

THIS WEEK

Sunday 10 December - Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 49

President: Revd Ade Eleyae

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

9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

President: Revd Ade Eleyae

Preacher: Heike Prentice

11.15am CHORAL MATTINS

Preacher: Revd Ade Eleyae

3.30pm EVENSONG

Address: The Dean

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 17 December - Third Sunday of Advent

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 51

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9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

President: The Vice Dean

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11.15 am CHORAL EUCHARIST

President: Revd Kate Moore

Preacher: The Vice Dean

3.30pm EVENSONG

Address: The Canon Theologian

6.30pm A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

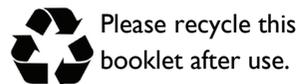
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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



Advent 2, 10 December 2017

Chelmsford Christmas

Here at Chelmsford Cathedral we are preparing for a great Christmas! Both regular and seasonal services along with special events mark this great season of blessing and celebration. Here are some highlights!



Carols for everyone last year

Carols for Everyone in the Friday Concert slot has become hugely popular - this year it's running twice (15th & 22nd) with some great refreshments from Carluccio's!

Ceremony of Carols on Sunday, 17th with Essex Dance Theatre will be standing room only, so come early. And then we are celebrating the great *Nine Lessons and Carols* three times this year - 21st, 22nd and 23rd all at 6.30 pm - to make sure there is room for everyone.

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve have only one main service at 10.30 am. But on Christmas Eve come along to the *Crib Service* at 4 pm and the awe inspiring *Midnight Mass* at 11.30 pm.

Christmas morning at 8 am, 9 am and with the Bishop at 10.30 am round off an extraordinary season!

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Mark 1.1-8

Introduction & Context

Mark begins the “good news” quoting the Old Testament. God had promised the Israelites a “messenger” (v. 2) . The prophet Malachi understood this promise as pointing to the end-times, to one who would prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. To him, the “messenger” would be Elijah. While v. 3 originally spoke of return from exile, by Jesus’ time it was seen as an expression of God’s comfort and salvation. To us, John the Baptist comes to prepare for, and announce, Jesus’ coming. Tradition says that John baptised near Jericho, in an arid region. People came to him in large numbers, repenting (changing their mind sets), “confessing their sins” (v. 5), resolving to sin no more, and dipping themselves in the River. John dressed like a hermit or prophet (v. 6). (In Palestine, some species of locusts were eaten.) John is so unworthy, compared to “the one who ... is coming” (v. 7), that he cannot untie his “sandals”, a task normally performed by a slave. His baptism is a sign of purification, of turning to God, of accepting God’s forgiveness and judgement; Jesus’ baptism re-establishes a spiritual link between God and humans.

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 - Advent 3 : 17/12/17

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11

Psalm 126

John 1.6-8,19-28

3.30 pm:

Pss 122, 124, 125

Ecclesiasticus 24.1-9

1 Corinthians 2.1-13

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 11 December

6.00 - 8.00pm Youth Group (YMCA)

Wednesday 13 December

9.30am Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

12.35pm Eucharist

1.00 - 3.00pm Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in the Chapter House

1.00 - 4.00pm Friendship Club (Chapter House)

7.00pm Fellowship Groups Pre-Christmas Social (Learning Centre)

Thursday 14 December

10.00am Eucharist

2.00pm Mothers’ Union (Chapter House)

Friday 15 December

12.30pm Carols for Everyone with mulled wine and panettone

Clare Broome in the Cathedral Office. This will mean that your events will be advertised in the newssheet and updated regularly on your website page.

Sunday 24 December 4pm

Crib Service - do come to this service dressed as your favourite nativity character (or animal).

Sunday 7 January 12.30 for 1pm

Epiphany lunch at Cuton Hall to support the English for Women project. Tickets are £12.50 from John or Yvonne Spence tel: 01245 465108.

Saturday 13 January

The Cathedral Ball is taking place in the Cathedral. There will be a four course dinner and dancing to a live band. Tickets available from Yvonne Spence email: yvonespence@hotmail.com or any member of the social committee.

Friday 26 January 7.30pm

CCCA winetasting evening in the Cathedral. Tickets £8 from Robin Greatorex. Or contact the Cathedral Office for details.

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 there will be a special Junior Church Communion Service led by Canon Ivor Moody.

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.

Photos from the Christmas Market and Advent Sunday (Parish Eucharist and Procession) are at chelmsfordcathedral.smugmug.com and on the Cathedral's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

Monday 18 December 11am
The funeral of Jim Little will take place at the Cathedral. All welcome.

Lunch on Christmas Day in Chapter House. Costs £10 per head including a two course lunch and a glass of wine. All are

welcome, and Mark Gerber is catering. Malcolm Treacher is taking names up to 17 December, tel: 01245 250061 or see him at the 11.15am. Malcom is also seeking **volunteers** to collect some of those attending from their homes nearby and returning them afterwards. If you are not involved in a large gathering yourself and could contemplate this magnificent gesture, do let Malcolm know.

There will be a **cake stall** on 14 January to raise funds for the Christingles at Candlemas.

Sunday Morning Refreshments: organising the Sunday morning refreshments is not a great burden but it is a very important part of our welcome and hospitality. It is particularly important as part of the welcome we offer to newcomers and also for building up our sense of community and belonging. If you feel that this could be for you, please have a word with one of the clergy or contact the Cathedral office to find out more.

Weekly giving envelopes are by the South Door ready for collection. If you would like to start making regular donations this way, speak to Caroline Robinson.

If you are in charge of a Cathedral group, please could you send your 2018 programme to

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	Mark 1.1-8	<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>	John 1.6-8,19-28

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

Thought for the day

At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart?
Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern. *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

Please pray for:

- Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Rachel Penny; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- Meadgate Church Centre
- All who work in radio or television, the work of Premier Radio, and all stations relating to the Diocese
- Diocese of Western North Carolina, (province IV, the Episcopal Church)

Advent



The Dean lighting the candle presented by visitors from Backnang.

The Advent season is underway with nearly 20 schools, clubs and organisations holding carol services in the Cathedral over the next three weeks. Last weekend saw the very successful Christmas market with more people attending than ever before, an Advent Parade service and at 6pm the Advent Procession by candlelight.



Brian decorating the Christmas tree.



The Advent Procession.