

THIS WEEK

Sunday 5 March - First Sunday of Lent

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 86

President: The Dean

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Heike Prentice

9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

President: The Vice Dean

Preacher: The Dean

11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST

President: The Dean

Preacher: The Vice Dean

3.30pm EVENSONG with Essex County Council Thanksgiving

Address: Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford

This morning the Canon Theologian is preaching at St Margaret & St Michael Berechurch, in Colchester and Revd Kate Moore is preaching at the North Blackwater parishes.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 12 March - Second Sunday of Lent

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 88

President: The Dean

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

President: The Canon Theologian

Preacher: The Dean

11.15 am CHORAL MATTINS

Preacher: The Dean

3.30 pm FAREWELL EUCHARIST for the Archdeacon of Harlow

Address: Ven. Martin Webster, Archdeacon of Harlow

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

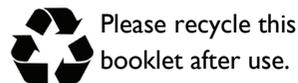
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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

First Sunday of Lent, 5 March 2017



Cathedral welcomes Council to special Evensong service

A SPECIAL EVENSONG is being held this afternoon at 3.30pm giving thanks for those involved in the civic life both of the city and the county.



The Cathedral has a long association with Essex County Council and early in 2017 Canon Ivor Moody took over from Canon Carol Smith as chaplain of ECC. This is an important moment for the Cathedral as we seek to strengthen our ties across the networks of the county and region.

Cathedrals deliver much of their mission through the strength of their partnerships, and in recent years across the nation cathedrals have found themselves at the

forefront of the church's engagement with wider society. So it is very good today to celebrate one of our most important relationships.

Everyone is warmly welcome to the service this afternoon - a special celebration with those who represent their towns and the city across Essex, and of the role of the Cathedral in the public square.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Matthew 4: 1-11

Introduction & Context

“Forty days” (v. 2) reminds us of Moses and Elijah, both of whom also fasted for forty days as they prepared for their roles as God’s agents to Israel. All three of the temptations the Devil (“the tempter”, v. 3, “Satan”, v. 10) presents to Jesus are ways of sinning against the great commandment in Deuteronomy 6:5: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, ... soul, and ... might”. The “heart” was the seat of will, of moral choice; “soul” means *life*; “might” means possessions. (All Jesus’ answers are from Deuteronomy 6-8.) To change “stones” (v. 3) into bread would be to use his power for his personal benefit. Jesus says that the “word” (v. 4) of God is the chief nourishment. The “holy city” (v. 5) is Jerusalem. Jesus answers: testing God’s protection is a mockery of real martyrdom – and of his sacrifice to come (v. 7). The Devil, evil forces personified, invites Jesus to prefer personal wealth and power over love of God (vv. 8-9). Jesus answers: God is the only god to be worshipped and served (v. 10). The details make the point that Jesus is the perfect lover of God, the ideal Israelite, the founder of a new way of being human.

Once you are settled and are ready to go:

- Read the passage slowly and reflectively, noting 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 - 12 March 2017 : Lent 2

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Genesis 12: 1-4a

Psalms 121

John 3: 1-17

3.30 pm:

Psalms 22

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Romans 4: 13-25

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 6 March

6.00 - 8.00pm

Youth Group (YMCA)

7.45pm

Volunteers’ Steering Group (Johnson Room)

Wednesday 8 March

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 9 March

9.30am

Walking Group (meet New London Road)

10.00am

Eucharist

10.45am

Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

2.00pm

Mothers’ Union (Chapter House)

Friday 10 March

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Felsted Senior School

7.00pm

Compline

Saturday 11 March

7.30pm

Rotary Young Musician Concert

Saturday 18 March 7.30pm

Caprice Concert with music from *Les Miserables*, *Chicago*, the Beach Boys and more. Tickets costing £10 are available tel: 01245 465718.

Sunday 19 March 1pm

Meeting Point Lunch at St Anne’s Castle, Great Leighs. If you would like to meet others for Sunday lunch, please book with Maureen tel: 01245 697781 or 07778 932730.

Saturday 1 April 7.00pm

Our choristers will be joining the Hutton and Shenfield Choral Society and orchestra in a performance of Bach’s: *St Matthew Passion*. Tickets are available from the ticketsource website, by calling 07540 087220 or on the door. Nave seats £18, others £15 (children £6)

Saturday 22 April

The Youth Group are holding a quiz - more details to follow. Tickets are available from Steve email: steven.conroy@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

Wednesday 26 April

9.30am-3pm

Essex Mind and Spirit County Conference: Spirituality and Dementia information and advice points throughout the Cathedral. Free entry.

Saturday 29 April 7.15pm

Chelmsford Cathedral Annual Dinner with guest speaker the Revd Canon Dr Giles Fraser. Tickets, costing £25 are available from Yvonne Spence. Email: yvonne.spence@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 Jesus in the Wilderness.

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.

Second Hand Books

A reminder that the Flower Guild will be selling books at the coffee mornings from Saturday 1 April in the Cathedral. **Unfortunately we are unable to take any more books.**

The Electoral Roll will be revised this year between 6 March and 3 April 2017. If you are over 16 and not on the Roll, please complete a form (available near the South door of the Cathedral) and either return it to me at 80 Kelvedon Close, Chelmsford, CMI 4DG or leave it with the Vergers. Existing members do not need to re-apply. Those on the Roll are entitled to take part in the elections at the Cathedral AGM to be held in the Cathedral on Saturday 29 April 2017 at 9.30am. Any queries

please contact me on 01245 268596 after 4.30pm. Many thanks,
Jackie Dryhurst.

Choirs' Association Quiz (10 March) – Cancelled! Regrettably this event has been cancelled owing to insufficient interest. We are still actively organising a range of fundraising activities to support the Girls' Choir tour to the West Country at the end of the summer holiday. Full details will be provided later but do make a note of Friday 12 May – Wine Tasting evening, Saturday 24 June – Hog Roast and Sunday 2 July – "Scones and Song"!

Thank you so much to all those who came to the cathedral launch of my book 'Songs for the Soul' last Sunday evening. Your support was much appreciated. Copies of the book are now available in the Cathedral bookshop and in the Diocesan bookshop. I'm happy to sign copies if anyone would like that! *Ivor Moody*

Thursday 9 March 9.30am Cathedral Walking Group

Meet under the canopy of M & S in New London Road for a walk to Writtle for coffee then on to Newney Green for lunch at The Duck Inn and return on a different route. Please inform David & Ann Freese if you are able to attend tel: 01245 357096 or email allfreese@supanet.com

**Saturday 18 March 10am
Junior Church Family Morning** takes place in the Cathedral where there will be free, fun activities for all the family.

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	Matthew 4: 1-11	<i>Thursday:</i>	Matthew 7: 7-12
<i>Monday:</i>	Matthew 25: 31-end	<i>Friday:</i>	Matthew 5: 20-26
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Matthew 6: 7-15	<i>Saturday:</i>	Matthew 5: 43-end
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Matthew 5: 10-12	<i>Sunday:</i>	John 3: 1-17

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

Thought for the day

A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.

— Pope Francis

Please pray for:

- Sue Cockett, Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The success of the Bishop's Lent Appeal this year, that people may be moved to give generously
- The Diocese of Marathwada (North India)
- St Augustine of Canterbury, North Springfield

Book Launch



LAST SUNDAY saw the launch of Ivor Moody's book: 'Songs for the Soul'.

Nearly 100 people came to hear the Vice Dean and Bishop Roger Morris speak about the book and the evening was accompanied by songs played on the guitar. Copies of the book are available from the Cathedral bookstall.



Youth Fundraising Meal at TM2



MEMBERS of the youth group, their family and friends met at TM2 for an Indian buffet to raise money for the youth group trip to Sweden, later in the year. Unfortunately for the Cathedral Office, the Vice Dean won the desktop drum kit in the raffle!