

THIS WEEK

Sunday 12 November - Third Sunday Before Advent

(Remembrance Sunday)

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 154

President: The Canon Theologian

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Tim Leeson

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: Revd Kate Moore

Preacher: The Vice Dean

10.55am **Act of Remembrance**

11.15am **MATTINS**

President: The Vice Dean

Preacher: Heike Prentice

1.30pm Baptism of Zoe Tyrrell

3.30pm **EVENSONG**

Address: The Canon Theologian

6.00pm **Sequence of Music and Readings for Remembrance Sunday**

This Sunday morning Canon Edward Carter is presiding and preaching at St Michael's Daws Heath & St Peter's Thundersley.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 19 November - Second Sunday Before Advent

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 195

President: Revd Kate Moore

8.30am **Breakfast with the Bible** led by Revd Kate Moore

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: The Dean

Preacher: Heike Prentice

11.15 am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

President: The Vice Dean

Preacher: The Dean

3.30 pm **EVENSONG**

Address: Revd Kate Moore

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

3rd Sunday Before Advent, 12 November 2017



Remembrance

Today - Remembrance Sunday - has gained a larger and larger place in our national life as the reality of war and conflict continues to touch our lives. And at 10.55 am here in the Cathedral we will have a special act of remembrance.

In the Christian tradition, remembering is all about the future: we remember in order to understand where we have come from and therefore to see better where we are going. Remembrance is dynamic. It is for instance at the heart of the Eucharist - the past comes alive in the present to shape us for the future.



And that's exactly what this Remembrance Sunday means: looking unblinkingly at the reality of human suffering in war as a springboard to our common commitment to peace.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Matthew 25: 1-13

Introduction & Context

This is a parable about the end of time, the Second Coming. For the bridegroom to be “delayed” (v. 5) was normal at Jewish weddings, but vv. 10b-12 would be surprising to Jesus’ audience. Each of the wise bridesmaids has made her preparation; she is prepared spiritually but preparedness cannot be transferred to others, so their refusal to give oil to the foolish bridesmaids may be intended to show that *each one of us* is expected to make our own preparation – by living a godly, ethical life. Two surprising events, the door being shut (v. 10) and the failing to recognize the foolish bridesmaids (v. 12), are probably another way of saying that the unprepared will be refused entry to the Kingdom – just as the wicked servant will be punished. We are to be prepared at all times for the end of the age, the Second Coming of Christ. (In v. 13, the Greek translated as “Keep awake” can be rendered as *be prepared*.)

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 - 19/11/17 : Kingdom 3

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

Psalm 90vs 1-8

Matthew 25: 14-30

3.30 pm:

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10: 11-25

Mark 13: 1-8

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 12 November

6.00pm

Sequence of Music and Readings for Remembrance Sunday

Monday 13 November

6.00 - 8.00pm

Youth Group (YMCA)

Tuesday 14 November

10.00am

Cathedral Walking Group (CM3 6SA)

Wednesday 15 November

9.30am

Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

12.35pm

Eucharist

1.00 - 3.00pm

Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in the North Transept

1.00 - 4.00pm

Friendship Club (Chapter House)

8.00pm

Keene Lecture ‘History as Propaganda? Catholics and Protestants rewrite the Reformation’. A talk by Dr Judith Champ.

Thursday 16 November

10.00am

Eucharist

Friday 17 November

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Leigh Orpheus (Male Voice Choir)

7.30pm

CCCA Candlelit Supper (book by 13th November)

Saturday 18 November

7.30pm

Waltham Singers: The Dream of Gerontius

Saturday 2 December 9.30am - 2.30pm

Christmas Market in the Cathedral. Coffee and hot and cold lunches, stalls selling cakes, produce, paintings and handicrafts. Browse whilst listening to choirs and musical performers. Free entry. Tickets for the grand draw which will be drawn at the market are available now. 1st prize £300, 2nd £150, 3rd £50. Please take books to sell. Donations for prizes gratefully received by 26 November to Jenny Penny (tel: 01245 237408) or Martin Love.

Sunday 3 December

A cake sale is being held after the 9.30am service to raise money for the Junior Church pantomime refreshments.

The annual Christmas Day lunch is being organised by Malcolm Treacher and is taking place in Chapter House. Cost is £10 per head and includes a two course lunch and a glass of wine. Although it is particularly for people who would otherwise be on their own for lunch on Christmas Day, all are welcome. Mark Gerber is catering. Malcolm is taking names up until 17 December, tel: 01245 250061 or see him at the 11.15am service on a Sunday.

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's theme is 'The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids'.

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 pedestal at the West End of the nave is sponsored by Roger Fellowes in memory of Graham Rogers.

The Children's Society boxes raised £325.72 from this autumn's collection. Please consider being a new box holder. Thank you all for your support. *Richard Spilsbury*

Sunday Morning Refreshments

Eric & Jean Crook have done a fantastic job organising Sunday morning refreshments. It is now time for them to hand on responsibility for organising the rota for what is a very important part of our *Ministry of Welcome*. Full training will be given! Please speak to Eric and Jean to find out more.

We also want to recruit new helpers to prepare and serve refreshments. We have two or three to each team, and new volunteers will be placed with

an existing team to learn the ropes. At a time when we are being asked to reconsider our financial giving, please also think about how you can play a small but vital role in the life of our Cathedral and let Eric or Jean know as soon as possible.

Funeral for Jane Ashley

The funeral for Jane Ashley will take place at Monday 20 November at St John's Moulsham, followed by burial at Chelmsford Cemetery, and afterwards at the County Hotel. All are welcome.

Wednesday 13 December 7pm Fellowship Groups Pre-Christmas Social in the Learning Centre.

Members of all the Cathedral Fellowship Groups are gathering for a pre-Christmas Social evening on Wednesday 13 December, with light refreshments and carol singing. Anyone not yet a member of a Group but who wants to find out more is very welcome to attend. The evening will run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. For more information contact Canon Edward Carter on 01245 294486.

Wednesday 22 November 8pm

Keene Lecture: 'The Women and the Common Men' A Gothic Novelist's take on The English Reformation and Foxe's Book of Martyrs. A talk by Dr Sarah Perry. All welcome.

Saturday 25 November 7.30pm

Concert: The Sixteen - Choral Pilgrimage 2017 - The Olive Branch. Music by Giovanni Peirlugi da Palestrina & Francis Poulenc. Tickets £5 - £35 from ticketsource.co.uk. Pre-concert talk at 7pm.

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

Sunday: Matthew 25: 1-13

Monday: Luke 8: 4-8

Tuesday: Luke 17: 7-10

Wednesday: Luke 17: 11-19

Thursday: Matthew 13: 44-46

Friday: Luke 9: 51-56

Saturday: Luke 18: 1-18

Sunday: Matthew 25: 14-30

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

Thought for the day

A waiting person is a patient person. The word patience means the willingness to stay where we are and live the situation out to the full in the belief that something hidden there will manifest itself to us.

— Henri J.M. Nouwen

Please pray for:

- Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Graham Lyndon-Jones, Rachel Penny, Canon Simon Pothén; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The prison chaplaincy team
- Those who suffer as a result of war and we remember with gratitude those who gave their lives for peace.
- The Diocese of Ughelli (Bendell, Nigeria) and the Rt Revd Cyril Odutemu, Bishop

CATHEDRAL LIFE



A small but appreciative audience enjoyed a performance of the Grundtvig Hymn Cantata by St Clement's Youth Choir, Randers, Denmark



A selection of the shoe boxes that were filled for a family or older person for the 'Link to Hope' project. Thank you to all who contributed.



For those who are already planning for Christmas, the Cathedral bookstall has a selection of Christmas cards and gifts available. New for this year to aid in the post-Christmas lunch clear-up are new tea-towels featuring the Cathedral. And they make a lovely gift too.

