

THIS WEEK

Sunday 15 January - Second Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 67
President: The Canon Precentor
- 8.30am** Breakfast with the Bible, led by Paul Beasley-Murray
- 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST**
President: The Dean
Preacher: Heike Prentice
- 11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST**
President: The Dean
Preacher: The Canon Precentor
- 3.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG**
Address: The Vice Dean

This morning the Canon Theologian is preaching at St John's Stratford.

NEXT WEEK

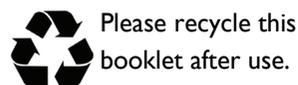
Sunday 22 January - The Feast of Dedication

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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

Second Sunday of Epiphany, 15 January 2017



News from the Cathedral Youth Group

AFTER some changes at the start of last term, including a new home and new leadership the youth group is flourishing and growing.



The Youth Group at Lambourne End

While we have retained the majority of the former group we have been joined by some new faces who are helping us to become a bigger and better group. The new facilities at the YMCA enable us to provide more for the young people, while we still play games and have tournaments on different games consoles we have been able to address some of the bigger issues in our world. We have had a mental health awareness week and coming up we will be going to the holocaust memorial service at the council.

We have lots of events in the diary for the coming year including a trip to visit a youth group in Sweden. For this we are arranging a variety of

different fundraisers and we would really appreciate as much congregation support as possible for all of our events.

The first of these events is on 28 January. We will be holding a Swedish Meal in the Cathedral, full details including how to buy tickets are in the notices section of the newsheet. All are welcome to what promises to be a really fun evening.

Steve Conroy
Youth Work Student

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

John 1: 29-42

Introduction & Context

“The next day” John the Baptist acclaim Jesus as “Lamb of God”. John recognizes that Jesus outranks him (“ranks ahead”, v. 30) and “was” (existed) before him. In vv. 31-33 he recalls his experience of Jesus’ baptism. He says: I didn’t recognize him as Messiah (“know him”), but I now realize that I baptised with water in order that Jesus might be shown to Jews. The coming of the Spirit showed me that Jesus is the one chosen by God. I am convinced that he is, and I have told others (v. 34).

In vv. 35-42, two of John’s disciples begin to follow Jesus. First, they are curious about Jesus when John tells them who he is. They follow him, recognizing that he is an authority (“Teacher”, v. 38). Jesus invites them to “Come and see” (v. 39), to investigate what he teaches. “Staying” and “remained” are technical terms in this gospel: the two begin to understand the way of life Jesus offers and expects. V. 40 tells us that one of the two is “Andrew”; the other is unnamed. Andrew tells “Simon” (v. 41) the good news and introduces him to Jesus. Jesus prophesies that Simon will be nicknamed “Cephas” (v. 42), the Aramaic word for *rock*. (*Petros*, “Peter”, in Greek).

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 - 22/1/17 : Dedication

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

1 Kings 8: 22-30

Psalm 122

Hebrews 12: 18-24

Matthew 21: 12-16

3.30 pm:

Psalm 132

Jeremiah 7: 1-11

1 Corinthians 3: 9-17

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 15 January

12.45pm

Meeting Point Lunch (Côte - Chelmsford)

Monday 16 January

Arriving today

6.00 - 8.00pm

The Salvation Sculptures

Youth Group (YMCA)

Wednesday 18 January

9.30am

10.15am

12.35pm

1.00 - 3.00pm

Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

Cathedral Walking Group (Danbury Common)

Eucharist

Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in the North Transept

6.00 - 8.00pm

Youth Group (14+) (Learning Centre)

Thursday 19 January

CATHEDRAL OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY

10.00am

Eucharist

10.45am

Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

Friday 20 January

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Colchester Music Theatre Choirs

our congregation will be most welcome; we do **all** have a responsibility to welcome newcomers to our Cathedral! Coffee and tea will be served at 9am, the presentation will begin at 9.30am, questions at 10.30 - all finishing at 11am. To give some idea of numbers, please tell your team leader if you are intending to be with us or call Andrew Duke direct on 01245 697970.

Saturday 28 January 6-10pm

Swedish Meal Fundraiser

Being held in the Cathedral to raise funds for the Youth trip to Sweden. Tickets, costing £20 per person are available from Steven Conroy or Tim Leeson.

CHRISTINGLE

Sunday 29 January
at 3.30pm

Christingle is a beautiful service. It was originally created by Moravian Christians going through a time of trial - lighting a candle in the dark gave them real hope to carry on.

Today we celebrate Christingle particularly with children in mind, and collect money for the Children’s Society.

This year’s Christingle here at Chelmsford Cathedral is on Sunday, 29 January. That is the Feast of Candlemas - a day all about hope for the world and the light of Christ.

This lovely celebration begins at 3.30 pm and everyone is warmly welcome as we light our candles and encircle the Cathedral with their light.

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 Lamb of God.

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.

Confirmations: if you would like to explore being confirmed here at the Cathedral on Easter Eve, please contact Canon Edward Carter on 01245 294486 or edward.carter@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk for information about preparation sessions this Spring.

For young people (11-25) interesting in exploring faith, and potentially confirmation, Tim will be running an introduction to Christianity course, starting in January. For details, please contact him on tim.leeson@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

Cathedral Art Group: if you like painting or drawing, you are very welcome to come and join the Art Group. The group meets during 'term-time' on Thursdays, 1.30 – 3.30pm in the Learning Centre and pay £1 a head

towards expenses. If you are interested, please call Tony Harrington on 01245 265052 or email: harrington303@outlook.com

This Sunday there is a cake sale between the services to raise funds for the Christingles for the service being held on 29 January. Christingle collecting candles are now available.

Wednesday 18 January 10.15am
The next **Cathedral Walking Group** walk will take place on Wednesday. Meet at the Cricketers Arms (CM3 4ED) on Danbury Common before setting off on the walk. Please call Anne Sparrow tel: 01245 226524 for more details or to let her know you are coming.

Wednesday 25 January 8pm
Theological Society
'Christian Concern for Justice: defending and delivering access to justice today'. A talk by Andrew Caplen, Past President of the Law Society of England and Wales. The meeting is being held in Chapter House, entry is £3.50 payable on the door and all are welcome.

Saturday 28 January 2017
Ministry of Welcome Volunteers' Presentation
The Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons delivered a Keene Lecture in 2013 and is coming back on Saturday, 28 January to lead a morning on welcoming visitors. All volunteers are greatly encouraged to attend. Additionally, **any other members of**

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	John 1: 29-42	<i>Thursday:</i>	Matthew 24: 42-46
<i>Monday:</i>	Mark 2: 18-22	<i>Friday:</i>	Mark 3.13-19
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Mark 2.23-end	<i>Saturday:</i>	Mark 3: 20-21
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Mark 3: 1-6	<i>Sunday:</i>	Matthew 21: 12-16

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

Thought for the day

You can only seek God when you have already found God. The desire for God's unconditional love is the fruit of having been touched by that love. — Henri J.M. Nouwen

Please pray for:

- Judith Allen, Margaret Beverley, Sue Cockett, Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Janet Wallace; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- Our General Synod representatives from the Diocese that they may be filled with wisdom and love of the Holy Spirit
- The Diocese of Kyoto and Kyushu (Japan)
- The family and friends of Mary Barton who died last week

Antoin Irtelli would like to thank everyone for their prayers. Thanks be to God for considerable improvement,

From: The Dean The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall

AN extraordinary Christmas and a fitting climax to an amazing year here at Chelmsford Cathedral.

It's been great to have so much positive feedback from so many people about the Christmas services - the amazement and delight at the informal Friday Carol services; the sparkling brilliance of the Ceremony of Carols; the majesty and packed crowds at both celebrations of Nine Lessons and Carols; the simple joy of the Crib Service procession; the powerful pull of Midnight Mass; and the joyful celebrations of Christmas morning. Nearly 6,000 people at these great celebrations of the birth of Christ!

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who made all this possible: altar servers, bell ringers, choirs, dancers, flower arrangers, lay assistants, mulled wine makers and servers, musicians, printers, readers, sparkle and shiners, sidespeople, stewards, technicians, vergers, wardens, welcomers. Back

room and front of house, staff and volunteers.

And best of all this great work was all for others, one great act of service and love - for those who came hesitantly for the first time; for those who simply wandered in and found a warm welcome; for those who felt the sudden need to say thank you, light a candle, say a prayer; for those whose Christmas comes with a burden of sadness, and those for whom it is a special time of joy; for people of a remarkable range of ages, backgrounds, cultures and traditions, and on so many different journeys - all coming here to worship the Christ child, in thanksgiving for God's most extraordinary gift of himself.

With my thanks and best wishes for all that you do in the splendid

Nicholas

