

THIS WEEK

Sunday 14 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 141

President: The Vice Dean

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

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: The Vice Dean

Preacher: The Vice Dean

11.15am **CHORAL MATTINS**

Preacher: Heike Prentice

3.30pm **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Address: The Dean

This morning the Dean is at St Gabriel's Aldersbrook and the Canon Theologian is at St John's Moulsham.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 21 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 142

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Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

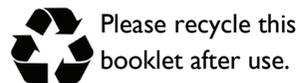
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter, 14 May 2017

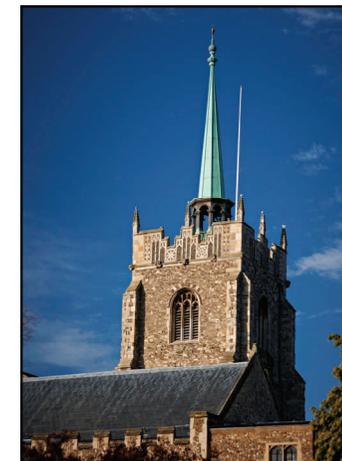


Visitation

From 18 - 25 May the Bishop's Visitation of Chelmsford Cathedral will be taking place. A team led by Bishop Graeme Knowles will be looking at every aspect of the Cathedral's life - and everyone is invited to join in!

The Visitation is a kind of "friendly Ofsted" invited by the Chapter in order to get external feedback on how things are going and pointers for the future.

The team will be meeting with a whole range of stakeholders in the life of the Cathedral, and the congregations are specially invited to come along 4.30 - 6pm next Sunday (21st) for a round table conversation with Bishop Graeme.



This is your chance to contribute to this important process - though Bishop Graeme is also very happy to engage with people at any point during his already packed programme.

So come along and make your voice heard!

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and visit our website: chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk
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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

John 14: 1-14

Introduction & Context

Judas has left to betray Jesus. Jesus prepares his disciples for his departure. He is *going*, through resurrection and ascension, to the Father, to prepare a place of permanent fellowship for them (vv. 2, 3). He will return to take them there, a place where there is ample room ("many dwelling places"). Thomas is logical, and bewildered. Jesus is the *road map*, "the way" (v. 6); he is ultimate "truth" and the source of "life" itself. Access to God is only through him. Being both God and human, to know him is to know the Father. Knowing him, they are already getting to know the Father and "have seen him" (v. 7) in Jesus. Philip still does not understand ("know") Jesus. The Son is present ("dwells", v. 10) in the Father, and the Father in the Son. A master entrusted his *agent* to act on his behalf in every way. The faithful will continue these works. (The ones they do will be "greater", v. 12, because Jesus has nullified sin.) By asking Jesus in prayer ("in my name", v. 14), God will do whatever the faithful ask.

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 - Easter 6: 21 May 2017

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

1 Peter 3: 13-end
Psalm 66 vv 7-end
John 14: 15-21

3.30 pm:

Psalm 98
Isaiah 55: 1-11
1 John 5: 1-6

THE WEEK AHEAD Christian Aid Week

Monday 15 May

6.00 - 8.00pm

Youth Group (YMCA)

Tuesday 16 May

10am

Cathedral Walking Group walk (Stock)

Wednesday 17 May

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 Group (Chapter House)

6.00 - 8.00pm

Older Youth Group 14+ (Learning Centre)

Thursday 18 May

10.00am

Eucharist

10.45am

Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

Friday 19 May

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Anita D'Attellis (piano)

Saturday 20 May

10.00am - 4.00pm

Day of Pilgrimage to Bradwell Chapel (meet St Thomas' Church Bradwell)

7.00pm

Handel's *Messiah*

Saturday 20 May 7pm

Tickets are still available for *Messiah* on Saturday. From ticketsource.co.uk or from the Cathedral Bookstall.

Sunday 21 May 1pm

Meeting Point are holding their next lunch at the White Hart, Little Waltham. If you would like to join others for lunch please book with Maureen, tel: 01245 697781.

Sunday 25 May 8am, 9am & 5.15pm

Ascension Day Services

The choir will be singing from the top of the tower at 8am and all are welcome to join others in the churchyard for this short service,

followed by refreshments. At 9am there will be a Choral Eucharist sung by the gentlemen of the choir and an Ascension Day Eucharist (with incense) held at 5.15pm.

Monday 5 June 12.00 noon

Poetry Bring-and-Share Lunch

Following the success of this year's 'Faith & Poetry' Lent Group there will be a Poetry Lunch in the Cathedral Outer North Aisle. Please bring food to share and a poem to read. The lunch will include a poetry reading by Dr David Greenwood. For more information please contact Canon Edward Carter on 01245 294486, or see the 'Thy Kingdom Come' poetry display which will be in the Cathedral from 25 May.

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 'Jesus: the way, the truth and the life'.

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.

Celebrating Volunteers: we are planning the next service of celebration and thanksgiving for the outstanding contribution made by our large army of volunteers – approximately 400! The format (as in April 2015) is Evensong at 3.30pm on Sunday 11 June 2017, followed by refreshments and time to catch up with one another. Invitations will be sent out shortly via your group leaders and also include any volunteer who has stepped down since our 2015 service. For more information (and offers to volunteer), please contact Andrew Duke on 01245 697970.

VISITATION: the Visitation of the Cathedral runs 18 - 25 May. There is a particular opportunity for you to have your say on Sunday 21 May at 4.30pm (straight after Evensong) at a special round table conversation. See front cover for details.

Christian Aid Week - this week Envelopes will be given out at all services **today** for donations to Christian Aid. There are no house to house collections so please use this as your opportunity to donate to this worthwhile cause. Envelopes will also be available in the Cathedral for the next few weeks.

Casual Events Team

The Cathedral is looking for additional members to join its casual events team. The team is usually used for setting up seating and / or staging before or after concerts and other events. The most frequent task is to reset the Cathedral on a Saturday night ready for Sunday services. This normally takes up to two hours and a fee of £25 is paid. Our current team includes some excellent sixth formers who are heading off to university! If you'd like to join the team please contact Ruth Collin in the Cathedral office on 01245 294488 or ruth.collin@chelmsfordcathedral.org .uk

The Children's Society box collection this spring raised £334.19. Thank you all once again. *Richard Spilsbury*

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	John 14: 1-14	<i>Thursday:</i>	John 15: 9-11
<i>Monday:</i>	John 15: 9-17	<i>Friday:</i>	Matthew 24: 42-46
<i>Tuesday:</i>	John 14: 27-end	<i>Saturday:</i>	John 4: 19-24
<i>Wednesday:</i>	John 15: 1-8	<i>Sunday:</i>	John 14: 15-21

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

Thought for the day

If, then, you are looking for the way by which you should go, take Christ, because he himself is the way. - *Thomas Aquinas*

Please pray for:

- Jean Cooper, Amanda Corcoran, Rosemary Duffin, Jane Hopcraft, Julie Liney, Canon Simon Pothan; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- All those involved in Christian Aid as Christian Aid Week begins. We pray for an end to poverty and the peace of all people in this ever-turning world
- The Diocese of New Jersey
- St Michael and All Angels, Roxwell

Thank you for all the gifts, cards and good wishes I received on leaving the Cathedral. With all good wishes, Julie Brown.

Cathedral Dinner



The second Cathedral Dinner in the nave took place in the evening of the 29 April. A lovely meal was cooked and served by the highly organised Social Committee and was accompanied by excellent wines, chosen by Brian Greatrex. Although the bus replacement service between Ingatestone and Liverpool Street had not made it to Giles Fraser's attention, meaning he was unable to speak at the last minute, John Spence stepped in and gave an entertaining talk on his life, his faith, and his work as chair of the Archbishops' Council's Finance Committee.



*Musical accompaniment from
James Davy*

Results of the Annual Meeting

A good number of people attended the annual meeting, held at the Cathedral on Saturday 29 April. The Dean introduced the day and spoke about the forthcoming visitation (see front cover). Nominations this year didn't exceed positions available so the following were elected Church warden;

Maureen Benson, Dan Glading, Elizabeth Marshall, John Rees-White, David Sewell, Linda Sewell.



The following were elected to Deanery Synod;

Dan Glading, Brian Greatrex.

At the end of April, a day conference, organised by Essex Mind and Spirit, which is chaired by Canon Ivor Moody, was hosted by the Cathedral. As well as many interesting talks, there were information points set up around the Cathedral including one from HealthWatch, (pictured below).

