

THIS WEEK

Sunday 22 April 2018 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 139

President: the Revd Kate Moore

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Heike Prentice

9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

President: the Very Revd Nicholas Henshall

Preacher: Canon Philip Need

11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST

President: the Revd Kate Moore

Preacher: Canon Philip Need

3.30pm EVENSONG

Address: the Revd Kate Moore

This morning Canon Edward Carter is presiding and preaching at St Andrew's Sandon

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 29 April 2018 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 141

President: Canon Ivor Moody

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible led by Tim Leeson

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

President: Canon Edward Carter

Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

11.15 am CHORAL EUCHARIST

President: the Revd Kate Moore

Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

3.30 pm EVENSONG and Celebration of the Commonwealth

Address: Bishop Trevor Mwamba

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

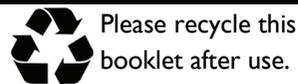
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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

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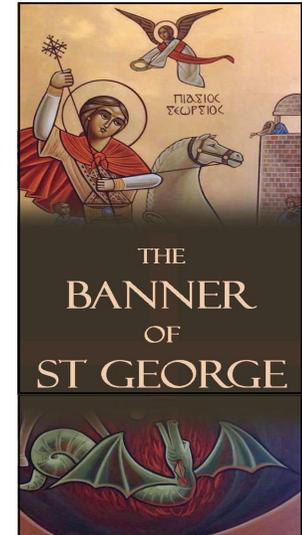


Banner of St George

TOMORROW is St George's day, and what better way to celebrate than to come to hear Elgar's magnificent **Banner of St George** sung by the Girls' Choir at 6pm this evening!

The piece follows the traditional tale of George and the dragon, with the chivalric story set to stirring music by Elgar. Originally written for full chorus and symphony orchestra, the arrangement for upper voices and piano retains the character of the original but also allows the music intimacy and space.

As it is such a rarely-performed piece, don't miss out on the chance to hear one of Elgar's best but also least well-known works!



Alongside the Banner of St George, the Girls' Choir will also be singing a selection of works by other English composers including Imogen Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

This free concert is this evening at 6pm.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

John 10.11-18

Introduction & Context

Today is often called Good Shepherd Sunday because of the theme of the Gospel and also Vocations Sunday, a day to reflect on how we are called.

Jesus continues to speak of himself as the good shepherd, an image familiar to his audience. True followers, he has said, recognize the good shepherd. "I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved ... and find pasture ... the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (vv. 9-10). Now he says that he is the "good" (v. 11) "shepherd", the one who dies for his "sheep", his flock. But the "hired hand" (v. 12) does not care enough to save the sheep from the "wolf". Jesus' relationship to people is like the Father's to him (v. 15). Who are the "other sheep" (v. 16)? We can only guess: perhaps they are non-Jews. They will have equal status with those who already follow Jesus, as part of one Church. Then v. 18: Jesus has been given the authority to choose to die and the power to rise again from the dead. He is in control of his own death and resurrection.

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.

Next Sunday's Readings - 29/4/18 : Easter 5

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

1 John 4.7-21
Psalm 22.25-31
John 15.1-8

3.30 pm:

Ps 96
Acts 11.1-18
Revelation 21.1-6

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 22 April

6.00pm

Free concert: Banner of St George

Monday 23 April

5.30 - 7.00pm

Youth Group Yr 6 - 8 (YMCA)

7.00 - 8.30pm

Youth Group Yr 9+ (YMCA)

Wednesday 25 April

9.30am

Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

11am - 3pm

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

LGBT Group (Chelmergate)

Thursday 26 April

9.30am

New Interests Group Visit (Chelmsford Railway Station)

10.00am

Eucharist

Friday 27 April

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - St Bernard's Chamber Choir

Saturday 28 April

7.15pm

Cathedral Dinner (tickets: Yvonne Spence)

Thursday 3 May 8pm

Mothers' Union meeting in Chapter House with a talk on Age UK by Penny Cowell.

Cathedral, the parish, the wider community, the Diocese and the world. All are welcome to come along.

Thursday 10 May 2pm

Mothers' Union meeting in Chapter House with a talk on English for Women by Sarah Carter.

Sunday 20 May 12.45pm

Meeting Point Lunch is being held at Pontlands Park. If you would like to join other people for a sociable Sunday lunch out, please book with Penny tel: 07872 942625.

Thursday 17 May 10.45am

The Cathedral Prayer Group will be meeting in the Johnson Room, Chapter House. The group will be praying for the

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 said: 'I am the Good Shepherd'.

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.

Gardeners wanted! There is a little garden behind the ASDA superstore which used as a sitting out place for the staff and is also a memorial garden for former employees. Sadly it is overgrown. With my Workplace Chaplaincy hat on, I wonder if there would be anybody interested in working with me to restore it to its former glory? This would be a community project, and it would be great to have some serious cathedral input on this!! Please let me know. Ivor; tel: 01245 294493.

World Church Sunday

On Sunday 27 May the Cathedral will be celebrating its links with the worldwide church with a special service at 9.30am. A small team will be planning ideas for this service over a coffee on **Saturday 5 May**. The planning meeting will be at 9.30am in the Cathedral North Transept, at the start of the monthly 'Coffee in the Cathedral' event. Anyone is welcome to drop by and join the discussion on 5 May, or contact Canon Edward Carter for more information or to contribute ideas.

English for Women

Many of you have asked how you can support English for Women. There is now an opportunity to donate via a 'giving leaflet' which can be found in the welcome area at the South door. Thank you.

There are two OHPs with some film that is free to anyone who would like them. If they are interested, please contact me on 01245 294480 or lindsay.rae@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

Children's Society

Please return money boxes for opening this month, please, if possible to me. Alternatively they can be given directly to a verger for safe keeping. Boxes are always available for new holders. *Richard Spilsbury*.

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	John 10.11-18	<i>Thursday:</i>	John 13.16-20
<i>Monday:</i>	John 15.18-21	<i>Friday:</i>	John 14.1-6
<i>Tuesday:</i>	John 10.22-30	<i>Saturday:</i>	John 14.7-12
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Mark 13.5-13	<i>Sunday:</i>	John 15.1-8

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

Thought for the day

Holiness is not swooning in mystic rapture but develops through small gestures and should leave Christians in a state of healthy unease.

- Pope Francis

Please pray for:

- David Brider, Rosemary Duffin, Lydia Gladwin, Julie Liney, Bartholomew Mullane; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- St Paul's Church, Great Baddow
- All who serve in the Church in a variety of different ways
- The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (the Anglican Communion in Japan) & the Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, Primate of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

God calls each of us in baptism to be his witnesses in daily life. He calls us to be teachers, parents, surf boarders, business men, health care workers, and across every part of life. He also calls out some to work in the engine room of the church as ordained ministers. These people are not any more important than any other Christian, but they have an important job to do in directing the Christian community, teaching and preaching. Philip Need, the Diocesan Director of Ordinands, is preaching here today to reflect on this.

Easter Holiday Club

On Tuesday 3 – Thursday 5 April 2018 something new happened at Chelmsford Cathedral.

During this Easter week over 70 children from the Junior Church, the Cathedral School and elsewhere came to the Cathedral to enjoy a Holiday Club, with themed activities based on the Easter Story, from the events of Maundy Thursday through to the Resurrection on Easter Day.

It was the vision and inspiration of Rebecca Minta, one of our young people and a member of the Girls' Choir, ably supported by Marion Emuss (the director of the Cathedral's Schools Visits programme), young people - musicians and singers - from the diocesan youth service and Holy Trinity Springfield and a small army of willing volunteers including Junior Church parents, diocesan staff and members and friends from the Cathedral congregation.

Each day the children watched a video about the various stages of the Easter story as it unfolded, learnt some fun Easter 'action' songs, used the Cathedral nave for lots of exciting team games, and explored the Easter Story through many art and craft workshops, including clay crosses, bracelet making, art and collage work, Easter message cards, and a beautiful picture of Jesus and his disciples at the Last Supper table constructed entirely with different coloured tissue paper, which was on



display in the Cathedral.

A huge thank you to Rebecca for her idea and determination to see it through, and to everyone who lent their support- not least our verger team who prepared the Cathedral for the children each day. As the children painted and sang and danced and laughed, several visitors to the Cathedral expressed their support and admiration for what was going on, and one said 'I am in the Cathedral today full of happiness, because there is so much joy here!' This is what a cathedral is for!

Ivor Moody, Vice Dean and Canon Pastor.



Oklahoma comes to Essex

The Cathedral's covenant partner church, Trinity Methodist, is putting on a production of the musical 'Oklahoma' this May at the Civic Theatre here in Chelmsford. Edward and Sarah Carter are taking part in the show, which features well-known songs such as 'Oh what a beautiful mornin'', 'Everythin's up to date in Kansas City', 'The Farmer and the Cowman', and the title song 'Oklahoma!' The show dates are Tuesday 15th to Saturday 19th May at 7.30pm, with an additional matinee performance at 2.30pm on the



Saturday. The box office number is 01245 606505. Meanwhile Canon Edward is hard at work learning his words and his dance steps, and of course perfecting his mid-west USA accent! He'd love to see you there.