

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 9 April - Palm Sunday

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 95

*President: The Dean*

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Paul Beasley-Murray

10.30am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

**With Palm Procession and Singing of the Passion**

*President: The Dean*

4.00pm **PALM SUNDAY SEQUENCE OF MUSIC  
AND READINGS** with Essex Dance Theatre

*Today the Canon Theologian is preaching at St Mary's Church, Thorpe,  
in Guildford Diocese*

## NEXT WEEK

### Sunday 16 April - Easter Day

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 128

*President: The Vice Dean*

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

*President: The Dean*

*Preacher: The Dean*

11.15 am **CHORAL EUCHARIST with incense**

*President & Preacher: Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell,  
Bishop of Chelmsford*

3.30 pm **FESTAL EVENSONG with Procession & valediction of  
choral scholars**

*Address: The Canon Theologian*

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

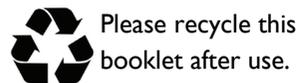
**Morning Prayer:** 7.45 am

**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

Palm Sunday, 9 April 2017



## Four Cathedral candidates all set for Easter Eve confirmations



Every year the Cathedral hosts a Confirmation Service for the Diocese on Easter Eve.

At this year's service there are four candidates from the Cathedral congregation: Tara and Dave Wilkinson, Mark Turner, and Keren Hollier. Tara and Keren are also to be baptised.

Lent has always been a time of year when Christians have taken stock of their lives, and for Tara, Dave, Mark and Keren this has involved a number of sessions led by Canon Edward Carter, thinking about the Christian faith and how

*The Cathedral's confirmation candidates: Tara Wilkinson, Dave Wilkinson, Mark Turner, Keren Hollier*

it changes the way we live our lives.

Speaking about the service, Canon Edward said: "Please pray for our four candidates as they take this important step."

The service is at 7.00pm on 15th April, and all are welcome.

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## Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

### Matthew 21: 1-11

#### Introduction & Context

Jesus and his disciples travel to Jerusalem from the east, from Jericho (10:29). The "Mount of Olives" (21:1) is east of the city; "Bethphage" is one of the few villages on it. The disciples are to find a donkey (21:2) with her foal (21:5). That the owner of the animals will send them "immediately" (21:3) suggests that he is a follower of Jesus. Jesus is "king" (21:5), but a "humble" one, not the political and military leader people expected. 21:7 says Jesus "sat on them".

Matthew recalls Zechariah 9:9: there a king comes to Jerusalem in the manner that Jesus does now. Spreading "their cloaks on the road" (21:8) honours Jesus, as it did Jehu when he was proclaimed king. Only John tells us that the "branches" were from palm trees.

Crowds outside the city shout "Hosanna" (21:9); they hail him as heir to the throne of David, then shout part of Psalm 118:26. Jesus' reception in the city (21:11) is different: the crowds see him as the prophet from Galilee, not understanding his mission. His entry causes "turmoil" (21:10).

#### 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 - 16 April 2017 : Easter Day

**9.30 am & 11.15 am:**

Colossians 3: 1-4

*Psalm 118*

Matthew 28: 1-10

**3.30 pm:**

*Psalm 66*

Song of Solomon 3: 2-5, 8: 6,7

John 20: 11-18

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday 9 April

12.30pm

Palm Sunday Fundraising Lunch

### Monday 10 April

7.00pm

Compline

### Tuesday 11 April

7.00pm

Compline

8.00pm

Holy Week Concert

### Wednesday 12 April

12.35pm

Eucharist

1.00–3.00pm

Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in the North Transept

7.00pm

Compline

### Thursday 13 April

10.45am

Faith and Fitness (Learning Centre)

11.00am

Diocesan Chrism Mass

7.45pm

Eucharist with the Watch until midnight

### Friday 14 April

12.00pm

Meditations on the Cross

2.00pm

Liturgy of the Cross

### Saturday 15 April

10.00am

Junior Church Easter Workshop (Chapter House)

7.00pm

Easter Vigil and Confirmations

at The General's Arms, The Ridge, Little Baddow CM3 4SX. Order lunch before setting off on a four mile walk (four stiles and a few steep paths). Contact Anne Sparrow for details. Email: anniesp23@yahoo.co.uk All welcome.

### Saturday 22 April 6pm

**The Youth Group Quiz.** Tickets costing £5 are available from Steve email: steven.conroy@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk Teams of up to ten.

### Sunday April 23 12.45pm

**Meeting Point Lunch** at Pontlands Park. Please book with Penny tel: 07872 942625 if you would like to join others for Sunday lunch.

### Tuesday 25 April

**New Interests Group:** 'Two rivers walk and Shotley stroll' Where the Orwell and Stour rivers meet, enjoy peaceful countryside views. Shared car transport and details available from Ann Freese email: allfreese@supanet.com or tel: 01245 357096.

### Saturday 29 April 9.30am

**The Annual Meeting** is being held in the Cathedral. Voting papers and regulations will be on display from Thursday 13 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: 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** restarts on 23 April.

**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.

### **Song School Roof Repair**

Work to the Song School roof begins on Monday 24 April and lasts until November. During this time scaffolding will be in place 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 do note that this will mean that the lavatories will be closed. We do hope this will be kept to a minimum and thank you for your understanding.

### **Events Manager**

The Cathedral is looking for a new Events Manager to join the office team. We're sad to be saying goodbye to Julie Brown who will be moving to be nearer her family and who has worked for the Cathedral for 14 years. So we're looking for someone who can manage the booking enquiries, diary and invoicing for all the events held in the Cathedral and the Chapter House. It's a job that

requires tremendous organisation, great customer service, a real eye for detail and a creative approach to the thousands of events and services we host every year.

It's a full time post, but with some flexibility. If you're interested in becoming one of our vital team members, please contact Ruth Collin in the Cathedral office on 01245 294488 or email [ruth.collin@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk](mailto:ruth.collin@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk).

### **Tuesday 11 April, 8pm**

#### **Holy Week Concert**

Come and hear Thomas Tallis: *Lamentations of Jeremiah* and Tomas Luis de Victoria *Tenebrae responsories* sung by the Choral Scholars, Conductor: James Davy. Admission to the concert is free, with a retiring collection. To hear an extract from the rehearsal, go to the Easter pages of the Cathedral website and click on the link.

### **Saturday 15 April 10am - 12.30pm in Chapter House**

#### **Junior Church Easter Workshop**

Many exciting activities are planned including Easter themed craft and an opportunity to build the Easter gardens. Please let Ivor Moody know if you are able to attend or can offer help. Tel: 01245 294492

### **Thursday 20 April 2pm**

**Mothers' Union meeting** in St Cedd's Hall, Chapter House. The theme is Spring or floral readings, so please bring a flower. All are welcome.

### **Friday 21 April 10am**

**The Cathedral Walking Group** are heading to the bluebell woods on a walk led by Karen Campbell. Meet

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

*Sunday:* Matthew 21: 1-11

*Monday:* John 12: 1-11

*Tuesday:* John 12: 20-36

*Wednesday:* John 13: 21-32

*Thursday:* John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

*Friday:* John 18 & 19

*Saturday:* Matthew 27: 57-end

*Sunday:* Matthew 28: 1-10

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

### Thought for the day

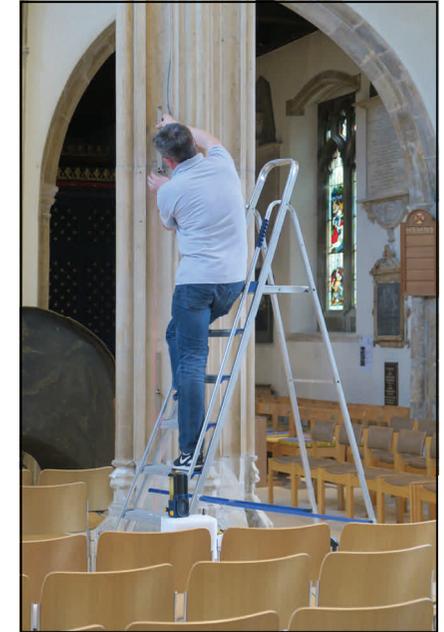
No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne;  
no gall, no glory;  
no cross, no crown.  
*William Penn*

#### **Please pray for:**

- Jean Cooper, Amanda Corcoran, Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Canon Simon Pothen; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- Peace in Jerusalem
- The diocese of Jerusalem
- St Mary's, Great Baddow

**The Flower Guild** will be delighted to receive donations for **Easter Lilies**. If you wish to have lilies included in the Easter Arrangements in memory of loved ones, please contact the Flower Guild Treasurer, Isabel Fyfe, at [isabelfyfe@live.co.uk](mailto:isabelfyfe@live.co.uk) or [thefyfes@uwclub.net](mailto:thefyfes@uwclub.net) or by telephone 01245 258505. The cost will be £3 for each flower. Cheques should be made payable to 'Chelmsford Cathedral Flower Guild'. Please include your own name with the request. Memorial cards will be available from the vergers, and the names of the departed, in whose memory the lilies are given, will be displayed in St Peter's Chapel.

## A busy Tuesday in the Cathedral



**IT** was a particularly busy day in the Cathedral on Tuesday. Alongside window repairs and organ tuning, a team transferred the contents of the Song School to the Chapter Room, ahead of roof repairs scheduled to begin later this month.

## Voluntary Choir

Following a fine performance of Charles Wood's *St Mark Passion* on Sunday 2 April, the Voluntary Choir said farewell and thank you to David Clothier who has retired after 17 years loyal service to the choir. We extend our thanks and good wishes to him.



The first stage in the installation of an improved sound system also took place with new speakers, which will initially link to the existing control console, being installed. So closely made to mimic the existing stone, they are at first difficult to spot but the improvement in sound will hopefully be instantly recognisable.

