



# ELY CATHEDRAL

*Joyfully proclaiming the love of God in worship,  
outreach, welcome and care*

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## **SUNG EUCHARIST**

Second Sunday of Lent

17 March 2019

10.30am

President : The Dean

Preacher : Bishop Jack Nicholls

*The Call to Listen*

Missa Salvum me fac  
*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina c.1525-94*

## The Eucharist

*Welcome to Ely Cathedral this morning. Everyone is very welcome for refreshments after the service near the main door to the Cathedral. Communicant members of all Christian denominations are welcome to receive Communion at this service.*

*The Laying on of Hands and Anointing will be offered this morning. If you would like prayer for yourself or someone else, please go to St Dunstan's Chapel during the administration of Communion, where one of the clergy and a member of the Pastoral Team will be available to pray with you.*



*There is an Induction Loop in both the North and South Transepts, the Choir and the Presbytery, for those using a hearing aid, and large copies of the service sheet are available on request.*



*Photography or video recording are not permitted at this service. Please keep your mobile phones switched off throughout the service.*

*If you are new to the cathedral and would like to know more about its services and community life, please contact Canon Victoria Johnson (01353 660302) who will be pleased to receive requests for prayer and respond to any pastoral need.*

*All children are welcome to join Junior Church in Powcher's Hall during the service (term time only). Please ask a steward for directions. A drop-in creche for under-5s is available in the Prior's Door area; you are welcome to go there with your children at any time during the service.*

*Today's sermon can be read/heard again via the cathedral website.*

*Please respect the wishes of those who want to be quiet and pray before the service begins - thank you.*

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### **Action to be taken on hearing the fire alarm:**

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**THE GATHERING** *When the bell rings, please stand*

THE LENT PROSE

*The congregation are invited to sing the refrain of the Lent Prose.*

*The choir sings the refrain the first time.*



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sinn'd a - gainst thee.

**All** **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

Cantor To thee, Redeemer on thy throne of glory:  
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

**All** **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

Cantor O thou chief Cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father:  
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:  
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

**All** **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

Cantor God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:  
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:  
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

**All** **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

Cantor Sins oft committed, now we lay before thee:  
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:  
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

**All** **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

Cantor Innocent, captive, taken unresisting,  
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,  
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

**All** **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

## THE GREETING

President In the name of the Father and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The president introduces the liturgy*

## THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.  
**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*Please sit or kneel*

*Silence is kept*

**Almighty God,  
our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

KYRIE *sung by the choir*

Kyrie eleison      *Lord, have mercy*  
Christe eleison    *Christ, have mercy*  
Kyrie eleison      *Lord, have mercy*

President      Almighty God,  
                         who forgives all who truly repent,  
                         have mercy upon you,  
                         pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
                         confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
                         and keep you in life eternal;  
                         through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated for the responsorial psalm*

Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall  
 com - fort your heart; Wait pa - tient - ly for the Lord.

Choir Wait for the Lord; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;  
 wait patiently for the Lord.

**All Wait for the Lord; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;  
 wait patiently for the Lord.**

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
 The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,  
 came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid,  
 and though there rise up war against me,  
 yet will I put my trust in him. **Refrain**
- 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek:  
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
- 5 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord  
 and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter;  
 in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me  
 and set me high upon a rock.
- 7 And now shall he lift up my head  
 above my enemies round about me; **Refrain**
- 8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation  
 with great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 9 Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;  
 have mercy upon me and answer me.
- 10 My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.'  
 Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 11 Hide not your face from me,  
 nor cast your servant away in displeasure. **Refrain**
- 12 You have been my helper;  
 leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 13 Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
 the Lord will take me up.
- 14 Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path,  
 because of those who lie in wait for me.

- 15 Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and those who breathe out violence. **Refrain**
- 16 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.
- 17 Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall comfort your heart;  
wait patiently for the Lord.

SECOND READING  
Philippians 3.17-4.1

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and face the deacon*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you O Christ, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry.

Choir Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

**All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

**All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Please sit*

SERMON

*After the Sermon silence is kept*

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand*

Let us confess our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### THE INTERCESSION

President In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ  
let us pray to the Father.

*Please sit or kneel. These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy    or    Lord, hear us.  
**hear our prayer.                      Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE *Please stand*

President Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The peace is shared.*

## THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. During this hymn an offering is received. If you pay tax in the UK, please place your offering in the envelope, remembering to include the details requested on the front of the envelope. Thank you*



1  
According to thy gracious word,  
In meek humility,  
This will I do, my dying Lord,  
I will remember thee.

2  
Thy body, broken for my sake,  
My bread from heaven shall be;  
Thy testamental cup I take,  
And thus remember thee.

3  
Gethsemane can I forget?  
Or there thy conflict see,  
Thine agony and bloody sweat,  
And not remember thee?

4  
When to the cross I turn mine eyes  
And rest on Calvary  
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,  
I must remember thee:

5  
Remember thee, and all thy pains,  
And all thy love to me;  
Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,  
Will I remember thee.

6  
And when these failing lips grow dumb,  
And mind and memory flee,  
When thou shalt in thy kingdom come,  
Jesu, remember me.

*The gifts of the congregation and Junior Church are received*

*The President takes the Bread and the Cup and praises God for his gifts*

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you **And al - so with you.**

Lift\_\_\_\_\_ up your hearts... **We lift them to the Lord...**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give thanks and praise...**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ, your Son.  
For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing:

*The choir sings*



Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever.



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

President Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

*The President invites the people to receive the Holy Communion, saying*

Draw near with faith, receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The President and people receive the Communion. Communicant members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive the Communion. The practice at the Cathedral is to receive the wafer in the hand; if you are concerned about drinking from the common cup, please take the wafer only – please do not dip your wafer in the cup. The Church believes that the fullness of God’s grace is given when only one of the two elements of Holy Communion is received.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please hold this service book in your hands as an indication to the ministers. Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

*At the distribution the minister says to each communicant*

The body of Christ or The blood of Christ

*The communicant responds **Amen**, and then receives. During Communion the Choir will sing Agnus Dei from Missa Salvum me fac (Palestrina) and the motet Usquequo Domine (Guerrero).*

## LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

*The Laying on of Hands and Anointing is available this morning. If you would like prayer for yourself or someone else, please go to St Dunstan’s Chapel, in the South Transept during the administration of Communion, where one of the clergy and a member of the Pastoral Team will be available to pray with you.*

## AGNUS DEI

Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

Usquequo Domine oblivisceris me in finem? Usquequo avertis faciem tuam a me? Quamdiu ponam consilia in anima mea, dolorem in corde meo per diem? Usquequo exaltabitur inimicus meus super me? Respice, et exaudi me Domine Deus meus.

*How long, O Lord? Will you forget me until the end? How long will you turn your face away from me? How long can I take counsel in my soul, sorrowing in my heart throughout the day? How long will my enemy be exalted over me?*

*Look upon me and listen to me, O Lord my God.*

Words: Psalm 13:1-4  
Music: Francisco Guerrero 1528-1599

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Please stand*

President Let us pray.

*A moment of silence is kept*

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

President Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*During the singing of the hymn, the servers, choir and the robed ministers move to the West. Please turn to face them as we are sent to live out our Christian faith in the world.*



1  
 Jesu, Lover of my soul,  
 Let me to thy bosom fly,  
 While the nearer waters roll,  
 While the tempest still is high:  
 Hide me, O my Saviour, hide  
 Till the storm of life is past;  
 Safe into the haven guide,  
 O receive my soul at last.

2  
 Other refuge have I none,  
 Hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
 Leave, ah, leave me not alone,  
 Still support and comfort me.  
 All my trust on thee is stayed,  
 All my help from thee I bring;  
 Cover my defenceless head  
 With the shadow of thy wing.

3  
 Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
 Grace to cover all my sin;  
 Let the healing streams abound,  
 Make and keep me pure within.  
 Thou of life the fountain art,  
 Freely let me take of thee,  
 Spring thou up within my heart,  
 Rise to all eternity.

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88  
 Music: *Aberystwyth* NEH 383 Joseph Parry 1841-1903



ORGAN Fantasia in C minor BWV 562i - J. S. Bach

*Everyone is welcome to refreshments after the service*

## CHORAL EVENSONG : 4pm

Preces - *Nardone*

Psalm 135

St Andrew's Service - *Aston*

Hymns OH108, 64

O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem - *Howells*

Organ: Rhapsody No. 1- *Howells*

Preacher: Canon Wendy Thomson

**From Monday to Saturday Morning Prayer is said at 7.30 am  
and the Eucharist is celebrated at 8am.**

**Evensong is sung (or Evening Prayer said) at 5.30pm**

***First time at the Cathedral? Returning - but wondering how to get more involved? If you want to know more, or to explore any question of faith or doubt, contact : [seeking@elycathedral.org](mailto:seeking@elycathedral.org)***

### THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

Tuesday 19 March	12.10pm	Holy Communion
<b>Joseph of Nazareth</b>	1.00pm	Music and Meditation
	9.00pm	Compline
Thursday 21 March	12.10pm	Holy Communion
Friday 22 March	12.10pm	Holy Communion followed by Lent Lunch
Sunday 24 March	8.15am	Holy Communion
<b>Lent 3</b>	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	4.00pm	Choral Evensong

#### MEET THE PREACHER

Facilitated by Canon Jessica Martin

Everyone is invited to discuss the insights and questions Bishop Jack's sermon raised with him, from noon in Powcher's Hall after the Eucharist. Please bring your cup of coffee with you.

**NOTICES FOR THE SERVICE SHEET** are due by 9am on Tuesdays. Please send all notice requests to [notices@elycathedral.org](mailto:notices@elycathedral.org).

**CAFE CHURCH** This is a group for young people, from years 7 to 13, which meets on the second Sunday of each month during the Sung Eucharist. The next meeting is on Palm Sunday, the 14th April and we will gather for the procession from the East Lawn (with the donkey) before going on to Powchers Hall. For more information please contact Sue or Tim Thompson either at Service in the Cathedral or on Ely 772131.

**CHRISTIAN AID PLANT SALE** Please, gardeners, would you think of propagating plants for the Christian Aid plant-sale, which this year is to be held on the morning of Saturday 11 May, in the forecourt of the Cathedral Centre. Enquiries and offers of plants, please, to Janet Fairweather (01353-665047).

**WATER AID - LENT** No jam jars this year, but several of you have contributed cheques previously as part of your Lenten giving. We would encourage you to do the same this year. Cheques should be made payable to Water Aid and sent to: Water Aid, York House, Wetherby Road, Long Marston, York YO26 7NH. Accompanying labels will be on the end of the coffee table throughout Lent. Take one of these to send with your cheque and tick the Gift Aid box if appropriate. Please do continue your giving. We have sent well over £1000 each year for which Water Aid are excessively grateful. Judy Sansom

**EUCHARIST FOLLOWED BY LENT LUNCH** Each Friday during Lent there will be a Eucharist at 12.10pm followed by a simple lunch at 12.45pm both held in the Lady Chapel.

**BRIDGE AFTERNOON:** The Friends of Ely Cathedral are holding a Bridge Afternoon on Wednesday 27 March at 1.45 for 2.00pm at The Brooklands Centre, Sutton. Tickets are £7.50, to include tea, and all are welcome. Please contact Jane Davie, Ed Gifford or the Friends' Office (01353 660348) if you would like to attend. This is 'a first' for The Friends and we hope for your support for what is bound to be an enjoyable event!

**LENT COURSES AND OTHER EVENTS** Details of Lent courses and events organised by churches in Ely are available from the south and west door desks. For more information, please contact John Marshall (01353 664927, jandmarshall68@yahoo.co.uk)

**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING** Wednesdays between 10-11:30am in the Cathedral Centre with an occasional speaker on the first Wednesday of the month. Everyone welcome.

**EDWARD BEAR CLUB** with worship time of praise, activity and stories, is held on Fridays, 10-11 am, for under 5s, parents or carers. For further details please ring Angela Jones (01353 665810). The group has now been relocated to Powcher's Hall (across the Cathedral South Car Park and down Firmary Lane, the building is on your left).

**LENT PLASTIC CHALLENGE 2019** *Renew: Ely Cathedral Environment Group* encourages congregation members to engage in the Church of England's Lent Plastic Challenge. The Challenge Sheet can be downloaded from the website and copies are available at the South Desk.

**ELY CATHEDRAL ENVIRONMENT GROUP - Litter picking around Ely** We now have litter picking sessions once a month, on the FIRST Saturday of the month, from 8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. If you would be interested in joining us, please come to the South Door of the Cathedral at 8.00 a.m. on Saturdays 6 April, 4 May and 1 June. All equipment will be provided. We finish with coffee and cake in the Cathedral. Any further information from Sue Holgate, Ely Cathedral Environment Group. [sueholgate@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sueholgate@hotmail.co.uk)

**LAUNCH OF RENEW:ELY CATHEDRAL ENVIRONMENT GROUP AND THE ECO-CHURCH AWARD** You are invited to attend the formal launch of *Renew:Ely Cathedral Environment Group* and our working toward becoming an Eco-Church. Wednesday 3rd April following Evensong, 6.15-7pm in the South Transept. Refreshments will be served.

**ELY CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY CHOIR SING AGAIN!** The Community Choir will pop-up again to sing at the Science Festival Events on 20th and 29th May. The only Audition for this Choir is that you SMILE! No previous singing experience necessary, everybody welcome! Rehearsals in the Song School (Enter through Door in South Nave Aisle) from 12.30pm-1pm on the following dates: Tuesday 26th March, Monday 1st April, Thursday 11th April, Tuesday 30th April, Thursday 9th May, Thursday 16th May.

**PAUL TREPTE'S FINAL EVENSONG AND RECEPTION** Easter Sunday, 21 April 2019, 4pm. After 29 years as Director of Music at Ely Cathedral Paul Trepte stands down on Easter Sunday 2019. We would like to invite you to Paul's Final Evensong and to a short Reception afterwards in the Lady Chapel where we will bid farewell to Paul and Sally. We are collating memories of Paul's time at Ely and if you have any photographs, special stories or thoughts, humorous or otherwise, then please also forward them to the address listed below. Should you also wish to contribute to Paul's Farewell gift please send a cheque to Ely Cathedral, The Chapter House, The College, Ely CB7 4DL. Please RSVP by 21 March to [replies@elycathedral.org](mailto:replies@elycathedral.org) to signify if you are able to attend the reception.

**YOUR CALL: Breakfast meetings on the Way of Life during Lent: Powcher's Hall, 8.30-10am, 23 March, 6 April 2019** You are cordially invited to our breakfast meetings on Saturday mornings in Lent, between 8.30 and 10 am. Over croissants, juice, and excellent coffee, we will together ponder and deepen our faith, in a study course which explores the readings for the relevant Sunday in Lent in the light of the 'Way of Life' Diocesan resources. All welcome. Please RSVP [j.martin@elycathedral.org](mailto:j.martin@elycathedral.org) or 01353 660304 so that we can buy the right number of croissants! Special diets of any kind are also useful to know about.