

# NEWSLETTER



## Thought for July

Over recent decades, attendance at Church of England services has gradually fallen and worryingly this trend continues. Most key measures of attendance have fallen by between 10% and 15% over the past 10 years. However, Cathedrals have been one sector where there has been notable growth, particularly at mid-week services. There were also 9.4 million visitors to cathedrals in 2015. One question which has perplexed many over the years is how, in a cathedral context, the occasional visitor, pilgrim or worshipper becomes a committed member of a congregation and takes their place in the life of the Christian community?



A further question to consider is the context in which we are currently set. Knowledge of the Christian story is fast disappearing, few people call themselves Christian. Simply entering a church building can be extremely daunting. Obviously, something is working in cathedrals, but can we do more? The newcomer is faced with a whole new language, and culture. What impressions are intentionally or

unintentionally communicated to those who enter this cathedral for worship?

All these factors mean that the Christian community has a lot of work to do - in welcoming those who tentatively step through the door, nurturing those who are at the beginning of their faith journey and dipping their toe into worship, as well as being open to the possibility of change as new people become part of the community. The Church of England is now in 'mission mode' - it has to be. For the Church as a whole to survive and flourish, each member of the Christian community must pass on their faith to the next generation, a task much too important to be left to clergy alone. This can only be achieved if everyone considers themselves a key player in communicating the Christian faith through words and actions. Some Churches call this idea 'every member ministry', but we might equally call to mind the fact that through our baptism we are all members of the body of Christ, the royal priesthood of all believers, and play our part in building up the life of the church. Someone once said that you grow the church one person at a time, reminding us that personal encounter is at the heart of Christian community and very likely a contributor to sustainable church growth. We grow in faith through our personal relationship with Christ and with one another, through prayer, worship, study and with glad and generous hearts.

We too are seeking to grow and develop the regular worshipping congregation. We understand that there will be no quick fix to reach this objective, but it will require a concerted effort across the life of the Cathedral, amongst our volunteers, staff, clergy, and particularly from each member of our worshipping community - our regular congregations. The Book of Acts reminds us that in the early church the disciples praised God in the temple daily, devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. Day by day the Lord added to their number. If we each dedicate ourselves to those simple tasks, as the first disciples did, sustainable and real growth may yet follow.

Victoria Johnson

## Highlights

- Wednesday 5*  
7pm Topping and Co Book Event  
*Sir Tony Robinson*
- Saturday 8*  
7.30pm *Cambridge Philharmonic*  
Concert
- Sunday 9*  
2.15pm Sunday Sing! Children and  
Families Worship  
6.30pm 'Space' Contemporary Worship
- Tuesday 11*  
7.30pm Organ Recital *Jamie McVinnie*  
in association with the Oundle  
Summer School for Organists
- Wednesday 12*  
1.10pm Lady Chapel Lunchtime  
Concert *Helicon Choir*
- Thursday 13*  
1.10pm Lunchtime Concert  
*Stuart Raeburn*
- Saturday 15*  
7.30pm Ely Arts Festival Concert  
*Ely Sinfonia / Ely Choral Society*
- Sunday 16*  
5.15pm Organ Recital *Ben Saunders*
- Monday 17 and Tuesday 18*  
7.30pm *Antic Disposition Theatre Co*  
present 'Richard III'
- Saturday 22*  
1.10pm Lunchtime Concert  
*Ely Cathedral Octagon Singers*
- Sunday 23*  
5.15pm Organ Recital *Edmund Aldhouse*
- Sunday 30*  
**5.45pm** Organ Recital *Christopher Herrick*

## Preachers in July

- Sundays 10.30am
- 2: The Revd Dr Jenn Strawbridge
- 9: Canon James Garrard
- 16: Canon Jessica Martin
- 23: Christina Rees
- 30: The Dean

## Regular Service Times

- Sundays:*
- 8.15am: Holy Communion
- 10.30am: Sung Eucharist
- 4pm: Evensong
- Daily Services:*
- 7.30am: Morning Prayer
- 8am: Holy Communion
- 12.10pm: Holy Communion  
(Thursdays and Saints' Days)
- 5.30pm: Evensong

## Return to Zanzibar



Two years ago, in the company of Canon Alan Hargrave and Director of Works, Vicki Roulinson, I had the pleasure of returning to Zanzibar for the first time since 1957, when my family lived in Dar-es-Salaam. I was too young to recall anything of those colonial days, but Zanzibar has lived in my mind as the personification of the exotic. Last month, another visit enabled me to see more clearly what it is about Zanzibar that sets it apart from other places. Is it the spice trade? The colours and noise? The palm trees, blue seas and scudding dhows driven by the winds that carry the long rains? Actually, it's the people.

Very few Europeans now live on Zanzibar Island, but I was struck by the wide range of facial features of the African residents. There was evidence of the blood of Arabs who had colonised and owned Zanzibar until Tanzania became an independent country in 1961, but it was the people of pure African stock who caught my attention because they looked so different from one another. Theirs were not necessarily the faces of the Swahili Coastal people: I was looking at the descendants of tribesmen and tribeswomen from far-off places who had survived forced marches and fetters of the slavers and had miraculously avoided being shipped abroad. Over time, they had become the local people: Zanzibaris.



Stone Town

It is important that we should recognise that foreign domination and the slave trade are still recent phenomena in Zanzibar, so people remain conscious of the injustices perpetrated on their forebears. Fortunately, we, as Christians, have not attempted to hide from that stain on our history. Despite Zanzibar being some 95% Moslem, the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches are

very visible on the island. In Stone Town in particular, our two cathedrals stand out, with their sought-after schools, one primary, one secondary. But the Anglican Christ Church Cathedral occupies a site that is unique - that of the former slave market. Its appalling underground lock-up survives in the compound and the High Altar stands where the whipping post once stood: what better way of bearing witness to that awful history?



Cassava: the fruits of an irrigation project

Hard up against the wall of the Cathedral compound is a mosque, where the muezzin kindly wakes us up early each morning. He generally does little to disturb our lives, however, even during the three-hour Service of Thanksgiving for the completion of the lengthy Cathedral repair project. The two faith communities co-exist peaceably enough, but not without hard work. The Anglican

Church secures its place in Zanzibari society by helping disadvantaged villages with life-improving irrigation, sanitation, education and agricultural facilities, with parish priests to look after them. I have once again been uplifted by the determined but quiet way in which Zanzibar's Christians set out to love their neighbours. I travelled to Zanzibar to represent the people of Ely at the Thanksgiving, but I witnessed so much more whilst I was there. I'm already looking forward to my next great safari, two years hence. Do join me.

*Stephen Bourne*

## From the Registers

*May*

*Funeral*  
Reginald Macklin

*Wedding*  
Lucy Dale and Timothy Walford

## Community Matters

### Many Congratulations to Anna Jones

who has been selected to train for stipendiary ordained ministry in the Church of England. Anna and her husband, Neil, have been regular worshippers at the Cathedral since 2001. Anna is an intercessor,



reader, server, committed volunteer at community events and participant in discipleship courses and worship. We are delighted that Anna is taking this next step on her vocational journey. Anna said: "It's both an enormous privilege and very humbling to have reached this stage. I'm enormously grateful for the love and encouragement from all those in the Cathedral community who, wittingly and unwittingly, have been part of the journey thus far. Thank you!" Anna will begin a two year course at Westcott House, a Church of England Theological College in Cambridge, in September 2017. There will be an opportunity for the whole congregation to wish Anna well in due course.

### Finding Quiet in the Midst of Life

29 July 2017, 10am - 3pm. In the midst of the business of life with all of its challenges and opportunities, how can we find stillness? How can we find silence? How can we find quiet? And how can we find God? This day of prayer and reflection encourages us to think on these things and with the help of Bishop David Thomson explore how we can each find quiet in the midst of our busy lives and be attentive to the still, small voice of God. Cost: £10 per person which includes refreshments and a simple lunch. To book a place email: [receptionist@elycathedral.org](mailto:receptionist@elycathedral.org) or phone 01353 660300.

### Prayer Requests

Prayers are said for individuals daily at the 8am Eucharist throughout the week for individuals in need. The Sunday prayer list is for members of the Cathedral community and their families who are ill or in need of prayer. If you would like someone's name added to the prayer list, please fill in a Congregational Prayer Request form which can be found at the South Desk and ensure that the person being prayed for has given permission for their name to be read out in public prayer.

## Holiday Drop-Ins

Following on from recent success, the Summer Holiday Drop-Ins at Ely Cathedral will be themed this year to make them even more exciting for youngsters. The Holiday Drop-Ins take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am - Midday during all school holidays. Children can enjoy a variety of activities including Story Telling, Brass Rubbing, Arts and Crafts, Puzzles and Games. These events are open to all ages and free of charge. For further information please see the website or contact the Director of Education on 01353 660332 or email [n.ayscough@elycathedral.org](mailto:n.ayscough@elycathedral.org)

24 and 26 July: Monk's Trail  
31 July and 2 August: Animal Safari  
7 and 9 August: Kings and Queens  
14 and 16 August: Exploring Stained Glass  
21 and 23 August: Pilgrim's Trail  
30 August: Wonders of Nature



## Sunday Organ Recitals

Sundays 16 July - 3 September, 5.15pm (except \*)

Admission Free  
For full details and programmes visit [www.elycathedral.org](http://www.elycathedral.org)

16 July  
**Benjamin Saunders** Concert Organist

23 July  
**Edmund Aldhouse** Ely Cathedral

30 July 5.45pm \*  
**Christopher Herrick** Concert Organist

6 August  
**D'Arcy Trinkwon** Concert Organist

13 August  
**Paul Trepte** Ely Cathedral

20 August  
**Sarah MacDonald** Ely Cathedral

27 August  
**Alexander Goodwin** Ely Cathedral

3 September  
**Gary Desmond** Bath Abbey

Summer 2017 once more offers the opportunity to hear Ely Cathedral's world-famous organ in concert, with four leading international recitalists and recording artists set to join the Cathedral's home team for this year's series. Each recital offers an exciting and varied selection lasting around an hour, with music spanning four centuries. Programmes are designed to appeal to all tastes. No prior knowledge of organ music is required to enjoy the spectacular sound of the Cathedral's magnificent organ, one of the country's largest. Concerts begin on 16 July and continue weekly on Sundays at 5.15pm (30 July at 5.45pm). Admission is free; refreshments are served afterwards.

## Prestigious Award

**Surveyor to the Fabric of Ely Cathedral receives prestigious award from the Archbishop of Canterbury.**



On 13 June over 35 people from around the world were recognised for outstanding service to the church in the Archbishop of Canterbury's Awards ceremony at Lambeth Palace. Among the winners was Jane Kennedy who received the Canterbury Cross for Services to the Church of England.

Jane has been Surveyor to the Fabric for Ely Cathedral since 1994. During this time she has overseen a period of major restoration within the Cathedral and its precincts, including the design of the Processional Way where a lost medieval structure once stood. She also designed the re-flooring of the Lady Chapel following the installation of underfloor heating. She is currently leading discussion of a masterplan which will improve visitor access to the Cathedral and integrate it better with its surroundings in the heart of the city of Ely.

In addition to her work at Ely Cathedral, Jane has played a key role in securing the future of some of the finest historic buildings in the country.

Few conservation architects working today can match her breadth of experience, knowledge and skills, built up over a career spanning more than 30 years. In 2015 Jane was appointed a trustee of Historic Royal Palaces by the then Culture Secretary, Sajid Javid.

## One for Sorrow - Alan Hargrave



When I started writing this book I thought it was about the death from cancer of our beloved son, Tom. Gradually I came to realise it was actually about me. About how I, as a vicar in a very public role coped, or more often failed to cope, with his illness and death.

*Alan Hargrave*

Saturday 8 July 2017 at 7.30pm  
Ely Cathedral

CAMBRIDGE PHILHARMONIC

# AN ALPINE SYMPHONY

Parry *I Was Glad*  
Elgar *The Spirit of England*  
Strauss *An Alpine Symphony*

Conductor: Timothy Redmond  
Soprano: Stephanie Colley

Cambridge Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus

Tickets (Overseas: £25, £20, £12 / Homeowners: £10, £8 and under 16s: £5 on the door)  
Box Office: 01353 660332 - 11p 12th Street - Gates: 01353 660332

Ely Sinfonia & Ely Choral Society present

# Beethoven's 9th Symphony

Ludwig van Beethoven *Symphony no 9*  
Ralph Vaughan Williams *In the Fen Country*  
Andrew Parnell *Fenland Images (world premiere)*

Hayley Chen Soprano  
Fiona Jackie Mezzo-Soprano  
Michael Solomon Williams Tenor  
Laurence Williams Bass-Baritone

Stowe Bingham & Andrew Parnell Conductors  
Ely Choral Society  
Ely Consort  
Ely Sinfonia

## Ely Cathedral

Saturday 15 July 2017 - 7.30pm

Tickets: £25 (£20/£15 reserved) - £8 (unreserved) - Under 16s £5

Available from: Ely Cathedral Box Office  
Tel: 01353 660332 - Box office@elycathedral.org  
<http://www.elycathedral.org>

www.elysinfonia.co.uk www.elychoralsociety.org

Ely Cathedral

## Finding Quiet in the midst of life

A day in the beautiful surroundings of Ely Cathedral finding stillness and silence in a noisy world.

Saturday 29 July 2017  
10am-3pm

Guest Speaker  
*David Thomson, Bishop of Huntingdon*

To book a place please email: [receptionist@elycathedral.org](mailto:receptionist@elycathedral.org) or phone: 01353 660300.  
Cost: £10 per person which includes refreshments and a simple lunch.

# CALENDAR

## JULY

### Saturday 1

12.30pm Isle of Ely Arts Festival:  
Wind in the Willows (East Lawn)

5pm Ordination of Priests

### Sunday 2 - 3rd Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Ordination of Deacons

5pm Choristers' Prize Giving (Lady Chapel)

### Monday 3 - Thomas the Apostle

12.10pm Holy Communion

### Wednesday 5

10.30am Cathedral Community  
Coffee Morning (Cathedral Centre)  
Speaker: *Jasmin Allen*

2pm Mothers' Union Garden Party  
(Bishop Woodford House Garden)

7pm Topping and Co Book Event  
*Sir Tony Robinson*

### Thursday 6

10.30am King's Ely Prize Giving

2pm King's Ely Acroment Leavers' Service

### Friday 7

11am King's Ely End of Year Service

### Saturday 8

12.30pm Walsingham Cell Mass (Lady Chapel)

7.30pm Cambridge Philharmonic Concert

### Sunday 9 - 4th Sunday after Trinity

2.15pm Sunday Sing!  
Children and Families Worship

6.30pm 'Space@6:30' *Vigil for Peace*

### Tuesday 11

7.30pm Organ Recital *Jamie McVinnie*  
in association with the Oundle  
Summer School for Organists

### Wednesday 12

1.10pm Lady Chapel Lunchtime Concert  
*Helicon Choir*

### Thursday 13

1.10pm Lunchtime Concert *Stuart Raeburn*,  
tenor, *David Elwin*, piano

### Saturday 15

7.30pm Ely Arts Festival Concert  
*Ely Sinfonia* and *Ely Choral Society*

### Sunday 16 - 5th Sunday after Trinity

5.15pm Summer Organ Recital  
*Ben Saunders*

### Monday 17 and Tuesday 18

7.30pm Antic Disposition Theatre Co  
present 'Richard III'

### Saturday 22

1.10pm Lunchtime Concert  
*Ely Cathedral Octagon Singers*

2.30pm Wedding

### Sunday 23 - 6th Sunday after Trinity

5.15pm Summer Organ Recital  
*Edmund Aldhouse*

### Monday 24

10am Holiday Drop-In Session

1pm Nuptial Eucharist

### Tuesday 25 - James the Apostle

12.10pm Holy Communion

### Wednesday 26

10am Holiday Drop-In Session

### Saturday 29

9.30am Diocesan Exploring Prayer Day

### Sunday 30 - 7th Sunday after Trinity

5.45pm Summer Organ Recital  
*Christopher Herrick*

### Monday 31

10am Holiday Drop-In Session

## AUGUST

### Tuesday 1 - 31

Ely Photographic Society Exhibition

### Tuesday 1

1.10pm Lady Chapel Lunchtime Concert  
*First Baptist Church San Antonio, USA*

### Wednesday 2

#### NO CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

10am Holiday Drop-In Session

### Friday 4

1.10pm *Octagon Dance* Performance (Lady Chapel)

### Sunday 6 - The Transfiguration of Our Lord

5.15pm Summer Organ Recital  
*D'Arcy Trinkwon*

### Monday 7

10am Holiday Drop-In Session

### Wednesday 9

10am Holiday Drop-In Session

### Friday 11

1.10pm Lunchtime Concert  
*Charles Timberlake (piano)*

### Saturday 12

1pm Wedding

3pm Wedding (Prior Crauden's Chapel)

### Sunday 13 - 9th Sunday after Trinity

5.15pm Summer Organ Recital  
*Paul Trepte*

6.30pm 'Space@6:30' *Guided Pilgrimage Tour*

### Monday 14

10am Holiday Drop-In Session

### Tuesday 15 - The Blessed Virgin Mary

12.10pm Holy Communion

### Wednesday 16

10am Holiday Drop-In Session

### Thursday 17

1.10pm Lunchtime Concert  
*Box and Cox Opera*

6.30pm Open Pilgrimage Tour

### Friday 18

1.10pm *Lantern Dance* - Spiritus (Lady Chapel)

### Saturday 19 - Monday 28

#### 'ART IN WOOD' EXHIBITION AND SALE BY THE ELY GUILD OF WOODTURNERS (CATHEDRAL CENTRE)

### Sunday 20 - 10th Sunday after Trinity

5.15pm Summer Organ Recital  
*Sarah MacDonald*

### Monday 21

10am Holiday Drop-In Session

1pm Wedding Blessing

### Wednesday 23

10am Holiday Drop-In Session

### Thursday 24

1.10pm Lunchtime Concert - *Stephen  
Armstrong*, piano, *Harry King*, horn

6.30pm Open Pilgrimage Tour

### Sunday 27 - 11th Sunday after Trinity

5.15pm Summer Organ Recital  
*Alexander Goodwin*

### Monday 28

7.30pm *Cambridge Voices* Concert (Lady Chapel)

### Wednesday 30

10am Holiday Drop-In Session

7.30pm C.A.S.T. production of  
'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

## SEPTEMBER

### Saturday 2

2pm Wedding

### Sunday 3 - 12th Sunday after Trinity

5.15pm Summer Organ Recital  
*Gary Desmond*

### Monday 4

10am King's Ely Beginning of Year Service

### Wednesday 6

10.30am Cathedral Community  
Coffee Morning (Cathedral Centre)  
Speaker: *TBA*

### Thursday 7

1.10pm Lunchtime Concert  
*Katharina Nohl*, piano

### Saturday 9

#### SOCIETY OF ELY CHORISTERS' ANNUAL REUNION

12.30pm Walsingham Cell Mass (Lady Chapel)

1.30pm Wedding

### Sunday 10 - 13th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Sung Eucharist with admission of  
Head Choristers and Benefactor  
Choristerships

### Wednesday 13

7pm Topping and Co Book Event  
*Robert Webb*

### Thursday 14

1.10pm Lunchtime Concert  
*Minori Nakaune*, violin

### Saturday 16

2pm Children In Distress  
Thanksgiving Service

### Sunday 17 - 14th Sunday after Trinity

6.30pm 'Space@6:30'

### Saturday 23

#### FRIENDS' FESTIVAL DAY

### Sunday 24 - 15th Sunday after Trinity

2pm Animal Service

### Monday 25

Midday Ely Theological College  
Reunion Eucharist

### Friday 29 - Michael and All Angels

12.10pm Holy Communion

1.30pm Wedding

### Saturday 30

10am *Sing Choirs!* Informal sing

7.30pm *Ely Sinfonia* Concert

## In Brief

**Art in Wood** | Cathedral Centre | 19 - 28 August  
Summer Exhibition and Sale of fine  
woodturning produced by the prestigious  
Ely Guild of Woodturners. The exhibition  
pieces will be on display and there will be live  
woodturning demonstrations on some days.  
[www.elyguildofwoodturners.org.uk](http://www.elyguildofwoodturners.org.uk)


*Dates and times were correct at time of going to  
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