

THIS WEEK

Sunday 7 April - Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 94
President: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford
- 8.30am** Breakfast with the Bible, led by Linda Brown
- 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST**
President: Canon Alison Kennedy
Preacher: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford
- 11.15am EUCHARIST with hymns**
President: Canon Alison Kennedy
Preacher: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford
- 3.30pm EVENING PRAYER with hymns**
Homily: Canon Ivor Moody

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 14 April - Palm Sunday

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President: Canon Alison Kennedy
- 8.30am** Breakfast with the Bible, led by Nicholas Henshall,
Dean of Chelmsford
- 10.30am SUNG EUCHARIST with Procession of Palms**
- 3.30pm MUSIC AND READINGS**
Homily: Canon Alison Kennedy

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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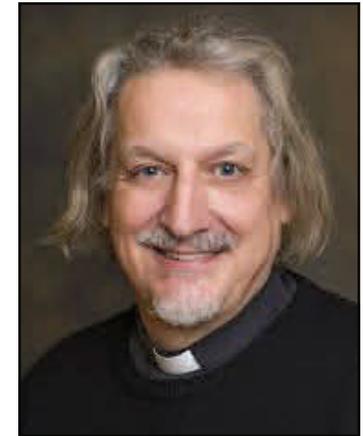
CATHEDRAL LIFE WEEKLY

LENT 5, 7 April 2019



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The Annual Meeting this year takes place on Saturday, 27 April in the Cathedral. Refreshments will be available from 9 am and the meeting will start promptly at 9.30 am. The meeting will end by 11 am at the latest - and the crèche facilities will be in the St Cedd's Chapel as on a Sunday morning.



The congregations are key stakeholders in the life of Chelmsford Cathedral, and the Annual Meeting is an opportunity for you to engage at greater depth with the life of the Cathedral. The annual report and the accounts are available two weeks in advance and people are encouraged to come prepared to probe and ask questions.

The Dean's review of 2018 and look forward to 2019 will be available on YouTube from 8 April with a link from the website and there will be paper copies available too in the Cathedral.

Saturday, 27 April is a key way each year for the Cathedral congregations to engage - so come along.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43.16-21
Psalm 126
John 12.1-8

“She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial...”

- Having journeyed through Lent for four weeks, we may well feel in need of the reassuring words of Isaiah in the **First Reading**. Just as the Lord promised to give abundant water to sustain the exiles from Babylon on their journey home, he will also guide me through the rest of Lent, supporting me with spiritual food and drink.
- In gratitude, pray words of the **Psalm**: “The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced”, recalling the joy of the exiles as they returned to their country.
- In the **Gospel** we have a beautiful picture of Jesus at Bethany just six days before his death. Mary, the sister of Mary and Lazarus, pours out costly perfume on his feet as a sign of her love for the Lord. Ask God today to renew your desire to follow him at this special time.

Perhaps this helps us in these last days of Lent to pray to the Lord that he be ‘my Saviour again and renew my joy’. We may also want to pray for all those people around us who still feel in exile, that the expectation of new life at Easter might help them to come home.

Next Sunday’s Readings - 14/4/19 : Palm Sunday

10.30 am:

Luke 19.28-40
Philippians 2.5-11
Luke 22.14 - 23.56

3.30 pm:

*Music and Readings
for Holy Week.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 9 April

10am - 12 noon Easter Stay and Play

Wednesday 10 April

11am - 3pm

24/7 Prayer (St Peter’s Chapel)

11am - 12.30pm

Lent 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)

7.30 - 9.30pm

‘Faith and Pilgrimage’ Lent Talk with Revd Canon Cilla Hawkes

Thursday 11 April

10.00am

Eucharist

Friday 12 & Saturday 13 April

Gin and Rum Festival

take place on Good Friday with walkers coming from all over Chelmsford. It culminates outside the Shire Hall in the High Street with a 45 minute service; speaker Andy Griffiths.

Thursday 25 April 9.30am

New Interest’s Group visit to Kew Gardens

Meet at Chelmsford Railway Station to travel via London Overground from Stratford to Kew. There are many new & renovated features to visit including the Grand Pagoda, Temperate Houses & truly wonderful botanical art. Please contact Helen Clothier on 01245 496535 or david.clothier@outlook.com to let them know you wish to go.

Thursday 25 April 10.45am

The Cathedral Prayer Group will be praying for the Church, diocese and the needs of the world

in the Mildmay Chapel. All are very welcome to join them for prayer.

Saturday 4 May 7.15 for 7.45pm Cathedral Dinner

With guest speaker, the Bishop of Bradwell. Tickets: £30 from Yvonne Spence tel: 01245 465108 or email: yvonnespence@hotmail.com The evening includes a four course meal and wine on the table.

Friday 10 May 7pm Wines of South Africa

Robin Greatorex will lead another of his popular tasting events in the Cathedral to raise funds for the Choirs’ Association (CCCA). Tickets £10 can be reserved from music@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk; 01245 294481.

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 until after Easter.

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 full name, house number and postcode and the date.

Vicky, Ray Cooper's Mum, is very grateful to everyone who prayed and thought of her. She is now much better.

Good news too from Martin Harris - Martin has finished his treatment and it has gone well. His brother Simon wishes to pass on the family's thanks for the Cathedral's prayers and support during this time.

The Lunchtime Concert last Friday by Brentwood School Big Band raised £920 for the Disasters Emergency Cyclone appeal. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

Flower Guild: 'Sponsor a lily'

The Flower Guild would welcome donations of £3 in memory of a loved one, to help cover the cost of lilies and other flowers during Easter. The names of those to be remembered will

be displayed on Memorial cards in the Mildmay Chapel and in our Book of Remembrance which will also be on display. Please contact Isabel Fyfe at 129 Beeches Rd, Chelmsford, CM1 2SA or any member of the Flower Guild. Memorial cards may also be obtained from the vergers.

Chapter House Improvements

The Chapter is delighted to confirm that a programme of improvements to the Chapter House, is scheduled to take place this Spring and Summer. A new heating system will be installed during Holy Week followed by redecoration work in the May half term and school summer holidays. During the work the building will have restricted use and while we are trying to accommodate all needs, we do thank users for being so flexible. The project will conclude with replacement curtains, blinds and artwork to ensure the building continues to be an attractive offer of welcome to all its users. If you have any questions please contact Ruth Collin or Laura Dolton in the Cathedral office.

Children's Society Boxes

Please return them during April in the usual manner either by giving them to me or handing them to a verger. It is important that they are handed to someone personally. As always new box holders are needed. Richard and Pat Spilsbury (268792)

Friday 19 April 11am Procession of Witness

The annual walk of witness organized by Churches Together in Christ will

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

Sunday: John 12.1-8

Monday: John 8.1-11

Tuesday: John 8.21-30

Wednesday: John 8.31-42

Thursday: John 8.51-end

Friday: John 10.31-end

Saturday: John 11.45-end

Sunday: Luke 19.28-40

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

Thought for the day

The spiritual life keeps us aware that our true house is not the house of fear, in which the powers of hatred and violence rule, but the house of love, where God resides. – *Henri Nouwen*

Please pray for:

- Mary Bradford, David Brider, Rosemary Duffin, Rita James, Julie Liney, Bartholomew Mullane, John Nightingale, Winnie Towers; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- St Mary's, Great Baddow
- The Church of Ireland, the Most Revd Richard Clarke, Primate

PALM SUNDAY - 14 April

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Because of the great Palm Procession we join together for a single main service at 10.30 am. This will feature the procession itself, the presentation of Luke's account of the death of Jesus, and Holy Communion as we begin our journey through the final days of Jesus' life.

Mothering Sunday



The 9.30am service welcomed the uniformed organisations, the Cathedral Girls' Choir and dancers from Essex Dance Theatre to a Mothering Sunday Service. The preacher was the Girl Bishop Freya Wadey and posies made by the Flower Guild were blessed by the Dean and the children collected them for their mothers and mother figures.



'Re-establishing British values of respect and tolerance'



On Saturday 30 March, Bishop Stephen led prayers in the Cathedral, praying for peace, unity and a clear way forward over the Brexit discussions. As one of only a few Cathedrals responding to the Archbishop's call for prayers, it drew interest from radio and TV including ITV and the French Press Agency AFP. Bishop Stephen spoke about re-establishing British values of respect and tolerance.