

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 20 November - Christ the King

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 157

*President: The Canon Precentor*

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by the Dean

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

*President: The Dean*

*Preacher: The Canon Precentor*

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST with incense**

*President: The Vice Dean*

*Preacher: The Dean*

3.30pm **CONFIRMATION SERVICE**

*President & Preacher: Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell,*

*Bishop of Chelmsford*

*This morning Canon Edward Carter is preaching at Emmanuel Church, Leyton.*

## NEXT WEEK

### Sunday 27 November - Advent Sunday

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 47

*President: The Dean*

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

*President: & Preacher: Ven Elizabeth Snowden,*

*Archdeacon of Chelmsford*

11.15 am **CHORAL EUCHARIST with baptism of Noah Li**

*President & Preacher: Ven Elizabeth Snowden,*

*Archdeacon of Chelmsford*

3.30 pm **EVENING PRAYER**

6.00pm **ADVENT PROCESSION**

### 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

Christ the King, 20 November 2016



## Introducing the Cathedral's new Head Verger

**TOMORROW** the Cathedral  
welcomes a new head verger,  
John Elliott, who is joining the  
verger team from St Paul's  
Cathedral.



John has worked at St Paul's for ten  
years, initially as a steward but for  
the last seven years as a verger  
with responsibility for the  
vestments and pastoral areas of  
Cathedral life.

As you can imagine, John has also  
been involved in many high-profile  
events. He led the choir  
procession at the Queen's diamond  
jubilee celebrations and he led the  
procession of the coffin for the  
funeral of Margaret Thatcher.

John has also been chair of the  
Governance Committee at Braintree  
District Council for two years and  
has been on the council since 2007,  
overseeing the budget, policy and  
risk assessment areas of council  
business.

Living in Kelvedon, John is looking  
forward to starting at the Cathedral  
and a much quicker journey into  
work in the mornings. Do please  
introduce yourselves to John and  
welcome him to the Cathedral  
family.

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## Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

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### **Luke 23: 33-43**

#### **Introduction & Context**

Jesus has been betrayed, arrested, mocked, beaten, and sentenced to death. Now he arrives at Calvary (v. 33).

Jesus continues his ministry of giving forgiveness to those who have not heard the Good News (v. 34). The division of his clothing fulfills Psalm 22:18; to be deprived of one's clothing was to lose one's identity. The mob contemplates what is happening, but the "leaders" (v. 35) taunt Jesus: they blaspheme against God. In accord with Psalm 69:21, Jesus is offered "sour wine" (v. 36) – to revive him, and to prolong his ordeal. Ironically, "Messiah of God, his chosen one" (v. 35) and "King of the Jews" (v. 38) are all true. A placard was placed around the criminal's neck, bearing an "inscription" (v. 38) stating his crime. One criminal joins with the mob (v. 39) but the other responds positively to Jesus (vv. 40-41). For him there is salvation; Jesus pronounces him free of sin. Only a king can give pardon. ("Paradise", v. 43, was the Jewish name for the temporary resting place of the godly dead.)

#### **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 - 27 Nov : Advent I

### **9.30 am & 11.15 am:**

Isaiah 2: 1-5

*Psalm 122*

Romans 13: 11-end

Matthew 24: 36-44

### **3.30 pm:**

Psalm 9

Isaiah 52: 1-12

Matthew 24: 15-28

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### **Monday 21 November**

6.00 - 8.00pm Youth Group (YMCA)

### **Wednesday 23 November**

9.30am Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

11.00am - 3.00pm 24/7 Prayer (St Peters' Chapel)

12.35pm Eucharist

1.00 - 3.00pm Welcome on Wednesday coffee and cake in the North Transept

8.00pm Keene Lecture: Revd Dr Emma Percy

### **Thursday 24 November**

10.00am Eucharist

10.20am Cathedral Walking Group (Stratford Station 10a/11)

10.45am Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

### **Friday 25 November**

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert - Maria Stratigou (piano)

### **Sunday 27 November**

Please note Duke Street and New Street by the Shire Hall will be closed due to the City's Christmas Lights Switch On. The car park in Waterloo Lane can still be accessed from New Street (from the Police Station end).

### **Saturday 3 December 9.30 - 2.30pm**

#### **Cathedral Christmas Market**

An ideal opportunity to start your Christmas shopping. There will be craft and produce stalls selling locally made Christmas gifts. Hot and cold refreshments served all day. Local choirs will be providing Christmas music and entertainment and the winner of the Grand Christmas Draw will be announced. Admission is free and draw tickets are on sale now.

### **Thursday 1 December 8.00pm**

**Mothers' Union** meet in the Chapter House where Revd Canon Ivor Moody shares mince pies, mulled wine and Christmas memories.

### **Sunday 4 December 12.45pm**

**Meeting Point Lunch:** At the Fox & Goose (CMI 3SN). Book via Maureen tel: 01245 697781. All welcome.

### **Thursday 8 December 2.00pm**

**Mothers' Union** meet in the Chapter House to share mince pies and seasonal readings.

### **Saturday 10 December**

#### **Cathedral Christmas Concert.**

Tickets are now available from [chelmsfordcathedrak.org.uk](http://chelmsfordcathedrak.org.uk) (music events) or from the Bookshop. Gerald Finzi, Ralph Vaughan Williams and other Christmas favourites with audience participation.

## 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 Jacob's Ladder.

**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.

**All the pedestal flower arrangements** in the Cathedral this week are sponsored. The arrangement at the East end of the nave is sponsored by Vernon Muller in memory of his wife Frances; and one of those at the West end of the nave is sponsored by Tony Adams to celebrate the occasion of Diana's birthday.

**Pledged giving envelopes for 2017** are available for collection at the South Door. If you would like to start using weekly giving envelopes, please fill in a Planned Giving form (also at the South Door) and return to Caroline Robinson.

**See the Christmas display** at the Cathedral Bookstall. Cathedral Christmas cards, children's books, hand made ceramic and glass festive items and candles are all available.

### **Christian Aid Collection**

We are sending £1,000 from the Lunchtime Concert and Sunday collection towards the Hurricane Matthew appeal in Haiti.

**Junior Church** requires a laptop for Sunday mornings. It needs to have up to date software as it will be used by various members of the team. If you have one you no longer require, please contact Canon Edward Carter or Canon Ivor Moody.

### **Christmas Day Lunch**

The annual two course Christmas Day lunch of roast turkey, a choice of desserts and a glass of wine will take place in Chapter House. Cost is £10 per head and should be paid to Malcolm Treacher by 18 December. Our thanks to Mark Gerber of Stansted who is catering for the event. The lunch is open to anyone but please do join us especially if you will be on your own. Please contact Malcolm at the 11.15am service or at 3 Havencourt, Victoria Rd, CMI IEA, tel: 250061.

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

*Sunday:* Luke 23: 33-43  
*Monday:* Luke 21: 1-4  
*Tuesday:* Luke 21: 5-11  
*Wednesday:* Luke 21: 12-19

*Thursday:* Luke 21: 20-28  
*Friday:* Luke 21: 29-33  
*Saturday:* Luke 21: 34-36  
*Sunday:* Matthew 24: 36-44

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

### **Thought for the day**

For Jesus, there are no countries to be conquered, no ideologies to be imposed, no people to be dominated. There are only children, women and men to be loved.  
- Henri Nouwen

### **Please pray for:**

- Peggy and Ernie Andrews, Margaret Beverley, Sue Cockett, Judith Dean, Rosemary Duffin, Antoin Irtelli, Julie Liney, Janet Wallace; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The men and women who work in the emergency services providing 24 hour care and protection, both on the front line and behind the scenes. Pray too for hospital chaplains
- The Falkland Islands and the Rt Revd Nigel Stock, the Archbishop of Canterbury's representative in the Falklands
- Holy Trinity Springfield & St Andrew's Church, Boreham

## CATHEDRAL LIFE

### Now we are five

**THE SPECIAL TIME OF ADVENT** marks a time of reflection when we look ahead in wonder at the birth of Jesus and look back at times of celebration throughout the year.

The fact that we are not exactly sure when Jesus was born, seems to most of us irrelevant for it is the celebration of the event, the remembering and the love that matters. Christian Fathers, such as Saint Hippolytus of Rome apparently believed that Jesus was born on a Wednesday so we're happy with that!

At Welcome on Wednesday we



have always believed that we are celebrating God's love for us - just like in our own homes when we give our visitors the very best we can offer to make them feel special. But this is God's home and we are doing this on his behalf and it is in this very act of service that we realise that we are, indeed, truly humbled. That we meet, for the most part, inside the Cathedral itself is, for most people, the icing on the cake.

2016 - a year of big celebrations - the Queen was 90, Sister Ann was 80 and we are five. But we must surely be the longest-running pop-up café - starting from nothing and operating purely from donations. We have been open every Wednesday from 1.00pm until 3.00pm since 2011, including every Christmas time and New Year offering hospitality (hot tea-cakes and delicious home-made cakes by Gerald @ co.cakes) to all and to those burdened by life's worries, we offer a listening ear, support and prayer if required. Starting with a group of five, we now have a team of 18 who are totally discreet, loyal and reliable.

Four of us operate a rota for prayers at 2.00pm. This includes the Gospel reading of the day plus short prayers. This interlude,

hopefully, looks fairly casual but we do meet to plan sessions to be factual, succinct and current and prayers are offered for those who require them. Once after praying for those who work across all borders in war-torn countries, a couple came to me and told me they were doctors from Médecins Sans Frontières and that our café reminded them of home in Pakistan where people had set up a similarly warm and friendly café.

The café opens directly after the lunch-time Eucharist - and so God feeds us and we go on to feed others. We have held our own small exhibitions such as the one from our 'artist in residence' and talks from a visitor who takes spectacles to Paraguay every year. Musicians have played from street buskers to practising concert pianists, but although our background music has been curtailed by licensing laws, we are fine with the noise of chatter!

It is heartening to see that the café has become a community in itself where people look out for each other and take part in lively conversations and where lovely people are truly welcomed in for a chat, some peace, sustenance, rest - all emanating from God's love for them.



So we hope the light of Jesus, flickering on each table, will beckon you in, either as a visitor or as part of the team, and help us plan and grow our vision for the next five years!

Jean Standen

Lay Chaplain

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