



# ELY CATHEDRAL NEWS

## New Year Message from the Acting Dean



On Friday 9 December National Express marked the completion of its improved West Anglia timetable by naming two of its new Class 379 trains in ceremonies at Liverpool Street and Ely. The first ceremony took place at Liverpool Street where an engine was named 'The West Anglian' and the second ceremony took place at Ely where an engine was named 'Ely Cathedral'. The Ely

ceremony featured a splendid live performance by the boy choristers singing an excellent arrangement by our Director of Music, Paul Trepte, of 'The Runaway Train' to some new words.

Before unveiling the name plate on the new engine, I commented on some obvious similarities between train companies and churches: both are service providers - our clients/customers are travellers: those travelling by train are on a physical journey, those journeying with the church are on a spiritual journey.

Once twelfth night comes Christmas seems far away, a faint memory, so I was interested to read in Ronald Blythe's 'River Diary' that the English priest and liturgist, Percy Dearmer (1867 - 1936) wanted carols to be sung at church services throughout the year - instead of anthems, for instance, and as an extra delight after the blessing. Dearmer described carols as 'songs with a religious impulse that are simple, hilarious, popular and modern'. So how about journeying through 2012 with a carol-a-day! There are so many fine texts and just as many fine tunes.



On New Year's Day 2000 we were invited to end our morning act of worship by facing the open church and listening to these words of encouragement:

*Open the door that Christ may come in.  
Open the door, that we may go out to his world.  
This is the house of God; here is the home of the homeless.  
Peace on all who enter, blessing on all who depart.  
Open the doors, walk in and walk out,  
find here and beyond the God of the years.  
Open the doors, bring hope to the no-future people.  
Open the doors, it is Christ who is calling for bread.*

May God be with us all as we journey through 2012.

## Highlights

*Sunday 1 - 4.00pm*  
SERVICE OF READINGS & CAROLS  
*sung by members of the local community*

*Friday 6 - 7.30pm*  
EPIPHANY SUNG EUCHARIST

*Sunday 8 - 10.30am*  
SUNG EUCHARIST & FAREWELL TO  
CANON VANESSA HERRICK

*Sunday 8 - 4.00pm*  
EPIPHANY PROCESSION

*Saturday 28 - 5.30pm*  
EVENSONG WITH ADMISSION AND  
INSTALLATION OF CANONS

*Sunday 29 - 10.30am*  
CANDLEMAS PROCESSION AND  
SUNG EUCHARIST  
4.00pm - EVENSONG & PROCESSION

*31 January - 29 February*  
QUAKER TAPESTRY EXHIBITION

## Preachers in January

Sundays - 10.30am:

- 1: Canon Alan Hargrave
- 8: Canon Vanessa Herrick
- 15: Canon David Pritchard
- 22: Canon James Garrard
- 29: Bishop Richard Llewellyn

## Regular Services

*Sundays:*

8.15am: Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.30am: Sung Eucharist  
with Ministry of Healing

4.00pm: Evensong

*Daily Services:*

7.40am: Morning Prayer  
8.00am: Holy Communion  
12.10pm: Holy Communion  
(Thursdays and Saints Days)  
5.30pm: Evensong

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## Ely Choristers Win National Quiz

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Top team: Edward Birchinall, Isaac Bateman, Harry Joel and Felix Asare with the Rochester Quiz Shield.

Every year, teams from choir schools from all over the UK compete in the Rochester General Knowledge Quiz, and this year it has been won by a team from King's Junior School.

The Ely team of choristers, Isaac Bateman, Harry Joel, Edward Birchinall and Felix Asare scored a total of 251 points, 21 points ahead of the runners-up from Pilgrims School, Winchester. As well as bringing back the magnificent Rochester Quiz Shield, the boys won a cheque for £75 which will be spent on something for Choir House to be enjoyed by all the Ely boy choristers.

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## Chorister Auditions

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Auditions for boy choristers will be held on Saturday 14 January 2012 for entry into the choir in September 2012. Boy choristers are all boarding pupils in King's Junior School. Choristerships to the value of 50% of school fees are awarded jointly by the Dean and Chapter of Ely Cathedral and the School.

Parents of boys interested in choristerships are welcome to contact Paul Trepte, Ely Cathedral Director of Music, 01353 660336, for an informal discussion. Further information is also available from the Head of Junior School, Richard Whymark, telephone 01353 660732.

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### From the Registers *November 2011*

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#### *Funeral*

14 Patricia Mayes

#### *Baptism*

19 Barnie Ashworth, Lindsay Moore, Adewale Lawal

#### *Confirmation*

19 Nina Carron, Patricia Larman, Adewale Lawal

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## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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18 - 24 January

During the week of prayer for Christian Unity can I encourage everyone to attend the main Unity Service at St Mary's on Sunday 22 January at 6.30pm. Can I also encourage you to attend at least one other service which is not from your own tradition.

The other services that week are:

*Wednesday 18*

5.30pm Unity Evensong at the Cathedral

*Thursday 19*

9.30am Service at St Mary's

12.30pm Prayer Service at the Lighthouse

*Friday 20*

7am Prayer meeting at the Countess of Huntingdon

*Saturday 21*

10.00am Unity Mass at St Etheldreda's

*Monday 23*

7.45pm New Connexions Service at the Barns Community Rooms

*Tuesday 24*

7.30pm Multisensory Prayer at the Methodist Church

Further details from Alan Hargrave.

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## Christmas Tree

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We extend our warmest thanks to Peter and Clare Shropshire for the magnificent Christmas Tree and to the many others involved in its establishment, Elveden Estate, Ainé, Jeff, Vicky and other members of the workforce and operations team.

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## Quaker Tapestry arrives in Ely

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### EXHIBITION

Ely Cathedral, The Lady Chapel, 31 Jan to 29 Feb 2012  
10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday



From 31 January to 29 February Ely Cathedral will be hosting the world famous Quaker Tapestry. The 39 panels of magnificent embroidery are a masterpiece of storytelling, relating the history of the Quaker movement and of its huge contribution to the political, economic & social development of this & other nations. It will be on display in the Lady Chapel. Entry, via the North Door, will be free of charge - so come along and bring your family & friends. For further information ring 01539 722975. If you would like to book a tour for children please contact Jan Munt on 01353 659668.

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## Living with Contradiction by Esther de Waal

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We will be discussing the opening two chapters of Esther de Waal's classic text on the Rule of St Benedict at Powcher's Hall on Saturday 14 January. We begin with a 'Bring & Share' lunch at 12.30pm & then, after a short time of worship, spend time in discussion before finishing with prayer before 4.00pm. You are very welcome to join us. The book is available from Amazon or at Toppings bookshop. More details from Alan Hargrave.

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## Ely Diocese Cursillo

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The next Ely Diocese Cursillo Weekend will run from tea-time on Thursday 16 February to tea-time on Sunday 19 February at Bishop Woodford House. This is an opportunity to explore Christian faith in an open and honest way, based around people's own experience. It is a weekend full of surprises and includes wonderful food and a lot of laughter. If you are interested in knowing more please talk to Julie Robinson Judd, Derek Wilcox or Alan Hargrave. Who knows, Cursillo might just change your life?

## Choristers visit East Anglian Air Ambulance



The Choristers visited East Anglian Air Ambulance at Cambridge Airport and met some of the ambulance crew. While they were there they presented a cheque to the charity for £885.55. The money was raised over the Harvest Festival weekend.

## New Canons are Licensed at Cathedral

Ten new Honorary Canons, both clerics and laity, were licensed and installed at Evensong on Sunday 4 December. This number included John Harrison, Acting Administrator of the Cathedral and Sue Freestone, Head of The King's School. Bishop Stephen Conway conducted the service.



Admission and Installation of Canons - 4 December 2011

## Director of Music Honoured



In 2012 Paul Trepte, Director of Music at Ely Cathedral, will collect two Honorary Fellowships. These will be awarded by 'The Royal School of Church Music' and 'The Guild of Church Musicians'.

Paul is delighted and maintains his prime passion is for choral conducting of any kind and the daily round of Cathedral worship remains his foremost pleasure and concern.

## Refectory Closure

The Refectory will be closed from 16 to 27 January inclusive for key repairs and refurbishment. We hope to be able to operate a reduced service including hot drinks & light refreshments from the South West Transept for most of the closure period.

## THE EPIPHANY

Friday 6 January

HOLY COMMUNION - 12.10PM  
SUNG EUCHARIST - 7.30PM

Sunday 8 January

EPIPHANY  
PROCESSION - 4.00PM



## CANDLEMAS

Sunday 29 January

HOLY COMMUNION - 8.15AM  
PROCESSION AND  
SUNG EUCHARIST - 10.30AM  
EVENSONG AND  
PROCESSION - 4.00PM



## ELY CATHEDRAL CHOIR PRE-TOUR CONCERT

Saturday 4 February - 7.30pm  
in the Presbytery

A concert specially devised for Ely Cathedral Choir's forth-coming tour to Norway

Admission Free  
Retiring Collection

*Join us under the Octagon for a drink  
immediately after the concert*

Saturday 10 March  
7.30pm

## 'MIXING their MUSIC'



The choirs of *Ely Cathedral, Jesus College* and *Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge* come together for a Passiontide programme which includes excerpts from *Stainer's* ever popular 'Crucifixion'.

Tickets will be available from  
Ely Cathedral Box Office 01353 660349 & at  
[www.elycathedral.org](http://www.elycathedral.org)

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# CALENDAR

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*Dates & times were correct at time of going to press. Please check [www.elycathedral.org](http://www.elycathedral.org) for any unscheduled changes or cancellations*

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## JANUARY

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*Sunday 1 - The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus*

10.30am Sung Eucharist

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert

*The choir of Holy Trinity*

*Church, Stratford-upon-Avon*

4.00pm Service of Readings and Carols

*sung by members of the local community*

*Wednesday 4*

10.30am Volunteers' Coffee Morning

Speaker: *Ian Griffiths*

7.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting

*Dr. Wilf Holton (Cathedral Centre)*

*Friday 6 - The Epiphany*

12.10pm Holy Communion

7.30pm Sung Eucharist

*Sunday 8 - Baptism of Christ*

10.30am Sung Eucharist with Farewell to

*Canon Vanessa Herrick*

4.00pm Epiphany Procession

*Monday 9*

9.30am King's School Beginning of Term

*Saturday 14*

12.30pm Walsingham Cell Mass (Lady Chapel)

*Sunday 15 - The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany*

*Sunday 22 - The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany*

*Wednesday 25 - The Conversion of Paul*

12.10pm Holy Communion

*Saturday 28*

1.30pm Baptism

5.30pm Evensong with Admission of Canons

*Sunday 29 - Candlemas*

10.30am Procession & Sung Eucharist

4.00pm Evensong and Procession

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## FEBRUARY

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*Wednesday 1*

10.30am Volunteers' Coffee Morning

Speaker: *John Marshall*

7.30pm Mothers' Union AGM

*(Cathedral Centre)*

*Saturday 4*

7.30pm Pre-Tour Concert

*Ely Cathedral Choir*

*Sunday 5 - The 3rd Sunday before Lent*

*Thursday 9*

7.00pm King's School Music Festival

*Finalists' Concert*

*Friday 10*

8.45am King's School Mid - Term Service

*Saturday 11*

12.30pm Walsingham Cell Mass (Lady Chapel)

7.30pm Valentine's Concert

*Warren Mailley-Smith (piano)*

*Sunday 12 - The 2nd Sunday before Lent*

3.00pm Service for Far East PoW Assoc'n

*Sunday 19 - The Sunday next before Lent*

*Monday 20*

8.45am King's School Term Resumes

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*Wednesday 22 - Ash Wednesday*

12.10pm Holy Communion with Imposition  
of Ashes

7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition  
of Ashes

*Sunday 26 - The 1st Sunday of Lent*

*Tuesday 28*

9.00pm Compline (Lady Chapel)

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## MARCH

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*Saturday 3*

7.30pm Concert *Ely Sinfonia*

*Sunday 4 - The 2nd Sunday of Lent*

*Tuesday 6*

9.00pm Compline (Lady Chapel)

*Wednesday 7*

10.30am Volunteers' Coffee Morning

Speaker: *TBA*

7.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting

*The Bishop of Ely (Cathedral Centre)*

*Thursday 8*

1.10pm Lunchtime Concert

*Pupils of the King's School, Ely*

*Saturday 10*

10.30am King's School, Ely Confirmation

12.30pm Walsingham Cell Mass (Lady Chapel)

7.30pm *Mixing their Music IV*

*Passiontide Concert*

*The choirs of Ely Cathedral, Jesus*

*College & Gonville and Caius*

*College, Cambridge*

*Sunday 11 - The 3rd Sunday of Lent*

*Tuesday 13*

10.00am Singing Outreach Day

9.00pm Compline (Lady Chapel)

*Sunday 18 - Mothering Sunday (The 4th Sunday of Lent)*

*Monday 19 - Joseph of Nazareth*

12.10pm Holy Communion

*Tuesday 20*

1.10pm Lunchtime Concert

*Siegel High School Choir*

9.00pm Compline (Lady Chapel)

*Wednesday 21*

10.30am Schools' Day

*Friday 23*

7.00pm Concert - *Uppingham School*

*Saturday 24*

12.00pm King's School Hoop Trundle

1.10pm Lunchtime Concert

*Suffolk Singers*

*Sunday 25 - Passion Sunday*

*Tuesday 27*

9.00pm Compline (Lady Chapel)

*Friday 30*

3.00pm King's School End of Term Service

*Saturday 31*

4.00pm Wedding (Prior Crauden's Chapel)

7.30pm Concert - *Ely Choral Society*

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## In Brief

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### New Entry System at the Cathedral Centre

As part of the development for the Cathedral Centre we are installing a new entry system to the front door, which will replace the existing keys with a programmable swipe card, on Monday 9 January 2012.

The new system will enable full personalisation of each swipe card so that it can be programmed to work on the particular day and/or time set by the Centre. The system will also ensure that the front door locks shut after each user (when necessary) preventing those instances when the door is left on the latch or unlocked and unwelcome visitors can enter the Centre.

To help the implementation of the swipe cards, can I ask all users to return their keys the week commencing 9 January so that the new swipe card can be issued before your next meeting that week/month.

If you would like to discuss any concerns about this in more detail please contact me on 01353 659668 or pop in to the Centre. I hope you have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. *Claire Mills*

### Anonymous donation

Thank you to whoever sent the anonymous donation just before Christmas for those in need. This has been shared between the Amos Trust and Centre 33. Thank you so much!

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### FEBRUARY DEADLINE

*The deadline for the February edition is Friday 20 January. Copy should be emailed to: [l.thompson@cathedral.ely.anglican.org](mailto:l.thompson@cathedral.ely.anglican.org)*

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