

THIS WEEK

Sunday 7 May - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 139

President: Revd Kate Moore

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

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST and welcome to Esme Childs**

President: Revd Kate Moore

Preacher: The Dean

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

President: The Dean

Preacher: Revd Kate Moore

3.30pm **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Address: The Canon Theologian

This Sunday Canon Edward Carter is presiding and preaching at the morning services at St Peter's South Weald

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 14 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 141

President: The Vice Dean

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President & Preacher: The Vice Dean

11.15 am **CHORAL MATTINS**

Preacher: Heike Prentice

3.30 pm **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Address: The Dean

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

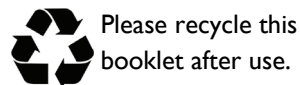
Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

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

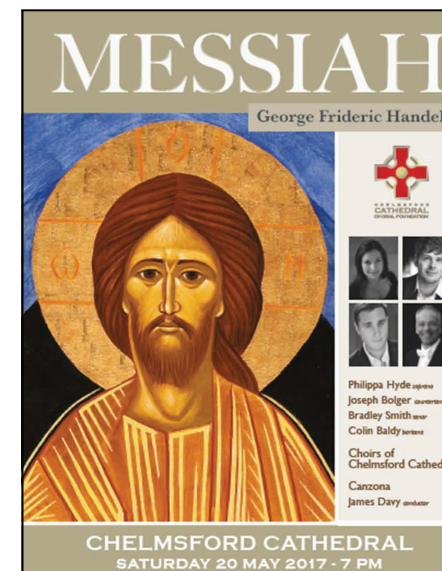
Easter 4, 7 May 2017



Messiah

From the prophecy of Isaiah to the book of Revelation, the life of Jesus, set to glorious music by George Frideric Handel, will receive a dramatic retelling on Saturday 20 May. The Cathedral Choir and Girls' Choir join forces with baroque ensemble Canzona, and four superb soloists: Joseph Bolger and Bradley Smith, two young opera singers who are making names for themselves on the national stage, and Philippa Hyde and Colin Baldy who make welcome returns amid busy schedules.

Written for Easter 1742, *Messiah* returns to its seasonal roots, being performed on Saturday 20 May, near the end of Eastertide and just before Ascension Day. The performance is guaranteed to be of the highest quality and offer an excellent evening out. Tickets for



children aged 16 and under at £5, while adult tickets start at £10; seating is unreserved within differently-priced blocks; there is no extra charge to buy online at ticketsource.co.uk/chelmsfordcathedral

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

John 10: 1-10

Introduction & Context

In Palestine, sheep belonging to villagers roamed freely during the day but were confined to a common enclosure at night, to protect them from predators. Each morning, each shepherd called his sheep who followed him to pasture.

While “this figure of speech” (v. 6) is hard for us to understand in detail (as it was for those who heard Jesus), we can get the *drift*. So irate does the metaphor make the leaders that they try to stone him (in v. 31) and, in v. 40, Jesus flees across the Jordan. As he explains (v. 7), he is the “gate” of v. 2, so presumably the *thieves and bandits* are the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus, both the “gatekeeper” (v. 3) and the “shepherd” (v. 2) is the true leader. He calls the faithful to follow him (v. 4); they don’t follow a “stranger” (v. 5). The people listen to him and not to the “Pharisees” (9:40), “all who came before me” (v. 8). He is the only “gate” (v. 9) to eternal “life” (v. 10), to freedom (“come in and go out”, v. 9, a Jewish idiom), and to nourishment beyond measure (“find pasture ... abundantly”).

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 - 14 May 2017 : Easter 5

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

1 Peter 2: 2-10

Psalms 31 & 1-5

John 14: 1-14

3.30 pm:

Psalms 22 & 24-30

Genesis 22: 1-18

1 John 4: 7-21

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 7 May

5pm

Gianni Schicchi - Puccini’s one-act comic opera

Monday 8 May

6.00 - 8.00pm

Youth Group (YMCA)

Wednesday 10 May

9.30am

Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

10am - 3pm

24/7 Prayer (St Peter’s Chapel)

12.35pm

Eucharist

1.00 - 3.00pm

Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in the North Transept

1.00 - 4.00pm

Friendship Group (Chapter House)

Thursday 11 May

10.00am

Eucharist

10.45am

Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

2.00pm

Mothers’ Union (Chapter House)

Friday 12 May

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Elin White (violin)

7.15pm

Choirs’ Association Wine Tasting Evening

reflections and a prayer walk. Bring your own lunch, there is no charge for this event. Book via Eventbrite.co.uk

Saturday 20 May 7 pm

Handel’s *Messiah* – the Cathedral choirs perform Handel’s powerful oratorio with international soloists and Canzona baroque ensemble. Tickets £5 children, from £10 adult from the bookstall and online (no extra charge).

Sunday 21 May 1pm

Meeting Point are holding their next lunch at the White Hart, Little Waltham. If you would like

to join others for lunch please book with Maureen, tel: 01245 697781.

Monday 5 June 12.00noon

Poetry Bring-and-Share Lunch

Following the success of this year’s ‘Faith & Poetry’ Lent Group there will be a Poetry Lunch in the Cathedral Outer North Aisle. Please bring food to share and a poem to read. The lunch will include a poetry reading by Dr David Greenwood. For more information please contact Canon Edward Carter on 01245 294486, or see the ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ poetry display which will be in the Cathedral from 25 May.

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 if you have any questions.

Junior Church meets at 9.30am in Chapter House. This week's theme is 'I am the gate for the sheep'.

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.

Celebrating Volunteers: we are planning the next service of celebration and thanksgiving for the outstanding contribution made by our large army of volunteers – approximately 400! The format as in April 2015) is Evensong at 3.30pm on Sunday 11 June 2017, followed by refreshments and time to catch up with one another.. Invitations will be sent out shortly via your group leaders and also include any volunteer who has stepped down since our 2015 service. For more information (and offers to volunteer), please contact Andrew Duke on 01245 697970.

VISITATION: the Visitation of the Cathedral runs 18 - 25 May. There is a particular opportunity for you to have your say on Sunday, 21 May at 4.30pm (straight after Evensong) at a special round table conversation.

Christian Aid Week 14-20 May Envelopes will be given out at all services on Sunday 14 May for donations to Christian Aid. There are no house to house collections so please use this as your opportunity to donate to this worthwhile cause. Envelopes will also be available in the Cathedral during the weeks following

Today at 5pm (tea and coffee from 4.30pm)

Gianni Schicchi. A performance of Giacomo Puccini's one-act comic opera. Proceeds from the concert are going to the Italian Red Cross supporting their earthquakes appeal. Tickets £8

Tuesday 16 May 10am

The Cathedral Walking Group are holding their next walk in the Stock area. Meet at the Ship Inn, CM2 8LB . The walk is about five miles. Contact Anne Sparrow.

Saturday 20 May 10am - 4pm
Day of Pilgrimage to Bradwell Chapel

Meet at St Thomas' Church and then walk to the Chapel for

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	John 10: 1-10	<i>Thursday:</i>	John 13: 16-20
<i>Monday:</i>	John 20: 11-18	<i>Friday:</i>	John 14: 1-6
<i>Tuesday:</i>	John 10: 22-30	<i>Saturday:</i>	John 14: 7-14
<i>Wednesday:</i>	John 12: 44-end	<i>Sunday:</i>	John 14: 1-14

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

Thought for the day

God has not abandoned us any more than he abandoned Job.
He never abandons anyone on whom he has set his love;
nor does Christ, the good shepherd, ever lose track of his sheep.
- J I Packer

Please pray for:

- Jean Cooper, Amanda Corcoran, Rosemary Duffin, Jane Hopcraft, Julie Liney, Canon Simon Pothan; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- All who serve within the Church on this Vocations Sunday
- The Diocese of Ndokwa (Bendel, Nigeria)
- The Salvation Army, City Centre

Song School Roof Repair

The scaffolding has gone up as work to the Song School roof has begun. It will last until November. During this time scaffolding will be in place both inside and outside the North Vestry Block. For safety reasons access to the Vestry Block may occasionally need to be restricted, particularly during the erection of the scaffolding. Please note that this means the toilets will then be closed. This will be kept to a minimum and thank you for your understanding.



Chelmsford City Council held their older persons' information day at the Cathedral. As in previous years, all tickets were sold and the series of talks and information points well-received.

New Interests Group Walk



The New Interests Group recently went on a walk around Shotley between the Stour and Orwell estuaries. We started at St Mary's Parish Church which has graveyards tended by The Commonwealth War Graves Commission containing graves of Royal Navy sailors and submariners of the 1st and 2nd World Wars as well as the Dutch and German Navies and also recruits from the nearby HMS Ganges training establishment. We then walked along the shoreline of both estuaries looking across to Harwich and Felixstowe container port. Lunch was taken at the Rose Pub in Shotley which can be recommended - nothing was left on plates!