

THIS WEEK

Sunday 25 June - Feast of St Peter (Patronal Festival)

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 158

President: The Canon Theologian

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Tim Leeson

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: The Vice Dean

Preacher: The Canon Theologian

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

President: The Canon Theologian

Preacher: Heike Prentice

3.30pm **EVENSONG** attended by the Essex Freemasons

Address: The Dean

This morning the Dean is leading the worship at St John's, Moulsham.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 2 July - Trinity 3

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 160

President: The Dean

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: The Canon Theologian

Preacher: The Dean

11.15 am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

President: Revd Kate Moore

Preacher: Chris Smith

3.30 pm **EVENSONG**

Address: The Dean

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

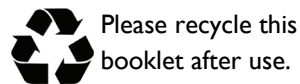
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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

Feast of Peter the Apostle, 25 June 2017



The Voluntary Choir

FOR over a decade the Cathedral's worship has been regularly served (in addition to the Cathedral Choir and Girls' Choir) by an entirely voluntary group of singers, singing choral services in choir holidays and in term time, giving annual performances of *Stainer's Crucifixion* and *Wood's St Mark Passion*, occasional combined services with the Cathedral Choir and Girls' Choir, as well as representing the Cathedral at Voluntary Choir Festivals around the UK.



Members of the Voluntary Choir at a festival in Lichfield Cathedral in 2015

This ministry has been greatly appreciated, but it is no longer possible to maintain, and the choral services on Sunday 23 July will be the last sung by the Voluntary Choir. We are

enormously grateful to all those who have contributed their talents and resources to the choir, and its musical offering and we invite you to join us at Evensong which will include a formal thanksgiving for the choir and its members past and present, and a reception afterwards.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Matthew 16.13-19

Introduction & Context

This is the Gospel for St Peter's Day, one of our patronal festivals. Jesus asks his disciples: who do people say that I am? Herod thinks that he is "John the Baptist" (v. 14); "Elijah" was expected to return at the end of time; "Jeremiah" foretold rejection and suffering. When Jesus asks the disciples the same question (v. 15), Peter has a vital insight, which "my Father" (v. 17), not humans ("flesh and blood"), has revealed to him. Vv. 18-19 are particularly thorny, for they are overloaded with the issue of papal authority; I seek to avoid this issue.

The renaming of Simon is at the heart of the passage - and is laden with irony and hope. Jesus names Simon "Peter" - a word that simply means "Rock". The Gospel make clear that Peter is the least "rock-like" among the followers of Jesus, and yet he is precisely the person Jesus chooses to lead the Twelve.

Jesus gives Peter "the keys" (v. 19), the ability to unlock the mysteries of the Kingdom; a symbol of authority over the Church.

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 - 2 July 2017 :Trinity 3

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Romans 6: 12-end

Psalm 89 vv 8-18

Matthew 10: 40-end

3.30 pm:

Psalm 30

Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24

Mark 5: 21-43

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 26 June

6.00 - 8.00pm

Youth Group (YMCA)

Tuesday 27 June

7.30pm

School for Disciples

Wednesday 28 June

9.30am

Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

10.00 - 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)

Thursday 29 June

10.00am

Eucharist

Friday 30 June

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Cathedral Choral Scholars

2.30pm

Wedding of Beth Pothen and Nathan Joss

Saturday 1 July

8.15am

Holy Communion with Laying on of Hands

10.00am

Coffee in the Cathedral

7.00pm

Concert: Chelmsford Singers

Sunday 9 July 7.30pm

Stabat Mater: A concert in aid of the Italian Red Cross earthquake appeal. Tickets £10 each available from billetto.co.uk or the Cathedral Office tel: 01245 294481.

Wednesday 12 July 7pm

Fellowship Groups Social Evening in the Learning Centre at 7.00pm. This will be a gathering for members of all the Cathedral Fellowship Groups, with light refreshments. Anyone interested in joining a fellowship group is also very welcome. For more details contact Canon Edward Carter on 01245 294486.

Thursday 13 July 2pm

Mothers' Union Garden Party in Guy Harlings Garden.

Sunday 16 July 12.45pm

Meeting Point lunch: at Côte Brasserie (opposite the Cathedral). Book with Penny tel: 07872 942625.

Wednesday 19 July 8pm

Theological Society Meeting: Revd Dr Fiona Stewart-Darling speaks on 'God is alive in the public arena: a view from the workplace'. St Cedd's Hall, Chapter House, £3.50 payable on the door.

Saturday 29 July 6.30pm

Celebrity Organ Recital with Peter King. Admission £8 including a drinks reception. Tickets available from the Cathedral Bookshop and on the door.

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 'Saint Peter'.

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 Dean's sermon from Sunday 18 June can be found on the website. The book "This is London" by Ben Judah referred to in the Dean's sermon was also recommended reading by Libby Purvis this week writing in the Times.

Join our concert team!

The Cathedral is delighted to be welcoming back the world-famous London Community Gospel Choir who'll be performing here on 9 September. We're looking for a volunteer team to support the concert – you'll get to see behind the scenes, welcome the audience and of course attend the concert! If you'd like to help please contact Ruth Collin in the Cathedral office on ruth.collin@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk or call 01245 294488.

Sunday 2 July 12.30-4pm Patronal Festival Party

The patronal festival is taking place in Guy Harling's Garden. It has been organized by a group of our young families so it would be great to see it well-supported! There will be fun and games and competitions for all the family, as well as a chance to chill out and relax with others. Bring a picnic, rug or chairs.

Monday 3 July 7.45pm

Volunteers Steering Group meets on in the Johnson Room at 7.45pm. 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

Thursday 6 July 10.30am

The next **Cathedral Walking Group** is being led by Eric and Jean. Meet at the Mill Beach Pub, Heybridge CM9 4RA at 10.30am. There is plenty of parking and a chance to order food before the walk. It will be a pleasant walk along the estuary and the canal and a chance to see the many birds in this area.

Thursday 6 July 7.45pm

Mothers' Union visit Ascension Church, Maltese Road Chelmsford for a tour and refreshments. Parking available. Please call Janet Pettifer tel: 01245 421532 to let her know if you wish to go.

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	Matthew 16.13-19	<i>Thursday:</i>	Matthew 16.13-19
<i>Monday:</i>	Matthew 7: 1-5	<i>Friday:</i>	Matthew 8: 1-4
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Matthew 7: 6, 12-14	<i>Saturday:</i>	Matthew 8: 5-17
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Matthew 7: 15-20	<i>Sunday:</i>	Matthew 10: 40-end

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

Thought for the day

'Pay attention to the people whom God puts in your path if you want to discern what God is up to in your life'.

— Henri Nouwen

Please pray for:

- Jean Cooper, Amanda Corcoran, Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Cyril Mills, Canon Simon Pothen; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers.
- Ascension with All Saints Church
- Denis Huntley and his team as they minister to the less able within our Diocese
- The Diocese of the Northern Territory (Queensland, Australia)

Volunteering Update ...

With around 400 volunteers operating in many different ways within our Cathedral community, our Safeguarding Officer (Elizabeth Marshall) is still involved in a mammoth exercise to ensure that Chelmsford Cathedral conforms to what is now best practice for volunteers across all cathedrals.

I am very mindful that some volunteers despair at requests for any form of change or need for form-filling but it is simply not an area in which we have any choice now. The Cathedral has a fundamental obligation to ensure that all new volunteers complete the Diocesan Declaration and that all our existing volunteers complete the form too. Indeed we are now advised that unless the form is completed, even a long-established volunteer will need to step down.

I do hope that our volunteers will accept that this is a country-wide requirement and complete the form when requested by their leader; blank forms are available adjacent to the south door. And many thanks to the great majority of you who have completed the declarations to date.

Whilst this exercise had been going on many of you will also have been approached to complete a *Volunteer Role Profile* – in most cases just one side of an A4 sheet. This contains the main responsibilities of your volunteering duty and invites you to acknowledge that you have (and read!) the Cathedral's Volunteer Policy; it is not a contract! We have been asking all new volunteers to sign this form for some time and are now extending it to all volunteers. It has already proved to be a significant aid to recruitment.

It has taken time to agree the appropriate wording of the forms for each volunteer group and the Chapter is very grateful for the great support of Andrew Duke and all members of the Volunteer Support Group.

And do remember that this is a two way process, ensuring not only your security and protection but putting Chapter under an obligation to provide appropriate support and development for volunteers, one it is very eager to undertake.

*Nicholas Henshall
Dean of Chelmsford &
Andrew Duke
Volunteer Coordinator*

As their year draws to a close, the scholars (pictured right with James Davy) gave a concert after Evensong last Sunday. They will sing again at the lunchtime concert on Friday 30 June at 12.30pm.



The Volunteers' Thanksgiving Service

