

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 19 March - Third Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am** **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 89  
*President: The Vice Dean*
- 8.30am** Breakfast with the Bible, led by Tim Leeson
- 9.30am** **PARISH EUCHARIST and welcome to Elizabeth Moore**  
*President: The Dean*  
*Preacher: Revd Kate Moore*
- 11.15am** **CHORAL EUCHARIST**  
*President: Revd Kate Moore*  
*Preacher: Heike Prentice*
- 3.30pm** **INSTALLATION AND COLLATION OF THE ARCHDEACON OF SOUTHEND**  
*Address: Ven. Mike Lodge, Archdeacon of Southend*

*This morning the Canon Theologian is preaching at St Francis' Silver End & St Mary Rivenhall.*

## NEXT WEEK

### Sunday 26 March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8.00 am** **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 91  
*President: The Vice Dean*
- 9.30 am** **PARISH EUCHARIST and Parade Service for Mothering Sunday**  
*President: The Vice Dean*  
*Preacher: The Canon Theologian*
- 11.15 am** **CHORAL EUCHARIST**  
*President: The Canon Theologian*  
*Preacher: The Vice Dean*
- 3.30 pm** **CHORAL EVENSONG**  
*Address: The Canon Theologian*

### Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

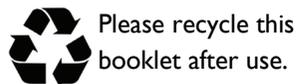
**Morning Prayer:** 7.45 am

**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 of Lent, 19 March 2017



## Welcome to the new Archdeacon of Southend

**THIS AFTERNOON** we welcome Revd Canon Mike Lodge to the Cathedral for his service of collation and installation as Archdeacon of Southend.



Mike is currently Team Rector of Rayleigh and has been Acting Archdeacon of Southend since August 2016. Throughout that time, he has really gained the confidence of the clergy and people of the Archdeaconry.

Mike added "God touches our lives in unexpected ways and walks with us as we journey with Him and offer our lives in response to His unconditional love for each of us".

Mike is married to Linda and they have two grown-up children and

one granddaughter. He was born in rural Gloucestershire and embarked on an 18-year mechanical engineering career before coming to faith and leaving to train for Ordained Ministry at Wycliffe Hall Theological College, Oxford. Passionate about the importance of engaging with local community, Mike is Chaplain to Southend United Football Club which he established four years ago although he still supports his home team, Cheltenham Town!

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## Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

### John 4: 5-42

#### Introduction & Context

Rabbis did not speak to strange women in public and Jews considered Samaritans ritually unclean (v. 9). Jesus answers her: if you knew 'the gift of God', v. 10 and that I am his agent, you would be the one asking for a drink, "and he would have given you living water". She misunderstands, thinking that he asks for bubbly spring water. This water was good enough for Jacob, so are you greater than him? Jesus contrasts the well water with "water gushing up to eternal life" (v. 14). While she still doesn't understand, she at least now asks (v. 15). Vv. 16-18 the common ancestors of the two peoples worshipped on Mount Gerizim ("this mountain", v. 20) but Jews claim that the only proper worship site is Jerusalem. Jesus replies (v. 21): "the hour" of God's intervention in the world "is coming"; then cultic sites will be irrelevant. . God is "spirit" (v. 24, life-giving power). She decides to wait to understand until the "Messiah" (v. 25) comes, but Jesus tells her: "I am" (v. 26). The villagers come to believe that Jesus is "truly the Saviour of the world" (v. 42).

#### 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 - 26 March 2017 : Lent 4

### 9.30 am:

Exodus 2: 1-10

*Psalm 23*

John 19: 25b-27

### 11.15 am:

1 Samuel 16.1-13

*Psalm 23*

John 9.1-41

### 3.30 pm:

*Psalm 107*

Numbers 21: 4-9

Ephesians 2: 1-10

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday 19 March

1.00pm

Meeting Point Lunch (Great Leighs)

### Monday 20 March

6.00 - 8.00pm

Youth Group (YMCA)

### Wednesday 22 March

9.30am

Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

10.30am

Lent Group (Johnson Room, Chapter House)

11.00 - 3.00pm

24/7 Prayer Space (St Peter's Chapel)

12.35pm

Eucharist

1.00-3.00pm

Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in the North Transept

7.30pm

Reflections on Faith & Poetry Lent Course

### Thursday 23 March

10.00am

Eucharist

10.45am

Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

### Friday 24 March

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - St Cedd's School

7.00pm

Compline

### Saturday 25 March

5.15pm

Evensong

6.00pm

Youth Event

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 costing £5 are available from Steve email: steven.conroy@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

### Saturday 29 April 9.30am

**The Annual Meeting** is being held in the Cathedral. Please come along to hear reports from the year and vote for your Cathedral and Church warden team.

### 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: yvonnespence@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.

**Junior Church** meets today, starting at 9.30am in Chapter House. This week's theme is 'Jesus and the Woman at the Well'.

**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.

**Father Simon Pothén**, our Canon Precentor, has been unwell for some time. He has now been diagnosed with liver cancer. He will be undergoing further tests in the coming weeks as the doctors seek to determine what kind of treatment may be possible. The thoughts and prayers of the whole Cathedral community and the wider networks of the Diocese are with Simon as we seek to support him, Debs and the rest of the family through this complex and challenging journey.

**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.

**Concert tickets for Mothering Sunday:** The Cathedral Girls' Choir is organising a cream tea concert, "Songs and Scones" on Sunday 2 July to raise funds for their forthcoming tour to Devon and Cornwall. The event includes music from the shows and other favourites performed on a summer afternoon along with a cream tea. Tickets are £8 each and available from the Bookstall. This week a specially designed ticket suitable as a Mothers' Day gift is also available for purchase during the coffee at the end of the 9.30 service. A perfect gift!

**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*

**Thursday 30 March**  
**New Interests Group Trip** to Rochester. Meet at Chelmsford Rail Station at 9.15am in order to purchase a group discounted fare to arrive in Rochester for 11.02am. Please contact Ann Freese for details or email [allfreese@supanet.com](mailto:allfreese@supanet.com)

**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.co.uk](http://ticketsource.co.uk) 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

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

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| <i>Sunday:</i>    | John 4: 5-42      | <i>Thursday:</i> | Luke 11: 14-23  |
| <i>Monday:</i>    | Matthew 1: 18-end | <i>Friday:</i>   | Mark 12: 28-34  |
| <i>Tuesday:</i>   | John 10: 11-15    | <i>Saturday:</i> | Luke 1: 26-38   |
| <i>Wednesday:</i> | Matthew 5: 17-19  | <i>Sunday:</i>   | John 19: 25b-27 |

You can find a simple 10 minute reflection at: [pray-as-you-go.org](http://pray-as-you-go.org)

## Thought for the day

On either side of the river is the tree of life<sup>[b]</sup> with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. - *Revelation 22.2*

### Please pray for:

- Jean Cooper, Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Simon Pothén; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- Members of the Diocesan Synod and the Deanery Synod
- The Diocese of Mbale (Uganda)
- St John's Church, Moulsham

**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](mailto:isabelfyfe@live.co.uk) or [thefyfes@uwclub.net](mailto: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.

## Lent Group



*Jackie and Alan Arnot who attend the study group*

**THE LENT GROUPS** are well under way with a number of people enjoying the daytime group.

Meeting at 10.30am in the Johnson Room in Chapter House, the group is following the USPG course 'Living an Authentic Life'.

Course leader Canon Edward Carter said, "Lent is a really good

time to learn more about being a Christian, and to reflect on the challenges and excitements of life. Both the daytime and evening Lent groups are proving very popular this year - do feel free to join in this week even if you've not been able to make it along so far".

## Farewell to the Archdeacon of Harlow

