

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 4 December - Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 49

*President: The Vice Dean*

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by *The Dean*

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

*President: Revd Kate Moore*

*Preacher: The Canon Precentor*

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

*President: The Dean*

*Preacher: The Vice Dean*

3.30pm **CHORAL EVENSONG**

*Address: The Canon Theologian*

*This morning the Canon Theologian is presiding and preaching at St Peter's Roydon.*

## NEXT WEEK

### Sunday 11 December - Third Sunday of Advent

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 51

*President: The Canon Precentor*

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

*President: The Canon Precentor*

*Preacher: The Vice Dean*

11.15 am **CHORAL MATTINS** sung by the Voluntary Choir

*Preacher: The Canon Theologian*

3.30 pm **CHORAL EVENSONG** sung by the Voluntary Choir

*Address: Revd Kate Moore*

### Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

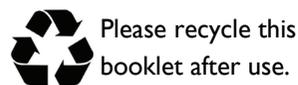
**Morning Prayer:** 7.45 am

**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



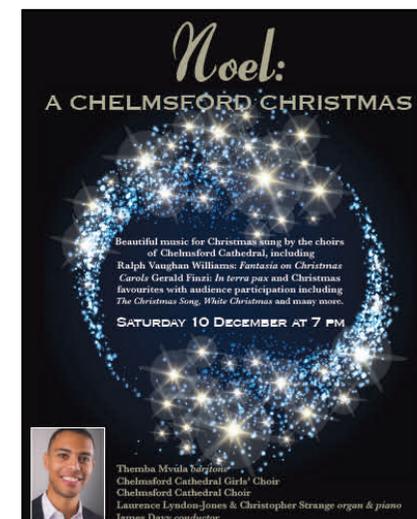
Second Sunday of Advent, 4 December 2016

## Cathedral Choirs' Concert

**THE CATHEDRAL CHOIRS** will be giving a concert of wonderful Christmas music on **Saturday 10 December at 7pm.**

Featuring sacred choir carols, larger works *In Terra Pax* by Gerald Finzi, and *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, lighter numbers including *The Christmas Song* and *White Christmas*, and plenty of audience participation, it promises to be a hugely enjoyable evening for all ages.

Former choral scholar Themba Mvula returns as a soloist, and Chris Strange and Laurence Lyndon-Jones will accompany on piano and organ.



Come and enjoy a calming break from your Christmas preparations with us - tickets priced from £5 are available to buy from the bookshop (or via ticket source.co.uk – booking charges apply to online/telephone bookings).

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## Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

### Matthew 3: 1-12

#### Introduction & Context

John appears in the “wilderness”, the arid region south and east of Jerusalem. His message about the nearness of God’s kingdom is a central message of Jesus. A new era, in which God rules, is almost here! Originally applied to the exiles returning from Babylon, Isaiah’s words in v. 3 also fit John. He is dressed like a hermit (“camel’s hair”, v. 4) and eats off the arid land (“locusts”, “wild honey”), like Elijah. People came to him from both sides of the Jordan (v. 5) and were baptised by him with water, in recognition of, and confession of, sin – with complete acceptance of God’s judgement and forgiveness. John doubts the sincerity of “Pharisees and Sadducees”, thinking they are trying to avoid God’s “wrath”; he challenges them to show their return to God in their lives (v. 8). He warns that being ethnically Jewish, a member of God’s people, is no guarantee of entry to the Kingdom; God shows no partiality (v. 9); he can have other “children”. Those who do not show in their lives that they have returned to God will be destroyed (v. 10). In v. 11, John foretells Jesus’s mission: giving people power to reshape the world but also judging the ungodly, and purging them (“fire”). V. 12 puts this in farming terms: “wheat” was separated from “chaff” on a “threshing floor”; the wind blew away the “chaff”.

#### 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 Nov 2016 :Advent 3

### 9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Isaiah 35: 1-10

*Psalms 146* vs 4-10

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

### 3.30 pm:

*Psalms 126*

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday 5 December

6.00 - 8.00pm Youth Group (YMCA)

### Wednesday 7 December

9.30am Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

11.00 - 3.00pm 24/7 Prayer (St Peter’s Chapel)

12.35pm Eucharist

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

### Thursday 8 December

10.00am Eucharist

10.45am Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

2.00pm Mothers’ Union (Chapter House)

7.30pm J’s Hospice Lights of Love Service

### Saturday 10 December

7.00 pm Cathedral Choirs’ Christmas Concert

angels during the last three weeks.  
Bobby Harrington

**Ernest and Peggy Andrews** are very grateful for all the Get Well cards, good wishes and prayers sent by friends in the congregation. They helped us through the traumatic period tremendously.

### Thursday 8 December

**Evensong 5.15pm.** The results of the election of a girl Bishop will be announced.

### Saturday 10 December

#### Cathedral Christmas Concert.

Tickets are now available from [chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk](http://chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk) (music events) or from the Bookshop. Gerald Finzi, Ralph Vaughan Williams and other Christmas favourites with audience participation.

### Monday 19 December 7.00pm

#### St Cedd’s Hall, Chapter House

#### Fellowship Groups pre-Christmas

**Social:** Members of all five Cathedral Fellowship Groups are gathering for a pre-Christmas Social evening on Monday 19 December, with light refreshments and carol singing. Anyone not yet a member of a Group but who wants to find out more is very welcome to attend. The evening will run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. For more information contact Canon Edward Carter on 01245 294486.

### Saturday 14 January 2017

#### 7.15 for 7.45pm Cathedral Ball

Dancing with The Julie Cooper Band until 11.30pm. Four course meal and licensed bar. Tickets £35 from Yvonne Spence tel: 01245 465108, 07889 610048 or email: [yvonnespence@hotmail.com](mailto:yvonnespence@hotmail.com)

## 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** meets today, starting at 9.30am in Chapter House. This week's theme is Joseph's Dream-Coat.

**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.

**Congratulations** to Abbott Hugh Allan on his appointment as the Pope's envoy to the Falkland Islands. He will remain as Parish Priest of Our Lady Immaculate and member of the Cathedral Council.

**Christmas Cards** of the Cathedral are now available from the Bookstall.

**On 24 December** at 2pm the Cathedral will be holding its traditional crib service. Come dressed up as a favourite character from the Christmas story - donkeys welcome! The **Christingle Service** will take place at 3.30pm on 29 January.

**The Cathedral's Visitor App** was launched earlier this month. Free to download and available for both Apple and Android systems, the app provides information about events, concerts and services being held at the

Cathedral and so is ideal for using when out and about. It can be downloaded prior to a visit or by using the free Wi-Fi in the Cathedral; there are detailed instructions available. In addition there is an audio guided tour lasting about 20 minutes, which gives visitors information on many of the features in the Cathedral.

### 4th Chelmsford Cathedral Brownies

**Request for used stamps:** Over the last term the Brownies have been collecting used stamps for a charity called knitted knockers: [www.fundraisingstamps.com/form-clbf](http://www.fundraisingstamps.com/form-clbf) So far they have collected nearly 2kg of stamps, but with a little extra help they could collect even more. If you have used stamps, particularly once Christmas cards start arriving, please bring them to the Cathedral and leave them in the labelled glass jar by the bookstall.

### Christmas Day Lunch

The annual two course Christmas Day lunch of roast turkey, a choice of desserts and a glass of wine will take place in Chapter House. Cost is £10 per head and should be paid to Malcolm Treacher by 18 December. Please do join us especially if you will be on your own. Please contact Malcolm at the 11.15am service or at 3 Havencourt, Victoria Rd, CMI IEA, tel: 250061.

**A big thank you** to all who so generously donated scarves to the education team for the Christmas workshops. We have had many happy villagers, travellers, shepherds and

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	Matthew 3: 1-12	<i>Thursday:</i>	Matthew 11.11-15
<i>Monday:</i>	Luke 5.17-26	<i>Friday:</i>	Matthew 11.16-19
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Matthew 18.12-14	<i>Saturday:</i>	Matthew 17.10-13
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Matthew 11.28-end	<i>Sunday:</i>	Matthew 11: 2-11

You can find a simple 10 minute reflection at: [www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org)

### Thought for the day

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.  
—Thomas Merton

### Please pray for:

- Gwen Barnard, Margaret Beverley, Sue Cockett, Rosemary Duffin, Antoin Irtelli, Julie Liney, Janet Wallace; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- All who work with those with a disability; Denis Huntley, Chaplain amongst Deaf and Deafblind People and Advisor on Disability Issues and his team
- The Diocese of Karnataka North (South India)
- The Redeemed Church of God & Pastor Ade Ajayi

To clarify information in the newsheet last week, Libby Hill raised £1507 for the Ride and Stride; a great achievement!

## Advent Procession



The excitement of the beginning of the Church's year was captured beautifully by the Advent Procession Service held last Sunday.

The beautiful music combined with the light from the candles added to the sense of anticipation as the congregation celebrated the start of the Advent season.

