

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 29 April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 141

*President: Canon Ivor Moody*

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Tim Leeson

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

*President: Canon Edward Carter*

*Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody*

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

*President: the Revd Kate Moore*

*Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody*

3.30pm **EVENSONG to celebrate the Commonwealth**

*Address: Bishop Trevor Mwamba*

*This morning the Dean is leading the worship at St Mary's. Woodford.*

## NEXT WEEK

### Sunday 6 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 142

*President: Canon Edward Carter*

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible led by Revd Dr Paul Beasley-Murray

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

*President: the Very Revd Nicholas Henshall*

*Preacher: the Revd Ade Eleyae*

11.15 am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

*President: the Very Revd Nicholas Henshall*

*Preacher: Canon Edward Carter*

3.30 pm **EVENSONG**

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

**Morning Prayer:** 7.45 am

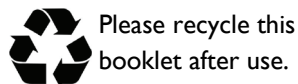
**Holy Communion:** 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

**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

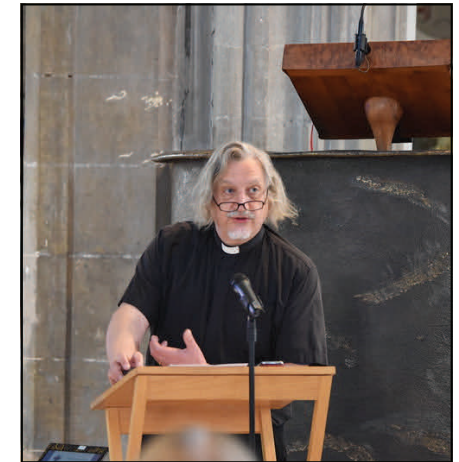
Easter 5, 29 April 2018



## Celebrating the Commonwealth

The Commonwealth is an international community of 53 nations bound together through accidents of history and yet emerging today as a vigorous and diverse family with a renewed sense of common purpose.

To mark the Commonwealth Summit in London the Cathedral hosts at Evensong this afternoon a special celebration of the life of the Commonwealth.



**Cathedral Annual Meeting**

Everyone is warmly welcome in what will be a lively and colourful service with music from Fiji, military bands and a sermon from Bishop Trevor Mwamba, Assistant Bishop in this diocese and formerly Bishop of Botswana.

Thank you to everyone who came along to an excellent annual meeting last Saturday - with lots to follow up from the Round Table presentation! And congratulations to Elizabeth Marshall and Maureen Benson, elected to the newly reformed role of Churchwarden.

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## Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

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### John 15.1-8

#### Introduction & Context

Jesus is preparing the disciples for the time when he will no longer be physically with them. In today's reading, he probably has in mind the judgement on Judah in Isaiah 5:1-7: God has lovingly prepared a vineyard for the people, but the vines yielded "wild grapes", so God destroyed the vineyard. In John, God is the "vine grower" (v. 1), Christ the vine, and members of the Church the fruit. Jesus says that he is the "true" vine, the one of whom Isaiah spoke. Followers who are ineffective will be cut off, but those who are productive will be aided by God's power (v. 2). Shared life with each other and with God is the basis for being fruitful (v. 5b). Leaving this community ends productivity, and leads to destruction ("thrown into the fire", v. 6). If they remain in unity with him, whatever they ask in prayer will be granted (v. 7). God's power and authority are shown forth ("glorified", v. 8) in the bearing of fruit, *doing* in Christ's name. The disciples represent Jesus in the world.

#### 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.

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## Next Sunday's Readings - 6/5/18 : Easter 6

### 9.30 am & 11.15 am:

I John 5.1-6  
Psalm 98  
John 15.9-17

### 3.30 pm:

Ps 45  
Acts 16.9-15  
Revelation 21.10, 22 – 22.5

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday 30 April

5.30 - 7.00pm

Youth Group Yr 6 - 8 (YMCA)

7.00 - 8.30pm

Youth Group Yr 9+ (YMCA)

### Wednesday 2 May

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)

### Thursday 3 May

10.00am

Eucharist

### Friday 4 May

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Christopher Strange (organ)

### Saturday 5 May

8.15am

Holy Communion with laying-on of hands

9.30am/10.00am

Coffee in the Cathedral & World Church Links Meeting (see notice)

### Thursday 10 May 2pm

**Mothers' Union meeting** in Chapter House with a talk on English for Women by Sarah Carter.

### Saturday 12 May 9.30 for 10am

**Essex Mind and Spirit** are hosting a talk in Chapter House given by Sue Sullivan who works for the Charity MIND. She will cover topics including what is good mental health, how do we recognise it. What happens when problems arise with our mental health and what help is available. All are welcome.

### Thursday 17 May 10.45am

**The Cathedral Prayer Group** will be meeting in the Johnson Room, Chapter House. The group will be praying for the Cathedral, the parish, the wider community, the Diocese and the world. All are welcome to come along.

### Friday 18 May 9.45am

**The Cathedral Walking Group's** next walk starts from the Wheatsheaf pub in Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2 JF. Select lunch before the five mile 'Two Rivers Walk'. Please let Anne Sparrow know by Wednesday 16 May if you would like to go. Her email is: anniesp23@yahoo.co.uk

### Sunday 20 May 12.45pm

**Meeting Point Lunch** is being held at Pontlands Park. If you would like to join other people for a sociable Sunday lunch out, please book with Penny tel: 07872 942625.

### Café Jazz 6pm

**Jazz and choral music** with the Cathedral Choirs and the Dave Pickthall Big Band. Tickets £10 (including a drink on arrival) are available from the Cathedral Book Stall. A cash bar will also operate.

## 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 'I am the vine, you are the branches'.

**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.

**There will be coffee and cake** served between the 9.30 and 11.15am services **today** (29 April) to celebrate the Birthday of Doris Mills who was 80 on Tuesday.

**There are two OHPs** with some film that is free to anyone who would like them. If they are interested, please contact me on 01245 294480 or [lindsay.rae@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk](mailto:lindsay.rae@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk)

### **Children's Society**

Please return money boxes for opening this month, if possible to me. Alternatively they can be given directly to a verger for safe keeping. Boxes are always available for new holders. *Richard Spilsbury.*

### **Thursday 3 May 4.30-6.30pm**

**Christian Aid** talk: Prosperity Raymond, Country Manager for Haiti and the Dominican Republic, is talking about the organisation's work in Haiti. The meeting takes place at All Saints Springfield Green. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

### **Thursday 3 May 8pm**

**Mothers' Union meeting** in Chapter House with a talk on Age UK by Penny Cowell.

### **Saturday 5 May 9.30am**

**World Church Links Meeting:** On Sunday 27 May the Cathedral will be celebrating its links with the worldwide church with a special service at 9.30am. A small team will be planning ideas for this service over a coffee at 9.30am in the Cathedral North Transept, Anyone is welcome to drop by and join the discussion or contact Canon Edward Carter for more information or to contribute ideas.

### **Monday 7 May 10am - 4pm**

**Pleshey Retreat House Open Day** All are welcome to the open day being held on Bank Holiday Monday. There will be local craft and produce stalls as well as refreshments and lunches being served. Free admission and all welcome.

### **Wednesday 9 May 2pm**

**The funeral of Margaret Bardsley** will take place in the Cathedral. The family has requested no flowers but donations welcome to the Cathedral. All welcome.

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

*Sunday:* John 15.1-8

*Monday:* John 14.21-26

*Tuesday:* John 14.1-14

*Wednesday:* John 15.1-8

*Thursday:* John 15.9-11

*Friday:* John 15.12-17

*Saturday:* John 15.18-21

*Sunday:* John 15.9-17

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

### Thought for the day

Prayer is not a pious decoration of life  
but the breath of human existence.

- Henri Nouwen

### **Please pray for:**

- Mary Bradford, David Brider, Rosemary Duffin, Lydia Gladwin, Julie Liney, Bartholomew Mullane; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- Christian Aid
- The work of the Church Army
- The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and the Most Revd Suheil Dawani

## ASCENSION DAY AT CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL

*Thursday, 10 May*

Ascension Day is one of the big days of the Christian year. Here at Chelmsford Cathedral this year following Morning Prayer at 7.45 am the choir will sing from the top of the tower. Then breakfast is available followed by a Sung Eucharist at 9 am. There is no 10 am, but another Choral Eucharist at 5.15 pm with incense. Everyone is very welcome.

CATHEDRAL LIFE

# Last Weekend at Chelmsford Cathedral



*The Girls' Choir performed several pieces to celebrate St George's Day including Elgar's The Banner of St George*



*Revd Canon Philip Need (DDO) preached at the morning services*

*Laurence and Chris performed 'Pomp and Circumstance March no.2' at Sunday's concert*

