

THIS WEEK

Sunday 12 March - Second Sunday of Lent

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 88

President: The Dean

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

9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST and baptism of Folorunsade Mead

President: The Canon Theologian

Preacher: The Dean

11.15am CHORAL MATTINS

President: The Vice Dean

Preacher: The Dean

1.30pm Baptism of Elizabeth Moore

3.30pm EUCHARIST FOR THE RETIREMENT OF THE ARCHDEACON OF HARLOW

Address: Ven. Martin Webster, Archdeacon of Harlow

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 19 March - Third Sunday of Lent

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9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

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Preacher: Revd Kate Moore

11.15 am CHORAL EUCHARIST

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Preacher: Heike Prentice

3.30 pm THE INSTALLATION AND COLLATION OF THE ARCHDEACON OF SOUTHEND

Address: Ven. Mike Lodge, Archdeacon of Southend

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

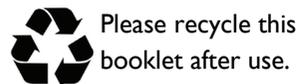
Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

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

2nd Sunday of Lent, 12 March 2017



Archdeacon Martin

MARTIN WEBSTER has been a faithful servant of the Diocese of Chelmsford for many years. At 3.30pm this afternoon here at Chelmsford Cathedral people will be gathering from across the region to say farewell as Martin retires.



Martin grew up in the Diocese and has served here through his entire ministry as a priest. As he retires he goes with a huge thank you for his distinguished service both as a parish priest and as Archdeacon of Harlow.

Here at the Cathedral Martin has been a regular visitor to preach and teach - and once very skilfully

dealt with a heckler at *Breakfast with the Bible!*

Our best wishes to Martin and Vicki as they retire to the south west - and prayers and thanks go with them.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

John 3: 1-17

Introduction & Context

Nicodemus, Pharisee and teacher, comes to Jesus secretly (“by night”, v. 2). He has understood from Jesus’ “signs” that Jesus is “from God”. But Jesus (in v. 3) tells him he has not understood the main point: to “see the kingdom of God”. Being “born from above” (v. 3) requires baptism (v. 5). Many things can be seen only in their effect; such is birth in the Spirit (v. 8). Still Nicodemus doesn’t understand: he needs to have faith (v. 11). Then, in v. 12, Jesus says: you, Nicodemus, don’t comprehend “earthly things”), so how can you possibly believe mysteries? Vv. 13-17 are a monologue. Only Christ has descended and ascended. The “serpent” (v. 14) is mentioned in Numbers 21:9-11. God in his love provides eternal life to all who believe (v. 16). If you wilfully do not believe, you will perish. There is no third alternative! God’s intention is that you believe, rather than be condemned (v. 17).

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 - 19 March 2017 :Lent 3

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Exodus 17: 1-17

Psalm 95

John 4: 5-42

3.30 pm:

Psalm 19

Exodus 20: 1-17

I Corinthians 1: 18-25

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 13 March

6.00 - 8.00pm

Youth Group (YMCA)

Wednesday 15 March

9.30am

Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

11.00am

Daytime Lent Group (Johnson Room)

12.35pm

Eucharist

1.00–3.00pm

Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in the North Transept

6.00-8.00pm

Older Youth Group 14+ (Learning Centre)

7.30pm

‘Reflections on Faith and Poetry’ Lent Group

Thursday 16 March

10.00am

Eucharist

10.45am

Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

Friday 17 March

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Brentwood School Big Band

7.00pm

Compline

Saturday 18 March

10.00am

Junior Church Family Morning

7.30pm

Caprice Concert

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)

Thursday 6 April 8pm

Mothers’ Union meeting in the Chapter House. All are welcome to hear the Revd Andrew Merchant talk on ‘Biscuits with the BBC’.

Sunday 9 April 12.30pm

Palm Sunday Fundraising Lunch Please join us for lunch at Cuton Hall, Chelmer Village Way. Everyone welcome. Tickets £12.50 children £5. There will be a raffle and bring and buy, all in support of the Flower Guild to buy flowers for the Cathedral throughout the year.

Contact Pippa Alston 01245 262361, pippaalston@aol.com

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.

Saturday 22 April 6pm

The Youth Group Quiz. Tickets are available from Steve email: steven.conroy@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

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.

A special welcome to Folorunsade and her family and friends as we celebrate her baptism at the 9.30am Eucharist.

Junior Church meets today, starting at 9.30am in Chapter House. Today's theme is 'Jesus and Nicodemus'

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 Lent Courses: this Wednesday at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral Archdeacon Elizabeth Snowden speaks on 'God's Grandeur' by Gerard Manley Hopkins. The daytime group meets at 11 am in the Chapter House. See the website for full details or pick up a leaflet in the Cathedral.

The Electoral Roll is 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 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,

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 or 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.

Children's Society. Could all holders please return their boxes or any donations for counting this month either directly to me at the 9.30am service or leave with the vergers. Our number of box holders is falling; if any one else would like a box, please ask me. *Richard Spilsbury*

Saturday 18 March 10am 1.00pm Junior Church Family Morning in the Cathedral - an opportunity for families to get together and have fun. The Dean is leading tours of the Cathedral and Brian Greatrex will be leading tours up the tower. Pizzas and soup at 12.30pm. Activity tables for younger children. Please let Ivor Moody know if you plan to attend.

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	John 3: 1-17	<i>Thursday:</i>	Luke 16: 19-end
<i>Monday:</i>	Luke 6: 36-38	<i>Friday:</i>	Matthew 10: 16-23
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Matthew 23: 1-12	<i>Saturday:</i>	Luke 15: 1-3, 11-end
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Matthew 20: 17-28	<i>Sunday:</i>	John 4: 5-42

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

Thought for the day

Let's dare to enter into an intimate relationship with God without fear, trusting that we will receive love and always more love.

— Henri J.M. Nouwen

Please pray for:

- Jean Cooper, Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Simon Pothen; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The friends and family of Diana Foxwell who died recently
- The friends and family of Maya Bermudez (age 5) who died recently, also the staff and pupils at the Cathedral School
- The diocesan links with other parts of the world, and understanding and love between people of all faiths
- The Dioceses of Maseno South and Maseno West (Kenya)
- The Catholic Church of St Augustine of Canterbury, Springfield

The Requiem Eucharist for Diana Foxwell will take place on Thursday 23 March at 12.30pm at the Cathedral.

News from Junior Church



Nicola Holdstock challenged the children to think of something they could do better, or something they could give up for Lent. The stones represent the wilderness where Jesus spent 40 days being tempted.

Once the children had thought of something, they wrote it on a note, and wrapped up the paper to form their stone. The children then took the stones home to remind them of the idea they had written down. When they open the stone at the end of Lent, they will find an Easter egg.

Come and Sing 'Duke Ellington'



LAST SATURDAY the Cathedral resounded to the glorious sounds of seventy-six voices and 18 members of The David Pickthall Big Band joined in an extraordinary day of music-making.

Nearly forty singers attended the afternoon workshops to learn music from Duke Ellington's *Sacred Concert* series, and were joined by members of the Cathedral choirs and Big Band with amazing vocalist Joanne Webb bringing this unusual combination of jazz and sacred texts to life.

The programme contained excerpts from the psalms and original texts on freedom, forgiveness, and God's love, alongside a mesmerising wordless solo called 'T.G.T.T.' (Too Good To Title), and the brilliant sounds of the band were shown to great effect in the five Ellington standards which began the evening.

An enthusiastic and sizable audience thoroughly appreciated the concert which ended the day, raising funds for the Choral Foundation. Thanks go to all who took part or supported the event.