, 17, 24 November, 7.30 - 8.45pm

Adult - led by Canon Jessica Martin
At Powchers Hall

Youth and Adult session themes
(using Emmaus resources)
Session 1 - Jesus - his life and ministry
Session 2 - Jesus - his death and resurrection
Session 3 – The Bible
Session 4 – The Holy Spirit & Prayer
Session 5 - Holy Communion
Session 6 - Your Kingdom Come – God’s priorities for the world

Saturday 26 November, 6.30pm

Eve of Advent Diocesan Baptism and Confirmation Service

Saturdays: 10 September; 8 & 29 October; 19 November, 8.45 - 10am

‘Way of Life’ Breakfast Group
With Canon Jessica Martin
At Powcher’s Hall

Come and have breakfast! Over croissants, orange juice, and excellent coffee, come to a group which explores scripture, right action and the life of the spirit together, talking over the readings for the Sunday eucharist that weekend, sharing stories, supporting each other, and trying out silent contemplation together.

Why not come along? – all are welcome, whether occasionally or regularly, and whether you have come before or not. There is no need to book, but if you would like to find out more do contact Canon Jessica: jessica.martin@elycathedral.org
Pilgrimages: Encountering Christ in Ely Cathedral

For centuries Ely Cathedral has been a place of pilgrimage for people from all over the world, and we now offer special pilgrimage tours of the Cathedral specifically designed for parish and other Christian groups. We use the Cathedral with its many different parts and special locations, as pilgrims have done for centuries, as a focus for prayer, contemplation and meeting with Our Lord. The pilgrimage tours themselves last about 80 minutes. Starting times are negotiable – and could easily be set to allow the group to participate in one of the Cathedral’s regular daily services after the tour finishes.

There will be no charge from groups from within the Diocese of Ely, but the standard charge for organised groups visiting the Cathedral will apply to others. One of the benefits of pilgrimage is to enjoy fellowship with fellow-pilgrims, and you might like to consider having coffee, lunch or tea together as a group after the tour. The Cathedral has the facilities for this; arrangements and the relevant prices can be discussed when booking.

Bookings can be made by e-mail to: pilgrimages@elycathedral.org

Sunday 6 November Noon - 1pm
Cathedral Community Forum
In the South Transept
A public meeting for members of the Community and Congregation. It will last approximately 45 minutes and be followed by a simple lunch that can be booked on the Cathedral website.
Tickets: £5. Bring your coffee.
More details about *The Voice of the Earth: Global Exploitation - or Global Flourishing?* can be found on our website.

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