

THIS WEEK

Sunday 30 April - Third Sunday of Easter

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 137

President: Revd Kate Moore

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

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: Revd Kate Moore

Preacher: The Canon Theologian

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

President: The Canon Theologian

Preacher: Revd Kate Moore

1.30pm Baptism of Esme Belle Childs

3.30pm **EVENSONG with the installation of Canons**

Address: Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop

Today the Dean is at Ripon Cathedral taking part in the farewell Eucharist for the Bishop of Ripon.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 7 May - Fourth Sunday of Easter

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3.30 pm **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Address: The Canon Theologian

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

Third Sunday of Easter, 30 April 2017



Visitation

Last year the Cathedral Chapter invited Bishop Stephen to do a Visitation of the Cathedral. This is an external inspection which looks at the whole of the Cathedral's mission and ministry and then makes a report on their findings to the Bishop.

That in turn becomes the Bishop's recommendations to the Chapter going forward.



It is an ancient practice, but is best described as a "friendly Ofsted" inspection. It is there to give the Bishop and the Cathedral a clear analysis of what is happening and some powerful recommendations for the future, which are published in the public domain.

The Bishop has appointed a dynamic team led by the former Dean of St Paul's, and they will be visiting the Cathedral 18 - 25 May. There will be opportunities for everyone to contribute - look out for more information in the weekly news.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Introduction & Context

Late on Easter Day two of Jesus' followers walk to Emmaus, talking about the recent startling events. Jesus walks with them but they do not recognize him. He asks "What things?" (v. 19). Their reply shows the limitations of their understanding. Jesus has disappointed them: they expected him to deliver Israel from the Romans, and begin an earthly kingdom of God ("redeem Israel", v. 21). Three days have passed and, despite Jesus' statement that he would be raised from death, nothing has happened! The women told us that he is alive, but when Peter and John went there, all they saw was the empty tomb! (v. 24).

Jesus tells them how slow they are to grasp how the Old Testament prophecies are fulfilled in him. Was it not God's plan ("necessary", v. 26) that Jesus should be crucified and ascend to be with the Father? He interprets his life as a fulfilment of all of Scripture, from "Moses" (v. 27, the first five books of the Bible) to "all the prophets". The meal seems to be a Eucharist: "he took bread, blessed and broke it" (v. 30). Then, from Jesus' interpretation and their hospitality to this "stranger" (v. 18) "their eyes were opened" (v. 31). At the Last Supper, Jesus said he would not again share food with his disciples until God's kingdom came. He has now eaten with the two, so the Kingdom has indeed come. "The Lord has risen indeed ... !" (v. 34).

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 - Easter 4 Sunday 7 May 2017

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Acts 2: 42 - end
Psalm 23 (9.30 only)
1 Peter 2: 19 - end
John 10: 1 - 10

3.30 pm:

Psalm 23
Genesis 7: 1 - 5, 11 - 18; 8: 6 - 18;
9: 8 - 13
1 John 3: 16 - 24

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 1 May

6.00 - 8.00pm

Youth Group (YMCA)

Wednesday 3 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

8.00pm

Theological Society Meeting (Chapter House) with Canon Edward Carter - please note change to programme).

Thursday 4 May

10.00am

Eucharist

10.45am

Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

8.00pm

Mothers' Union (Chapter House)

Friday 5 May

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Joshua Stephens (organ)

Saturday 6 May

8.15am

Holy Communion with the laying-on of hands

10.00am

Coffee in the Cathedral

7.30pm

Concert of sacred music performed by the Girls' Choir with Cadence and Cantoria choirs

Admission £8 on the door (with light refreshments from 4.30pm).

Thursday 11 May 2pm

Mothers' Union meeting in Chapter House. Nick Alston speaks on the 'work of a Police and Crime Commissioner'.

Friday 12 May 7.15pm

Choirs' Association Wine Tasting Evening

This fundraising event for future choir tours will take place in the north transept of the Cathedral. It is being hosted by Robin Greatorex. Cheese and biscuits will be included. Tickets at £10 per head are available on application from Stephanie in the Cathedral Office.

Tuesday 16 May 10am

The Cathedral Walking Group are holding their next walk in the Stock area. Meet at the Ship Inn, CM2 8LB. The walk is about five miles. Contact Anne Sparrow.

Saturday 20 May 7 pm

Handel's Messiah – the Cathedral choirs perform Handel's powerful [see what I did there] oratorio with international soloists and Canzona baroque ensemble. Tickets £5 children, from £10 adult from the bookstall and online.

Sunday 21 May 1pm

Meeting Point are holding their next lunch at the White Hart, Little Waltham. If you would like to join others for lunch please book with Maureen, tel: 01245 697781.

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 'The Road to Emmaus'.

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.

This week, **Derek Everard** is celebrating his 90th birthday, and he invites you to coffee and birthday cake (made by Brian Greatrex) between the two morning services.

Celebrating Volunteers: Once again, we are planning a service of celebration and thanksgiving for the outstanding contribution made by our large army of volunteers – approximately 400! It will follow a similar format to the service held in April 2015 – forming part of Evensong at 3.30pm on Sunday 11 June 2017. Invitations will be sent out shortly via your group leaders and also include any volunteer who has stepped down since our 2015 service. Once again refreshments will be provided after the service. For more information (and offers to volunteer), please contact Andrew Duke on 01245 697970.

Song School Roof Repair

Work to the Song School roof has begun and lasts 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 occasionally need to be restricted, particularly during the erection of the scaffolding. Please note that this means the toilets will be closed. This will be kept to a minimum and thank you for your understanding.

As many of you may be aware, Julie Brown is leaving the Cathedral Office after 14 years to move to Cheltenham. Her last day will be Friday 5 May. Anyone wishing to make a donation to her leaving present should leave it with the wardens or vergers and a card is available to sign.

The **flower arrangement** at the West End of the nave is sponsored by Derek Everard in Remembrance of the 10th Anniversary of Margaret Everard's death on April 22 and with gratitude for Derek's 90 years on April 26.

Hear the combined girls' choirs of Chelmsford Cathedral and Abbots Bromley School sing a varied programme of music, including music by Rosie Vinter and John Rutter. Free admission, retiring collection.

Sunday 7 May 5pm

Gianni Schicchi. A performance of Giacomo Puccini's one-act comic opera. Proceeds from the concert are going to the Italian Red Cross supporting their earthquakes appeal.

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

Sunday:	Luke 24: 13 - 35	Thursday:	John 12: 20 - 26
Monday:	John 14: 1 - 14	Friday:	John 6: 52 - 59
Tuesday:	John 6: 30 - 35	Saturday:	John 6: 60 - 69
Wednesday:	John 6: 35 - 40	Sunday:	John 20: 11 - 18

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

Thought for the day

The cross is the ultimate evidence that there is no length the love of God will refuse to go in effecting reconciliation. Anon.

Please pray for:

- Jean Cooper, Amanda Corcoran, Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Canon Simon Pothan; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The followers of other faiths that there may be discussion and understanding between all of God's people
- The Diocese of Nandyal (South India)
- Christian Aid

CATHEDRAL LIFE

Starship Pinafore - a stellar performance heading your way!

The music and drama group at Chelmsford Cathedral's covenant partner, Trinity Methodist Church, is putting on a production of Gilbert & Sullivan's HMS Pinafore in May. Included in the cast are Canon Edward Carter and his wife Sarah (pictured), and the male lead is Ashley Thompson, a former Tenor Choral Scholar at the Cathedral. The show has been re-worked as 'Starship Pinafore', with a space theme, and the programme also includes Trial by Jury. Performances are at the Civic Theatre in Chelmsford on 9th to 13th May. Tickets are available from the Theatre.



The Easter Workshop cross that was made and brought up on Easter Sunday.



Members of Junior Church rolled away the stone on Easter Sunday.



Junior Church Easter Workshop. More than forty children enjoyed a morning of activities.

The lighting of the Easter Candle at the Diocesan Easter Vigil and Confirmation service.



The 'Lamentations of Jeremiah', Holy Week Concert, performed by choral scholars in a candlelit Cathedral and described as 'a moving, atmospheric, superb musical and spiritual experience.'