

THIS WEEK

Sunday 22 January - The Feast of Dedication

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 69

President: The Dean

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Rt Revd John Wraw,

Bishop of Bradwell

9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

President & Preacher: Rt Revd John Wraw, Bishop of Bradwell

11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST

President & Preacher: Rt Revd John Wraw, Bishop of Bradwell

3.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Address: The Canon Precentor

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 29 January - Candlemas

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 205

President: The Vice Dean

9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

President: The Vice Dean

Preacher: Eloise Minta, Girl Bishop

11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST with incense

President: Revd Kate Moore

Preacher: Heike Prentice

3.30pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Address: The Dean

6.00pm EPIPHANY AND CANDLEMAS CAROL SERVICE

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

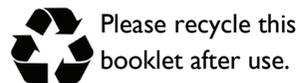
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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

The Feast of Dedication, Sunday 22 January 2017



Salvation Sculptures

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL is hosting six life-sized sculptures in a new exhibition. The pieces, which arrived directly from Norwich Cathedral on Monday, are the work of Iranian Christian sculptor Saloomeh Asgary.

Saloomeh has been fascinated with creating things since she was a small child living in Iran. She studied art at the University of Tehran and after graduating continued to study. Saloomeh was apprenticed as a carpenter and learned to use power tools, which is very unusual for a woman in Iran. She then set up her own workshop where most of the salvation sculptures were produced.

The six pieces, carved from pine, are entitled 'Jonah in the Fish', 'Motherhood', 'Repentance',



'Salvation', 'Maturing' and 'Christ is Born' and are on display throughout the Cathedral until 20 February. The exhibition is free and open every day.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Matthew 21: 12-16

Introduction & Context

Today the Cathedral celebrates its dedication festival - giving thanks for those who first built this great house of prayer and celebrating the lives of those who have worshipped here down the centuries and the people the cathedral has served.

This Gospel reading calls us back to our core purposes: first Jesus in cleansing the Temple puts justice at the heart of the life of the people, quoting the Old Testament: "My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you are making it a den of robbers. Second Jesus demonstrates in his healing of the lame that the Temple is for everyone - especially the broken and those whom the Law says are unclean and unworthy. That's what a Temple is for - and that's what a Cathedral is for!

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 - 29 January : Candlemas

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Malachi 3: 1-5

Psalms 24

Hebrews 2: 14-end

Luke 2: 22-40

3.30 pm:

Psalms 122, 132

Haggai 2: 1-9

John 2: 18-22

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 23 January

6.00 - 8.00pm Youth Group (YMCA)

Wednesday 25 January

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

8.00pm Theological Society (Chapter House)

Thursday 26 January

10.00am Eucharist

10.45am Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

Friday 27 January

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert - Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer (folk duo)

Saturday 28 January

9.00 - 11.00am Ministry of Welcome Volunteers' Presentation

6.00 - 10.00pm Swedish Meal Fundraiser

Saturday 4 February

Friends Winter Festival

commencing in the Cathedral at 3.00pm. For more details please contact Jackie Dryhurst tel: 01245 268596 after 4.30pm.

Sunday 19 February 1.00pm

Meeting Point Lunch at the Green Man, Howe Green.

If you would like to join others for Sunday lunch, please book with Maureen tel: 07872 942625

Wednesday 22 February

8.00pm

A Theological Society talk given by Matthew Simpkins being held in Chapter House. 'Is 'equality' a red herring? A reflection on Christian social ethics'.

CHRISTINGLE

Sunday 29 January at 3.30pm

Christingle is a beautiful service. It was originally created by Moravian Christians going through a time of trial - lighting a candle in the dark gave them real hope to carry on.

Today we celebrate Christingle particularly with children in mind, and collect money for the Children's Society.

This year's Christingle here at Chelmsford Cathedral is on Sunday, 29 January. That is the Feast of Candlemas - a day all about hope for the world and the light of Christ.

This lovely celebration begins at 3.30 pm and everyone is warmly welcome as we light our candles and encircle the Cathedral with their light.

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 at the Temple.

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.

Confirmations: if you would like to explore being confirmed here at the Cathedral on Easter Eve, please contact Canon Edward Carter on 01245 294486 or edward.carter@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk for information about preparation sessions this Spring.

For young people (11-25) interesting in exploring faith, and potentially confirmation, Tim will be running an introduction to Christianity course, starting in January. For details, please contact

him on tim.leeson@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

Antoin Irtelli is now very much better. 'Thank God for his answer to our prayers.'

Preparation of Christingles will take place on 28 January at 10.00am; there will be no activity today (22nd). Please contact me if you can help on Saturday or at the service on Sunday.

Richard Spilsbury tel: 268792

Cathedral Art Group: if you like painting or drawing, you are very welcome to come and join the Art Group. The group meets during 'term-time' on Thursdays, 1.30 – 3.30pm in the Learning Centre and pay £1 a head towards expenses. If you are interested, please call Tony Harrington on 01245 265052 or email: harrington303@outlook.com

Thank you to the 9.30am congregation (and the choir) who so willingly left the Cathedral when the Fire Alarm sounded at the end of the service. It was not a planned Fire Drill so we were all concerned that it might have been an indication of a fire on the premises.

Thank you for your patience, especially in the rain. For future reference, the Muster Point is over by the Shire Hall - not immediately outside the Cathedral doors.

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	Matthew 21: 12-16	<i>Thursday:</i>	Mark 4: 21-25
<i>Monday:</i>	Mark 3: 22-30	<i>Friday:</i>	Mark 4:26-34
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Mark 3: 31-end	<i>Saturday:</i>	Mark 4: 35-end
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Matthew 19:27-end	<i>Sunday:</i>	Luke 2: 22-40

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

Thought for the day

The day we find the perfect church, it becomes imperfect the moment we join it. — *Charles Spurgeon*

Please pray for:

- Judith Allen, Sue Cockett, Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The Spiritual Direction Co-ordinating Group and all who minister within it
- The Diocese of Lake Rukwa (Tanzania)
- Church of the Holy Name

Introducing the new Girl Bishop

'It is a pleasure to be the first girl Bishop to be installed in the Diocese of Chelmsford. I was elected on 6 December, the feast of Saint Nicholas, notably the patron of children. But what does this actually mean?

Dating back to the middle ages, the monarch would pick a small person to act as King. They could then make chaos in the city for the King to put right. However, I am not going to make chaos! My aim is to help the Diocese where I can and hopefully encourage children to get involved as much as possible.'

Eloise Minta

Eloise will be preaching at the 9.30am service next Sunday.



The Girls' Choir sang the Ceremony of Carols at Upminster last Saturday



The Cathedral Ball