

THIS WEEK

Sunday 11 February - Sunday next before Lent

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 80

President: Revd Kate Moore

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by *Stephanie Brasier*

9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

President: Revd Kate Moore

Preacher: The Canon Theologian

11.15am MATTINS

Preacher: Revd Kate Moore

3.30pm EVENSONG

Address: The Vice Dean

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 18 February - First Sunday of Lent

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 82

President: The Canon Theologian

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible led by *Canon Edward Carter*

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

President: The Canon Theologian

Preacher: The Dean

11.15 am CHORAL EUCHARIST sung by the **East London Evensong Choir**

President: The Dean

Preacher: The Canon Theologian

3.30 pm EVENSONG sung by the **East London Evensong Choir**

4.30pm *The Dean's Round Table*

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

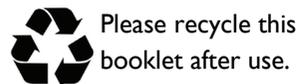
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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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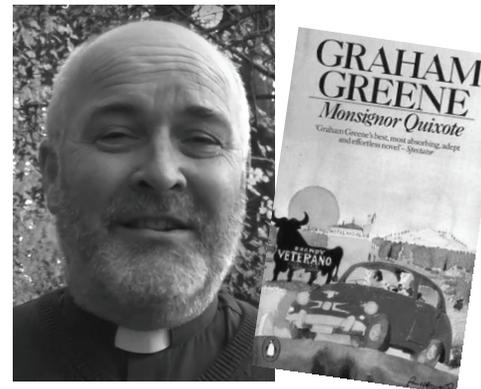
CATHEDRAL LIFE WEEKLY



Sunday next before Lent, 11th February 2018

Wednesday Lent Groups

- Reflections on Faith and Literature
- The Psalms, prayers for today's Church



This week **Ash Wednesday** begins the season of Lent, a season kept by Christians for penitence and study. At the Cathedral this year there are three particular extra opportunities for learning and reflection, open to all.

On the five Wednesday evenings from 21st February, five different speakers will reflect on novels that

have inspired them in their faith. On 7th March the speaker is Bishop Stephen of Chelmsford, talking about Graham Greene's *Monsignor Quixote*.

The Wednesday daytime group will be using a course called *The Psalms — prayers for today's Church*. Meetings are at 11.00am in the Chapter House.

During Lent, Breakfast with the Bible will be studying the Passion Narrative from John's Gospel. This meets every Sunday in St Cedd's Hall between the 8.00am and 9.30am services.

For information about the full list of dates and times please see the Cathedral website or the information cards by the Cathedral south door.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Mark 9.2-9

Introduction & Context

“Six days” (v. 2) after Peter’s recognition of Jesus as the Messiah, Jesus takes Peter and James and John up a mountain. There he is “transfigured”, appearing in “dazzling white” (v. 3), like Moses (Exodus 34:29). “Elijah” (v. 4) was taken up into heaven. Moses’ burial place was unknown (see Deuteronomy 34:6); in late Judaism, he was also thought to be taken up. (Others point out that Elijah represents the prophets and Moses the law, the basic authority in Judaism.) Peter rejoices in this experience (“good”, v. 5): it is a preview of Jesus’ glorification as God’s Son. He wishes to prolong the event by making “dwellings”, temporary shelters as erected at the Feast of Tabernacles, a joyous festival of God’s presence. V. 6 may say that he was so dumbfounded by the experience that what he said was irrational. The “cloud” (v. 7) is a symbol of God’s presence. The proclamation spoken by the divine voice is like that at Jesus’ baptism (see 1:11). The Son of Man is revealed to be Son of God. The vision ends “suddenly” (v. 8). Then v. 9: only when Jesus has risen will the vision make sense to others.

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 - 18/2/18 : LENT I

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Genesis 9.8-17

Psalms 25.1-9

Mark 1.9-15

3.30 pm:

Psalms 119.17-32

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Romans 10.8b-13

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday 14 February (Ash Wednesday)

8.15am	Eucharist with imposition of ashes
11am - 3pm	24/7 Prayer (St Peter’s Chapel)
12.35pm	Eucharist with imposition of ashes
1.00 - 3.00pm	Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in the North Transept
1.00 - 4.00pm	Friendship Club (Chapter House)
6.00 - 8.00pm	LGBT Group (Chelmergate)
7.45pm	Eucharist with imposition of ashes

Thursday 15 February

10.00am	Eucharist
10.00am	Veterans’ Images on Parade exhibition - until Saturday 17 February
10.45am	Cathedral Prayer Group (Chapter House)
12.30pm	Funeral of Derek Blundell

Friday 16 February

12.30pm	Lunchtime Concert - Stondon Singers (mixed voice choir)
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a car park at rear of building and it is on the 45 Bus route. All welcome.

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Thursday 8 March 2pm

Mothers’ Union meeting in St Cedd’s Hall meet for an afternoon of Lenten reflection led by Marion Ketley.

Tuesday 3 April to Thursday 5 April

As part of a Diocesan scheme, Encounter Young Leaders, I am going to be running an **Easter Holiday Club** from 3rd to 5th April at the Cathedral for children aged between 6 and 11, and I am looking for volunteers to help out with craft activities and/or be part of the worship team. Each day will run from 9.30 until 12.30; even if you are only available for one or two of the days, please still get in touch, as any help is greatly appreciated. For more information please email

Saturday 21 April 9 for 9.30am

The Cathedral AGM is taking place. More details to follow but do please consider if you would like to stand for one of the elected positions such as Church Warden. If you are unsure, why not ask someone who is already doing the role what is involved.

Dean’s Round Table

Sundays 18 & 25 Feb & 11 March. 4.30 - 6pm in the North Transept
18 Feb with Bishop Stephen looks at the Visitation recommendations.
25 Feb looks at whether we should still be a parish church and how we serve the city, diocese and region.
11 March looks forward: if we had the resources to do anything, what would be our top ten priorities? Come along to any of all of them and make your voice heard.

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.

There is no Junior Church this week or next as it is half term.

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.

The Electoral Roll will be revised this year between 26 February and 26th March 2018. If you are over 16 and not on the Roll, please complete an application (available near the south door) and leave it with the Vergers. **Existing members do not need to re-apply.** Any queries please contact Jackie Dryhurst on 01376 348573.

The funeral for Derek Blundell takes place this Thursday at 12.30pm in Chelmsford Cathedral, followed by a short committal at the Crematorium. All welcome and to the Lordship Tearooms in Writtle afterwards.

Lent

As part of our commitment to making a difference in Lent, why not try and reduce the amount of plastic you use and help the Cathedral commit to its ECO-Church status. You could buy fruit and veg without plastic bags; or

use a bar of soap rather than liquid soap in a plastic bottle. There will be an opportunity to commit to making these changes and share your ideas in the Cathedral throughout Lent. More next week.

Thank you to everyone for their patience last Sunday morning during the two fire drills. The 9.30 congregation of 190 were all out of the building in 1 minute 57 seconds and the 11.15 congregation of 90 took 1 minute 31 seconds which was wonderful. We have learnt that not everyone knows where the Muster Point is. There is a lamp post with an official green sign on it near the Shire Hall, so if it is safe to do so, please assemble there.

The Stondon Singers, who will be giving the lunchtime concert on 16 February return to the Cathedral on Saturday 10 March to perform Bach's St John Passion at 7.30pm. Tickets, £18 and £12 are available on the bookstall or from Nick Alston. 01245 262361 or nkalston@aol.com

Sunday 18 February 12.45pm Meeting Point lunch at Pontlands Park. To book a place, please contact Penny tel: 07872 942625.

Thursday 1 March 8pm The next Mothers' Union meeting takes place in Chapter House. It is on Marriage Preparation and is being led by Carol Gumbleton. Please bring a wedding photo.

Friday 2 March 10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer for 2018 is taking place at Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church, Moulsham Lodge, Lime Walk, CM2 9NJ. There is

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	Mark 9.2-9	<i>Thursday:</i>	Luke 9.22-25
<i>Monday:</i>	Mark 8.11-13	<i>Friday:</i>	Matthew 9.14, 15
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Mark 8.14-21	<i>Saturday:</i>	Luke 5.27-32
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21	<i>Sunday:</i>	Mark 1.9-15

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

Thought for the day

Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault - finding or finger - pointing but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store. *Tom Wright*

Please pray for:

- David Brider, Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Bartholomew Mullane; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The friends and family of Derek Blundell who died recently
- Springfield Park Baptist Church
- Those involved in the work of the Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns Group, and give thanks for human diversity. Pray for an end to misunderstanding, racism and injustice
- The Anglican Church of Canada, the Most Revd Frederick Hiltz, Primate

ASH WEDNESDAY

14 February

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent - a special day of prayer and preparation as we begin this great season in the run up to Easter. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 8.15 am, 12.35 pm and 7.45 pm - and at each of these celebrations there will be an opportunity to receive the sign of the cross in ash. Everyone is encouraged to keep this day special.

Christingle Service



A very big thank you to all who came and who helped in any way to the joy of the occasion. As a result of the collection on the day, other donations and profit from the cake stall we will send £289.29 to the Children's Society.



Epiphany Service



First Communion