

## THIS WEEK

**Sunday 26 March 2017 - Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)**

**8.00am HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 91

*President: Canon Ivor Moody*

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

**9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST with Parade Service**

*President: Canon Ivor Moody*

*Preacher: Canon Edward Carter*

**11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST**

*President: Canon Edward Carter*

*Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody*

**3.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG**

*Address: Canon Edward Carter*

*This morning the Dean is at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow.*

## NEXT WEEK

**Sunday 2 April - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 94

*President: Revd Kate Moore*

**9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST**

*President: The Vice Dean*

*Preacher: The Dean*

**11.15 am CHORAL EUCHARIST**

*President: The Dean*

*Preacher: The Vice Dean*

**3.30 pm CHORAL EVENSONG**

*Address: Revd Kate Moore*

**Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):**

**Morning Prayer:** 7.45 am

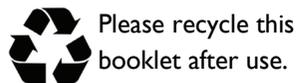
**Holy Communion:** 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

**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

4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday), 26 March 2017



## Bishop's Lent Appeal

**TODAY** our Eloise, this year's girl bishop, will be launching the Bishop's Lent Appeal here at Chelmsford Cathedral. All of us are invited to get involved.



This year's appeal is raising money for two projects - a borehole in the Isiolo region of northern Kenya, and equipment for the new maternity wing at the Mount Kenya Hospital. The hospital itself was the focus of the Lent Appeal two years ago, following a visit to the hospital by a group from Chelmsford, including the Dean.

dioceses of Mount Kenya East. But as news continues to come in of the terrible famine in East Africa, it is also a powerful contribution to frontline services at a time of huge stress for the people of Kenya and the neighbouring countries.

It is great to be supporting projects we have real confidence in because they are part of the strong links we have with the five

Please give generously.

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## Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

### John 9

#### Introduction & Context

Encountering the blind man, Jesus dismisses the link between sin and illness; rather this is the with opportunity to do the works of God. Jesus takes earth (the substance from which *human*, Adam, was made), makes a “mud” (v. 6) poultice, and applies it to the man’s eyes. If he has trust enough to go to the “pool” (v. 7) and wash it off, he will have sight. He does; thus Jesus completes one of “God’s works” (v. 3). John draws attention to “Siloam” (v. 7) as meaning “Sent”, thereby alluding to Jesus as *sent* for the salvation of humankind – so washing symbolizes baptism.

The Pharisees consider making mud on the sabbath as breaking the Law (v. 14). They too are divided (v. 16) and question him further. He insists that Jesus’ power is from God. The man’s parents get involved. The man ridicules expert opinion (v. 30). God only listens to sinners who are penitent (v. 31). Jesus must be “from God” (v. 33). Jesus, reflecting on the healing challenges the blindness of the Pharisees He is evicted from the synagogue (v. 34). Jesus, reflecting on the healing challenges the blindness of the Pharisees (v. 41).

#### 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 - 2 April 2017 : Lent 5

**9.30 am & 11.15 am:**

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalms 130

John 11: 1-45

**3.30 pm:**

Psalms 51

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Hebrews 5: 5-10

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday 27 March

6.00 - 8.00pm Youth Group (YMCA)

### Wednesday 29 March

9.30am Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

11.00am Day-time Lent Group (Chapter House)

12.35pm Eucharist

1.00–3.00pm Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in the North Transept

6.00-8.00pm Older Youth Group - 14+ (Learning Centre)

7.30pm ‘Reflections on Faith & Poetry’ with Sally Lodge

### Thursday 30 March

10.00am Eucharist

10.45am Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

### Friday 31 March

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert - Divas in Duo

### Saturday 1 April

8.15am Holy Communion with laying on of hands

10.00am Coffee in the Cathedral

### Thursday 6 April 8pm

**Mothers’ Union meeting** in the Chapter House. All are welcome to hear the Revd Andrew Merchant talk on ‘Biscuits with the BBC’.

### Sunday 9 April 12.30pm

**Palm Sunday Fundraising Lunch** Please join us for lunch at Cuton Hall, Chelmer Village Way. Everyone welcome. Tickets £12.50 children £5. There will be a raffle and bring and buy, all in support of the Flower Guild to buy flowers for the Cathedral throughout the year. Contact Pippa Alston 01245 262361, pippaalston@aol.com

### Thursday 20 April 2pm

**Mothers’ Union meeting** in St Cedd’s Hall, Chapter House. The

theme is Spring or floral readings so please bring a flower. All are welcome.

### Saturday 22 April 6pm

**The Youth Group Quiz.** Tickets costing £5 are available from Steve email: [steven.conroy@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk](mailto:steven.conroy@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk)

### Saturday 29 April 9.30am

**The Annual Meeting** is being held in the Cathedral. Please come along to hear reports from the year and vote for your Cathedral and Church warden team.

### 7.15pm

**Chelmsford Cathedral Annual Dinner** with guest speaker the Revd Canon Dr Giles Fraser. Tickets, costing £25, are available from Yvonne Spence. Email: [yvonnespence@hotmail.com](mailto:yvonnespence@hotmail.com)

## 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.

**There is no Junior Church** this week as there is an all-age Parade service.

**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 Flower Guild** will be delighted to receive donations for **Easter Lilies**. If you wish to have lilies included in the Easter Arrangements in memory of loved ones, please contact the Flower Guild Treasurer, Isabel Fyfe, at [isabelfyfe@live.co.uk](mailto:isabelfyfe@live.co.uk) or [theyfyes@uwclub.net](mailto:theyfyes@uwclub.net) or by telephone 01245 258505. The cost will be £3 for each flower. Cheques should be made payable to 'Chelmsford Cathedral Flower Guild'. Please include your own name with the request. Memorial cards will be available from the vergers, and the names of the departed, in whose memory the lilies are given, will be displayed in St Peter's Chapel.

**Father Simon Pothén**, our Canon Precentor, has been unwell for some time. He has now been diagnosed with liver cancer. He will be undergoing

further tests in the coming weeks as the doctors seek to determine what kind of treatment may be possible. The thoughts and prayers of the whole Cathedral community and the wider networks of the Diocese are with Simon as we seek to support him, Debs and the rest of the family through this complex and challenging journey.

### **Song School Roof Repair**

Work to the Song School roof will begin on Monday 24 April and last until November. During this time scaffolding will be in place both inside and outside the North Vestry Block. For safety reasons access to the Vestry Block may need to be restricted, particularly during the erection of the scaffolding. Please do note that this will mean that the lavatories will be closed. We do hope this will be kept to a minimum and thank you for your understanding.

### **Thursday 30 March**

**New Interests Group Trip** to Rochester. Meet at Chelmsford Rail Station at 9.15am in order to purchase a group discounted fare to arrive in Rochester for 11.02am. Please contact Ann Freese for details or email [allfreese@supanet.com](mailto:allfreese@supanet.com)

### **Saturday 1 April 7.00pm**

**Our choristers will be joining the Hutton and Shenfield Choral Society** and orchestra in a performance of Bach's *St Matthew Passion*. Tickets are available from the [ticketsource.co.uk](http://ticketsource.co.uk) by calling 07540 087220 or on the door. Nave seats £18, others £15 (children £6)

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	John 8	<i>Thursday:</i>	John 5: 31-end
<i>Monday:</i>	John 4: 43-end	<i>Friday:</i>	John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30
<i>Tuesday:</i>	John 5: 1-3, 5-16	<i>Saturday:</i>	John 7: 40-52
<i>Wednesday:</i>	John 5:17-30	<i>Sunday:</i>	John 11: 1-45

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

### **Thought for the day**

True reconciliation exposes the awfulness, the abuse, the hurt, the truth. It could even sometimes make things worse. It is a risky undertaking but in the end it is worthwhile, because in the end only an honest confrontation with reality can bring real healing. Superficial reconciliation can bring only superficial healing.  
- Desmond Tutu

### **Please pray for:**

- Jean Cooper, Amanda Corcoran, Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Canon Simon Pothén; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- Mothers everywhere, give thanks for their love and devotion and pray too for the work of the MU and WI
- The Diocese of Mexico
- Church of the Holy Spirit, Widford

## 'Junior Church' Morning



Over sixty parents and children came to the open morning at the Cathedral last weekend. There were tours of the Cathedral including trips up the bell tower, fabulous craft activities and the Vice Dean served pizza for lunch.

On Saturday 15 April, there will be an Easter workshop, again in the Cathedral, starting at 10.00am where amongst other planned activities, there will be an opportunity to build the Easter gardens, on display outside the west door.



### **Volunteers Urgently Sought!**

Several of our groups of volunteers are seeking additional/replacement volunteers. This is a splendid opportunity to become more involved in Cathedral life. Training/guidance will always be given and you may enjoy the chance to make new friends in our community. Whilst opportunities for involvement are available in a wide range of activities, the groups below are in particular need. Please contact Andrew Duke on 01245 697970 if you are interested or look out for him on Sunday mornings.

**9.30 Intercessors** – leading our prayers at 9.30am each Sunday morning.

**Flower “Waterers”** – some of our splendid team who set up the displays each Friday morning live some distance from the Cathedral. We are seeking help to keep the displays watered – particularly on Mondays and Tuesdays.

**Social Committee** – active throughout the year for occasions large and small.

**Knightbridge Library** – volunteers are sought to assist with the high level cleaning, cataloguing and maintenance of the Cathedral’s archives.

**Sidespersons** – a vital part of our welcoming ministry. Additional help is required at all Sunday services.

**Welcome on Wednesday** – our highly successful café in the North Transept on Wednesday afternoons.

**Uniformed Organisations** – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all require more help.

**Sunday Coffee in the North Transept** – help an existing team or join forces with friends to form a new one.