

THIS WEEK

Sunday 25 February - Second Sunday of Lent

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 88

President: the Revd Ade Eleyae

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Canon Edward Carter

9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

President: The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall

Preacher: the Revd Ade Eleyae

11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST

President: Canon Edward Carter

Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

3.30pm EVENSONG

4.30pm The Dean's Round Table (2)

This evening the Canon Edward Carter is leading the worship and preaching at the Cooksmill Green Congregational Church.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 4 March - Third Sunday of Lent

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 89

President: Canon Ivor Moody

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible led by Canon Edward Carter

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

President: Canon Ivor Moody

Preacher: Heike Prentice

11.15 am CHORAL EUCHARIST

President: Canon Edward Carter

Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

3.30 pm CIVIC SERVICE

Address: The Rt Revd Hugh Allan O. Praem

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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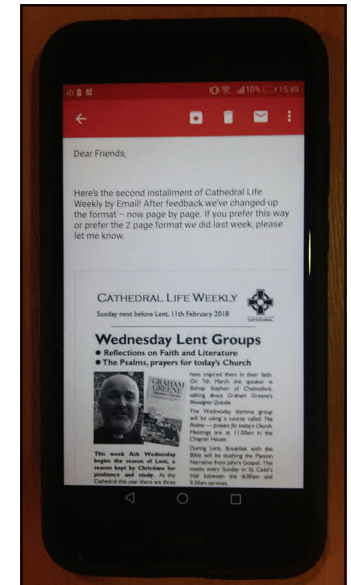
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A different way to receive the newssheet

THE WEEKLY NEWS SHEET is an essential part of our regular communications as a Cathedral, and we want to make it as widely available as possible!

The newssheet goes to print on a Wednesday ready to pick up on Sunday. It is also available in colour on the website. But now you can also receive the newssheet directly to your email, usually on a Thursday morning. You don't have to download it but arrives ready to read and in full colour - on your computer, tablet and phone. It is a great way to stay in touch, and you can unsubscribe at any time.



Over 40 people have already signed up for the email version of the news sheet and we really want to encourage as many people as possible to do so. If you would like to, send your name and email to: news@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk saying that you would like to receive the newssheet via email.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Mark 8.31-38

Introduction & Context

Jesus has asked his disciples: "... who do you say that I am?" (v. 29); Peter has answered him: "You are the Messiah". Jesus now predicts his Passion for the first time. He teaches them something unexpected: that the Messiah ("the Son of Man", v. 31) will suffer, be rejected, killed, and rise again. contrary to contemporary (and their) expectation. When Peter impetuously rejects Jesus' teaching, he is told that he is under the influence of the devil: he is relying on human values, not divine ones (v. 33). Jesus then describes true discipleship: first, a disciple must renounce self-centeredness ("deny themselves", v. 34) and follow him. Those who are prepared to give even their lives ("take up their cross") for his sake and for the sake of spreading the good news ("gospel", v. 35) will have (eternal) life. Those who seek worldly well-being and deny their true selves will be the losers (vv. 35-37). View things from a divine, rather than human, viewpoint. At the Last Day ("when he comes in ... glory", v. 38), Christ will not stand up for those who shirk from being identified with him and the good news.

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 - Lent 3 : 4 March 2018

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Exodus 20.1-17

Psalm 19.7-14

John 2.13-22

3.30 pm:

Pss 11, 12

Isaiah 55.1-9

I Corinthians 10.1-13

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 26 February

5.30 - 7.00pm Youth Group yr 6-8 (Escape Rooms)

7.00 - 8.30pm Youth Group yr 9+ (Escape Rooms)

Wednesday 28 February

9.30am Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

11.00am Lent Group (Johnson Room)

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 LGBT Group (Chelmergate)

7.30pm Lent Group Reflections on Faith & Literature - *Cloud Atlas* by David Mitchell with Linda Brown Easton

Thursday 1 March

10.00am Eucharist

8.00pm Mothers' Union (Chapter House)

Friday 2 March

10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer (Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church)

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert - Rosie Vinter (organ)

7.00pm Compline

Saturday 3 March

8.15am Holy Communion with the laying on of hands

10.00am Coffee in the Cathedral

Thursday 15 March 10.45am

The next Cathedral Prayer Group session takes place in the Chapter House. All welcome to come and join others to pray for the Cathedral, parish, wider community, the Diocese and the needs of the world.

Sunday 18 March 12.45pm

Meeting Point Lunch

Enjoy Sunday lunch with others at The Hare. For further details and to book a place, please contact Maureen tel: 01245 697781

Tuesday 3 April to Thursday 5 April

As part of a Diocesan scheme, 'Encounter Young Leaders', I am going to be running an **Easter Holiday Club** from 3rd to 5th April at the Cathedral for children aged between 6 and 11. If you would like to volunteer or sign up to take part in the holiday club, please see the information on the Cathedral website, on Face Book and Twitter. Alternatively please email rminta@virginmedia.com
Rebecca Minta

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, 'Take up your cross and follow me ...'.

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.

The Art Club meet on Thursdays in the Learning Centre from 1.30 - 3.30pm. All welcome to come along and paint or draw in the company of others. If you would like more information please contact Tony Harrington on 01245 265052 or email: harrington303@outlook.com

Easter Lilies

If you would like to sponsor a lily in memory of a loved one, the cost will be the same as last year £3.00. Please give your donation or a cheque made payable to Chelmsford Cathedral Flower Guild to our treasurer; Isabel Fyfe, 129 Beeches Rd, Chelmsford, CMI 2SA (01245 258505). Memorial cards for your name and message will be available from the Treasurer or the vergers' office.

Monday 5 March 7.45pm

Volunteers' Steering Group meets in the Johnson Room. All Group leaders (or a representative from each group) are invited. It would be good if **every group of volunteers in the Cathedral** – whatever their activity - is represented. Alternatively, please advise me of any issues that you would like us to discuss. Andrew Duke (Volunteer Co-ordinator) 01245 697970.

The funeral of Dorothy Phillips, will be held in the Cathedral on **Monday 5 March** at 12.45pm.

Thursday 8 March 2pm

Mothers' Union meeting in St Cedd's Hall meet for an afternoon of Lenten reflection led by Marion Ketley.

Saturday 10 March 7.30pm

The Stondon Singers will be performing Bach's *St John Passion* in the Cathedral accompanied by the John Jenkins Consort. The soloists include former Cathedral singers Tim Travers-Brown and Themba Mvula. Tickets, £18 and £12 are available on the bookstall or from Nick Alston. 01245 262361 or nkalston@aol.com

Thursday 15 March 9.45am

New Interests' Group and Cathedral Walking Group walk. Meet in The Ship car park for the church tour at 10am, led by Roy Tricker BEM. Coffee is at 11am at The Ship followed by a coastal walk and lunch back at the pub. All welcome for all or part of the day. Contact Anne Sparrow email: anniesp23@yahoo.co.uk or Ann Freese email: allfreese2@gmail.com

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	Mark 8.31-38	<i>Thursday:</i>	Luke 16.19-end
<i>Monday:</i>	Luke 6.36-38	<i>Friday:</i>	Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Matthew 23.1-12	<i>Saturday:</i>	Luke 15.1-3, 11-end
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Matthew 20.17-28	<i>Sunday:</i>	John 2.13-22

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

Thought for the day

The question that must guide all organizing activity in a parish is not how to keep people busy, but how to keep them from being so busy that they can no longer hear the voice of God who speaks in silence. — *Henri Nouwen*

Please pray for:

- David Brider, Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Bartholomew Mullane; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- St Andrew's Church, Sandon
- Fairness and justice in our global trading system as Fairtrade Fortnight begins. Pray for fair prices for producers and for local initiatives in the Diocese that highlight Fairtrade products
- The Anglican Church in the Region of Central America and the Most Revd Sturdie Downs, Primate

Dean's Round Table Sundays 25 Feb & 11 March.

4.30 - 6pm in the North Transept

25 Feb looks at whether we should still be a parish church and how we serve the city, diocese and region.

11 March looks forward: if we had the resources to do anything, what would be our top ten priorities?

Come along to any or all of them and make your voice heard.

Veterans' Images on Parade



The Cathedral hosted an exhibition of images taken by former soldiers. The 150 images were visited by 100s of people across three days, including the Mayor of Chelmsford Cllr Duncan Lumley and MP Vicki Ford. BBC Look East also filmed the exhibition talking to former soldier Peter Harclerode and Canon Edward Carter.



Developing lay leadership *Towards the Annual Meeting*

The Chapter (the Cathedral's governing body) is responding to the recommendations from the Visitation and the national report of the Cathedrals' Working Group. These documents ask us to review and develop lay leadership - so at the Annual Meeting in April the congregations are invited to consider the following changes:

Churchwardens are the only elected representatives of the congregations. They have few of the responsibilities of wardens in parish churches, so their representative role is even more important. They are the voice of the congregations and confidential counsellors to the Dean. Wardens here will always have some ceremonial responsibilities in Cathedral worship, particularly at 9.30 & 11.15 on Sundays and on major diocesan occasions. And Chapter is very happy for two assistants to be appointed to work with the churchwardens and to deputise for them.

One consequence of this is that we need to recruit new teams of

volunteers to count collections - a job which Archdeacons nationally are clear should not be the task of Wardens. That is one challenge - recruiting people for this simple but important task.

Sidespeople are key for welcome and hospitality. They have three really important roles - to smile and say "Welcome to Chelmsford Cathedral!"; to give out service booklets; and to look out for newcomers, and be on hand to help.

The Chapter invites the Annual Meeting to consider the appointment of a key new volunteer role of Head Sidesperson, and to recruit a larger number and wider range of Sidespeople, reflecting our diverse congregations and community.

Pray, think, and talk about these things. They bring us into line with best practice in the wider Church of England, and also encourage all of us to play a full part in the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

Nicholas Henshall