

## THIS 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*

6.00pm **A CEREMONY OF CAROLS** with the lighting of the Christmas tree

## NEXT WEEK

### Sunday 23 December 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 52

*President: the Revd Kate Moore*

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by James Davy

10.30am **COMBINED EUCHARIST**

*President: the Very Revd Nicholas Henshall*

*Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody*

3.30pm **EVENING PRAYER** with hymns

*Address: Canon Alison Kennedy*

6.30pm **NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**Daily Prayer through the Week** (Mon to Sat):

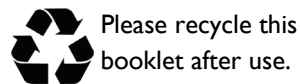
**Morning Prayer:** 7.45 am

**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 3, 16 December 2018



## Keep Singing!

*Sing aloud and shout! Rejoice with all your heart!* Zephaniah holds out a message of hope to God's people, who are badly in need of it. In the midst of political turmoil and spiritual crisis, Zephaniah predicts that "the day of the Lord" is coming. God will judge the nations. Justice will come for those who have been wronged. Return to God! says Zephaniah. So... sing!

There has been much singing in the cathedral this week. Carols and karaoke. Hymns and hand bells. Silence and signing. Thousands



have gathered to sing, whisper and shout praise to God. In the midst of our own political turmoil (by the time you read this, we may or may not have a prime minister), Zephaniah's words are apt. Keep singing! *Canon Alison Kennedy*

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## Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

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### Luke 3.7-18

#### Introduction & Context

John the Baptist addresses the “crowds”, v. 7: he calls them “vipers” and accuses them of being baptised with no intention of starting a new life. If they think that by being baptised they will evade God’s “wrath to come”, v. 7, they are wrong: they must also turn to godliness. Having “Abraham as our ancestor” (v. 8) is no assurance of salvation. The people have a choice (v. 9): respond to God’s offer by beginning a new way of living, or face condemnation at the end of time.

At the time, people expected the Messiah to come at any moment (v. 15): perhaps John would restore Israel’s fortunes and God’s power would triumph now. John says that the baptism he offers is vastly inferior to Jesus’ baptism: for Jesus, he is so unworthy that he cannot even do a slave’s task (“untie ...”, v. 16). (In Acts 2:3, fire is associated with the Holy Spirit.) V. 17 says, in agricultural language, that the godly (“wheat”) will be gathered to Christ but the ungodly (“chaff”) will be destroyed. John preached a message of forgiveness of sins and the advent of a new relationship between people and God.

#### 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.

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### Next Sunday’s Readings - 23/12/18 :Advent 4

**10.30 am:**  
Micah 5.2-5a  
*Magnificat*  
Luke 1.39-45

**3.30 pm:**  
Pss 132, 134  
1 Samuel 1.1-20  
Luke 1.39-45

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday 16 December

12.45pm Meeting Point Lunch (Pontlands Park)  
6.00pm A Ceremony of Carols

### Monday 17 December

5.30 - 7.00pm Youth Group (8pm yr 9+) (YMCA)  
7.15pm Inner Wheel & Rotary Christmas Concert

### Wednesday 19 December

9.30am Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)  
12.35pm Eucharist  
1.00 - 3.00pm Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in Chapter House  
1.00 - 4.00pm Friendship Club (Chapter House)  
6.00pm J’s Light Up a Life Christmas Concert

### Thursday 20 December

10.00am Eucharist  
10.45am Cathedral Prayer Group (Jacob Room)

### Friday 21 December

12.30pm Carols for Everyone  
6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols (organ music from 5.45pm)

### Saturday 22 December

6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols (organ music from 5.45pm)

#### Please pray for:

- 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
- Moulsham Lodge, Hall Street and Moulsham Methodist Churches
- Kivi (Rwanda) & The Rt Revd Augustin Ahimana
- The Church of England Guild of Vergers and the men and women who carry out this important work
- The family and friends of Patrick Appleford who died this week

## 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 'The Christmas Story'.

**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](mailto:yvonnespence@hotmail.com) or tel: 01245 465018 / 07889 610048.

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

**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](mailto:yvonne.spence@hotmail.com)

**NEXT SUNDAY** (23rd Dec) there is a combined Eucharist at 10.30 am - and the same on the Sunday after Christmas (30th Dec). On both these Sundays at 3.30 pm there will be a simple celebration of Evening Prayer.

**CHRISTMAS AT CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL:** please pick up a leaflet with full details of all the Christmas services (also available on the Cathedral website). Nine Lessons and Carols will be celebrated at 6.30 pm on the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd Dec. On Christmas Eve, Crib Service at 4 pm and Midnight Mass at 11.30 pm. And Christmas morning celebrations at 8, 9.00 and 10.30am.

**The Dean:** this week he is making the Spiritual Exercises at St Beuno's Retreat Centre in Wales in preparation for his extended study leave next autumn.

### **Temporary Events Manager (Maternity Cover)**

We are looking for a temporary member of staff to manage our Chapter House bookings starting in March 2019. You'll have excellent customer service experience, an eye for detail and process and a "can do" attitude. You'll be working as part of the Cathedral office team who support each others' roles. We're looking for cover all week, but we would be willing to consider a job share. To find out more please visit [www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/jobs](http://www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/jobs) or call Ruth Collin on 01245 294488. Closing date for applications is Friday 11 January 2019.

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	Luke 3.7-18	<i>Thursday:</i>	Luke 1.26-38
<i>Monday:</i>	Matthew 1.1-17	<i>Friday:</i>	Luke 1.39-45
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Matthew 1.18-24	<i>Saturday:</i>	Luke 1.46-56
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Luke 1.5-25	<i>Sunday:</i>	Luke 1.39-45

You can find a simple 10 minute reflection at: [pray-as-you-go.org](http://pray-as-you-go.org)

### Thought for the day

Prayer is a listening to the creative, life-giving word that loves us into being. - *Maria Boulding*

The death has been announced of Patrick Appleford, priest and hymn-writer, sometime Dean of Lusaka, and Diocesan Director of Education in the Diocese of Chelmsford. Born in 1925, Patrick was a firm believer in an authentic voice in worship, founding (with Geoffrey Beaumont) the Twentieth Century Church Light Music Group, writing and promoting straightforward hymns in the vernacular, combining his texts with original melodies that were quickly learned and repeated; without doubt, his outstanding contribution to 20<sup>th</sup> C. hymnody was *Lord Jesus Christ (Living Lord)*, and although he was proud of this particular hymn, he authored many more as well as congregational settings for the liturgy, with *Mass of Five Melodies* and *New English Mass* becoming popular, and writing scripture-based musicals, including *Messiah Comes to Town*. In 2013 he wrote a centenary hymn for the Diocese of Chelmsford, his spiritual home for some 43 years. Patrick had an evangelistic fervour for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and took great delight in seeing people fulfilled in their own lives, using their God-given gifts to his glory; ordained in 1952, he lived through great times of change in the Church of England; one of his hopes was to see the ordination of women to the episcopate, something he lived to see accomplished. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



## CATHEDRAL LIFE

### Advent Sunday

Visitors from Backnang presented the Cathedral with an Advent candle.



*The Advent Procession.*



### The Christmas Market



The Cathedral was full of stalls, as choirs performed, refreshments were served and people came and started their Christmas shopping.

