

THIS WEEK

Sunday 2 April - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 94

President: Revd Kate Moore

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Paul Beasley-Murray

9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

President: The Vice Dean

Preacher: The Dean

11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST

President: The Dean

Preacher: The Dean

3.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Address: Revd Kate Moore

6.00pm ST MARK PASSION SUNG BY THE VOLUNTARY CHOIR

This Sunday the Canon Theologian is presiding and preaching at Christ Church Wanstead and St Mary's Wanstead.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 9 April - Palm Sunday

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 95

President: The Dean

10.30 am CHORAL EUCHARIST

With Palm Procession and Reading of the Passion

President: The Dean

4.00 pm PALM SUNDAY SEQUENCE OF MUSIC AND READINGS WITH ESSEX DANCE THEATRE

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

Midday Prayer in St Cedd's Chapel

Evensong/Evening Prayer: 5.15 pm (sung on Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri, said on Wednesday & Saturday)

On certain Saturdays Evensong is sung by a choir
– please check the Music & Services list for dates



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CATHEDRAL LIFE WEEKLY



5th Sunday of Lent, 2 April 2017

Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week and Easter spell out of what it means to be a Christian. The big invitation is to join in. Here is a short guide.



There are four big “moments”:

Palm Sunday - when we go in procession to remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and here the reading about Jesus' death.

Maundy Thursday evening when we gather to re-act the foot-washing, to share in the Eucharist which Jesus instituted at the Last Supper, and to Watch with Jesus in Gethsemane.

Good Friday - the day we focus intensely on the death of Jesus and

seek to stand very close to his sacrifice.

Easter - the extraordinary celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

As many have experienced, keeping these days well really will change your life.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

John 11: 1-45

Introduction & Context

Lazarus is ill. Jesus says this will show “glory” (v. 4) the Father has bestowed on the Son. He urges the disciples to return to “Judea” (v. 7) with him, but they remind him of what happened when he was last there (v. 8). Jesus replies with a parable: there is still time (“hours of daylight”, v. 9) to do God’s work; harm will not come to him “during the day”. Those who do dark deeds will fail because I am not in them (v. 10). His words in v. 11 are ambiguous, as v. 13 explains: the disciples think that Lazarus’ sleep indicates that he is getting better (v. 12), but Jesus clarifies: “Lazarus is dead” (v. 14). Thomas shows courageous loyalty.

Lazarus has been dead for “four days” (v. 17). Many have come to “console” (v. 19) the sisters.). Martha rebukes Jesus but shows her confidence in his ability to heal (v. 21). Jesus identifies himself as he who raises believers from death (“resurrection”, v. 25). Martha affirms her faith in Jesus in terms used earlier by Andrew, Nathanael and those present at the Feeding of the Five Thousand. Jesus and Martha are still outside Bethany.

Jesus is “disturbed” (v. 33) inwardly by the crowd’s attitude towards death; some see his humanity (35); others criticize him(v. 37). Martha warns him of the “stench” (v. 39) of the decaying corpse. Jesus publicly thanks the Father – to help the crowd understand that his power is from God, and not magic. Being bound in a burial shroud, Lazarus needs unbinding (v. 44). Many believed because of the miracle (v. 45), but others told the Pharisees about it (v. 46).

Next Sunday’s Readings - 9 April 2017 : Palm Sunday

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Philippians 2: 5-11

Matthew 27.11-54

4.00 pm:

*Special readings and music
for Holy Week*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 2 April

6.00pm

St Mark Passion, sung by the Voluntary Choir

Wednesday 5 April

11.00am

Day-time Lent Group (Chapter House)

12.35pm

Eucharist

1.00–3.00pm

Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in the North Transept

7.30pm

Reflections on Faith & Poetry with the Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford

Thursday 6 April

10.00am

Eucharist

10.45am

Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

8.00pm

Mothers’ Union (Chapter House)

Contact Pippa Alston 01245 262361,
pippaalston@aol.com

Sunday 9 April 4pm

The Cathedral choirs will be joined by members of Essex Dance Theatre for the Sequence of Music and Readings. During the service anthems sung by the choirs will be interpreted in dance, similar to the popular *Ceremony of Carols* event in December. Do join us for this unusual and dramatic reflection on the events of Holy Week.

Saturday 15 April 10am - 12.30pm in Chapter House Junior Church Easter Workshop

Many exciting activities are planned including Easter themed craft and an opportunity to build the Easter gardens, on display outside the west door. The time will finish with a short service in the Cathedral. Please let Ivor Moody know if you are able to attend or can offer help. Tel: 01245 294492

Thursday 20 April 2pm

Mothers’ Union meeting in St Cedd’s Hall, Chapter House. The theme is Spring or floral readings, so please bring a flower. All are welcome.

Saturday 22 April 6pm

The Youth Group Quiz. Tickets costing £5 are available from Steve email: steven.conroy@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk Teams of up to ten.

Sunday April 23 12.45pm

Meeting Point Lunch at Pontlands Park. Please book with Penny tel: 07872 942625 if you would like to join others for Sunday lunch.

April 24 7.30 for 8.00pm

Mothers’ Union Diocesan Council meeting in the Chapter House.

Tuesday 25 April

New Interests Group: ‘Two rivers walk and Shotley stroll’ Where the Orwell and Stour rivers meet, enjoy peaceful countryside views. Shared car transport and details available from Ann Freese email: allfreese@supanet.com or tel: 01245 357096.

NOTICES & DATES FOR THE DIARY

A very warm welcome to Chelmsford Cathedral especially if you are a visitor or here for the first time. Everything you need for the celebration is contained in the service booklet. Please ask one of the welcome stewards on duty at the doors if you have any questions.

There is no Junior Church until 23 April due to all-age services and school holidays.

Blue Envelopes are available from this Sunday for the Bishop's Lent Appeal. Anyone wishing to make donations to the appeal after this time should leave it in an envelope clearly marked and place it in either a donation box or hand it to the vergers.

The Easter Sunday newsheet has to go to print at the same time as the one for Palm Sunday so if you have any notices for the 16 April newsheet please email Clare Broome by the usual deadline of 10am, Wednesday next week (although any earlier would be appreciated). clare.broome@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

Due to an incident of a bag being taken in the cathedral last week, all members of the congregation and visitors are reminded to keep their personal belongings with them at all times.

Song School Roof Repair

Work to the Song School roof will begin on Monday 24 April and last until November. During this time scaffolding will be in place both inside and outside the North Vestry

Block. For safety reasons access to the Vestry Block may occasionally need to be restricted, particularly during the erection of the scaffolding. Please do note that this will mean that the lavatories will be closed. We do hope this will be kept to a minimum and thank you for your understanding.

Events Manager

The Cathedral is looking for a new Events Manager to join the office team. We're sad to be saying goodbye to Julie Brown who will be moving to be nearer her family and who has worked for the Cathedral for 14 years. So we're looking for someone who can manage the booking enquiries, diary and invoicing for all the events held in the Cathedral and the Chapter House. It's a job that requires tremendous organisation, great customer service, a real eye for detail and a creative approach to the thousands of events and services we host every year.

It's a full time post, but with some flexibility. If you're interested in becoming one of our vital team members, please contact Ruth Collin in the Cathedral office on 01245 294488 or email ruth.collin@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk.

Sunday 9 April 12.30pm

Palm Sunday Fundraising Lunch
Please join us for lunch at Cuton Hall, Chelmer Village Way. Everyone welcome. Tickets £12.50 children £5. There will be a raffle and bring and buy, all in support of the Flower Guild to buy flowers for the Cathedral throughout the year.

Daily Gospel Readings for this week, to use in your daily prayer:

Sunday: John 11: 1-45

Monday: John 8: 1-11

Tuesday: John 8: 21-30

Wednesday: John 8: 31-42

Thursday: John 8: 51-end

Friday: John 10: 31-end

Saturday: John 11: 45-end

Sunday: Matthew 21: 1-11

You can find a simple 10 minute reflection at: pray-as-you-go.org

Thought for the day

Therefore He Who Thee reveals hangs, O Father, on that Tree Helpless; and the nails and thorns tell of what Thy love must be. Thou art God; no monarch Thou thron'd in easy state to reign; Thou art God, hose arms of love ching, spent, the world sustain.

- Bill Vanstone

Please pray for:

- Jean Cooper, Amanda Corcoran, Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Canon Simon Pothen; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The Diocese of Mityana (Uganda)
- St Mary with St Leonard, Broomfield

As Passiontide begins: Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world; grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory.



The installation and collation of the new Archdeacon of Southend, Ven. Mike Lodge



Volunteers Urgently Sought!

Several of our groups of volunteers are seeking additional/replacement volunteers. This is a splendid opportunity to become more involved in Cathedral life. Training/guidance will always be given and you may enjoy the chance to make new friends in our community. Whilst opportunities for involvement are available in a wide range of activities, the groups below are in particular need. Please contact Andrew Duke on 01245 697970 if you are interested or look out for him on Sunday mornings.

9.30 Intercessors at the Parish Eucharist – leading our prayers at 9.30am each Sunday morning.

Flower “Waterers” – some of our splendid team who set up the displays each Friday morning live some distance from the Cathedral. We are seeking help to keep the displays watered – particularly on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Social Committee – active throughout the year for occasions large and small.

Knightsbridge Library – volunteers are sought to assist with the high level cleaning, cataloguing and maintenance of the Cathedral’s archives.

Sidespersons – a vital part of our welcoming ministry. Additional help is required at all Sunday services.

Welcome on Wednesday – our highly successful café in the North Transept on Wednesday afternoons.

Uniformed Organisations – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all require more help.

Sunday Coffee in the North Transept – help an existing team or join forces with friends to form a new one.