

Federation of Cathedral Old Choristers' Associations



2022 Festival in Ely

Friday to Sunday
9th – 11th September 2022



“The jewel in the crown at Ely is the traditional service of Choral Evensong which is sung during term time by the Cathedral Choir.”

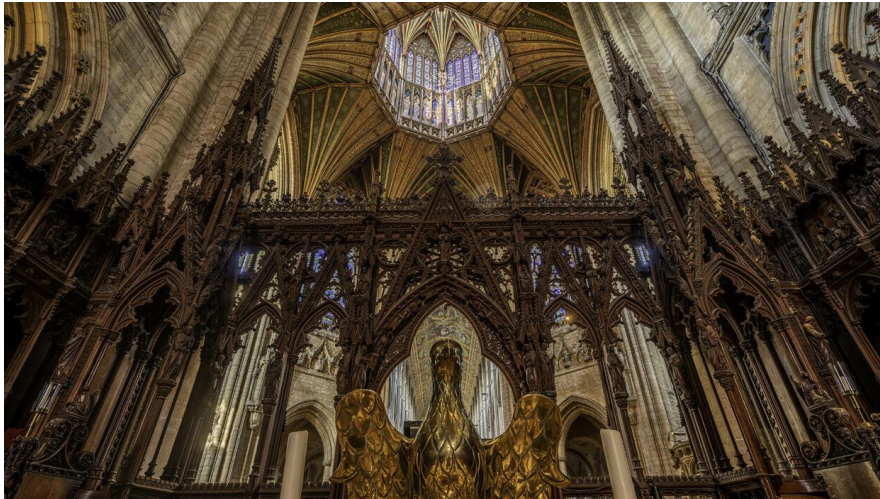
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Welcome to Ely Cathedral

The Dean of Ely Cathedral and President of the Society of Ely Choristers Mark Bonney, Edmund Aldhouse Director of the Music, and the Ely Cathedral Choristers' Society invite you to the FCOCA Festival in Ely in 2022 and are looking forward to meeting you in the City of Ely.

We may only be a small city of around 20,000 souls but the cathedral can be seen from miles away as the "Ship of the Fens" rises above the low-lying surrounding wetlands. William the Conqueror began work on the Cathedral in 1083, and the magnificent Octagonal tower and lantern is acknowledged as one of the wonders of medieval engineering. This incredible structure, suspended high over the centre of the Cathedral, was completed in 1342 and is considered the jewel in the Cathedral crown. The music at Ely Cathedral is offered first and foremost as an expression of worship, and the tradition of daily choral music remains at the heart of the Cathedral's work and witness. Today the Cathedral Choir consists of boy and girl choristers and adult professional singers, who between them sing at the majority of the daily services.



The first organ was built in 1685, and the present case was installed in 1850. In 1908 Harrison and Harrison built a virtually new organ, with the console shown here. Restoration work on the fabric of the building of the last three bays of the North Choir Aisle in 1999 and 2001 was an opportunity to ask Harrison and Harrison to carry out an extensive programme of restoration on the organ.



Festival programme:

Friday 9th September

During the day 14:00 – 17:00	Delegates arrive Registration	Cathedral Centre
16:00	Tea and welcome	North Transept
17:30	Choral Evensong	Lady Chapel
18:30	Reception	North Transept
21:15	Compline	Lady Chapel

Saturday 10th September

08:00	Communion	High Altar
10:00	Tours	Cathedral £7 Monastic buildings – no charge
11:15	Coffee	North Transept
11:45	Organ recital	Cathedral
12:30	Lunch	Own arrangements
12:30	Ely Reunion Lunch	Almonry
Afternoon	Free time	Tower tours may be possible
14:45	Ely Society AGM	Cathedral Centre
15:15	Federation AGM	Cathedral Centre
16:30	Rehearsal for Evensong	Octagon
17:30	Festival Evensong	Octagon Presentation of Ely Chorister awards. Federation members are invited to attend and sing. Details to follow.
19:00 for 19:30	Drinks Banquet: Guest Speaker – Christopher Robinson CVO CBE	Monastic Barn King's Ely

Sunday 11th September

08:15	Communion	High Altar
10:30	Festival Choral Eucharist	Octagon
12:15	Farewell Reception	North Transept
13:00	Sunday Lunch	Almonry

**FEDERATION OF CATHEDRAL OLD CHORISTERS' ASSOCIATIONS
ANNUAL FESTIVAL HOSTED BY ELY CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS' SOCIETY**

9, 10, 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

BOOKING FORM

Name:

Chorister Association:

Address:

Postcode:

e-mail:

Telephone:

		Cost per person	Number attending
Friday 9th	Reception	£5	
Saturday 10th	Banquet	£43	
Sunday 11th	Farewell Reception	£5	

From banquet menu please indicate any special numbers required:

	Vegetarian	Vegan
Starter		
Main course		
Dessert		
Alternative to milk for coffee		

Other refreshments are complimentary.

Diner names	Please indicate if vegetarian or vegan

Lunch:

Please indicate below if you are interested in having lunch at The Almonry Restaurant on Saturday and/or Sunday. Restaurants like to plan for future events and this will enable them to confirm what they can offer closer to the time. See note on page 6 below!

	Number attending
Saturday 10th	
Sunday 11th	

Tours on Saturday morning, approx. 1000 to 1100:

	Cost per person	Number attending
Cathedral ground floor	£7	
Monastic buildings	No charge	

It may be possible to arrange tower tours.

Singing:

I would like to join the Choir in singing Choral Evensong on Saturday.

My voice is S A T B. Please circle.

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FESTIVAL BANQUET

Saturday 10 September 2022
7.00 for 7.30pm

The Monastic Barn, King's Ely

MENU

Pre banquet drinks

Melon with prosciutto ham.

or

*Roasted beetroot and butternut squash salad with rocket, goat's cheese and balsamic. (V)(D)(SD)
(Vegan version available. Please specify on booking form)*

Slow cooked feather of beef, cavolo nero, dauphinois and pumpkin. (D)(G)(SD)

or

*Sweet Potato gnocchi, charred peppers, halloumi, paprika velouté. (V)(E)(D)(G)
(Vegan version available. Please specify on booking form)*

*Glazed lemon tart, raspberry sorbet and raspberry gel. (V)(E)(D)
(Vegan version available. Please specify on booking form)*

Coffee and truffles

*Wine will be available for card or cash purchase.
Glass £5, Bottle £15
Still and sparkling water on tables.*

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Lunch Arrangements at The Almonry Restaurant

In common with many restaurants in Ely, The Almonry is still suffering from staff shortages, and cannot guarantee what they will be able to provide for us in September. It is hoped that on the Saturday and Sunday lunches will be available as below.

Saturday 10 September

Ely Society Reunion Lunch, to which Federation delegates are invited.

Two course light lunch followed by tea or coffee @ £20

Maximum number 55.

Sunday 11 September

Two course lunch followed by tea or coffee @ £23.

For the restaurant to be able to provide a traditional lunch a minimum of thirty guests are required. If the number requesting lunch is less than thirty a light lunch will be available.

Please inform Robin Laird (Green Gables, Mount Pleasant, Rockland All Saints, Attleborough, Norfolk NR17 1XG robin.laird3@gmail.com) if you wish to have lunch on Saturday and/or Sunday, but do not send payment just yet.

We will inform you of the situation nearer the Festival weekend

Notes:

Please make cheques payable to: **The Society of Ely Choristers** (Our bank account is still in the Society's previous name.)

For payment by bank transfer the account details are:

HSBC, Newmarket branch, 40-20-38, 91304208.

Put your name in the reference field.

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Access to the Dining Hall is by stairs. There is a stairlift, but users must be assisted by fellow guests.

If you have any food allergies or other dietary requirements, please contact John Marshall (contact details below).

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Evensong Music

Canticles Setting: Stanford in A

Anthem: Bairstow: Blessed City, Heavenly Salem

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Please send completed forms and payment by **19 August** to:

Robin Laird

Green Gables, Mount Pleasant, Rockland All Saints, Attleborough, Norfolk NR17 1XG

robin.laird3@gmail.com

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To help make sure you are kept up to date with details of the next festival, due to be held in Warwick in 2023, we will pass on your contact details to the next festival hosts unless you request us not to.

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A programme will be provided to members of the Federation attending the Festival, together with a map of the Cathedral and the surrounding area. We also intend to provide a list of delegates and their Association unless they request for their name not to be included

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For further information contact:

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Recommended Accommodation in Ely

Within ten minutes' walk from the Cathedral:		
Lamb Hotel 2 Lynn Road, CB7 4EJ	6476@greeneking.co.uk	01353 663574
Poets House St Mary's Street, CB7 4EY	reception@poetshouse.uk.com	01353 887777
The Royal Standard, Forehill, CB7 4AF	info@theroyalstandardely.com	01353 645194
Fifteen to twenty minutes walk from the Cathedral:		
Peacocks Waterside, CB7 4AU	peacockbookings65@gmail.com	01353 661100
Nyton Hotel 7 Barton Road, CB7 4HZ	thenyton@yahoo.co.uk	01353 662459
Riverside Inn 8 Annesdale CB7 4BN,	info@riversideinn-ely.co.uk	01353 661677
Within fifteen minutes drive from the Cathedral:		
The Old Hall Stuntney, Ely CB7 5TR	events@theoldhallely.co.uk	01353 663275
Travelodge Witchford Road, CB6 3NN,	No email address given. Consult Travelodge website.	0871 984 6028
<p>There is much more accommodation in Cambridge, which is about 30 minutes drive from Ely. Trains are very frequent, and the journey time is under 20 minutes. Ely Cathedral is about 15 minutes walk or a short taxi journey from the station. Car parking is limited, but mostly free. Download Ely Car Parking for details of short and long stay carparks.</p>		

Recommended restaurants other than above

Within ten minutes walk from the Cathedral:		
Prezzo 12-14 High Street, CB7 4JU		01353659832
Wildwood 15 High Street, CB7 4LQ		01353659587
Fifteen to twenty minutes walk from the Cathedral:		
The Cutter 42 Annesdale, CB74BN		01353 662713
Maltings Ship Lane, CB7 4BB	maltings@cityofelycouncil.org.uk	01353 662633