

THIS WEEK

Sunday 9 September - Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 210 (as for the Annunciation)

President: Canon Edward Carter

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

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President & Preacher: Canon Edward Carter

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST** (incense is used)

President & Preacher: Canon Edward Carter

3.30pm **EVENSONG**

Address: Canon Ivor Moody

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 16 September - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 182

President: Revd Kate Moore

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Revd Kate Moore

9.30 am **PARISH EUCHARIST** with baptisms

President: The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall

Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

11.15 am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

President: The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall

Preacher: Revd Kate Moore

3.30 pm **EVENSONG and welcome and installation
of Canon Alison Kennedy**

Address: Canon Alison Kennedy

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

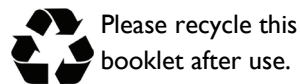
Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

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

Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

9 September 2018



Edward & Sarah

The Dean writes

Today we say farewell to Edward and Sarah Carter after six and a half years here at Chelmsford Cathedral. It has been wonderful to have them as neighbours, colleagues and companions in the life of this extraordinary place.



Edward has inhabited his role as Canon Theologian for the Diocese and the Cathedral with characteristic flare and wisdom - provoking us to think, imagine and explore.

Sarah has had a lead role with our uniformed organisations and a crucial role in the development of the English for Women project.

She has also enjoyed being chaplain to John Lewis!

As they move to St Peter Mancroft, the great civic church of Norwich, we say a huge thank you for all they have shared and given, and our heartfelt prayers for the journey ahead!

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Matthew 1.18-23

Introduction & Context

Jesus is the anointed who God has promised. Joseph's and Mary's families have signed a marriage contract but Joseph has not yet *taken her* (v. 20) into his house. If Mosaic law on sexual relations was fully observed then, Joseph could have brought charges against her, and she could have been stoned to death ("public disgrace", v. 19) for *adultery* (then including pre-marital sex). Joseph, while observant of the Law ("righteous"), is compassionate: he "planned to dismiss [divorce] her quietly". God had intervened in the birth of some he has chosen – Isaac, Jacob and Samuel – but never before has he replaced the whole male role. Even so, the messenger from God points out Joseph's role: Jesus is legally descended from David through him. In Aramaic and Hebrew, "Jesus" (v. 21) and "he will save" sound similar. Matthew is keen to show that Jesus fulfills God's promise made through Isaiah (v. 22). Through Jesus "God is with us" (v. 23) but Joseph names him Jesus, not Immanuel.

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 - 16 September :Trinity 16

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Isaiah 50.4-9a
Psalm 116.1-8
Mark 8.27-38

3.30 pm:

Ps 119.73-88
Exodus 32.7-14
1 Timothy 1.12-17

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 10 September

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

Wednesday 12 September

9.30am Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)
11am - 3.00pm 24/7 Prayer (St Peter's Chapel)
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)
8.00pm Theological Society (Chapter House)

Thursday 13 September

10.00am Eucharist
2.00pm Mothers' Union (Chapter House)

Friday 14 September

9.30am Cathedral Walking Group walk (CM3 4HD)
12.30pm Lunchtime Concert - Joshua Stephens (organ)

Saturday 15 September

10.00am, 2pm & 6pm
Diocesan Ordination Services

Harvest Festival: 30 September

This year across all four parade services, the young people are working on the theme 'Abundance and Generosity'. It also links in with the stewardship theme 'Giving generously to a generous Cathedral'. This harvest the congregation is invited to join our young people in bringing a box of non-perishable food to any of the morning services on 30 September which will be donated to the Chelmsford Food Bank.

Sunday 30 September 6pm

A Harvest Hot Supper is being hosted by the Social Committee in St Cedd's Hall (Chapter House). With food, games and fun for all

ages tickets cost £8 (adults) and £4 (children). From Yvonne Spence email: yvonespence@hotmail.com or tel: 01245 465108 or speak to any member of the Social Committee.

CONFIRMATION

If you want to explore Christianity and prepare for Confirmation, email dean@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

The next Confirmation is on Sunday, 25 November at 3.30 pm.

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 'God the Creator'.

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.

Today, after the 9.30am service, there will be cake to celebrate Brian Crawley's birthday. Congratulations to Brian.

Each Sunday at the 9.30am service there will be a 'Children's Chapel' available in St Cedd's Chapel at the back of the Cathedral. It is a space with soft mats and facilities for mums and dads to take babies and very young children if they need 'time out' for any reason during the service.

The Cathedral is involved in the 'Link to Hope Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal' for 2018. We are aiming for 80 shoeboxes. There is a leaflet in the Cathedral giving details

of suitable contents. Please pick up a leaflet and get collecting!

Sunday 16 September 12.45pm: Meeting Point will be holding their next Sunday lunch at Pontlands Park so if you would like to join others please book through Penny tel: 07872 942625.

Thursday 20 September 10.45am: The Cathedral Prayer Group will be meeting in the Jacob Room, Chapter House. All are welcome to join them to pray for the Cathedral, parish, wider community and the needs of the world.

Sunday 23 September 2pm Interfaith Cricket Match & Family Fun Day between Chelmsford Cathedral and Chelmsford Mosque. Taking place at Willingale Cricket Club (CM5 0SJ) food will be served after the match so please bring a dish to share. Come along to support or play! Please contact Ivor Moody on ivor.moody@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

Wednesday 26 September The New Interests Group will be visiting Royal Holloway College Art Gallery with a guided tour and a visit to the Chapel. If you would like to book a place, or for further details, please contact Ann Freese email: allfreese2@gmail.com

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	Matthew 1.18-23	<i>Thursday:</i>	Luke 6.27-38
<i>Monday:</i>	Luke 6.6-11	<i>Friday:</i>	John 3.13-17
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Luke 6.12-19	<i>Saturday:</i>	Luke 6.43-end
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Luke 6.20-26	<i>Sunday:</i>	Mark 8.27-38

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

Thought for the day

Our job is to love others without stopping to enquire whether or not they are worthy. - *Thomas Merton.*

Please pray for:

- Mary Bradford, David Brider, Rosemary Duffin, Rita James, Julie Liney, Bartholomew Mullane; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers.
- St John the Baptist, Danbury & the Revd Jackie Jones
- On this Education Sunday, those who work in our schools, colleges, academies and universities
- The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan & the Most Revd Daniel Den Bul Yak, Archbishop

Canon Alison Kennedy

Alison is our new Canon for Worship & Music and she will formally be installed at the Cathedral during Evensong at 3.30 pm next Sunday (16 September). Everyone is warmly welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards and we look forward to welcome Alison's family and friends, and members of her congregation in Vauxhall.

Cursillo Event at Chelmsford Cathedral



CURSILLO AT CHELMFORD CATHEDRAL

The National Conference of Anglican Cursillo came to Chelmsford last weekend. It was a fantastic time of celebration, music, study, testimony, and a great march of witness through the city followed by the Eucharist with Bishop Peter. It ended with a great dinner dance in the nave. Many of the participants worshipped with us on Sunday morning and loved the experience of being part of the Cathedral's life.



Cursillo is a remarkable international community of Christians which seeks to enable Christians to grow through prayer, study and action. It started in Spain in 1944 with simple three day meetings for prayer and study and has now spread across the world.

Two things stand out about the Cursillo way: a deep commitment to sacramental worship around the Eucharist, and a profound openness to the Spirit. And the most striking thing about Cursillo gatherings is a deep sense of joy and celebration.