

LET US PRAY

Worship, Prayer and Christian Formation
at Ely Cathedral

Autumn 2026



DAILY WORSHIP



Monday - Saturday

7.30am: **Morning Prayer**

(A short said service with Bible readings 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**

On **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** a short service is offered by our Day Chaplains in St Catherine's Chapel at 12.15pm.

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.

A former Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, once said:
when I pray, coincidences happen; when I don't, they don't.

This is a reminder to us as Autumn approaches, with its focus on creation, fairtrade, black history, harvest and remembrance, that whist working and campaigning for justice is an imperative for discipleship, so too is prayer.

Let us go into this season looking to see where God is at work in the world around us, participating as and where we are able to do so, but always praying 'your Kingdom come, your will be done'.

PRAYER FOR THE SEASON

O God of love, we ask you to give us love,
love in our thinking, love in our speaking,
love in our doing,
and love in the hidden places of our souls;
Love of those with whom we find it hard to bear;
and love of those who find it hard to bear with us;
Love of those with whom we work, and love of those with whom we take our ease;
that so at length we may be worthy to dwell with you,
who are eternal love.
Amen

SERVICES

Sunday 6 September (all services)

Festival of Creation in Christ

We mark this new festival, authorised this year by General Synod, emphasising that creation is understood through the person and work of Jesus Christ: created through him, sustained in him and destined for renewal in him.

Tuesday 8 September, 3.45pm

Back to School Service

A service for children and young people at the start of the school year. Bring along your school bag as we gather for a short service of worship and prayer, followed by refreshments.



Sunday 20 September, 1.30pm

Animal Service

This very special annual service celebrates all animal life, and thanks God for the joy and companionship pets bring to our lives, as well as recognising the vital work of animals in service. If you are unable to bring your pet, please bring a photograph instead as we will bless the animals, and reflect on how we are called to live well with all of creation.



Sunday 20 September, 4pm

Evensong with Installation of Canon Robert Mackley as Canon Pastor

Thursday 15 October, 7.30pm

Saying Goodbye Service

The Saying Goodbye Service is for anyone who has lost a child at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in infancy, whether the loss be recent or 80 years ago. In addition, anyone who has been through fertility treatment or who has never been able to have children for whatever reason, is most welcome.

The service is supported by the Mariposa Trust:

www.mariposatrust.org



The Translation of St Etheldreda

Friday 16 October, 5.30pm

Festal Eucharist for the Eve of the Translation of St Etheldreda

Music includes the first performance
of a new work by Sarah MacDonald,
A Garland for St Etheldreda.

Saturday 17 October, 5.30pm

Festal Evensong for the Translation of St Etheldreda

Music includes Howells' *Collegium
Regale Canticles*.

Sunday 1 November, 10.30am

All Saints' Day Sung Eucharist

Music includes Haydn's *Missa brevis
Sancti Joannis de Deo* (commonly
known as the 'Little Organ Mass').

Monday 2 November, 7.30pm

All Souls' Requiem Eucharist

Fauré's Requiem.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 8 November, 10.30am

Service of Remembrance

Music includes *Agnus Dei* from
War Requiem by Britten.

4pm

Remembrance Requiem Eucharist

The Requiem is sung to the setting
by Maurice Duruflé.

Sunday 22 November, 10.30am

Feast of Christ the King

The feast of Christ the King 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 for its coming, and heralds the waiting, hope and expectation of Advent.

Sunday 29 November, 6pm

Advent Procession

Advent, a season of hope and expectation, begins with this dramatic service which guides us from darkness to light. The Cathedral Choir offers music spanning ancient plainsong and modern carols, with well-known hymns for all to sing.



HARVEST WEEKEND

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Friday 9 - Sunday 11 October

Everyone is very warmly invited to all events during our Harvest weekend when the Cathedral will be beautifully decorated, to give thanks for the gifts of the earth and the harvest of talents we have received.

Friday 9 October, 6.30pm for 7pm

Cathedral Harvest Supper with Harvest Hymns

in the Lady Chapel

A fundraiser for the Ely Food Bank.

Further information in the Congregation newsletters.

Saturday 10 October, 1pm - 4pm

Cathedral Open Afternoon

The Cathedral is holding a free Open Afternoon, particularly inviting residents of the city to come and discover more about their Cathedral: its history, its work, the range of experiences on offer, and ways to get involved.

Admission to the Cathedral is free on Saturday and Sunday of Harvest Weekend.

Sunday 11 October

10.30am

Harvest Festival Eucharist

4pm

Harvest Prayer and Praise

A service of praise especially for families to worship together.

Monday 12 October, from 10am

Harvest Produce sale

in the Cathedral

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 October

10am - 4pm

Visit Ely's Autumn & Orchard Fayre
on Palace Green and Cross Green

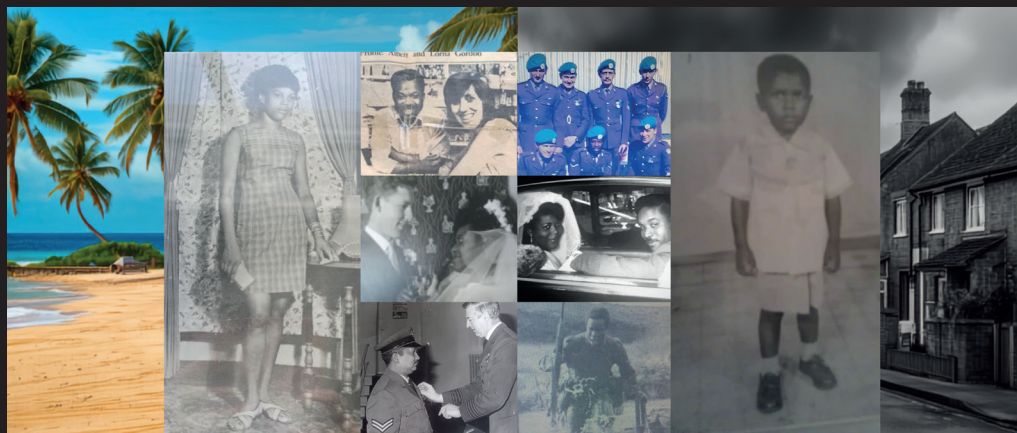
Celebrating the flavours, traditions
and colours of autumn!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Tuesday 13 October - Sunday 1 November

Legacies of the Windrush Exhibition

In the South West Transept



The Legacies of the Windrush is a celebration of the Windrush pioneers who made Cambridge their home and through their innovative contributions, courage, creativity and service, transformed Cambridge city and the United Kingdom. Their stories are woven into the very heart of the city shaping our culture, strengthening our communities, leaving an enduring legacy in the fabric of the United Kingdom.

Sunday 25 October, 10.30am

Sung Eucharist

Black History Month

Preacher: The Revd Canon

Guy Hewitt

**Director of Racial Justice,
Church of England**



London-born to Barbadian and Indian parents, Canon Hewitt is the inaugural Director of Racial Justice. An Anglican priest and social development specialist, his work spans racial justice, community cohesion, and wider questions of belonging and inclusion. He has lived in multiple countries and worked across the Commonwealth and beyond, bringing a plural identity to his vocation. A former High Commissioner in the United Kingdom, he played a leading role in responding to and campaigning about the Windrush scandal. He defines himself as formed in London, rooted in faith, forged in the West Indies, shaped by the wider Atlantic world, and at home across our global village.

AUTUMN LECTURES



Sunday 27 September, 5.30pm

Ben Jupp Memorial Lecture **- Ely Amnesty Group** **Anoosheh Ashoori** *In the North Transept*

Anoosheh Ashoori is a British-Iranian retired engineer, arbitrarily detained in Tehran's notorious Evin Prison from August 2017 to March 2022.

Accused of espionage for Israel, and given a 12-year sentence, charges that both he and the international community widely viewed as a pretext for taking a hostage during diplomatic disputes.

Entry is free.

There will be a retiring collection for the work of Amnesty International.

Saturday 17 October, 9am

Earth In Our Hands: **Breakfast with** **Professor Julian Allwood** *In the North Transept*

How do we act meaningfully on climate - not someday, but now?

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.

£6, including light breakfast*

**Please advise of any dietary requirements in advance on 01353 660306.*

PRAYER AND DISCIPLESHIP

Wednesdays, 7pm. 16, 23, 30 September, 7, 14, 21 October

Autumn Course - Saying Yes to Life - Ruth Valerio

Wednesdays, 7pm. 4, 11, 18, 25 November

Confirmation Service: Saturday 28 November

Enquirers and Confirmation Course

If you are interested in learning more about the Christian faith, or being confirmed, this is the course for you.

Mondays, 11am. 30 November, 7, 14, 21 December

Advent Course - Walking with Angels: The Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2026

For more information about these courses, email courses@elycathedral.org with the course title in the subject line.

More details about *Let Us Pray* can be found on our website.



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