

THIS WEEK

Sunday 4 March 2018 - The Third Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 89
President: Canon Ivor Moody
- 8.30am** Breakfast with the Bible, led by Canon Edward Carter
- 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST**
President: Canon Ivor Moody
Preacher: Heike Prentice
- 11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST**
President: Canon Edward Carter
Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody
- 3.30pm CIVIC SERVICE**
Address: The Rt Revd Hugh Allan O. Praem

Today the Dean is leading a reflective weekend at Pleshey Retreat House.

NEXT WEEK

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- 3.30 pm EVENSONG and the Dean's Round Table (3) at 4.30 pm**

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

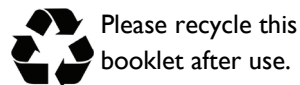
Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

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 Lent, Sunday 4 March 2018



Bishop's Lent Appeal

EVERY YEAR THE BISHOP'S LAUNCH A LENT APPEAL and invite communities across the Diocese to join in.

This year we are all supporting the Diocese of Marsabit. This is a huge, remote area in northern Kenya, bordering Ethiopia and Somalia, with few resources. The Diocese is seeking to make people more resilient in the face of drought.

This appeal is to buy a bowser so water can be transported across this vast Diocese. As a result more remote communities can remain stable with a positive impact on the education of the children, agriculture and the whole way of life. Last year's drought killed up to 70% of livestock.



As we prepare to celebrate again the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ this Easter, embrace that as a call to act, a call of hope, and a call to mission by coming alongside our partners in Kenya as they seek to witness to Jesus in a hostile and difficult region.

There will be a special collection for the Bishop's Lent Appeal today. Please put your donation in a yellow envelope and mark it 'Lent Appeal'.

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01245 294492 (Emergency out of hours contact: 07518 124858)
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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

John 2.13-22

Introduction & Context

Jesus goes “up to Jerusalem” for the feast. In the Temple forecourt, merchants are selling animals and birds for sacrifices, and money changers exchange coins bearing idolatrous images for coins used to pay the temple tax. Jesus throws traders and animals out of the temple precincts, insisting that dishonest commercial activities have no place here (v. 16). (V. 19 may show that Jesus also speaks against the regulation of the Jewish sacrificial system by the religious authorities). Note that Jesus claims that God is his *Father* and sees the Temple as worthy of respect. The disciples recall Psalm 69:9 – here a prophecy that Jesus’ “zeal” (v. 17) will lead to his death. The religious leaders (“Jews”, v. 18) ask Jesus what authority he has for his (violent) action; his reply (v. 19) challenges them to replace temple worship with belief in him. Lacking faith, they take it literally (and misunderstand), but John tells us that Jesus is saying that, by his resurrection (“three days”) he will become a new *spiritual temple*, replacing the Temple. The disciples only understand this after the first Easter. It helps them to believe in Jesus and his message of good news.

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 - 11/3/18 : Lent 4

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Numbers 21.4-9

John 3.14-21

3.30 pm:

Pss 13, 14

Joshua 5.9-12

2 Corinthians 5.16-21

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 5 March

12.45pm

Funeral of Dorothy Phillips

5.30 - 7.00pm

Youth Group Yr 6-8 Face Painting (YMCA)

7.00 - 8.30pm

Youth Group Yr 9 + Face Painting (YMCA)

7.45pm

Volunteers Steering Group Meeting (Johnson Room, Chapter House)

Wednesday 7 March

9.30am

Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

11.00am

Lent Group (Johnson Room, 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)

7.30pm

Reflections on Faith and Literature led by Bishop Stephen Cottrell on *Monsignor Quixote* by Graham Greene

Thursday 8 March

10.00am

Eucharist

2pm

Mothers’ Union meeting (Chapter House)

Friday 9 March

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Kristina Lian (soprano)

Saturday 10 March

7.30pm

Concert: Stondon Singers

part in the holiday club, please see the information on the Cathedral website, on Face Book and Twitter. Alternatively please email rminta@virginmedia.com
Rebecca Minta

£15 to include wine and light refreshments. Make a date for your diary and for more details please contact Pippa Alston 01245 262361, pippaalston@aol.com

Monday 16 April 7pm

David Thomson is doing a flower arranging demonstration in the Cathedral in support of the Flower Guild. Tickets for what will be a good evening are

Ade Eleyae preached an extraordinary and powerful sermon at the 9.30 am Eucharist last Sunday. You can now download the script from the Cathedral website.

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 at 9.30am in Chapter House. This week's theme is 'Destroy this temple and I will raise it again in three days...' Please bring wooden bricks or Jenga.

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.

Easter Lilies

To sponsor a lily in memory of a loved one, give your donation or a cheque made payable to Chelmsford Cathedral Flower Guild to our treasurer; Isabel Fyfe, 129 Beeches Rd, Chelmsford, CMI 2SA (01245 258505). Each lily is £3, the same as last year. Memorial cards for your name and message will be available from the Treasurer or the verger's office.

Thursday 15 March 9.45am
New Interests' Group and Cathedral Walking Group walk. Meet in The Ship, (Levington, Suffolk) car park for the church tour at 10am, led by Roy Tricker BEM. Coffee is at 11am at The Ship followed by a coastal walk and lunch back at the pub. All welcome for all or part of the day. Contact Anne Sparrow email: anniesp23@yahoo.co.uk or Ann Freese email: allfreese2@gmail.com

Thursday 15 March 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.

Sunday 18 March 12.45pm
Meeting Point Lunch
Enjoy Sunday lunch with others at The Hare. For further details and to book a place, please contact Maureen tel: 01245 697781

3 April to 5 April
As part of a Diocesan scheme, 'Encounter Young Leaders', I am going to be running an **Easter Holiday Club** from 3rd to 5th April at the Cathedral for children aged between 6 and 11. If you would like to volunteer or sign up to take

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	John 2.13-22	<i>Thursday:</i>	Matthew 5.10-12
<i>Monday:</i>	Luke 4.24-30	<i>Friday:</i>	Mark 12.28-34
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Matthew 18.21-end	<i>Saturday:</i>	Luke 18.9-14
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Matthew 5.17-19	<i>Sunday:</i>	John 3.14-21

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

Thought for the day

People are always trying to build temples and churches for God. And what is God trying to do? He is trying to build us into a temple, a living temple, a temple of the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says.

— Richard Rohr

Please pray for:

- Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Bartholomew Mullane; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- St Augustine of Canterbury, North Springfield
- The Anglican Church of the Congo and the Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda, Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu

Round Table Discussions



Round Tables Sundays at 4.30 pm

The first two Round Table conversations have seen over 100 attendances and made a real contribution to the Cathedral's response to the Visitation and planning for the future. Bishop Stephen introduced the first discussion, with a particular focus on teaching and learning.

The second looked at whether the Cathedral should also be a parish church. Some fascinating ideas emerged!

The final discussion takes place on 11 March - the question this time: if we had the resources, what would be your top priorities for the future? Everybody welcome to this important opportunity to help shape the future of the Cathedral.

Congratulations Chris Strange, organ scholar



Chris Strange, the Graham Rogers organ scholar has obtained his Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists diploma. This is a particularly challenging exam often taken in several components over the course of a year. Not only has Chris taken the exam in one go but he also passed first time. On average there are about ten people who successfully pass the exam each year. This is the highest exam available to organists and so a fantastic achievement for Chris. The exam consists of two parts.

The first is performance where the organists gives a short recital and demonstrates a series of keyboard sight reading tests as well as a series of activities to test the various skills organists require on a daily basis. The other part comprises two three hour papers which ask for expertise in areas such as harmony and counterpoint, the history or organ music and organ building.

Do congratulate Chris when you see him next!