

THIS WEEK

Sunday 27 November - First Sunday of Advent

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 47

President: The Canon Precentor

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

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST with Parade Service**

*President & Preacher: Ven Elizabeth Snowden,
Archdeacon of Chelmsford*

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST with baptism of Noah Li**

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3.30pm **Evening Prayer** (said)

6.00pm **ADVENT PROCESSION**

Today the Dean is preaching at the Stiftskirche in Backnang as part of the 25th anniversary celebration of the Chelmsford - Backnang town twinning.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 4 December - Second Sunday of Advent

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 49

President: The Vice Dean

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

*President: Revd Kate Moore
Preacher: The Canon Precentor*

11.15 am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

*President: The Dean
Preacher: The Vice Dean*

3.30 pm **CHORAL EVENSONG**

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

Advent Sunday, 27 November 2016



Jesus is coming

Advent is four weeks of hope and expectation as we prepare for the coming of Jesus.

It is full of rich themes that are picked up each week in the regular services and in wonderful celebrations like the Advent Procession at 6pm tonight, and in the great round of services running up to Christmas.



Through Advent we focus on three different comings of Jesus. The first - in today's Gospel - is Jesus coming as Lord and King at the end of time, what is sometimes called the second coming.

The second - focussed on the preaching of John the Baptist - is

the coming of Jesus at his baptism, the beginning of his ministry.

And the third of course is Christmas - that wonderful festival of the birth of Christ which invites all of us to bring forth the word of God for the world.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Matthew 24.36-44

Introduction & Context

Jesus has foretold that in the suffering and trials which will precede the End, society will break down, “many will fall away” (v. 10, from the faith) but “one who endures to the end will be saved” (v. 13). After these events, the “Son of Man” (vv. 27, 30) will come “with power and great glory”. This will mark the beginning of a new era, a new way of being. Followers should discern signs of the second coming of Christ (vv. 32-35).

But (v. 36), we do not know precisely when that coming will be, and neither does Jesus. The situation will be like that before the Flood: people were preoccupied with earthly matters (v. 38). When the Flood came, a small number “entered the ark” and were saved, but many drowned. The dawn of the new era will also be like this; Jesus gives two examples: of men (v. 40) and of women (v. 41). Some will be “taken” to be with Christ (because they are prepared) but others will be “left”. V. 43 is an other example. “Keep awake” (v. 42) to the will of God: be ready for Christ’s second coming!

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 - 4 December :Advent 2

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Isaiah 11.1-10

Psalms 72.1-7

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12

3.30 pm:

Psalms 85

Isaiah 40.1-11

2 Peter 3.8-15a

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 28 November

6.00 - 8.00pm Youth Group (YMCA)

Wednesday 30 November

9.30am Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

12.35pm Eucharist

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

Thursday 1 December

10.00am Eucharist

10.45am Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

Friday 2 December

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert - Cathedral Choral Scholars’ Christmas Concert

Saturday 3 December

8.15am Holy Communication with laying on of hands

9.30am-2.30pm Cathedral Christmas Market

7.30pm Caprice Concert

Hot and cold refreshments served all day. Local choirs will be providing Christmas music and entertainment and the winner of the Grand Christmas Draw will be announced. Admission is free and draw tickets are on sale now.

Thursday 1 December 8.00pm

Mothers’ Union meets in the Chapter House where Revd Canon Ivor Moody shares mince pies, mulled wine and Christmas memories.

Sunday 4 December 12.45pm

Meeting Point Lunch: At the Fox & Goose (CMI 3SN). Book via Maureen tel: 01245 697781. All welcome.

Thursday 8 December 2.00pm

Mothers’ Union meets in the Chapter House to share mince pies and seasonal readings.

Saturday 10 December

Cathedral Christmas Concert.

Tickets are now available from chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk (music events) or from the Bookshop. Gerald Finzi, Ralph Vaughan Williams and other Christmas favourites with audience participation.

Monday 19 December 7.00pm

St Cedd’s Hall, Chapter House Fellowship Groups Pre-Christmas Social

Members of all five Cathedral Fellowship Groups are gathering for a pre-Christmas Social evening on Monday 19 December, with light refreshments and carol singing. Anyone not yet a member of a Group but who wants to find out more is very welcome to attend. The evening will run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. For more information contact Canon Edward Carter on 01245 294486.

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 today, as it is the Advent 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.

Pledged giving envelopes for 2017 are available for collection at the South Door. If you would like to start using weekly giving envelopes, please fill in a Planned Giving form (also at the South Door) and return to Caroline Robinson.

Chelmsford Cathedral's Visitor App was launched earlier this month. Free to download and available for both Apple and Android systems, the app provides information about events, concerts and services being held at the Cathedral and so is ideal for using when out and about. It can be downloaded prior to a visit or by using the free Wi-Fi in the Cathedral; there are detailed instructions available. In addition there is an audio guided tour lasting about 20 minutes, which gives visitors information on many of the features in the Cathedral.

4th Chelmsford Cathedral Brownies

Request for used stamps: Over the last term the Brownies have been collecting used stamps for a charity called knitted knockers: www.fundraisingstamps.com/form-clbf So far they have collected nearly 2kg of stamps, but with a little extra help they could collect even more. If you have used stamps, particularly once Christmas cards start arriving, please bring them to the Cathedral and leave them in the labelled glass jar by the bookstall.

2016 Ride and Stride Event

Congratulations to all those who took part; over £1500 was raised in sponsorship money and 50% of this comes back to the Cathedral. Thank you also to all those who assisted with the Welcome Desk including Pamela Brider, Helen Clothier, Jennifer Webb, Mary Bradford, Yasmine and Jason Themistocleous.

Christmas Day Lunch

The annual two course Christmas Day lunch of roast turkey, a choice of desserts and a glass of wine will take place in Chapter House. Cost is £10 per head and should be paid to Malcolm Treacher by 18 December. Please do join us especially if you will be on your own. Please contact Malcolm at the 11.15am service or at 3 Havencourt, Victoria Rd, CMI IEA, tel: 250061.

Saturday 3 December

9.30 - 2.30pm

Cathedral Christmas Market

Over 40 craft and produce stalls selling locally made Christmas gifts.

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

Sunday: Matthew 24.36-44

Monday: Matthew 8.5-11

Tuesday: Luke 10.21-24

Wednesday: Matthew 4.18-22

Thursday: Matthew 7.21, 24-27

Friday: Matthew 9.27-31

Saturday: Matthew 9.25 - 10.1, 6-8

Sunday: Matthew 3.1-12

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

Thought for the day

Waiting is learning - the longer we wait the more we learn about the one for whom we wait.
- Henri Nouwen

Please pray for:

- Peggy and Ernie Andrews, Margaret Beverley, Sue Cockett, Rosemary Duffin, Antoin Irtelli, Julie Liney, Janet Wallace; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The Diocese of Kansas and Western Kansas, Province VIII of The Episcopal Church
- Broomfield Methodist Church

A prayer for Advent: God of hope and promise, be with us throughout the Advent season and draw us ever closer as we journey together toward the stable and the birth of your Son, our Saviour. Amen

Remembering Anne Lloyd, who died 29 November 2015: forever in our prayers.

Sunday 27 November

Please note the road closures around the Shire Hall today.

Remembrance Sunday



Remembrance Sunday at the Cathedral had a very special quality this year. The normal services took place, with a full Act of Remembrance at 10.55 am in the body of the Cathedral. Choral Scholar Lenny Rush led the two minutes of silence on the trumpet, and the New City Girls WI presented a wreath that members had crocheted.

An important day marked well.



In the evening, the gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir were joined by members of the Chelmsford Singers for a sequence of music and read-

ings. This moving event featured poems by Wilfred Owen, hymns, and choral music by Vaughan Williams and Pärt, with Britten's *Canticle II* performed memorably by Patrick Manning and James Davy, with Tim Carey at the piano. The evening had a deep sense of stillness and reflection and we look forward to offering more opportunities for this style of worship.

Flowers Galore!

ON THE EVENING of 15 November 2016, Chelmsford Cathedral Flower Guild hosted an Economical Pedestal Workshop in the Cathedral. This focused on using supermarket flowers and garden foliage and was led by Mrs Terri Potter, the Chairperson of Great Baddow Flower Club.



As the numbers of people wanting to attend grew, we had serious worries that we would not have enough pedestals but by pooling resources, we managed – just!

28 aspiring flower arrangers attended from a wide area and with very different flower arranging experience. They included ladies (unfortunately no gentlemen) from churches at Danbury, Stock,

Galleywood, The Ascension, Brentwood Cathedral, Chelmsford Cathedral and also ladies who came because they love working with flowers and wanted to improve their arranging skills.

And we certainly did that, thanks to Terri. On a very miserable, wet evening the foliage and flowers piled in and the Cathedral was alive with conversation, coffee drinking and creativity. We improved our skills while at the same time meeting and chatting with new people, some of whom had not been to the Cathedral before.

This was an immensely successful evening and we have been asked to do it again – proof that people really enjoyed it!

Janice Goodman

