

## THIS WEEK

**Sunday 19 November - Second Sunday Before Advent**

**8.00am HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 194

*President: Revd Kate Moore*

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

**9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST**

*President: The Dean*

*Preacher: Heike Prentice*

**11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST**

*President: The Vice Dean*

*Preacher: The Dean*

**1.30pm** Baptism of Oliver Dolton

**3.30pm EVENSONG**

*Address: Revd Kate Moore*

*This morning Canon Edward Carter is preaching at Trinity Methodist Church, one of our local Covenant Partners, for their anniversary weekend celebrations*

## NEXT WEEK

**Sunday 26 November - Christ the King**

**8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 197

*President: The Vice Dean*

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

**9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST**

*President: The Vice Dean*

*Preacher: The Canon Theologian*

**11.15 am CHORAL EUCHARIST with incense**

*President: The Dean*

*Preacher: The Canon Theologian*

**3.30 pm DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION SERVICE**

*Address: Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford*

**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

2nd Sunday Before Advent 19 November 2017



## Assurance

*The Dean writes:*

**Fr Simon, Canon Precentor at Chelmsford Cathedral, died peacefully at home on Monday.**

In the last days of his illness, Simon's characteristic generosity and humour, along with his luminous faith, shone out of him, even when in real discomfort.

Please pray for Simon and for his family through the days ahead. And celebrate his ministry here at the Cathedral over the last decade.



*Celebrating 25 years of ordained ministry in 2014*

Simon's funeral will take place here at the Cathedral on Thursday 7 December at 11am.

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**Diocese of Chelmsford**

## Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

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### Matthew 25: 14-30

#### Introduction & Context

Today is another parable of the kingdom. A master, before leaving on a journey, entrusts his slaves with his money, “each according to his ability” (v. 15). (A *talent* is about 15 years’ wages for a labourer). Two invest the money (vv. 16, 17); the third buries it (v. 18). When the master returns (v. 19), he praises the investors; they, he says, will be made responsible for “many things” (vv. 21, 23), and will “enter into the joy of your master”. The third admits he was afraid (v. 24), and simply returns the original sum (v. 25). The master chastises him. The slave loses what he has been given (v. 28) and is condemned to “outer darkness” (v. 30). This would have caused a stir in Jesus’ day, for a rabbinic maxim commends burial of money as a way of protecting it. The parable is about the kingdom: “Weeping and gnashing of teeth” (v. 30) is a *stock phrase* for condemnation of the wicked at the Last Day. The master stands for God. God rewards generously and is a stern judge. We are expected to make it grow. He is free to distribute his gifts as he sees fit (vv. 28-29).

#### 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.

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## Next Sunday’s Readings - 26/11/17 : Christ the King

### 9.30 am, 11.15 am & 3.30 pm:

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Psalms 95vs 1-7

Ephesians 1: 15-end

Matthew 25: 31-end

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday 20 November

6.00 - 8.00pm Youth Group (YMCA)

### Wednesday 22 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 - Dr Sarah Perry (author)

### Thursday 23 November

10.00am Eucharist

### Friday 24 November

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert - Vocal & Instrumental Ensemble

### Saturday 25 November

7.30pm Concert: The Sixteen

Jenny Penny (tel: 01245 237408) or Martin Love.

### Sunday 3 December

**Cake sale** after the 9.30am service to raise money for the Junior Church pantomime refreshments.

### Meeting Point Lunch 12.45pm

At the Hare. Book via Maureen tel: 01245 697781.

### Thursday 7 December 8pm

**Mothers’ Union** meets in Chapter House for mince pies, members’ memories and wine tasting.

### 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.

### Thursday 14 December 2pm

**Mothers’ Union** meets in Chapter House for seasonal readings and mince pies.

## 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** starts at 9.30am in Chapter House. This week's theme is 'The Parable of the Talents'.

**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.

**Christmas Day lunch** will take place in Chapter House. Cost is £10 per head including a two course lunch and a glass of wine. All are welcome, and Mark Gerber is catering. Malcolm Treacher is taking names up to 17 December, tel: 01245 250061 or see him at the 11.15am.

**The pedestal at the West End** is sponsored by Robbie Richards in memory of her dear husband Christopher Richards on the anniversary of his death.

**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.

**Weekly giving envelopes** are by the South Door ready for collection. If you would like to start making regular donations this way, please speak to Caroline Robinson.

**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, author of the bestseller "The Essex Serpent". Everybody welcome.

**Saturday 25 November**  
**The Cathedral Choirs** are singing in High Chelmer Shopping Centre to promote the Christmas market, concert and Christmas services. If you can spare an hour or so handing out leaflets while the choir sing, please contact Ruth Collin by email [ruth.collin:chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk](mailto:ruth.collin:chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk) or telephone 01245 294488.

**7.30pm**  
**THE SIXTEEN** - Choral Pilgrimage 2017: The Olive Branch. Beautiful music by Palestrina & Poulenc. Tickets £5 - £35 from [ticketsource.co.uk](http://ticketsource.co.uk). Pre-concert talk at 7pm.

**Saturday 2 December 9.30am - 2.30pm**  
**Chelmsford Cathedral Christmas Market:** 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 market are now available now. 1st prize £300, 2nd £150, 3rd £50. Donations for prizes gratefully received by 26 November to

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	Matthew 25: 14-30	<i>Thursday:</i>	Luke 19: 41-44
<i>Monday:</i>	Matthew 10: 34-39	<i>Friday:</i>	Luke 19: 45-48
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Luke 19: 1-10	<i>Saturday:</i>	Luke 20: 27-40
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Luke 19: 11-28	<i>Sunday:</i>	Matthew 25: 31-end

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

## Thought for the day

Living community in whatever form - family, parish, twelve-step program, or intentional community - challenges us to come together at the place of our poverty, believing that there we can reveal our richness. - *Henri Nouwen*

## Please pray for:

- Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Rachel Penny; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The family, friends and colleagues of Father Simon Pothen, in particular his wife Deb and children Josh, Abi, Beth, Martha and Noah
- Holy Trinity, Springfield
- The men and women who work in the emergency services providing 24 hour care and protection, both in front line and behind the scenes. Pray too for their chaplains
- The Diocese of Uyo (Niger Delta, Nigeria) and the Rt Revd Prince Asukwo Antai (Bishop)

## Visit by the World-Wide President of the Mothers' Union

Lynne Tembey is World-Wide President of the Mothers' Union - one of the largest volunteer organisations in the world. It was great to welcome her here at Chelmsford Cathedral recently.



Lynne shared in a great Mothers' Union celebration at the Cathedral with representatives from across the Diocese, and then visited 'English for Women', a project now shared between the Cathedral and the Mothers' Union. A great visit from a remarkable person!

## A sequence of Music and Readings for Remembrance Sunday

An hour of reflection through moving poetry and beautiful music was led by the Cathedral choir and the Chelmsford Singers on last Sunday evening here at Chelmsford Cathedral. The Dean spoke about the presence of the Bombed Child statue in the Military (St Peter's) Chapel and its stark reminder of the consequences of war.



*The combined choirs in St Peter's Chapel*

Duncan Morrow is a remarkable Irish theologian who has been involved in the Peace Process in Ulster throughout his life. He is also a member of the Corrymeela Community which works for peace across traditional boundaries. In presenting the first of this year's Keene Lecture on Wednesday, he spoke in a profound and challenging way about the continuing situation in Ireland and what the Christian response might look like. A great and challenging evening with an eloquent and passionate speaker.

