



# ELY CATHEDRAL

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

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## **SUNG EUCHARIST**

Installation of Choristers  
and Presentation to Junior Probationers  
10.30am

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
*Mothering Sunday*

Sunday 31 March 2019

President : Canon James Garrard  
Preacher : The Dean

*Missa Parodia*  
Paul Trepte

## 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.*

### **GIFT AID ENVELOPE**

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Thank you.

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

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We welcome *The Ely Imps* who join with the choristers  
to lead the singing this morning.

*When the bell rings, please stand*

## THE GATHERING

HYMN



1  
God is Love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
Let creation sing before him,  
And exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
He who spread the heav'ns above,  
He who breathes through all creation,  
He is Love, eternal Love.

2  
God is Love: and he enfoldeth  
All the world in one embrace;  
With unfailing grasp he holdeth  
Every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
Under sorrow's iron rod,  
Then they find that selfsame aching  
Deep within the heart of God.

3  
God is Love: and though with blindness  
Sin afflicts the souls of all,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
Holds and guides us when we fall.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
O'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
O'er the universe must reign.

Words: CP 442 Timothy Rees 1874-1939  
Music: *Blaenwern* NEH 408i William Rowlands 1860-1937

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 welcomes the people and introduces the liturgy*

PRESENTATION TO JUNIOR PROBATIONERS AND ADMISSION AND  
INSTALLATION OF CHORISTERS

*Please sit*

*All probationers and the three junior probationers stand at the octagon rails  
facing the Dean*

Director of Music Mr Dean, I present to you Harry Shepherd, Albert Walker and  
Alastair Wright who have successfully completed the first two  
stages of their Junior Probationer year. I commend them for their  
musical progress and developing understanding of the chorister  
task, and I invite you to present them with their copy of "The  
chorister and the racing car" in recognition of their achievement.

The Dean Harry, Albert and Alastair, I am pleased to receive this  
commendation and make this presentation to you.

*Junior Probationers then stand aside*

Director of Music Mr Dean, I present to you Zach Hatton be admitted to our  
Foundation as Chorister.

Director of ECGC Mr Dean, I present to you Amy Bungard, Alexandra Bowerman,  
Sophia Garrard, Madeleine Hughes, Freya Moss, Elizabeth Raynes,  
Hannah Reveley, Hannah Williams and Olivia Williams to be  
admitted to our Foundation as Choristers.

They promise obedience to the Constitution and Statutes of the  
Cathedral Church of Ely and to the Dean as Head thereof and also  
the Chapter in all things lawful and honest concerning the said  
Constitution and Statutes and all by-laws and orders thereunder  
lawfully made and they acknowledge the Bishop of Ely as Visitor

of the said Cathedral Church and they submit to the visitatorial jurisdiction conferred upon him whether by the said Constitution and Statutes or otherwise by law in so far as they shall be concerned in or about the affairs of the said Cathedral Church; and, in so far as in them lies, they will endeavour themselves to promote the peace and well-being of the said Cathedral Church, the Lord being their helper.

The Dean Are you willing to serve this Foundation, to observe its Statutes in so far as they pertain to you, and so to give your affirmation thereto?

Choristers We are willing.

The Dean Almighty and Everlasting God, pour your grace into the hearts of these Choristers now to be admitted, and grant them courage and strength to fulfil the vow and promise that they have now made, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The Directors of Music give a medallion to each Chorister*

The Dean Amy, Alexandra, Sophia, Madeleine, Freya, Elizabeth, Hannah, Hannah, Olivia and Zach, I admit you to be Choristers of this Cathedral Church and welcome you as members of our Foundation.

*All the newly admitted choristers move to their stalls whilst the congregation congratulates them*

## THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

*Please sit or kneel*

*Silence is kept*



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please sit*

READING  
Exodus 2.1-10

A reading from the book of Exodus.

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN *Please stand*



1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa-ther of all wis-dom, come to him and bless his name. —



Mer-cy he has shown us, his love is for ev - er, faith-ful to the end of days. —



*Refrain*  
Come then, all you na-tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, me-lo-dies of praise and thanks to God.



1  
Sing of the Lord's goodness,  
Father of all wisdom,  
Come to him and bless his name.  
Mercy he has shown us,  
His love is for ever,  
Faithful to the end of days.

3  
Courage in our darkness,  
Comfort in our sorrow,  
Spirit of our God most high;  
Solace for the weary,  
Pardon for the sinner,  
Splendour of the living God:

*Come, then, all you nations,  
Sing of your Lord's goodness,  
Melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory,  
Praise him with your music,  
Worship him and bless his name.*

2  
Power he has wielded,  
Honour is his garment,  
Risen from the snares of death.  
His word he has spoken,  
One bread he has broken,  
New life he now gives to all:

4  
Praise him with your singing,  
Praise him with the trumpet,  
Praise God with the lute and harp;  
Praise him with the cymbals,  
Praise him with your dancing,  
Praise God till the end of days:

Words: Ernest Sands b. 1949  
Music: SP309 Ernest Sands and Christopher Walker b. 1947 arr. Paul Inwood b. 1947

*Please stand and face the deacon*

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

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



All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable:

'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.

But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Please sit*

SERMON

*After the Sermon silence is kept*

*Please stand*

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## THE INTERCESSIONS

President Let us pray for the church and for the world and let us thank God for his goodness.

*Please sit or kneel*

*The Intercessions are led by members of the Junior Church*

Junior Church We thank you for our homes

Loving God, you have given us the right to be called children of God. Help us to show your love in our homes that they may be places of love, security and truth.

God of Love:  
**hear our prayer**

Junior Church We thank you for our families.

We thank you for our Mothers and all who care for us. Loving God, Jesus your Son, was born into the family of Mary and Joseph; bless all parents and all who care for children; strengthen those families living under stress and may your love be known where no human love is found.

God of love:  
**hear our prayer**

Junior Church We pray for the Church.

Church of Christ all over the world. Loving God, we thank you for the family of the Church. We pray that all may find in her their true home; that the lonely, the lost, and the rejected may be welcomed and loved in the name of Jesus.

God of love  
**hear our prayer**

Junior  
Church

We pray for our world and all the people who live upon it.

Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our world we pray for healing among the nations; for food where there is hunger, shelter where there is homelessness, for freedom where there is oppression, for joy where there is pain; for comfort where there is suffering, that your love may bring peace to all your children. We remember all those who need our prayers today.

God of love  
**hear our prayer**

Junior  
Church

Loving God, we pray for those whom we love, but see no longer. For those who now worship in the church of heaven with saints and angels in songs of praise.

God of love  
**hear our prayer**

*At the end*

Jesus, Lord of the Church  
**hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever. Amen.**

*Please stand*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **THE PEACE**

President

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,  
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

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  
For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.*

2  
For the beauty of each hour,  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:

3  
For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and brain's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight:

4  
For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

5  
For each perfect gift of thine,  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

6  
For thy Church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
This pure sacrifice of love:

Words: F. S. Pierpoint 1835-1917  
Music: *England's Lane* NEH 285, Geoffrey Shaw 1879-1943 Adapted from a folk song

*The gifts of the congregation are received and the flowers are blessed*

Bless, O Lord, these flowers,  
that they may be given with love and thankfulness  
and received with joy.

May they be symbols of the love that we share with one another,  
and may they be pledges of your continuing love for us  
and for all creation. **Amen.**

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

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ,  
Our risen high priest; make yourself known  
in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator,



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...**

loving and faithful, holy and strong.  
You made us and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.  
You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.  
You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.  
And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing

SANCTUS sung by all

*p* ALL  
Ho - ly,

*mp* ho - ly, *mf* ho - ly Lord, *f* God of power and

*f* might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

*ff* Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Benedictus is sung by the choirs

Please sit or kneel

Father, on the night before he died,  
 Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
 He took the bread, and thanked you.  
 He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this to remember me.  
 After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
 He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
 Drink this, all of you.  
 This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
 Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ is Lord

Lord, by your cross and re - sur - rec - tion

You have set us free. You are the sa - viour of the world.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.  
Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.  
For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever.



#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

President     Trusting in the compassion of God,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

AGNUS DEI *sung by the choirs*

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

## 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 Ave Maria (Lindley) and For the Beauty of the Earth (Kenton Coe).*

## 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.*

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen,

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: thou art blessed among women and blessed is Jesus, the fruit of thy womb. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death. Amen.*

Words: Latin. 13th century  
Music: Simon Lindley b. 1948

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,  
We sing the hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
We sing the hymn of grateful praise.

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint 1835-1919  
Music: Kenton Coe b.1931

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION *Please stand*

President Let us pray.

*A moment of silence is held*

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food  
and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
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.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN



1  
 Now thank we all our God,  
 With hearts and hands and voices,  
 Who wondrous things hath done,  
 In whom his world rejoices;  
 Who from our mother's arms  
 Hath blessed us on our way  
 With countless gifts of love,  
 And still is ours to-day.

2  
 O may this bounteous God  
 Through all our life be near us,  
 With ever joyful hearts  
 And blessed peace to cheer us;  
 And keep us in his grace,  
 And guide us when perplexed,  
 And free us from all ills  
 In this world and the next.

3  
 All praise and thanks to God  
 The Father now be given,  
 The Son, and him who reigns  
 With them in highest heaven,  
 The One eternal God,  
 Whom earth and heaven adore;  
 For thus it was, is now,  
 And shall be evermore.

Words: German, Martin Rinkart 1586-1649 *Tr.* Catherine Winkworth 1827-78  
 Music: *Nun Danket* NEH 413 Melody in J. Crüger's *Praxis Pietatis Melica* c 1647

**THE DISMISSAL**

President      May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you:  
 may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother,  
                     bless you:  
 may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless you.  
 May almighty God bless you,  
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 now and for ever. **Amen.**



ORGAN                      Toccata, Fugue and Hymn on Ave Maris Stella - *Peeters*

*Everyone is welcome to refreshments after the service*

**EVENSONG : 4pm**

Preacher : Canon Jessica Martin

Preces *Nardone*

Psalm 30

Introit: Tota Pulchra Es - *Chausson*

Hymns OH 110, 333

*Sumsion* in G

Ave Maria - *Dupré*

Organ: Prelude and Fugue in F minor - *Dupré*

**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 2 April	1.00pm	Music and Meditation
	5.30pm	Evensong with the Commissioning of Janet Sutton Webb
Thursday 4 April	9.00pm	Compline
	12.10pm	Holy Communion
Friday 5 April	12.10pm	Holy Communion followed by Lent Lunch
	8.15am	Holy Communion
<b>Lent 5</b>	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	4.00pm	Choral Evensong

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

**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 8am to 9am. If you would be interested in joining us, please come to the South Door of the Cathedral at 8am 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)

**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, 14 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.

**RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION** There have been comments nationally recently about intinction, that is dipping the wafer into the communion cup when receiving communion. The practice here, principally for reasons of hygiene, is, as in many other Cathedrals and churches, to receive the wafer into the hand. If you are concerned about receiving from the common cup, please take the wafer only – please do not dip your wafer into the cup. The Church teaches that the fullness of God’s grace is given when only one of the two elements of Holy Communion is received.

**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING** Wednesdays between 10-11:30am in the Cathedral Centre with an occasional speaker on the first Wednesday of the month. On Wednesday 3 April our speaker will be Mac Dowdy. His talk is entitled “We met at coffee....” Everyone welcome.

**MOTHERS’ UNION BRANCH MEETING** Sally Trepte, Paul’s wife, will be the speaker at the next Branch Meeting to be held on Wednesday 3 April at 7.30pm in The Cathedral Centre. Sally’s talk has the intriguing title: ‘Behind every successful man.....!’ Everyone is welcome.

**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.

**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, jandrmarschall68@yahoo.co.uk)

**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.

**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: 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 to signify if you are able to attend the Reception.

**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).

**THE FRIENDS OF ELY CATHEDRAL EVENTS** The Friends' Outing to Rochester on 21 May is now fully booked with a waiting list. However tickets are still available for the special Friends' Evening on 14 May when Dr Jasmine Allen will give an illustrated talk, with optional tour, on 'The Stained Glass of Ely Cathedral'. Tickets (£7 Friends, £9 Guests to include wine) are available from the Cathedral Box Office or Sue Hunting (sue.hunting@elycathedral.org)

**YOUR CALL: Breakfast meetings on the Way of Life during Lent: Powcher's Hall, 8.30-10am on 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.

