

THIS WEEK

Sunday 28 January - Candlemas

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 205

President: The Canon Theologian

8.30am **Breakfast with the Bible** led by the Dean

9.30am **ALL-AGE EUCHARIST & First Communion**

President: The Dean

Preacher: Heike Prentice

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST** (incense is used)

President: The Canon Theologian

Preacher: The Dean

3.30pm **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

6.00pm **EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE**

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 4 February - Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 80

President: The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall

8.30am **Breakfast with the Bible** led by Heike Prentice

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: Canon Ivor Moody

Preacher: The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

President: The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall

Preacher: Heike Prentice

3.30pm **EVENSONG & Installation of Canons**

Address: The Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

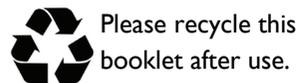
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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

Candlemas, 28 January 2018



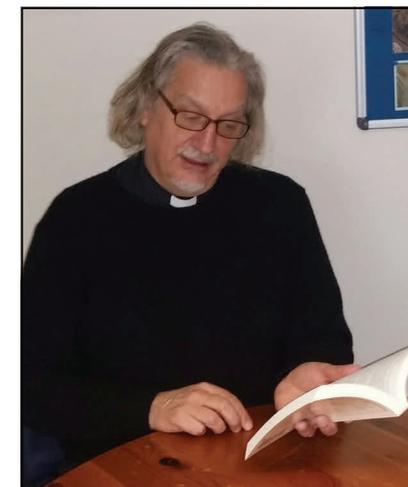
The Dean's Round Table

In 2015 we had a series of “round table” conversations in response to the Chapter's priorities. Now we are doing that again in response to the Visitation.

There will be three “round tables”, each on a Sunday, 4.30 - 6pm in the North Transept - 18 Feb, 25 Feb and 11 March.

The first - with Bishop Stephen - will look at the Visitation recommendations about worship, fellowship and learning; how we develop our congregations and resource other churches in the diocese; and our role in training and formation.

The second looks at whether we should still be a parish church and



how we serve the city, diocese and region.

And the third asks us to look forward: if we had the resources to do anything, what would be our top ten priorities?

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

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Luke 2: 22-40

Introduction & Context

40 days after Jesus' birth Mary does what the law requires and goes to be purified before a priest in the Temple. She gives the offering of the poor (turtledove or pigeon rather than a lamb). Simeon looks forward to the coming of the Messiah to restore Israel to favour with God (v. 25). The Spirit has told him that he will see the Christ before he dies (v. 26). God is setting him free, to die, and Israel is free of bondage. God has saved Israel, as he promised to "all peoples"; his salvation is for Gentiles too. Simeon prophesies (vv. 34-35) through the Spirit (v. 25). Jesus is destined for the death and resurrection ("the falling and the rising", v. 34) of many; he will meet opposition, and will cause many to think deeply about him. Mary too will need to decide for or against Christ ("own soul", v. 35). Simeon and Anna together stand before God; to Luke, men and women are equal in God's eyes. Anna praises God, and tells many the meaning of Jesus, as Simeon has prophesied. Like Samuel, "the favour of God was upon him" (v. 40).

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 - 4/2/18 : 2 before Lent

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Proverbs 8.1,22-31

Psalm 104.26-37

John 1.1-14

3.30 pm:

Ps 65

Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25

Revelation 4

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 28 January

6.00pm

Epiphany Carol Service

Monday 29 January

6.00 - 8.00pm

Youth Group - quiz night (YMCA)

Wednesday 31 January

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

1.00 - 4.00pm

Friendship Club (Chapter House)

6.00 - 8.00pm

LGBT youth group (Chelmergate)

Thursday 1 February

10.00am

Eucharist

8.00pm

Mothers' Union (Chapter House)

Friday 2 February

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - organ recital (Ed Jones)

Saturday 3 February

8.15am

Holy Communion with laying on of hands

10.00am

Coffee in the Cathedral

7.00pm

Concert: University of Essex Choir

Sunday 4 February 6pm

Tim Leeson, our youth minister, is speaking at St Mary's Maldon as part of their Evensong service. He will be speaking on the subject of "young people, identity, and the gospel". There will be a Q&A after the service, with refreshments served.

Wednesday 7 February 8pm

Theological Society Lecture in Chapter House. 'Liminality: a theology of thresholds' with Revd Canon Rosy Fairhurst. Rosy Fairhurst is Canon Chancellor at Leicester Cathedral and a journalist and writer. £3.50 payable on the door.

Thursday 8 February 2pm

Mothers' Union AGM in Chapter House preceded by Holy Communion.

Thursday 15 February 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.

Thursday 15 February

Cathedral Walking Group trip to London, a walk through the city and a guided tour of St Stephen's Church, Walbrook. More details to follow.

Sunday 18 February 12.45pm

Meeting Point lunch at Pontlands Park. To book a place, please contact Penny tel: 07872 942625.

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 there is a Candlemas Thanksgiving Parade for all in the Cathedral.

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.

Adult Confirmations

There will be a Confirmation Service in the Cathedral on 31 March (Easter Eve). Any adults wishing to be confirmed (or baptised and confirmed) should please contact Canon Edward Carter on 01245 294486 or edward.carter@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk for information about preparation sessions this Spring. Young people interested in being confirmed or exploring faith should contact Steven Conroy on steven.conroy@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

The flower arrangement at the west end of the Nave is sponsored by Tony Allen and family in memory of our former Church Warden Judith Allen.

Jesus Bread of Life: the Dean is leading a weekend all about the

Eucharist at Pleshey, 2-4 March. Everyone is warmly welcome and if you would like to come, please contact Pleshey directly (email retreathouse@chelmsford.anglican.org or phone 01245 237251).

Chapter Summary: The Cathedral Chapter met this week following the publication of the Cathedrals Working Group report into the future operation of cathedrals. Members welcomed many of the report's recommendations and are inviting others to submit any comments they wish to make to offer to include in our cathedral's corporate response. The report is available online and comments can be sent to ruth.collin@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk. Chapter also reviewed the Cathedral's progress against its Strategic Plan and agreed additional projects for 2018 including the recruitment of a new residential canon, a programme of events to mark the centenary of the end of World War I and the development of teaching and learning at the Cathedral. They also agreed an action plan following the 2017 Visitation. All those with an interest in the development of the Cathedral are invited to contribute to that plan at the round table discussions – see the front page for details.

Canon for Worship & Music: the advert for the new Canon for Worship & Music has now been published - you can find all the details on the Cathedral website. This is an exciting new post in partnership with St Mellitus College.

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	Luke 2: 22-40	<i>Thursday:</i>	Mark 6.7-13
<i>Monday:</i>	Mark 5.1-20	<i>Friday:</i>	Mark 6.14-29
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Matthew 20.25-28	<i>Saturday:</i>	Mark 6. 7-13
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Mark 6.1-6	<i>Sunday:</i>	John 1.1-14

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

Thought for the day

For Candlemas still keeps His kindled light,
Against the dark our Saviour's face is bright.

- Malcolm Guite

Please pray for:

- David Brider, Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Bartholomew Mullane; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- Church of our Saviour, Chelmer Village
- Schools Youth Ministry in particular the forthcoming ILLUMINATE event
- The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil & the Most Revd Francisco de Assis da Silva, primate of Brazil and Bishop of South-Western Brazil

Election of a new Boy Bishop



The Boy Bishop and Dean give the blessing



Boy Bishop Nicholas

The third election of a boy or girl Bishop took place in December, when Nicholas Harding-Smith was elected for the coming year. His enthronement took place on Sunday 21 January at Evensong, when he received his vestments and was placed in the Cathedra by the Dean. Nicholas will undertake a number of duties in his year-long role, and will preach at a service in the near future – we wish him well in this distinctive ministry.



The Friends held their Winter Festival in the Cathedral on Saturday; the speaker was Novelette-Aldoni Stewart. Novelette has an MSc in Conservation and currently works as a private conservator / curator. She's previously worked for the British Museum and the Black Cultural Archives – most notably in their "Our Heritage" project. She has also worked in preventative conservation, project administration and collection documentation and spoke about her work to the group. She joined the Fabric Advisory Committee of Chelmsford Cathedral in March 2016 and has led the project to conserve 'The Glory' patchwork.