

THIS WEEK

Sunday 2 December - First Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 47
President: Canon Alison Kennedy
- 8.30am** Breakfast with the Bible, led by *The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall*
- 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST and parade service**
President: The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall
Preacher: Tim Leeson
- 11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST**
President: The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall
Preacher: Revd Kate Moore
- 3.30pm Evening Prayer**
- 6.00pm ADVENT PROCESSION**

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 9 December - Second Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 49
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- 8.30am** Breakfast with the Bible, led by *Revd Kate Moore*
- 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST**
President: Revd Kate Moore
Preacher: Canon Alison Kennedy
- 11.15am MATTINS**
Preacher: Canon Alison Kennedy
- 3.30pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**
Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

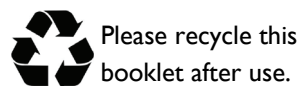
Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

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

First Sunday of Advent, 2 December 2018



Seasonal musical treats

The Cathedral choirs are busy preparing for Advent and Christmas, with the atmospheric candlelit Advent Procession taking place on Sunday 2 December at 6pm, followed by their annual Christmas concert, at 7pm on Saturday 8 December with brass accompaniment. The procession marks the start of the season in an imaginative use of the Cathedral space; admission is free and all are welcome. The concert promises to be an evening of beautiful choral pieces, audience carols and musical fun for everyone; bring your best singing voice and something to jingle! This is a great opportunity to hear the choirs in lighter Christmas repertoire and the brilliant playing



of the London Brass Consort. Tickets are available from the Cathedral bookstall, by calling 0333 666 33 66 or online from ticketsource.co.uk/chelmsfordcathedral - do join us for an amazing entertaining evening and relaxing way to begin your Christmas celebrations!

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Luke 21.25-36

Introduction & Context

Jesus foretells “signs ...”, (v. 25) and the resulting confusion among nations and people, not knowing what will happen next. But the “Son of Man” (v. 27) will come from heaven with power to control events. Then “redemption” (v. 28), God’s acts of freeing his chosen people, will be near. Just as the leafing of trees shows that “summer is ... near” (v. 30), so the occurrence of all these events will show that “the kingdom of God is near” (v. 31): this time will be evident to the faithful. The signs will be as striking as is seen in fig trees: in winter, they look dead but in spring they sprout. In spite of the delay, the era will end before all those alive now have died (v. 32). Jesus’ “words” (v. 33) are even more eternal than creation (“heaven and earth”). Finally, he advises vigilance: do not be so “weighed down” (v. 34) with day-to-day earthy matters that you are unprepared for the final call (“that day”). It will be for all those who survive all disasters (v. 35). Pray that God may give you the strength to resist all evils, so that you may “stand before” (v. 36) Christ, be deemed worthy by him.

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 - 9/12/18 :Advent 2

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Malachi 3.1-4

Benedictus

Luke 3.1-6

3.30 pm:

Psalm 75

Isaiah 11.1-10

Romans 15.4-13

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 2 December

6.00pm Advent Procession

Monday 3 December

5.30 - 7.00pm Youth Group (8pm yr 9+) (YMCA)

8.00pm Classical/Funky Voices Concert

Wednesday 5 December

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 6 December

10.00am Eucharist

8.00pm Mothers’ Union meeting

Saturday 8 December

7.00pm A Chelmsford Christmas Concert by the Cathedral choirs

Treacher at 3 Havencourt, Victoria Road, tel: 01245 250061 or leave your name and payment with a verger.

Sunday 16 December

Meeting Point Lunch: Book with Maureen for lunch at Pontlands Park. 12.45pm. Tel: 01245 697781.

Thursday 20 December 10.45am

Cathedral Prayer Group:

Meets in the Jacob Room to pray for the Cathedral, parish, wider community and the world.

Sunday 6 January 2019

The Social Committee are organizing a **Cathedral Epiphany Lunch** at Cuton Hall, Chelmer Village Way. It is a two course lunch including wine and soft drinks. Cost £12.50. To reserve your place contact Yvonne Spence tel: 01245 465018 or email: yvonnespence@hotmail.com or speak to any member of the social committee.

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 an all-age 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.

Tickets for the Cathedral Ball on Saturday 12 January are now on sale. Priced £37.50 they include a four course meal, licensed bar and dancing to the Julie Cooper band. Contact Yvonne Spence via email: yvonnespence@hotmail.com or tel: 01245 465018 / 07889 610048.

Christmas leaflet delivery

Every Christmas we deliver leaflets to every house and apartment in the Cathedral parish. It is a fantastic way to reach the nearly 5,000 people who live in the area for which we are responsible as a congregation. **They are ready**

to deliver now. It would be great to recruit more people to take a bundle and commit to delivering to a street or close or avenue or apartment block. Rosemarie Rowe is building a team - please consider joining it! Please contact Ivor Moody or Rosemarie.

If you are interested in making friends through reading the Bible together and discovering how God's Word applies to our everyday lives, then come along to the **Fellowship Group's CHRISTMAS PARTY** on Wednesday 12 December, 7 – 9 pm in the Cathedral's Learning Centre. Along with the fun, food and drink, there will be an introduction to next year's plans. For further information email paulbeasleymurray@gmail.com or phone 01245-352996.

Church Members' Fund Envelopes for 2019 and now by the South Door ready for collection.

Thursday 13 December 2pm
The Mothers' Union meets in St Cedd's Hall for seasonal readings and mince pies.

Christmas Day Lunch in Chapter House, a two course turkey roast and a choice of dessert and a glass of wine. £10 per head - please contact Malcolm

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	Luke 21.25-36	<i>Thursday:</i>	Matthew 7.21, 24-27
<i>Monday:</i>	Matthew 8.5-11	<i>Friday:</i>	Matthew 9.27-31
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Luke 10.21-24	<i>Saturday:</i>	Luke 1.26-38
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Matthew 15.29-37	<i>Sunday:</i>	Luke 3.1-6

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

Thought for the day

The lack of mystery in our modern life
is our downfall and our poverty.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Please pray for:

- Patrick Appleford, Mary Bradford, David Brider, Jean Cooper, Rosemary Duffin, Mark Harris, Rita James, Julie Liney, Bartholomew Mullane, Winnie Towers; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The Redeemed Christian Church of God, City Centre
- The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Rt Revd Carlos Lopez-Lozano

Recent Events at Chelmsford Cathedral



*Archdeacon Annette (Colchester) held her farewell service at the Cathedral.
We wish Annette a long and happy retirement.*



To commemorate her time as Mayor of Chelmsford, Cllr Yvonne Spence planted a tree in the Cathedral grounds, ably assisted by Council chaplain Canon Ivor Moody.

As this year draws to a close, a huge thank you must go to Nick Robinson who has attended and photographed so many events in order that they can be shared in Cathedral Life Weekly.

Advent at the Cathedral

Advent I (2nd Dec)



In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. (Luke 2.1-5)

Each week a different part of the advent story will be on display in the Cathedral.

The Cathedral also thanked Ruth Bird for her many years of service both as a server and more recently as head server.

