

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 24 September - Holy Cross

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 180

*President: The Vice Dean*

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible led by Revd Dr Paul Beasley-Murray

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST and baptism of Leia Pardue**

*President: Revd Kate Moore*

*Preacher: The Vice Dean*

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

*President: The Vice Dean*

*Preacher: Revd Kate Moore*

1.30pm Baptism of Stanley Johnson

3.30pm **The installation of the Archdeacon of Harlow**

*Address: Ven Vanessa Herrick, Archdeacon of Harlow*

*This morning the Dean is at St Michael's Fobbing and St Mary's Corringham.*

## NEXT WEEK

### Sunday 1 October - Harvest Festival

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 182

*President: Revd Kate Moore*

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible led by Revd Kate Moore

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST and Parade**

*President: The Vice Dean*

*Preacher: Revd Ade Eleyae*

11.15 am **ESSEX COUNTY HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

*President: The Dean*

*Preacher: Revd Janet Nicholls*

3.30 pm **EVENSONG**

*Address: Revd Kate Moore*

### 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

Trinity 15, 24 September 2017



## Harvest Thanksgiving

Harvest Festival was created by a Cornish vicar in the 19th century to reconnect the mission of the church to the life of the community. And that's exactly what we are doing here at Chelmsford Cathedral next Sunday!



The 9.30am Eucharist is a parade service with a special collection for UK-Aid, supporting children in Ukraine (see uk-aid.org) and the 11.15am is the first ever Essex County Harvest - a fantastic popular and choral celebration of harvest involving the farming community from across Essex, with some exciting surprises along the way. Two great celebrations - a warm invitation to all, and a great opportunity to bring a friend.

### MISSION SUNDAY

8 October 2017

As we do each year, there will be no 9.30am or 11.15am on 8 October. Instead everybody (including the clergy and choir) are invited to worship in other places. If you want suggestions, please ask. And do bring your stories back to share!

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## Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

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### Matthew 20: 1-16

#### Introduction & Context

The passage begins "... the kingdom of heaven is like ..." - the wages stand for God's grace. God *chooses to give* (v. 14) the same to all: the landowner pays "whatever is right" (v. 4) – there is no hierarchy in heaven. God is generous to all who believe. Many who seem less deserving will be treated generously too: this is God's (free) choice. All true disciples are equal in God's eyes, however and whenever they come to faith. What matters is God's call to us, and our response. V. 16 is unexpected: those who were hired last are paid first (v. 8); those who have worked all day expect, but do not receive, a bonus. In Jesus' day, opportunity and privilege were far from equal; he goes against contemporary thinking and action: we are all dependent on God's mercy. A scholar has defined a parable as a metaphor or simile drawn from nature or common life, arresting the hearer by its vividness or strangeness, and leaving the mind in sufficient doubt about its precise application to tease it into active thought. It is strange that the landowner miscalculates his need for help three times – but to emphasize this is to miss the point.

#### 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 - 1 October 2017 : Harvest

**9.30 am & 11.15 am:**

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

Luke 12: 16-30

**3.30 pm:**

*Psalm 100*

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

John 6: 25-35

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday 25 September

6 - 8pm

Youth Group (YMCA)

### Wednesday 27 September

9.30am

Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

12.35pm

Eucharist

1 - 3pm

Welcome on Wednesday in the North Transept

1 - 4pm

Friendship Club (Chapter House)

6 - 8pm

14+ LGBT+ group (Chelmergate)

### Thursday 28 September

10 am

Eucharist

### Friday 29 September

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Saxology (saxophone ensemble)

### Saturday 30 September

10am, 2 & 6pm

Ordinations of Deacons

6 - 9pm

Cathedral Harvest Supper & Family Barn Dance (Cathedral School)

### Sunday 15 October:

**Cantata Evensong, 3.30pm** with Bach's Reformation Cantata BWV80 with visiting musicians from the diocese of Karlstad, followed by a **Martin Luther Exhibition** of books from the Cathedral's Knightbridge Collection 4.30-6pm.

### Wednesday 18 October 8pm

Grundtvig Cantata led by St Clement's Youth Choir, Denmark. Classic hymns in new English versions. also:

**Theological Society meeting** in the Chapter House. Barbara Ridpath speaks on 'Christian Stewardship and the Theology of Water'. £3.50 payable on the door.

### Thursday 19 October 2pm

**Mothers' Union** meeting in the Learning Centre with the Revd Canon Ivor Moody speaking on his sabbatical.

### Daily Prayer

**9-13 October**

ARU are once again holding the university graduations here at the Cathedral. It is great to welcome them 9-13 October. But that means the daily prayer of the Cathedral - which is statutorily the most important work we do - needs to find a home! So the daily prayer is going walkabout! Mon - Fri Morning Prayer (7.45), the daily Eucharist (8.15) and Evensong (5.15) will be celebrated at the Ascension on Maltese Road. Everyone is - as always - very welcome to join in! (There will be no Wednesday 12.35 or Thursday 10am that week.)

## 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 the Chapter House. This week's theme is 'The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard'.

**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.

**Ride and Stride Event** for the Friends of Essex Churches raise money for church maintenance took place last Saturday with people walking and riding to churches right across Essex and East London.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the reception desk, including Penny Cowell, Mary Bradford, Jennifer Webb, Pam Bridger, Francis Parish, David Waugh, Oliver and Francesca Themistocleous. And a particular thank you to Libby Hill who raised nearly £1500,

### **English for Women**

The new term has started and the group are looking for more volunteers to help with either teaching the ladies or looking after the children. There is a particular need for Wednesdays. If you would like to find out more, please email Suzanne at admin@englishforwomen.org

### **Saturday 30 September 6-9pm Cathedral Harvest Supper & Family Barn Dance**

A fantastic evening for ALL ages ... come and join the fun or just sit and watch it! It's in the Cathedral School Hall and includes a two course supper. Bring your own drinks. £5 a head ( under 5s free). Tickets from the Social Committee or Yvonne Spence tel 465108 or email yvonnespence@hotmail.com

### **Sunday 1 October**

**3pm: Chelmsford Cathedral and Chelmsford Mosque** meet again in an eagerly-awaited return cricket match. It takes place from 3 pm on 1 Oct at Willingale Cricket Club (CM5 0SJ). It is a great community event with delicious refreshments provided and everyone is welcome!. Cllr John Aldridge, Essex County Council chair, is 3rd umpire and the Mayor of Chelmsford is also hoping to attend. Do come along and support this community match.

**Wednesday 4 October 8.00pm  
Mothers' Union meeting** with Revd Janet Allwright. All welcome.

### **Saturday 14 October 7.30pm Concert: Caprice Orchestra**

A varied programme of popular classics. Proceeds to Essex Mind & Spirit, an organisation that supports those with mental health issues and challenges the stigma around mental health. Tickets £10 tel: 01245 465718.

**Sunday 15 October 12.45pm  
The next Meeting Point Lunch** will be held at Pontlands Park Hotel. Please book via Maureen tel: 01245 697781.

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

|                   |                       |                  |                |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <i>Sunday:</i>    | Matthew 20: 1-16      | <i>Thursday:</i> | Luke 9: 7-9    |
| <i>Monday:</i>    | Matthew 13: 44-46, 52 | <i>Friday:</i>   | John 1.47-51   |
| <i>Tuesday:</i>   | Luke 8: 19-21         | <i>Saturday:</i> | Luke 9: 43b-45 |
| <i>Wednesday:</i> | Luke 9: 1-6           | <i>Sunday:</i>   | Luke 12: 16-30 |

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

### **Thought for the day**

the pride of those who live as if they believed they were better than anyone else is rooted in a secret failure to believe in their own goodness. — *Thomas Merton*

### **Please pray for:**

- Rosemary Duffin, Michael Harrington, Julie Liney, Canon Simon Pothen; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- Christian Growth Centre (now Skylark), Great Baddow
- The Diocesan Director of Communications, Ralph Meloy and his communications team
- The Diocese of Florida (The Episcopal Church, USA)

### **Weekday events 9-13 October**

Groups that regularly meet in the Chapter House, Cathedral or Learning Centre will not be meeting between the dates above due to the Anglia Ruskin University graduation ceremonies taking place in the Cathedral all that week. All morning and evening services will be held at the Church of the Ascension, Maltese Road. The Wednesday and Thursday Eucharists are cancelled.

## Holy Cross Sunday



Junior Church celebrated Holy Cross Day by looking at symbols of love. The younger children drew pictures of people they loved whilst the older children created a collage on the crosses which were placed at the altar during communion.



Siddartha Frost was baptised by the 11.15 Eucharist on Sunday morning. Siddartha (Sid) is one of our young choristers and it was a very special moment for him, his family, and the Cathedral Choir, who stood around the font during the baptism and afterwards sang a short baptismal anthem by James MacMillan.



A group from Lloyds Bank cycled 220 miles over three days from Chelmsford Cathedral to Ely Cathedral raising money for the Arthrogyriposis group.

The Dean and Canons went to wave them off between Morning Prayer and the daily Eucharist - here is the Dean blessing them.



Last Saturday was the national Heritage Open Day and the Dean led a lively tour of the Cathedral with a diverse group of people including our new MP and a couple who had driven from Surrey just to be here!