



# ELY CATHEDRAL NEWS

## Ely Choir win music award

The Ely Cathedral Choir have been honoured for their musical ability by winning a Trebby Award for 'Best Full Choir Album – Anglican Style' for their recording of 'The Ely Tradition – Volume 1'. The album was recorded in 2005 at Ely Cathedral under the direction of Paul Trepte.

The Trebby Awards were instituted in 2002 to provide the boy choir and boy soloist art form a means of public exposure and awareness of their recordings and their unique talent, similar to the well-known Grammy Awards. The Trebbys honour numerous other categories such as Best Solo Album, Best Track, Best Album as well as a Hall of Fame category to honour the excellence of boychoirs and soloists from the past.

Paul Trepte, Director of Music at Ely Cathedral is delighted with the award:

'It is wonderful for the Choir to get this level of recognition. They all work very hard to achieve these results despite the fact they are enormously talented performers and musicians.'

The Ely Choir have recorded numerous albums over the years, most notably The Choirboys debut album which included two Ely choristers, CJ Porter-Thaw & Patrick Aspbury, and reached platinum status. The third Choirboy, Ben Inman from Southwell Minster, won 'Best Solo Album' in the Trebbys. Other recent recordings include two CDs for the RNLI and The Gateway of Heaven. Most recently the boys recorded a disk of Arthur Wills music for treble voices. All cathedral choir recordings, including the latest Trebby Award winning album, are available in the Cathedral shop or on line from [www.cathedral.ely.anglican.org](http://www.cathedral.ely.anglican.org)

## Week of Christian Unity 18th – 25th January 2008

Friday 18th, 13.05	– Eucharist, King's School, Prior Crauden's Chapel
Saturday 19th, 10.00	– Mass, St Etheldreda's
Sunday 20th, 19.00	– United Service, St Mary's, 'Jesus is the light of the world'
Monday 21st, 19.30	– Evening Prayer, Olive Tree Fellowship
Tuesday 22nd, 14.30	– Prayer Walk, Cathedral, meet at West Door
Tuesday 22nd, 19.30	– Evening Prayer, Lighthouse
Wednesday 23rd, 7.00	– Morning prayer, St Mary's
Wednesday 23rd, 13.00	– Lunchtime Prayers, St Peter's, followed by bring & share lunch
Thursday 24th, 11.30	– Service, Methodist, followed by shopper's lunch
Friday 25th, 7.00	– Morning Prayer, Countess, followed by breakfast



## THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

*The Festival celebrating the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem*

Sunday 6th January  
SAID EUCHARIST – 8.15 AM  
SUNG EUCHARIST – 10.30 AM  
EPIPHANY PROCESSION – 4.00 PM

## January 2008 Highlights

### THE NAMING OF JESUS

Tuesday 1 January

Said Eucharist 9.00 am & 12.10 pm

### THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Sunday 6 January

*Details on this page*

### THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Sunday 13 January

The Festival marking the beginning of Jesus' ministry – *usual Sunday services*

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Friday 18 – Friday 25 January

*Details on this page*

### INSTALLATION OF HONORARY CANONS

Saturday 19 January – 5.30 pm

*Details on page 4*

### THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Friday 25 January

Said Eucharist at 8.00 am & 12.10 pm

### KING'S SCHOOL MUSIC COMPETITION

Friday 1 February 7.00 pm – Finalists concert

### CANDLEMAS

Saturday 2 February

The Festival recalling the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Said Eucharist 8.00 am & 12.10 pm.

### CANDLEMAS SUNDAY

Sunday 3 February

Sung Eucharist and Procession 10.30 am;  
Evensong 4.00 pm

## Regular services

*Sundays:*

8.15 am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 am: Sung Eucharist

4.00 pm: Evensong

*Daily Services:*

7.40 am: Morning Prayer

8.00 am: Holy Communion

12 noon: Midday Prayers – Quiet Hour

5.30 pm: Evensong

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## Thought for January

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Advent marks the start of a new Church year and shortly thereafter the calendar will turn over to start 2008. Both events herald a sense of a 'new beginning', something very much on my mind some four weeks into my 'new beginning' as Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) at the Cathedral.

New beginnings are exciting but also bring challenges, maybe anxieties and questions too. For all of us change is, at times, unnerving and, as the first disciples found, we need resolve and determination to stay the course. Some people thrive on change others seem to disappear under the burden of expectation it brings.

In Revelation 21 he who sits on the throne says, 'Behold I make all things new.' As we move into 2008 can we enter into a new, meaningful and engaging relationship with God that both challenges and sustains us, whilst aiding our maturity and growth as Christians? Will we be seen as an alive, vibrant disciple of the 21st century or found sleeping comfortably on the job?

In the coming year, churches across the land will be uniting to seek new ways of bringing the Gospel message to our nation, through an initiative called *Hope 2008*. As a new year comes upon us, we are invited to consider a 'new beginning' in our own discipleship journey. We need to reflect how to express our faith to the people we meet, both amongst those who join us in the Cathedral and beyond it, within the places where we live and work. Those who cross our pathway need to experience the living God at work in us if they are to hunger to know more of him for themselves.

At the start of a new journey for me, I would like to thank everyone for the warmth of welcome and prayer support I have received as I come to serve at Ely Cathedral. May God give you his blessing at this time and may I wish you a very Happy New Year, full of exciting 'new beginnings', challenges and

opportunities on your Christian journey.

Jan Payne



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## A New Year Resolution

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A New Year always brings challenges as well as joys. There are things which we look forward to, but not always with enthusiasm or eagerness. 2008 will undoubtedly bring its share of happiness and of strain. One way in which we can tackle whatever the New Year brings is with a determination to see things through the eye of faith. There are matters for which, in faith, we will give thanks; we will rejoice that that is so. Other things will elicit a cry for help and they are, perhaps, the ones we usually bring to our prayers. For a New Year resolution, we might make a conscious effort to offer thanks for the blessings that surround us whilst trying to see the hand of God in everything that comes to us. – *Michael Chandler*

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## Contemplative Fire

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Contemplative Fire, a new project devised by Philip Roderick to reconstruct language, liturgy, symbol and sacrament, comes to Ely Cathedral on Saturday, February 2nd.

Contemplative Fire is community of people who are seeking to be fully present to the Kingdom of God here and now, and it celebrates natural beauty, deep connectedness and the play of wisdom: to 'travel light and dwell deep' as Jesus' companions on this extraordinary journey, both in solitude and in community. It is authorised by Oxford Diocese's Cutting Edge Ministries, and as a 'Fresh Expression of Church', it is authorised by Archbishop Rowan Williams. Currently there are gatherings and small groups in High Wycombe, Hemel Hempstead and Central London.

Wherever Contemplative Fire establishes itself as a praying, liturgical community, the blessing of local and diocesan leaders is sought. Such a context allows for two-way prayer support and the opportunity, along with the inherited Church, to share and wrestle with theological, missional and pastoral issues.

On the Feast of Candlemas, (February 2nd), there is a Workshop/Gathering to introduce the experience of *Contemplative Fire* to the Ely Diocese. This will be held in the Lady Chapel at Ely Cathedral from 2.00 – 5.00 pm followed by Evensong. All are very welcome to come and join in the afternoon of contemplation, creativity and silence enhanced by 'Lantern' a local dance group, under the leadership and guidance of Philip Roderick and Susan Bowden-Pickstock.

There is no charge for the event, which will include refreshments; donations towards the costs and to support the work of *Contemplative Fire* would be welcome.

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## The Bishop's Lent Appeal

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The Lent Appeal this year will focus on the work of the Leprosy Mission. The resurgence of leprosy in the developing world is an alarming, though under-reported phenomenon, and the Bishop has nominated the Leprosy Mission's project at Karigiri Hospital in South India as the specific beneficiary.

This Appeal thus achieves the double objective of supporting a charity which has its headquarters in the Diocese, and investing in an institution fighting leprosy in our link diocese of Vellore.

Leaflets describing the work of the Leprosy Mission and Karigiri Hospital are available at the South Door desk. In addition, the Diocese has provided labels which can be affixed to jam jars, as an ecologically friendly alternative to expensively printed cardboard collection boxes.

Please support the Appeal generously. Donations marked 'Lent Appeal 2008' may be sent c/o Dr Bridget Nichols, The Bishop's House, Ely, Cambs, CB7 4DW. Cheques should be made payable to 'Ely DBF – Lent Appeal 2008'.

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## Zanzibar and the Education of young Christians

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In the UK school is free for everyone, regardless of religious belief. Sadly, in Zanzibar, where around 95% of the Zanzibar population is Muslim, if you have a Christian name you cannot get a place in a state secondary school. Christian teenagers seeking secondary education have to go to a college in mainland Tanzania, which many cannot afford. Bishop John Inge set up an education

sponsorship scheme some years ago so that, in a small way, we could try and help. We are currently enabling around thirty children to receive secondary education.



Children at Cheju school sending greetings to us here!

For Christians in Zanzibar Education is a life-giving gift. For £200 per year you could offer this gift to a child who could not otherwise afford it. If you are interested in sponsoring one or more children, please contact Daphne Lumley, tel: 01353 660309 or email: [daphne.lumley@cathedral.ely.anglican.org](mailto:daphne.lumley@cathedral.ely.anglican.org)

## Eat Like a King

Hands on the Past events are one of the great things that the cathedral education department does for children. Adults passing by are fascinated as specially trained staff in costume talk to the children about medieval life, demonstrate skills, and recreate historic events. Next month, on February 7, at 7.00 pm, there is an opportunity for adults to step back in time, meet characters from Medieval Ely, hear stories that will keep you spell-bound, listen to music of the times and eat like a king!

'This is an evening not to be missed,' said Jan Munt, the Cathedral's senior education officer, 'and it will conclude with a medieval banquet specially devised for the evening'. The cathedral will be candlelit for the occasion, a feast for the eyes as well as for the body! Tickets cost £20 per person (including the banquet), and may be obtained from the education department: 01353 659668, [education.officer@ely.cathedral.anglican.org](mailto:education.officer@ely.cathedral.anglican.org)

## Vezelay to Tournay

Canon Peter Sills leads a Benedictine Pilgrimage through France on the pilgrim route to Santiago from September 8th – 19th, 2008. The pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella was an important part of

medieval life, and there were many starting places, especially in France. Along the routes Benedictine Abbeys provided for the spiritual and material needs of the pilgrims. This Pilgrimage begins at the Abbey of Fleury in St Benoit sur Loire, the burial place of St Benedict, and then follows the pilgrim route from Vezelay, one of the ancient starting places, and famous for its magnificent Romanesque cathedral dedicated to St Mary Magdalene, south-west to the Spanish border.

En route we visit Bourges, whose cathedral of St Etienne is a world heritage site, Limoges, Perigueux and Bergerac, and the pilgrimage ends with two days at the Abbaye Notre Dame at Tournay in the foothills of the Pyrenees. It is organized through Pax Travel, a specialist in arranging pilgrimage tours. A leaflet giving the itinerary and essential details is available in the cathedral; full information and a booking form may be obtained from Canon Peter Sills 01353 660302: [peter.sills@cathedral.ely.anglican.org](mailto:peter.sills@cathedral.ely.anglican.org)

## Social Responsibility Forum

The Ely Social Responsibility Forum, based at the Cathedral has launched a newsletter. It can be accessed via the Cathedral website under the Education drop down menu. The Forum is a newly formed ecumenical group set up to give Christians a means to exchange information on local issues which have a social justice dimension, become better informed about global aspects of these issues, organise events to help alleviate distress and injustice or to bring issues to the attention of the public, challenge ourselves about our own lifestyles.

The group was responsible for the very successful *Stop the Traffik* exhibition, and plans for 2008 include: keeping up the momentum locally on the anti-slavery campaign; making *Christian Aid Week 2008* a significant event locally; finding out about local provision of support for the elderly and lonely, and linking up with other local groups concerned about social justice issues. The newsletter give further information about meetings and events; for further information contact Jenny Gage 01353 666426 or [jag55@cam.ac.uk](mailto:jag55@cam.ac.uk)

# ELY AFTER DARK

Wednesday 27 February 2008

An atmospheric evening in the Cathedral envisioning its use as a Monastery with a Monastic Supper in the Lady Chapel and concluding with Compline by Candlelight in the Choir.

*This event only happens once a year – not to be missed!*

Tickets (£15 each) from the Box Office

## THE VICE-DEAN'S

# DESERT ISLAND DISCS

Canon Peter Sills  
talks to Paul Trepte about  
his life and ministry

Leap Year's Day  
Friday 29 February at 7.30 pm

*A donation of £10 per head towards  
the Choir Tour Fund is invited*

## The Way of St Benedict

A Quiet Day at  
Bishop Woodford House

*Led by Canon Peter Sills*

Reflecting on the Rule of  
St Benedict and its relevance  
for today

Friday 25 January  
10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Details from The Warden,  
BWH 01353 663039

[bwh@ely.anglican.org](mailto:bwh@ely.anglican.org)

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# CALENDAR

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## JANUARY 2008

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*Tuesday 1st – The Naming of Jesus*

12.10 Said Eucharist

*Sunday 6th – The Epiphany of Our Lord*

*Usual Sunday Services, except*

16.00 Epiphany Procession

*Saturday 12th*

12.30 Walsingham Cell Mass

*Sunday 13th – The Baptism of Christ*

*Usual Sunday services*

*Thursday 17th*

13.10 Lunchtime Concert

*Friday 18th – Friday 25th*

*Saturday 19th*

17.30 Installation of Honorary Canons  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

*Tuesday 22nd*

14.30 Prayer Walk led by *Canon Peter Sills*

*Friday 25th – The Conversion of St Paul*

8.00 & 12.10 Said Eucharist

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## FEBRUARY

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*Friday 1st*

19.00 King's School Music Festival Final

*Saturday 2nd – Candlemas*

8.00 & 12.10 Said Eucharist

13.00 Contemplative Fire Workshop & Worship

*Sunday 3rd – Candlemas Sunday*

8.15 Said Eucharist

10.30 Sung Eucharist & Candlemas Ceremonies

16.00 Candlemas Procession

*Wednesday 6th – Ash Wednesday*

8.00 Said Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

19.30 Sung Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

*Thursday 7th*

19.00 *Eat Like a King* – Hands on the Past Evening

*Monday 11th*

19.30 Book Signing with *Joanna Trollope*

*Tuesday 12th*

21.00 Lent Compline

*Tuesday 19th*

21.00 Lent Compline

*Friday 22nd*

19.30 Organ Extravaganza with *Carlo Curley*

*Sunday 24th*

18.00 Film – *An Inconvenient Truth* by Al Gore

*Tuesday 26th*

21.00 Lent Compline

*Friday 29th*

19.30 Desert Island Discs with *Canon Peter Sills*

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## MARCH

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*Saturday 1st*

19.30 Ely Sinfonia Concert

*Tuesday 4th*

21.00 Lent Compline

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*Friday 7th*

19.30 Kings School Concert

*Saturday 8th*

17.30 Evensong celebrating the 200th  
Anniversary of Dean Merrivale,  
followed by dinner in the Lady Chapel

*Sunday 9th*

18.30 Iona Healing Service

*Tuesday 11th*

21.00 Lent Compline

*Wednesday 12th*

17.30 Three Cathedral Schools Evensong

*Friday 14th*

13.10 Lunchtime Concert – *Concertante*

*Saturday 15th*

19.30 Ely Choral Society – *Brahms Requiem*

*Sunday 16th – Palm Sunday*

10.20 Sung Eucharist & Procession

16.00 Evensong

*Tuesday 18th*

21.00 Lent Compline

*Wednesday 19th*

19.30 Come and Sing Stainer's Crucifixion

*Thursday 20th – Maundy Thursday*

10.30 Blessing of Oils and renewal of Vows

19.30 Eucharist of the Last Supper

– St Mary's Church

21.00 Tenebrae & Watch

*Friday 21st – Good Friday*

12.00 The Liturgy of the Passion

17.30 Evensong

*Saturday 22nd*

19.30 Diocesan Confirmation Service

*Sunday 23rd – Easter Sunday*

5.15 Dawn Eucharist and Ceremony  
of the New Fire

8.15 Said Eucharist (BCP)

10.30 Sung Orchestral Eucharist

16.00 Festal Evensong

*Friday 28th*

13.10 Lunchtime Concert – *The Lincoln Singers*

*Saturday 29th*

13.10 Lunchtime Concert – Suffolk Singers

*Monday 31 – The Annunciation of Our Lord*

8.00 Said Eucharist

12.10 Said Eucharist

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*These details were correct when printed.*

*The calendar is updated on the Cathedral  
website [www.cathedral.ely.anglican.org](http://www.cathedral.ely.anglican.org)*

*Tickets for concerts and other events may be bought  
from the Cathedral Box Office on 01353 660349 or  
directly from the desk at the South Door.*

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## In Brief

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*New Honorary Canons* – The Bishop has announced the appointment of four new Honorary Canons of the Cathedral:

The Revd Richard Darmody, Team Rector the Ramseys (St Thomas a Beckett &

St Mary) & Upwood (St Peter)

The Revd Malcolm Griffith, Rector Sawtry & Glatton, & Rural Dean of Yaxley

The Revd Martin Seeley, Principal Westcott House.

The Revd Dr Fraser Watts, Vicar Cambridge St Edmund

They will be installed in the Cathedral during Evensong on Saturday 19th January 2008 at 5.30 pm.

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*Stewardship Sunday*

This year will be February 10th.

Full details in next months ECN

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*Canon Peter Sills* will retire from the Cathedral at the end of April. The Farewell Eucharist for him and Helen will be on Sunday 20th April at 10.30 am, and will be followed by a congregational lunch in the Lady Chapel.

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*Exploring Christian Faith* – If you would like to discover more about the Christian faith and/or if you wish to be confirmed, there will be a series of discussions on the following dates, all at Powcher's Hall at 7.30 pm: Wednesday 20th February, Wednesday 27th February, Wednesday 5th March, Monday 10th March, Monday 17th March. The confirmation service will be on Saturday 22nd March at 7.30 pm (Easter Eve). There will also be a follow up meeting after Easter on Monday 31st March at 7.30 pm. To book your place on the course (which will be free of charge) or for further information please contact Alan Hargrave on 01353 660304 or email: [canon.missioner@cathedral.ely.anglican.org](mailto:canon.missioner@cathedral.ely.anglican.org)

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## Preachers in January

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At the Sung Eucharist, 10.30 am

Jan 6 – Canon Alan Hargrave

Jan 13 – Canon Dr Peter Sills

Jan 20 – The Dean

Jan 27 – The Revd Martin Seeley,  
Principal Westcott House

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FEBRUARY DEADLINE

*The deadline for the February edition is  
Friday 19th January. Copy should be emailed to:  
[receptionist@cathedral.ely.anglican.org](mailto:receptionist@cathedral.ely.anglican.org)*

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