

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 21 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am** **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 142  
*President: The Canon Theologian*
- 8.30am** Breakfast with the Bible, led by the Revd Dr Paul Beasley-Murray
- 9.30am** **PARISH EUCHARIST**  
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*Preacher: The Dean*
- 11.15am** **CHORAL EUCHARIST**  
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*Address: The Vice Dean*
- 4.30pm** **Round Table discussions**

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

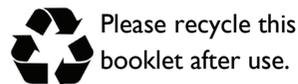
**Morning Prayer:** 7.45 am

**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

Sixth Sunday of Easter, 21 May 2017



## Ascension Day

**Ascension Day** celebrates Jesus taking his seat in glory, from where he continues as a living presence in our lives.

To mark this special day there are several distinctive features here at Chelmsford Cathedral - including two choral Eucharists and a once-a-year opportunity to do something very different: just before 8am the Cathedral Choir climbs to the top of the West tower to sing a hymn and anthem as part of a short service. The choir's singing can be heard from down below - wind permitting - and some heads are just visible above the parapets of the tower (see picture). Everyone is welcome to attend this short act of worship, lasting just under 15 minutes, which will be followed by a light breakfast in the Cathedral before a Choral Eucharist at 9am,



sung by the Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir.

At 5.15pm the students of St Mellitus College join us for another Eucharist featuring Kenneth Leighton's *Easter Sequence* accompanied by Laurence Lyndon-Jones and trumpeter Sam Ewens. Everyone is encouraged to mark this important date in the Christian calendar by attending one of the services.

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## Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

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**John 14: 15-21**

### Introduction & Context

Jesus continues to prepare his disciples for his departure. He has told them to “love one another” just as he has loved them ( 13:34). Love requires obedience and (v. 21) those who love him are those who obey. The Father will send them “another” (v. 16) representative as their “Advocate” or *champion*: one who will support, help and intercede for them. This is the Holy Spirit, the “Spirit of truth” (v. 17), of faith, of revealed doctrine. He is neither perceivable nor knowable by unbelievers, so they have no access to him. But “you” both recognize (“know”) him, because he will be within you and will remain (*abide*) in you. Jesus will come to you in the Spirit (v. 18). After Jesus’ death, unbelievers will not perceive him, but you will; because he lives (in a special way), so will you (v. 19). When he returns at the end of this era (v. 20), you will recognize that you have been taken into intimate association with both the Father and the Son. But (v. 21) this will only be so for followers who have divine love and show it by obeying me. Only to them will Jesus, the risen Christ, appear.

### 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 - 28 May 2017 : Easter 7

**9.30 am & 11.15 am:**

1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11

Psalm 68 vv 1-10

John 17: 1-11

**3.30 pm:**

*Psalm 1*

Ezekiel 36: 24-28

1 John 5: 9-13

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday 21 May

1.00pm

Meeting Point Lunch (White Hart, Little Waltham)

4.00pm

Round Table discussions with the Visitation team

### Monday 22 May

6.00 - 8.00pm

Youth Group (YMCA)

### Wednesday 24 May

9.30am

Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

11.00am - 3.00pm

24/7 Prayer (St Peter’s Chapel)

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)

6.00 - 8.00pm

Older Youth Group 14 + (Chapter House)

### Thursday 25 May

8.00am

Singing from the top of the Tower for Ascension Day (followed by refreshments)

9.00am

Choral Eucharist

10.45am

Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

5.15pm

Ascension Day Eucharist (with incense)

### Friday 26 May

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - The Cathedral School

reading by Dr David Greenwood. For more information please contact Canon Edward Carter on 01245 294486, or see the ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ poetry display in the Cathedral from 25 May.

### Thursday 8 June 2pm

**Mothers’ Union:** Board Games with Canon Edward Carter in St Cedd’s Hall, Chapter House.

## THE VISITATION

Bishop Graeme Knowles is conducting a Visitation of the Cathedral this week - a kind of Ofsted inspection for Cathedrals. Everyone is warmly invited to participate and there is a special round table discussion this afternoon 4.30 - 6 pm straight after Evensong. This is your opportunity to contribute.

## 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 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 promise of the Holy Spirit'.

**Yellow Envelopes** If you are a UK tax payer, please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope 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.

### **Thursday 25 May New Interests Visit**

New Interests are visiting Dedham for coffee and a stroll then lunch and an afternoon visit to the Munnings Museum. Car share available. For further details & bookings please contact Helen Clothier tel: 01245 496535.

On 6 June the group visits Cambridge University Botanic Gardens. Admission £5.50 (£4.95). Contact Ann Freese email: allfreese@supanet.com or tel: 01245 357096 for more details.

**Christian Aid Envelopes** are available in the Cathedral for the

next few weeks for those who missed them last week.

### **Casual Events Team**

The Cathedral is looking for more people to join its casual events team. The team sets up seating and / or staging before or after concerts and other events. The most frequent task is the 2 hours it takes to reset the Cathedral on a Saturday night ready for Sunday services (for which there is a fee of £25). Our current team has some excellent sixth formers who are heading off to university! If you'd like to join the team please contact Ruth Collin in the Cathedral office on 01245 294488 or ruth.collin@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

**The Children's Society** box collection this spring raised £334.19. Thank you all once again.  
*Richard Spilsbury*

### **Thursday 1 June 8pm**

**Mothers' Union:** Cookies with the MU Chaplain Canon Edward Carter in the Chapter House.

### **Monday 5 June 12.00 noon**

**Poetry Bring-and-Share Lunch**  
Following this year's 'Faith & Poetry' Lent Group there will be a Poetry Lunch in the Cathedral Outer North Aisle. Please bring food to share and a poem to read. The lunch will include a poetry

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	John 14: 15-21	<i>Thursday:</i>	Luke 24: 44-end
<i>Monday:</i>	John 15: 26-16: 4	<i>Friday:</i>	Matthew 13: 31-33
<i>Tuesday:</i>	John 16: 5-11	<i>Saturday:</i>	John 16: 23-28
<i>Wednesday:</i>	John 16: 12-15	<i>Sunday:</i>	John 17: 1-11

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

### **Thought for the day**

It is in our vulnerability that we find the inner truth.

- Revd Lucy Winkett

### **Please pray for:**

- Jacqui (nee Baines) and Adrian Greaney who join us today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their wedding here at Chelmsford Cathedral
- Jean Cooper, Amanda Corcoran, Rosemary Duffin, Jane Hopcraft, Julie Liney, Canon Simon Pothan; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The family and friends of former Cathedral warden John Churches who died suddenly this week
- Trinity Methodist Church
- The work of the Church Army, meeting people where they are in the community
- The Diocese of Ngbo (Enugu, Nigeria)

## Girls' Choir and Cantoria and Cadence



The Cathedral recently hosted an evening celebrating music written for upper-voices. Rosie Vinter, who was organ scholar here last year, brought two choirs from Abbots Bromley School to join forces with our own Cathedral Girls' Choir. The choirs sang a wide selection of music by Couperin, Fauré, Rutter, Schubert, Saint-Saëns, as well as music written for the Girls' Choir over the last two years.

## Gianni Schicchi



*Pictured: Alexander Jeffries, Edwin Dizer, James Davy, Laurence Panter, Wendy Sylvester, Katarina Melling, Anna Marie McLachlan, Tristan Harkcom*

Students from the City Lit opera course reprised their production of Puccini's comic opera *Gianni Schicchi* in the Cathedral on Sunday 7 May, performing to an appreciative audience. The cast included Cathedral chorister Elliot Harding-Smith, choral scholar Tristan Harkcom, and Organist and Master of the Choristers James Davy. The production was devised by Colin Baldy, and featured pianist Fabio Locatelli and conductor Andrea Cappelleri (both of whom had flown over from Italy especially for the two performances). As the students had been working on the opera in Italy just before the earthquakes of August 2016, two performances in October, and these last two were arranged to raise money for the Italian Red Cross earthquake appeal.