

THIS WEEK

Sunday 3 September - Trinity 12

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 173

President: The Canon Theologian

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Simon Pearce

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: The Canon Theologian

Preacher: Revd Kate Moore

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST** sung by the Mersea Island Singers

President: Revd Kate Moore

Preacher: The Canon Theologian

3.30pm **EVENSONG and Commissioning of the Bishop's**

Chaplain sung by the Mersea Island Singers

Address: Jane Freeman

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 10 September - The Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 176

President: The Canon Theologian

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

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: The Dean

Preacher: Simon Pearce

11.15 am **CHORAL EUCHARIST with incense**

President: The Dean

Preacher: Simon Pearce

3.30 pm **FESTAL EVENSONG with procession**

Address: The Dean

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

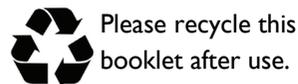
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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

Trinity 12, 3 September 2017



A New Term

In some countries the new year begins in September and it certainly feels like that at Cathedrals! So - if not a new year - welcome to the new term.



When you look at the quarterly events guide and the weekly notice sheet you get a taste of the huge range of services and events that take place here at the Cathedral. It is a vibrant, busy place. And again and again it's great to see our volunteers at the forefront of the Cathedral's welcome and hospitality.

The heartbeat of this place is our daily prayer and Sunday worship, and as we begin a "new term" we ask God's blessing on one another, on our Diocese, on our city and on the mission and ministry of this Cathedral Church.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Matthew 16: 21-end

Introduction & Context

Jesus teaches his disciples that he, the Messiah, must undergo great suffering – something inconceivable to most them. Peter grasped that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God”, (v. 16) but he cannot yet deal with the impending death of the Messiah, rather than his direct ascendance to glory. Then v. 24: to be Jesus' followers, we must devote the whole thrust of our lives to God, not reserving any part for our personal goals. Be willing to give up physical comfort and safety, accepting martyrdom if necessary. This approach to life will lead to true life with God. V. 26 asks a rhetorical question: nothing that one can get or “gain” now measures up to what God will give to the faithful in the time to come. There will be a reckoning, when Jesus comes in glory at the end of time. Some who hear these words now will still be alive at the Judgement Day (v. 28). People in the early church expected the age to end within their own lifetimes; however some today see the Transfiguration (which follows in Chapter 17) as fulfilment of this prophecy.

Once you are settled and are ready to go:

- Read the passage slowly and reflectively
- Note anything that particularly strikes you and refer to the notes if they are helpful
- Spend a few moments in quiet reflection
- If you are a group, share your reflections in pairs or as a whole group (remembering that each person will have different perspectives and views on the passage)
- Read the passage for a final time and give thanks to God for the gift of his holy word.

Next Sunday's Readings - 10/9/17 : Mary the Virgin

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Galatians 4: 4-7

Psalm 45: 11-18

Luke 1: 46-55

3.30 pm:

Psalm 132

Song of Solomon 2: 1-7

Acts 1: 6-14

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 3 September

12.45pm Meeting Point Lunch (Côte Brasserie)

Wednesday 6 September

12.35pm Eucharist

1.00 - 3.00pm Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in the North Transept

1.00 - 4.00pm Friendship Club (Chapter House)

Thursday 7 September

10.00am Eucharist

8.00pm Mothers' Union

Saturday 9 September

10.00am Heritage Open Day Talk

7.00pm London Community Gospel Choir and the BIG Sing Gospel choirs concert

Pleshey. Both cheese and ham will be served for a donation of £5.00 visitors very welcome.

Saturday 9 September 7pm

London Community Gospel Choir and the BIG Sing gospel choirs perform a selection of gospel favourites. Tickets £17 (£14 concessions) from billetto.com and the Cathedral book stall.

Sunday 10 September is the Cathedral's Patronal Festival - the feast of Mary.

Wed 13 September 8pm

Theological Society meeting in Chapter House. Revd Dr Alison Green speaks on 'Minding the Gender Gap: how can theology help women and men work well together?'. £3.50 payable on the door.

Thursday 14 September 10.30am

Cathedral Walking Group's next walk will take place, meeting at Seymour Playing field, Ingatestone with lunch at the Red Lion, Margaretting.

Thursday 14 September 2pm

Mothers' Union meeting in St Cedd's Hall. Bring a friend and come and find out about the Mothers' Union with Molly Hoyle.

Monday 25 September

The New Interests Group are visiting Wymondham Abbey Booked for "Quality Biscuits with Coffee and Tour" at 11am. Shared transport to be arranged the week before so please let Anne Freese know if you require or can offer a lift.

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.

Junior Church starts again next week at 9.30am in Chapter House.

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. Please fill in your name, house number and postcode and the date.

Cathedral Fellowship Groups

The Fellowship Groups will start this month, with material on Martin Luther and his Commentary on Galatians. If you're already in one of the groups, details are available from your group leader. If you're not yet in a group but want to know more please contact Canon Edward Carter on 01245 294486.

The Art Group starts up again on Thursday 14th September, in the Learning Centre, 1.30 – 3.30pm. If you like drawing or painting, please come along. It is not a class, but much friendly encouragement. Tea and biscuits are provided, and we ask a donation of £1 per head, per session. Please call Tony Harrington on 01245 265052 or email harrington 303@outlook.com

School visits volunteers

The Cathedral School Visits Team will be meeting early in September to plan for the year ahead. If you're interested in joining the team please contact Marian Emuss at marian.emuss@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk or via the Cathedral Office. Experience of working in schools is valuable, but more important is a desire to enjoy sharing enthusiastically with children about the Christian faith and about the Cathedral as a place of prayer.

The pedestal at the West End of the Nave is sponsored by Christine Ball in Memory of Alan, a dear and loving husband.

The Cathedral choirs return from their summer break this week; starting with Evensong on Thursday 7 September. We look forward to welcoming our new singers and those who are rejoining us.

Children's Society

Please return your boxes for counting as soon as possible either by giving them to Richard Spillsbury in person at the 9.30 or phone 268792. Please get them in early this year because old £1 coin ceases to be legal tender on 15th October.

Thursday 7 September 8pm

The evening **Mothers' Union** meets in the Chapter House. There will be a ploughman's supper and the proceeds from this will be given to the speaker Stewart McCredie for his work at the Retreat house at

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	Matthew 16: 21-end	<i>Thursday:</i>	Luke 5: 1-11
<i>Monday:</i>	Luke 4: 16-30	<i>Friday:</i>	Luke 5: 33-end
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Luke 4: 31-37	<i>Saturday:</i>	Luke 6: 1-5
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Luke 4: 38-end	<i>Sunday:</i>	Luke 1: 46-55

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

Thought for the day

God should be sought, but we cannot find God.
We can only be found by him.
— Henri J.M. Nouwen

Please pray for:

- Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Canon Simon Pothen; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The Dean and Chapter in their daily work of the administration of the Cathedral
- The work of CHES
- The Dioceses of San Diego and San Joaquin

MISSION SUNDAY - 8 October

Every year in October we have a Sunday when there is no 9.30 am or 11.15 am. Instead every member of the Cathedral community - including the clergy and choirs - are invited to go and worship somewhere else, and then bring their stories back. Mission Sunday this year is 8 October, so please think and talk about where you might go on pilgrimage this year!

CATHEDRAL LIFE

Parting is Such Swede Sorrow

AT the beginning of the summer, a dozen of the Cathedral's young people and volunteers spent a few days in Sweden, visiting our friends from the Vendel Church youth group. Steve, our youth work student, organised the trip, and we all had a great time!

We arrived on Thursday afternoon at the church in Örbyhus where we were staying, and we freshened up by going for a splash in the open-air pool just down the road, and enjoyed a meatball dinner, cooked by our hosts. We then made the best of the balmy evening to sit outside for *fika* (the Swedish word for coffee and cake, something which we discovered the Swedes enjoy with alarming frequency, while mysteriously managing to remain healthy and good-looking) before going to bed.

On Friday, we spent the day in Uppsala, the fourth largest city in Sweden (with roughly the same population as Chelmsford). Looking excellent in matching #steveinsweden t-shirts, we had a tour of the city and cathedral, both of which are beautiful. We had lunch in the cathedral's café, and after exploring the shops for a while, had *fika* before returning to our home base. After a quick breather, we walked to the house of one of our hosts, where we had dinner, a bonfire, and games (the England vs Sweden quiz got very competitive: the word Brexit was banded around more often than this youth minister is comfortable with).

Saturday was spent in Stockholm: first in an enormous outdoor zoo-come-museum called *Skansen*, which one reviewer on TripAdvisor describes as a place in which "you may visit limited poor animals". As well as animals (which seemed fully functional, though we didn't ask about their financial situation), *Skansen* is home to five centuries of Swedish history, with ancient houses and staff in period costumes. We had lunch there, and then went for an exciting tour of the city in Stockholm's only amphibian bus (similar to London's duck tours, but with more water and less experience of sinking so far). After disembarking the bus/boat and kissing the sweet ground, we wandered around the streets of Stockholm and enjoyed some *fika*, before going back to the church for dinner.

On Sunday, we went to church in Vendel. Our young people contributed to the service by doing readings,



intercessions, and even playing the organ voluntary. We were warmly welcomed by the church: they delivered parts of the service in English for us, and afterwards fed us with hot dogs and rolls. After saying our goodbyes, we jumped on a coach and spent the afternoon splashing about in the Baltic sea. In case you are wondering, yes, it really is as cold as you'd imagine, but the cold is a relatively minor problem when compared to the jagged boulders which hide just beneath the water's surface to occasionally assault unsuspecting English tourists. The good news is that the only person who got injured was an adult, and he has fully recovered, to the point at which he's able to write this article. After a traditional Swedish meal of burgers and fries at the beach, we returned to Örbyhus to pack.

Monday morning, we trundled all of our belongings onto the train to the airport, where we bid farewell to our hosts. We got back to Chelmsford, exhausted after a packed few days, on Monday evening. We're enormously grateful to our hosts, particularly Annie, Annika and Asa (we did also



meet people whose names don't begin with A) for looking after us so well, and to Steve for having done such a great job organising the trip! Next Summer, the Swedes are coming to us in Chelmsford, and we will have a job showing them as great a time as they showed us!

Tim Leeson