

THIS WEEK

Sunday 2 October - Harvest Festival

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 186

President: The Vice Dean

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, *led by Heike Prentice*

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST with Parade Service and welcome to Georgia & Jemima Hurst**

President: Revd Kate Moore

Preacher: The Vice Dean

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

President: The Canon Precentor

Preacher: Revd Janet Nicholls, Diocesan Rural Advisor

3.30pm **CANTATA EVENSONG**

Address: The Canon Precentor

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 9 October - Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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3.30 pm **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Address: The Canon Theologian

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

Harvest Festival, Sunday 2 October 2016



Harvest Celebration

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER brings with it our annual Harvest Festival. It is a jubilant time, celebrated the world over in a variety of religious traditions.

It is the period during which we celebrate the yields of the land, and those who work upon it. It is a particularly important celebration for our region, as an area of great natural beauty, and a rich agricultural heritage.

Our 9:30am service is a parade with the Scouts and Guides, followed by our 11:15am Festival celebration. We will be welcoming the Revd Janet Nicholls; the Diocesan Rural Advisor and Agricultural Chaplain to preach. Her ministry is a vital one that seeks to be the Church's presence within the context of our farming communities.



Our 3:30pm Cantata Evensong is also a special service, with a complete performance of J.S. Bach's *Wo Soll Ich Fliehen Hin? BWV5 (Where can I flee towards?)* which will be sung by the Cathedral Choir, and the Eboracum Baroque Ensemble. All are welcome to attend the service with reception afterwards.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

John 6: 25-35

Introduction & Context

Jesus' miraculous provision of food to the crowd has recalled, for John, the gift of manna to the people of Israel in the desert. The crowd has taken Jesus for a political messiah who will free them from Roman occupation. John continues to pursue the question: Who is Jesus? Is he divine?

Jesus and the disciples have escaped the crowds, but only for a while. Rather than tell them of his walking on water (which they would misunderstand), he does not answer them. He tells them that they are seeking him not because they understand the spiritual meaning of the food, but for another free meal (v. 26). He says: raise your sights above material things, to eternal ones, to what I, "the Son of Man will give you" (v. 27). The Father has shown me to be authentic ("seal"). I will give you nourishment for ever.

But they have only grasped that the food is miraculous, a work of God, so they ask: how can we do such miracles? (v. 28) Jesus answers: only one work of God (v.29) is essential: to trust in me. Again, they misunderstand; they ask: what proof will you give us? (v. 30). Moses gave us manna from heaven in the wilderness (v.31); you have only given us earthly food. We expect the Messiah to give us manna again. In v. 32, Jesus tries to clear up the misunderstandings:

- it was God, not Moses who gave you manna;
- the Father gives bread now; and
- manna met physical needs but "true bread" is more than that.

Then v. 33: Jesus himself is the true bread, the "bread of God": he "comes ... from heaven and gives life ...". They still do not grasp that he is the bread, Finally, he says: I am the sustenance of life itself, of very existence, for those who trust in me; I will fill their every need.

Next Sunday's Readings - 9 Oct 2016 :Trinity 20

Main Sunday Readings:

2 Kings 51-3, 7-15

Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2.8-15

Luke 17.11-19

3.30 pm:

Psalm 144

Nehemiah 6: 1-16

John 15: 12-end

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 2 October

12.30pm

Harvest Lunch

Until Thursday

Art Exhibition in the Cathedral

Wednesday 5 October

9.30am

Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

12.35pm

Eucharist

1.00–3.00pm

Welcome on Wednesday coffee and cake in the North Transept

6-8.30pm

Youth Group (YMCA)

Thursday 6 October

10.00am

Eucharist

10.45am

Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

8.00pm

Mothers' Union (Chapter House)

Friday 7 October

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Gillian Ward Russell (organ)

and available by emailing 4th.ccbrownies@gmail.com. All the funds raised are going towards a Girl Guiding International trip to Gambia which one of our young leaders has been selected to go on. While she is there she will be volunteering in a Church of Gambia school and working with pupils from the special, primary and secondary schools.

Saturday 22 October 7 for 7.30pm

Flanders & Swann & more

James Davy and Laurence Lyndon-Jones sing well-known and well-loved songs at this informal concert to raise money for the Cathedral Choirs' Association. Tickets £8 (including a glass of wine on arrival) available from

Stephanie in the Cathedral Office & Bookshop tel: 01245 294481.

Thursday 27 October 8pm

Battle of the Somme film

An international project to mark the 100th Anniversary of the WWI Battle, the silent film will be played with a live orchestral performance. Starting with a talk by the composer and senior curator at the Imperial War Museum. Tickets available from ideasfestivalchelmsford.org

Friday 4 November 8pm

Chelmsford Cathedral Choirs and the Band of the Royal Marines perform a concert in the Cathedral. Tickets (from £10 are available from chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk (musicevents), the Cathedral Bookshop & at the Friday Lunchtime concerts.

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 this week as there is a Harvest Thanksgiving Parade Service.

Yellow Envelopes If you are a UK tax payer, please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope (available at the doors) to increase the value of your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you. Remember to fill in your name, house number and postcode and the date.

If you would like to book a stall table for the Christmas Market on 3 December (cost £25 or free if you are raising funds for the Cathedral), please contact Yvonne Spence tel: 01245 465108 or email: Yvonne.spence@hotmail.com

Libby Hill would like to thank the many people who so kindly sponsored her for the Ride and Stride on 10 September. So far she has collected over £1,000 after visiting 24 Churches in over seven hours. Final total to follow.

From 30 September until 6 October there will be an exhibition of architectural drawings and photographs of the Cathedral in the

outer north aisle by artist Graham Peter Metson.

Tuesday 4 October

New Interests Group visit to the Flinders Petrie Egyptian Museum at UCL with an opportunity for a short visit to the British Museum. Meet at Chelmsford Railway station at 9.30am. For more details contact Ann Freese by email: allfreese@supanet.com

Thursday 13 October 2pm

Mothers' Union in St Cedd's Hall, Chapter House. An AFIA presentation by Pam Hibbert.

Saturday 15 October 6.30 for 7pm

A Youth Group Quiz night is being held in St Cedd's Hall, Chapter House to raise money for the exchange trip to Sweden next summer. £5 per person and teams of 8-10 people to be paid on the door. Email Steve to book a team at steven.conroy@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

Sunday 16 October 6pm

Healing Service. An opportunity for people with life-threatening illnesses and their carers. Revd Lucy -Ann Ashdown from Farleigh Hospice will be preaching at the service.

Monday 17 October 7pm

4th Chelmsford Brownies invite you to an "all you can eat" buffet at The Taj Mahal 2 India restaurant (6 Baddow Rd). Ticket are £12.50 each

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

Sunday: John 6: 25-35

Monday: Luke 10.25-37

Tuesday: Luke 10.38-end

Wednesday: Luke 11.1-4

Thursday: Luke 11.5-13

Friday: Luke 11.15-26

Saturday: Luke 11.27-28

Sunday: Luke 17.11-19

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

Thought for the day

Faith is not for overcoming obstacles; it is for experiencing them—all the way through!

— Richard Rohr

Please pray for:

- Peggy and Ernie Andrews, Sue Cockett, John Davies, Judith Dean, Rosemary Duffin, Antoin Irtelli, Julie Liney, Frances Muller, Janet Wallace; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The work and ministry of Chaplains to the disabled
- The Church of the Province of West Africa & the Most Revd Dr Daniel Sarfo
- Renew Counselling in the City Centre

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Meeting Point Trip to France



Members of the Meeting Point, the Cathedral group for those on their own, had a trip to France recently.

We drove to Folkestone to board Le Shuttle and then headed to Boulogne for lunch. Our overnight stop was in Montreuil, where Victor Hugo wrote *Les Misérables*. Some walked around the city walls whilst one stocked up on wine at The Wine Society Warehouse.

On day two we drove to St Valery-sur-Somme. The abbey owned Bradwell Chapel and William the Conqueror sailed from there. We took a ride on the narrow gauge steam train to Noyelles, before heading back to Blighty. It was a shame that Maureen, Mary and Lillian couldn't join us. We are eternally grateful to Penny Eslip for organising and doing all the driving.

John Foster

Two Items and Two Pictures

Revd Kate Moore preached at the 11:15 Eucharist in the Cathedral on 31 July. She began with one of the 'breaking the ice' exercises at conferences where delegates are invited to choose the two items they would take from their house if they found it to be on fire. Given that I was due to go into hospital for a major operation less than 20 hours after the service, I had already thought along similar lines as to what I should take with me. My special items were two books of photographs. They each contained just 24 pictures, with one of friends and family and the other of places and animals.

Apart from the pictures of Winifred and my family, I frequently studied a photograph I had taken a couple of weeks earlier in the National Gallery of *The Hay Wain* by John Constable. Often we get the train to Manningtree and walk along the River Stour, watching the many birds on Cattawade Marshes (owned by the RSPB), to Flatford Mill where the picture is set. The painting particularly appeals to me not only for being a lovely landscape, just outside our county (and Diocese), but also as a working picture with people toiling in the fields and on the wagon itself. The beauty of our earth comes not from scenery but from our activities and interaction with other people.



I spent almost an hour at the Gallery sitting in front of *The Hay Wain*, but every so often my gaze would shift to *The Fighting Temeraire* by J M W Turner. This picture shows the obsolete naval vessel being towed westwards up the Thames to be scrapped, but with the sun setting in the east! The glorious coloured sunset brought to mind a sermon by Provost John Moses many years ago at the Cathedral. In my youth I lived at Leigh-on-Sea and can well remember the wonderfully coloured sunsets over Canvey Island and up the Thames which Provost Moses remembered from his time as Archdeacon of Southend. In his sermon he pointed out that the lovely sunset was in fact the result of atmospheric pollution, from the industry that still existed along the River! Sometimes, it is imperfections that make the world an interesting and beautiful place! What would your two items be?

David Simmonds