



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

# GETTING INVOLVED

## A guide to volunteers and getting involved in the life of Ely Cathedral

Behind this magnificent building which we so richly enjoy, there is an army of volunteers, without whom this Cathedral church would be unable to function. There are also many different groups offering support, prayer or special activities. All these combine to make a rich and complex community which has Jesus Christ at its heart.

As you read through this booklet we hope you will find a place within our community where you can find friendship and support, grow in faith and find opportunities to serve God in the Church and in the wider world.

**Baptisms/Weddings:** Please contact Canon Victoria Johnson 01353 660302 in the first instance.

**Bedesmen:** Bedesmen are appointed by the Chapter to assist the Vergers in all aspects of Cathedral worship. Contact: Canon James Garrard 01353 660335

**Bishop Woodford House:** Diocesan retreat house used for day, weekend and longer courses. Contact: Tim Shorey 01353 663039

**Box Office:** Information about concerts and booking facility.  
Contact: Box Office 01353 660349

**Cathedral Guides and Tower Guides:** Offer daily tours of Cathedral and both towers.  
Contact: Sallyann Ford 01353 660361

**Cathedral Pastoral Care:** Canon Victoria Johnson is pleased to receive requests for prayer and to respond to any pastoral need within the Cathedral Community.  
Contact: Canon Victoria Johnson 01353 660302

**Cathedral Pastoral Team:** This group meets regularly to support those who have asked for prayer and pastoral care. Contact: Canon Victoria Johnson 01353 660302

**Ely Cathedral Choir:** The Director of Music at Ely Cathedral in charge of boy choristers, lay clerks and additional choir members is Paul Trepte who can be contacted on 01353 660336, He is willing to see prospective choristers or choir men by individual arrangement.

**Ely Cathedral Girls' Choir:** The Director of the girls' choir is Sarah MacDonald. She can be contacted on 01353 667362.

**Adult Voluntary Choir:** If you are interested in singing in the Ely Cathedral Octagon Singers (ECOS) contact Sarah Clutton - s.clutton@elycathedral.org

**Children's Choir:** Younger children interested in singing in The Ely Imps (girls and boys aged 7-13) should contact Anne Mizen on 01353 664470 - a.mizen@elycathedral.org

**Visiting Choirs:** If your choir would like to sing at one or more of our services in the Cathedral, please contact Edmund Aldhouse on 01353 660311.

**Christian Aid:** To help during Christian Aid Week contact John Marshall on 01353 664927

**Churches Together:** The Cathedral works together with the other churches in Ely, through joint worship and activities, to promote mission and unity.  
Contact: John Marshall 01353 664927

**Concerts and Events:** To organise and publicise all events that take place in the Cathedral.  
Contact: Linda Joel 01353 660310

**Day Chaplains:** Day Chaplains are ministers from any Christian denomination, who, from April through October, lead our hourly prayers in the Cathedral and offer pastoral care. Contact: John Marshall 01353 664927

**Edward Bear Club:** Time of praise, activity, stories for under 5's and parents or carers, 10am-11am on Fridays in term time, in the Cathedral Centre. Contact: Angela Jones 01353 665810

**Ely Cathedral Conference Centre:** Available for conferences and other functions. Contact: Claire Mills 01353 659668

**Ely Foodbank, FairTrade and Social Responsibility:** If you are keen to be involved in work for justice and peace or with our local foodbank, please contact Cathy Wright, Ely Foodbank Project Director - [cathy@ely.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:cathy@ely.foodbank.org.uk)

**Exploring Christianity and Confirmation Courses:** Courses are offered at least once a year. Contact: Canon Victoria Johnson 01353 660302

**Flower Guild:** Arrange flowers in the Cathedral for all services and major events in the Church's calendar. Contact: Judy Wynn 01353 669216

**Friends of Ely Cathedral:** The Friends support the Cathedral in many different ways. New Friends are always welcome. For more information please contact Sue Hunting on 01353 660348

**Home Groups:** At present there are four running. If you are interested in joining one please contact Canon Victoria Johnson 01353 660302

**Intercessors and Readers:** Are you interested in reading the lessons or leading the prayers for main services in the Cathedral? Contact: Francis Ascroft-Walker 01353 660309 - [f.ascroft-walker@elycathedral.org](mailto:f.ascroft-walker@elycathedral.org)

**Julian Group:** Contemplative prayer group following the teachings of Mother Julian of Norwich. Contact: Mary Barber 01353 612338

**Links Group:** The Cathedral has strong links with Zanzibar Cathedral and the Parish of Hackney in the East End of London, as well as with our local ecumenical partners. It also supports the Diocesan link with the North Elbe in German. For more information contact Gillian Cook - [g.cook@elycathedral.org](mailto:g.cook@elycathedral.org)

**Marthas:** Marthas help clean the Cathedral on a regular basis. Contact: Chris Flatman, Operations Manager - [c.flatman@elycathedral.org](mailto:c.flatman@elycathedral.org)

**Ministry of Welcome:** Lay people from any Christian denomination offer a spiritual ministry of welcome to all who come to the Cathedral. Contact: Joan Cameron 01353 614467 or Sally Rowland 01353 664359

**Mothers' Union:** Regular meetings of the Ely Cathedral Branch with talks, discussion and outings. Contact: Angela Jones 01353 665810

**Order of St Etheldreda:** This is a special circle of people dedicated to sustaining the Cathedral's heritage and mission for the future. To become a member, or for further details, contact [development@elycathedral.org](mailto:development@elycathedral.org) or telephone Helen Bright on 01353 660321

**Prisoners of Conscience:** A small group meets in Bishop Alcock's Chapel for silent prayer at 10am on the first Sunday of every month prior to the 10.30am Eucharist. They also support the work of Amnesty International.  
Contact: Alison Pearson - [Alison@sunrose.co.uk](mailto:Alison@sunrose.co.uk)

**Refectory:** Prepares and serves food for our visitors to the Cathedral. Volunteer help is often needed. Contact: Lesley Ann Thompson 01353 660350

**Schools Guides:** Volunteers who work with the 10,000 school children who visit the Cathedral each year. Contact: Sally Newton, Education Officer on 01353 660332

**Servers:** Servers assist the clergy with worship at all our main services in the Cathedral, on a rotational basis. Contact: Philip Peacock - [philip.peacock@btconnect.com](mailto:philip.peacock@btconnect.com)

**Shop Volunteers:** Main job is to serve customers, but also help with shelf replenishment and tidying. Contact: Penny Price 01353 660319

**Stewards:** Stewards show people to their seats, take collections and generally help out at all our main services and events in the Cathedral.  
Contact: Chris Flatman, Operations Manager - [c.flatman@elycathedral.org](mailto:c.flatman@elycathedral.org)

**Stewardship Scheme:** Are you interested in giving regular financial support for the work of the Cathedral? Contact: Peter Houghton 01353 699750

**Sunday Club:** For children aged 5-11 years. Meets every Sunday in term time in the Cathedral Centre. For further information, or if you wish to volunteer to help, please contact June Massey on 01353 656959

**St Etheldreda Cell of the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham:** On the second Saturday of each month Mass is said at 12.30pm in the Lady Chapel.  
The Mass is offered for the Shrine at Walsingham. Contact: Maureen Howard 01638 507025

**Tuesday Prayer Group:** Usually held in Bishop West's Chapel, Tuesdays at 10.30am, but sometimes held in a member's home. Contact: Barbara Shailes 01353 667552

**Zanzibar Education Sponsorship Scheme:** You can transform someone's life by sponsoring a child's education through our link with Zanzibar.  
Contact: Gillian Cook - [g.cook@elycathedral.org](mailto:g.cook@elycathedral.org)