

THIS WEEK

Sunday 4 September - The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 210

President: Revd Kate Moore

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Canon Edward Carter

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: The Canon Theologian

Preacher: The Dean

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST with incense**
sung by Mersea Island Choir

President: The Dean

Preacher: The Canon Theologian

3.30pm **CHORAL EVENSONG** sung by Mersea Island Choir

Address: The Canon Theologian

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 11 September - The Feast of the Holy Cross

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 182

President: The Canon Precentor

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: Ven Elwin Cockett, Archdeacon of West Ham

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11.15 am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

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Address: Revd Kate Moore

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

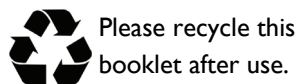
Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

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

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 4 September 2016



School Visits Team seeks new volunteers



EVERY YEAR over 50 schools are welcomed to Chelmsford Cathedral for an educational visit. The team who lead these visits are currently looking for new volunteers to join them, particularly anyone with teaching

experience. There will be an induction and training session on 27 September. For more information about joining the team as a volunteer please contact in the first instance Canon Edward Carter on 01245 294486.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Reading for the Blessed Virgin Mary - Luke 1.46-55

Introduction & Context

Mary now thanks God in a poem known as the *Magnificat*, the first word of its Latin translation. She will be hailed by people of every age ("generations", v. 48) in the new era of salvation launched by her son. Why? Because of the seemingly impossible "things" (v. 49) God has done for her. Then a reminder (v. 50): God is compassionate to all who hold him in awe throughout time. Vv. 51-53 universalize her experience, to reflect how God deals with all humanity. While the verbs are in the past tense in English, the Greek tense has the sense of how God customarily acts – as he always has and will continue to do – and what he is starting to do in the conception of Jesus. The "proud" (v. 51), the arrogant, are alienated from God by their very "thoughts"; he reverses fortunes, raising up those in need ("lowly", v. 52, "hungry", v. 53) and rejecting the "rich", those who think they don't need God. Vv. 54-55 sum up the poem: in his compassion, God has fulfilled and continues to fulfill his promises to the patriarchs.

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 - 11 Sept 2016 : Holy Cross

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Numbers 21.4-9
Psalm 22.23-28
Philippians 2.6-11
John 3.13-17

3.30 pm:

Psalm 110;150
Isaiah 63: 1-16,
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday 7 September

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

Thursday 8 September

10.00am Eucharist
10.45am Faith and Fitness (North Transept)
2.00pm Mothers' Union 'The Theme' Marion Ketley (St Cedd's Hall)

Saturday 10 September

10.00am Heritage Open Day Talk
7.00pm London Community Gospel

Tuesday 13 September 12.30pm

At the New Interests' Autumn Lunch possible events for 2017 will be discussed. Come along and have your say. For a place at the table please contact Ann Freese on 01245 357095.

Wednesday 14 Sept. 8.00pm Theological Society Lecture

'Living out the Call' a talk by Paul Beasley-Murray. Paul is Chair of Ministry Today, an inter-denominational organisation supporting all in pastoral leadership. He was Senior Minister at Chelmsford Central Baptist Church until 2014 and is now a member of the Cathedral congregation. The meeting takes place in the Chapter House; entry £3.50 on the door.

Sunday 18 September 2.30 for 3pm

Cricket Match between Chelmsford Mosque and Chelmsford Cathedral

Please come and cheer us on and support what is a very important landmark inter-faith event taking place at Willingdale Cricket Club CM5 0SJ (off the A414 Ongar Road). The Muslim community is supplying tea for us all to enjoy at the end of the game (approx. 7pm). We hope this will be a thoroughly enjoyable occasion for all ages.

Sunday 2 October, 12.30 pm

Harvest Lunch in St Cedd's Hall. Tickets £8 (family ticket £20) and are available from Bobby Harrington tel: 265052 or Yvonne Spence tel:465108.

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 and the theme is Creation. Bring a soft toy.

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month and therefore it is Blue Envelope Sunday. The money collected in the envelopes (available from stewards) is going to support our African links.

A huge thank you to the team of volunteers who prepared and served lunches, cleared tables and made drinks and who volunteered for stewarding slots to ensure a welcome during the Quaker Tapestry exhibition. There was a great atmosphere throughout with more than 2,500 visitors. Thanks also to Ann Freese, Yvonne Spence, Jenny Penny, Bobby Harrington and Andrew Duke who have been busy for months making sure everything ran smoothly.

If you play a musical instrument and would like to be part of the Cathedral orchestra/band at the

9.30am Harvest Service on 2 October, please contact Simon Pothen tel: 01245 294482 or email precentor@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

Committee Support

The Cathedral is looking for volunteers to support the vital work of its committees. Experience in minute taking would be useful and a passion for detail and procedure essential! If you'd like to contribute to the development of the Cathedral and have a few hours to spare each month, please contact Ruth Collin in the Cathedral Office on 01245 2 9 4 4 8 8 or email ruth.collin@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk.

Saturday 10 September 10am Heritage Open Weekend

As part of the City's Heritage Open Weekend, Ivor Moody will be giving a talk in the Cathedral at 10am followed by music from James Davy on the organ. All are welcome to attend this free event.

Saturday 10 September 7pm London Community Gospel Choir with the BIG Sing Gospel Choir.

A last opportunity to purchase tickets for this concert. Tickets £17/£14 available from billetto.com or from the Cathedral bookstall.

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

Sunday: Luke 1.46-55
Monday: Luke 6.6-11
Tuesday: Luke 6.12-19
Wednesday: Luke 6.20-26

Thursday: Luke 6.27-38
Friday: Luke 6.39-42
Saturday: Luke 6.43-end
Sunday: John 3.13-17

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

Thought for the day

We do not draw people to Christ by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.
- Madeleine L'Engle

Please pray for:

- Peggy and Ernie Andrews, Sue Cockett, John and Jean Davies, Rosemary Duffin, Antoin Irtelli, Julie Liney, Frances Muller, Janet Wallace; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The work of Beverley Vincent; Pastoral Assistant's Training Co-ordinator
- The Anglican Church of Tanzania; the Most Revd Jacob Erasto Chimeledya, Archbishop
- Chelmsford CHESS, city centre

Charging Point

ON A RECENT SUNDAY I noticed a sign on the wall of the south aisle reading Charging Point. I assume that this was to allow those taking part in the Pokémon GO challenge in the Churchyard to keep their phones topped up. However, as I thought about it I realised that the sign might have been put in the wrong place and should have gone on the altar which is a charging point for us!



Some might think that a charging point is where you have to hand in your collection envelope (Gift Aided, of course) or account for all your good works in the week. But when we get to the Altar, God says to us 'This is my free gift to you, given of my grace. I paid the price when my Son died on the cross and rose again for you.'

Just like a person in court facing charges, we come before God to confess our sins but are told by Him that they are forgiven.

Using a different definition, a charging point is a place that people are scrambling and rushing to get to. I suspect this will happen when John Lewis opens in

Chelmsford later this month! Wouldn't it be wonderful if people wanted to charge to our Cathedral's altar to receive God's many blessings?

At the end of every Eucharist we are *charged* by the deacon to 'Go in the peace of Christ'. Our time of recharging and renewal are complete. We go out into the world to share God's power with the world.

David Simmonds



The Knightbridge Library held its second open evening exhibiting works from the men and women of Essex who struck out to defend their Christian beliefs.



Sister Ann celebrated her 80th Birthday at Welcome on Wednesday during the Summer.