

THIS WEEK

Sunday 9 December 2018 - Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 49

President: Canon Alison Kennedy

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

9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

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Preacher: Canon Alison Kennedy

11.15am CHORAL MATTINS

Officiant: Canon Ivor Moody

Preacher: Canon Alison Kennedy

3.30pm CHRISTINGLE

This morning the Dean is leading the worship at St Catharine's Wickford.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 16 December 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 51

President: Canon Ivor Moody

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Tim Leeson

9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

President: Canon Alison Kennedy

Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST

President: the Revd Kate Moore

Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

3.30pm EVENSONG

Address: the Revd Kate Moore

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

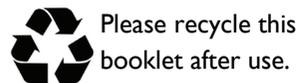
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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

Advent 2, 9 December 2018



Christingle Service

Christmas is already in the air - this afternoon at 3.30 pm is our first Christingle Service. It's a great opportunity for children and young families to share in a simple time of prayer and praise in the nave of the Cathedral, lighting candles as the sun sets.



Please pick up this year's Christmas leaflet which has full details of all services up to and including Christmas Day. There is a feast for everyone - informal lunchtime carols, great set piece Nine Lessons and Carols, and the awe inspiring celebrations of Midnight and 10.30 on Christmas morning (but not forgetting all age communion at 9 am on Christmas morning...)

It's not so much "something for everyone" as EVERYBODY'S WELCOME!" Come along and bring your friends - it's a fantastic time of year for someone new to discover the power and love at the heart of Christian worship.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Luke 3.1-6

Introduction & Context

As Luke has sid at the beginning of his Gospel, he is seeking to writing an “orderly account” in his biography of Jesus - so like other classical Greek authors he places John the Baptist’s ministry in the context of secular and religious rulers. (V. 1a gives the most precise dating of the start of Jesus’ ministry in the gospels, i.e. 26-29 AD.) “Herod” here is Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great. “Caiaphas” (v. 2), Annas’ son, is now high priest but his father retains his prestige and power. The Greek translated “the word of God came” (v. 2) is the same as in Jeremiah: Luke sees John as continuing Jeremiah’s role of announcing judgement at the end of the era and a new relationship with God, available to all. John travels throughout the Jordan Valley, preaching return to God’s ways and being ethically and spiritually renewed, here (vv. 4-6) expressed through metaphor. (These verses are from Isaiah 40:3-5.) Luke makes one change in the quotation: “his” (v. 4) emphasizes that it is Jesus for whom he prepares the way. To Luke, “all flesh” (v. 6), all people, not only Jews, will have the opportunity to be rescued from sin.

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 - 16/12/18 :Advent 3

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Zephaniah 3.14-20

Benedictus

Luke 3.7-18

3.30 pm:

Psalms 50.1-6, 62

Isaiah 35.1-10

James 5.7-10

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 10 December

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

Wednesday 12 December

9.30am Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

11am - 3pm 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)

Thursday 13 December

10.00am Eucharist

2.00pm Mothers’ Union (Chapter House)

Friday 14 December

12.30pm Carols for Everyone

is catering again. Contact Malcolm at 3 Havencourt, Victoria Road, tel: 01245 250061 or leave your name and payment with a verger.

Sunday 6 January 2019

12.30pm

John and Yvonne Spence 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: Yvonne.spence@hotmail.com

If you lead a Cathedral group and produce a programme for the year, please remember to email me a copy to include in Cathedral Life Weekly. Email: clare.broome@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk Thank you.

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 there is a special Junior Church Communion 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: yvonespence@hotmail.com or tel: 01245 465018 / 07889 610048.

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 are now by the South Door ready for collection.

Sunday 16 December 12.45pm Meeting Point Lunch: Book with Maureen for lunch at Pontlands Park. 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.

Tuesday 25 December Annual Christmas Day Lunch in Chapter House, a two course turkey roast and a choice of dessert and a glass of wine. Malcolm Treacher is the contact for names and payment is £10 per head, by 16 December please. Thanks to chef Mark Gerber who

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	Luke 3.1-6	<i>Thursday:</i>	Matthew 11.11-15
<i>Monday:</i>	Luke 5.17-26	<i>Friday:</i>	Matthew 11.16-19
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Matthew 18.12-14	<i>Saturday:</i>	Matthew 17.10-13
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Matthew 11.28-end	<i>Sunday:</i>	Luke 3.7-18

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

Thought for the day

In today's world silence is in short supply; this is a serious problem for our society, and anything we can do to help people recover a sense of silence as a necessary and positive element in human life is a contribution to the general sanity. - *Maria Boulding*

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
- Meadgate Church, Great Baddow
- All who work in radio or television, the work of Premier Radio
- The Falkland Islands & the Rt Revd Timothy Thornton

Sixth Form Discussion Day



Several schools from across the Diocese came together and over 200 6th formers discussed and presented their thoughts on prisons; do they work, should we have more or fewer, are there alternatives? The students, most of whom had never visited the Cathedral before, heard from a former offender, those who work in prisons and the day was jointly hosted by a member of staff from Drapers Academy and Canon Ivor Moody.

Christ the King Confirmation Service



Twenty three people from the Diocese came to the Cathedral for a service of Confirmation led by Bishop Stephen. The parishes of Barking, Harwich, Springfield, Creaksea, Stebbing and the Cathedral were all represented. Please do continue to pray for all those who have recently been confirmed.