

THIS WEEK

Sunday 29 January - Candlemas

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

President: The Vice Dean

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Revd Kate Moore

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: The Vice Dean

Preacher: Eloise Minta, the Girl Bishop

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST with incense**

President: Revd Kate Moore

Preacher: Heike Prentice

3.30pm **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

Address: The Dean

6.00pm **CAROL SERVICE**

This morning the Canon Theologian is presiding and preaching at All Saints' Hutton.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 5 February - Fourth Sunday Before Lent

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 76

President: The Dean

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: The Canon Theologian

Preacher: The Dean

11.15 am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

President: The Canon Precentor

Preacher: The Canon Theologian

3.30 pm **CHORAL 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

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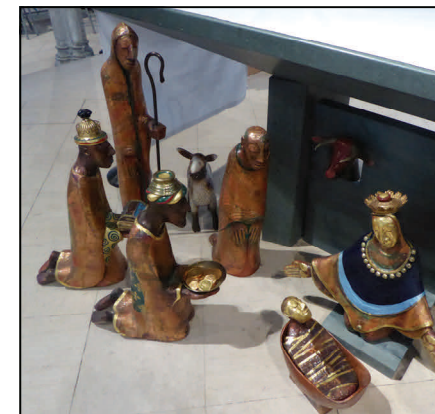
Candlemas Day

TODAY is a busy Sunday in the life of the Cathedral!

At 9.30am we admit this year's group of young people to their first communion. And at 11.15am the Choral Eucharist reflects the themes of light and hope.

At 3.30pm we celebrate Christingle - a beautiful service for people of all ages where we share Christingles, light the candle and sing about Christ, the light who has come into the world.

And this evening at 6pm the Epiphany / Candlemas Carol service which brings to an end the whole Christmas and Epiphany season, with the great themes of light and hope.



So today pray for our young people receiving their first communion, and use the opportunities in worship today to celebrate Jesus the light of the world who brings hope and peace to the whole human race.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Luke 2: 22-40

Introduction & Context

40 days after Jesus' birth his parents present him in the Temple and offer the sacrifice - Mary makes the offering of a pigeon, significantly the offering of a poor person.

Simeon looks forward to the Messiah to restore Israel to favour with God ("the consolation of Israel", v. 25). The Spirit has told him that he will see the Christ before he dies (v. 26). He begins by saying that God is setting him free. He is now 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 in 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 - 5/2/17 : 4th before Lent

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Isaiah 58: 1-12

Psalm 112

1 Corinthians 2

Matthew 5: 13-20

3.30 pm:

Psalm 147

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Mark 1: 29-39

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 30 January

6.00 - 8.00pm Youth Group (YMCA)

Wednesday 1 February

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

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

Thursday 2 February

10.00am Eucharist

10.45am Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

8.00pm Mothers' Union (Chapter House)

Friday 3 February

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert - Laurence Lyndon-Jones (organ)

2.00pm Persecuted Christians Prayer meeting - praying for Iran

Saturday 4 February

8.15am Holy Communion with the laying-on of hands

10.00am Coffee in the Cathedral

3.00pm Chelmsford Cathedral Friends' Winter Festival

With immediate effect, the Cathedral Office will be open from 10am to 4pm, Monday - Thursday and 10am to 2pm on Friday.

Thursday 2 February 8pm

Mothers' Union - AGM followed by a talk by Emma, Jo and Claire on their Diocesan Mothers' Union work.

Sunday 12 February

11am- 4pm

Mosque Open Day

An opportunity to meet, share, discuss and experience the principles and culture of Chelmsford Muslims. All are welcome.

Sunday 19 February 1.00pm

Meeting Point Lunch at the Green Man, Howe Green.

If you would like to join others for Sunday lunch, please book with Maureen tel: 07872 942625

Wednesday 22 February 8.00pm

A Theological Society talk given by Matthew Simpkins being held in Chapter House. 'Is 'equality' a red herring? A reflection on Christian social ethics'.

Sunday 26 February 12.30pm

Shrove lunch in St Cedd's Hall with pancake tossing. Tickets £8, family £20, available from Yvonne Spence, tel: 01245 465108.

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 will be no Junior Church today, as there is a Candlemas Thanksgiving 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.

Cathedral Art Group

If you like painting or drawing, or would like to learn, you are welcome to come along to the Art Group. They meet during 'term-time' on Thursdays, 1.30-3.30pm in the Learning Centre and pay £1 a head towards expenses. If you are interested, please call Tony Harrington on 01245 265052 or email: harrington303@outlook.com

Confirmations: if you would like to explore being confirmed here at the Cathedral on Easter Eve, please contact Canon Edward Carter on 01245 294486 or edward.carter@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk for information about preparation sessions this Spring.

The funeral for **Mary Barton** is being held at the Cathedral on Tuesday 21st February at 11.30am. All are welcome.

For young people (11-25) interesting in exploring faith, and potentially confirmation, Tim will be running an introduction to Christianity course, starting in January. For details, please contact him on tim.leeson@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

Ivor Moody is having a book published in February. It is called 'Songs for the Soul' and is a book of theological reflections and meditations on six iconic pop songs spanning the last 50 years. More details can be found at matthewjamespublishing.com/product/songs-soul-ivor-moody/ Ivor is holding a launch and book signing at the Cathedral on Sunday 26 February from 5pm to which everyone is cordially invited!

To mark National Marriage Week, the Cathedral's marriage group is inviting people to bring any wedding memorabilia including photos and wedding dresses, to the Cathedral on Saturday 11 February between 1pm - 3pm. A display of said memories will be in the North aisle until Wednesday 15 February. Brian Greatrex has made a Cathedral wedding cake which we can enjoy at coffee on Sunday 12 February.

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>	Matthew 20: 25-28	<i>Friday:</i>	Mark 6.14-29
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Mark 5.21-end	<i>Saturday:</i>	Mark 6.30-34
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Mark 6: 1-6a	<i>Sunday:</i>	Matthew 5: 13-20

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

Thought for the day

Faith is the by strength which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.
- Helen Keller

Please pray for:

- Sue Cockett, Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The friends and family of Judith Allen who died last week
- Pray for the Diocese of Lichfield (Canterbury, England)
- The Church of Our Saviour, Chelmer Village

On the 59 Bus

A FEW WEEKS BACK we were travelling home by bus from the City Centre using our Senior bus passes. We boarded a bus at the Market, but there was a delay at the Bus Station and so we transferred to the number 59 going to Harlow.

Our way down the gangway, however, was blocked by a lady standing up. She let us pass and we sat in the seat directly behind her and her daughter, who was travelling with her young son. It immediately became clear that they were very agitated because the older lady could not find her return bus ticket to Harlow. The driver was understandably anxious to get going and kept glaring, while the two ladies became increasingly flustered as they searched through coat pockets and shopping bags. They thought that they would have to pay for a new ticket, which would have been quite costly.

I casually glanced down to the floor and saw a piece of paper, which I suggested to them might be the elusive ticket. They looked and yes it was! Quickly it was taken to the driver and we speedily departed. The lady turned round to thank me profusely and I said 'God bless you'.



She immediately asked if we were Christians and when I said yes, she replied that they were too.

I'm not sure if the finding of the ticket was a miracle, but it certainly showed the importance of searching, very much a theme of the Bible. We didn't exchange names and may never meet again, but for those few minutes we were travelling together not just on the road to our bus stops, but also towards our Heavenly Father.

David Simmonds



Wednesday Evening Lent Group

Reflections on Faith & Poetry

On Wednesday evenings different speakers will be talking about poems that have inspired them in their Christian faith.

The meetings begin at 7.30pm in the North Transept of the Cathedral, everyone is welcome. The talks are free and there is no need to book in advance.

More details to follow next month.

Wednesday Day-time Lent Group

Held at I Iam in the Johnson Room, Chapter House,

'Living an Authentic Life' is a new USPG Course led by Revd Canon Edward Carter.

All are welcome to join the group. More details are available in the Cathedral and on the website.

The Lent Modules 2017

A series of short courses running across the diocese between Ash Wednesday and Good Friday 2017.

Courses cost between £5 & £30 and themes include; Enabling Evangelism, The Development of Holy Communion, Christ Pictured, Witnessing in the World of Work, Stress Management, Church History.

For further information contact Diane Hardy at the Diocesan Office Tel: 01245 294449 or email: dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org or download from chelmsford.anglican.org