

THIS WEEK

Sunday 17 September - Holy Cross

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 179

President: The Vice Dean

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

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: The Canon Theologian

Preacher: Heike Prentice

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST** with baptism of Siddhartha Lewis
Asksena Frost

President: The Vice Dean

Preacher: Heike Prentice

1.30pm Baptism of Jake Ethan Loader

3.30pm **EVENSONG**

Address: The Vice Dean

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 24 September - Trinity 15

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 180

President: The Vice Dean

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

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: Revd Kate Moore

Preacher: The Vice Dean

11.15 am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

President: The Vice Dean

Preacher: Revd Kate Moore

3.30 pm **The installation of the Archdeacon of Harlow**

Address: Ven. Vanessa Herrick, Archdeacon of Harlow

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

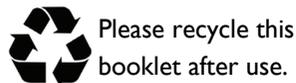
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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

Holy Cross, 17 September 2017



Curate/Ordination NH

The Cathedral is a special place for clergy across the diocese because it is where so many of them were ordained. And on Saturday, 30 September we will be welcoming 31 candidates over three services to be ordained deacon by Bishop Stephen.

The Cathedral has a wider role too as the place of formation - every Thursday night the Cathedral becomes a theological college for some 70 students preparing for ordination. And regularly on Saturday morning the Dean and the Diocesan Director of Ordinands lead mornings for those exploring ordained ministry. We are also the place where many students and curates come on placement - the place of formation.



This morning we warmly welcome this year's curates at the 9.30 am Eucharist.

Pray for all those to be ordained, - they are an extraordinary gift to the church across this diocese, and they invite each of us to think clearly about what ministry calls each of us to fulfil.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

John 3: 13-17

Introduction & Context

John intersperses stories about Jesus with teaching material. In the preceding verses, he has told us about Nicodemus, a powerful and wealthy man, and “a teacher of Israel” (v. 10). Nicodemus is eager to understand this man from God, but to be “born from above” (v. 3) of “water and Spirit” (v. 5) is beyond his comprehension. (This is probably a reference to baptism.) Jesus tells him that some things cannot be understood in human, natural, terms. He continues: if you can’t comprehend things that happen on earth, how can you possibly understand “heavenly things” (v. 12), super-natural truths.

In v. 13, Jesus says: he who comes down from heaven has gone up again. Moses’ bronze serpent preserved from death those who trusted, through this symbol, in God. Note “lifted up” (v. 14): Jesus foreshadows the Crucifixion. In a similar way, whoever believes in Christ will have “eternal life” (v. 15), life in the age to come. Those who willfully refuse to believe will “perish” (v. 16). That’s the whole point of Jesus’ coming: through him, we have salvation, not condemnation.

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 - 25 Sept :Trinity 15

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Jonah 3: 10-end of 4

Psalms 145 vs 1-8

Matthew 20: 1-16

3.30 pm:

Psalms 54

Jeremiah 11: 18-20

Mark 9: 30-37

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 18 September

6.00 - 8.00pm Youth Group (YMCA)

Wednesday 20 September

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)

Thursday 21 September

10.00am Eucharist

Friday 22 September

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert - Martha Pothen (soprano)

event with refreshments provided afterwards. The Chairman of ECC Cllr John Aldridge is coming as 3rd umpire and the Mayor of Chelmsford is also hoping to attend. Do come along after all the Harvest Celebrations that have been planned and support this community match.

Wednesday 4 October 8.00pm

Mothers’ Union meeting with Revd Janet Allwright. All welcome.

Thursday 12 October 2pm

Mothers’ Union talk given by Revd Canon Ivor Moody on his sabbatical, in St Cedd’s Hall. All welcome.

Saturday 14 October 7.30pm

Concert: Caprice Orchestra
A varied programme of popular classics. Proceeds will go to Essex Mind & Spirit, an organisation that supports those with mental health issues and challenges the stigma around mental health. Tickets £10 tel: 01245 465718.

Sunday 15 October 12.45pm

The next Meeting Point Lunch will be held at Pontlands Park Hotel. Please book via Maureen tel: 01245 697781.

Two further events for Sunday 15 October:

Cantata Evensong at 3.30pm including a performance of Bach’s Reformation Cantata BWV80 with visiting musicians from our link diocese of Karlstad followed by a drinks reception and a **Martin Luther Exhibition** of books from the Cathedral’s Knightsbridge Collection 4.30-6pm.

Wednesday 18 October 8pm

A Grundtvig Cantata. Led by St Clement’s Youth Choir, Randers, Denmark. Classic hymns in new English versions.
and

Theological Society meeting in the Chapter House. Barbara Ridpath speaks on ‘Christian Stewardship and the Theology of Water’. £3.50 payable on the door.

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 Feast of Holy Cross Day.

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.

Abundant crop of grapes for wine making. Please contact Kathy Nightingale tel: 01245 445034 if you would like to pick them.

English for Women

The new term has started and the group are looking for more volunteers to help with either teaching the ladies or looking after the children. There is a particular need for Wednesdays. If you would like to find out more, please email Suzanne at admin@englishforwomen.org

Saturday 23 September 3pm Friends of Chelmsford Cathedral Autumn Festival commences in the Cathedral at 3.00pm with a very short AGM, following which the speaker will be the Ven. Elizabeth Snowden, Archdeacon of Chelmsford.

Monday 25 September

The New Interests Group are visiting Wymondham Abbey Booked for "Quality Biscuits with Coffee and Tour" at 11am. Shared transport to be arranged the week before so please let Anne Freese know if you require or can offer a lift.

Saturday 30 September 6-9pm Cathedral Harvest Supper Family Barn Dance

A fantastic evening to suit ALL ages ... come and join the fun or just sit and watch it! It's being held in the Cathedral School Hall, 6-9pm and includes a two course supper (filled jacket potatoes and fruit crumbles). Bring your own drinks!

All for £5 a head (under 5s free). Tickets from the Social Committee or Yvonne Spence tel 465108 or email yvonnespence@hotmail.com

Sunday 1 October Harvest Celebrations!

At 9.30am there will be a Harvest Parade service with a collection for UK-Aid, who support a children's home in Ukraine. More details on the website uk-aid.org

At 11.15am there will be a County Harvest celebration with a procession led by tractors and representatives from organisations across the diocese. They will also be collecting for Tools With A Mission.

At 3pm the Chelmsford Cathedral and Chelmsford Mosque meet again in an eagerly awaited return match. The cricket match will take place again at Willingale Cricket Club (CM5 0SJ), a short drive from Chelmsford. It promises to be a real community

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

Sunday: John 3: 13-17

Monday: Luke 7: 1-10

Tuesday: Luke 7: 11-17

Wednesday: Luke 7: 31-35

Thursday: Matthew 9:9-13

Friday: Luke 8: 1-3

Saturday: Luke 8: 4-15

Sunday: Matthew 20: 1-16

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

Thought for the day

God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you'

- Billy Graham

Please pray for:

- Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Canon Simon Pothen; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- Life Church (Elim Christian Centre)
- The Religious Society of Friends' and Canon Jennifer Hodgkin of the Essex and Suffolk General Meeting on Peace-making Sunday
- The Diocese of Sodor and Man (York)

MISSION SUNDAY - 8 October

Every year in October we have a Sunday when there is no 9.30 am or 11.15 am. Instead every member of the Cathedral community - including the clergy and choirs - are invited to go and worship somewhere else, and then bring their stories back. Mission Sunday this year is 8 October, so please think and talk about where you might go on pilgrimage this year!

Girls' Choir Tour 2017



Rehearsal in Exeter Cathedral



First night in Polzeath



St Endellion Church

The Girls' Choir has recently returned from its stay in St Endellion in Cornwall, where they took up residence for five nights.

During the girls' time in the South West they sang Evensong at Exeter and Truro Cathedrals, and gave a concert at St Endellion Church which featured Elgar's *The Banner of St George*.

There was also time for the choir to visit the Eden Project and Polzeath beach. The trip was aided by a fantastic team of adult staff and volunteers who helped cater and look after everyone. Here's to the next tour!



Cornish coast