

THIS WEEK

Sunday 21 January - Feast of Dedication

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION

President: The Vice Dean

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Tim Leeson

9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

President & Preacher: Revd Kate Moore

11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST

President: Revd Kate Moore

Preacher: The Vice Dean

3.30pm EVENSONG

Address: The Canon Theologian

This morning the Dean is preaching at the Civic Service at All Saints Maldon and Canon Edward Carter is leading the worship at Abbess Roding & White Roding.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 28 January - Candlemas

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 205

President: The Canon Theologian

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible led by The Dean

9.30 am ALL AGE EUCHARIST & First Communions

President: The Dean

Preacher: Heike Prentice

11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST (incense is used)

President: The Canon Theologian

Preacher: The Dean

3.30pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

6.00pm EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

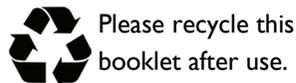
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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

Feast of Dedication, Sunday 21 January



Epiphany & Candlemas

This great season that began in Advent as we looked forward to the coming of Christ, comes to a close next Sunday. Forty days on from Christmas we remember the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (a day often known as Candlemas).

And next Sunday is packed full of exciting opportunities to celebrate this special day. At 9.30am – along with the special readings and hymns – we welcome a whole group of our children and young people for their first communion. In the afternoon at 3.30pm people of all ages are warmly invited to the Christingle Service – a lovely way of marking Candlemas. And at its heart is the glorious Epiphany Carol Service, when the whole congregation goes on pilgrimage around the Cathedral singing great



carols and with wonderful music from the choir.

Candlemas is the day we turn from Christmas towards Lent, from the crib and towards the cross.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Matthew 21: 12-16 (*Gospel for the Dedication Festival*)

Introduction & Context

In today's Gospel reading Jesus "cleanses the Temple". People have got very confused by this action and it has led some people to believe that there shouldn't be shops or any kind of trading in churches! That is not what is going on here.

In John's Gospel this happens at the beginning of his ministry; in the other three, it happens just before the end. It is an important moment and many see it as one of the key triggers that led to Jesus being crucified.

It is a prophetic action (see Jeremiah 7:1-15) of real moral power. The Temple money changers had an important job - to change pagan Roman coins (forbidden in the Temple) into Temple money. But - as so often in the Bible and our own experience - the practice had become deeply corrupt. Hence Jesus' powerful action.

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 - 28/1/18 : Candlemas

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Malachi 3: 1-5

Psalm 24

Luke 2: 22-40

3.30 pm:

Special readings for Christingle

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 22 January

6.00 - 8.00pm Youth Group - mug decorating (YMCA)

Wednesday 24 January

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 25 January

10.00am Eucharist

Friday 26 January

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert - Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer (folk duo)

7.30pm CCCA Wine Tasting Evening

Saturday 27 January

2pm - 6pm Chorister Recruitment Afternoon

Tools with a Mission is a Christian charity sending tools across the developing world with the purpose of livelihood creation. They collect and refurbish donated tools and sort them into trade kits and had an exhibition of their work at the County Harvest Festival Service in the Cathedral last October. I have since become a volunteer collector for the Chelmsford area and if you would like to donate some tools to this charity I would be delighted to hear from you. I can be contacted at martinl@twam.uk or on 01245 442089. Thank you. *Martin Love*

The Children's Society

Christingle cake sale raised £88.36. Many thanks for your support. *Richard & Pat Spilsbury*

Friday 26 January 7.30pm

Wine tasting in the north transept with Robin Greatorex, featuring wines from Italy. Tickets £8 available from the music office, or at the Cathedral after this Sunday's services.

Saturday 27 January 2pm - 6 pm

The Cathedral Choir is holding a recruitment event for boys aged 7-9 including musical games, rehearsal and service of Evensong. The event is free - contact james.davy@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk for more details.

Thursday 1 February 8pm

Mothers' Union meeting in Chapter House, a devotion led by Lynda Booth.

Saturday 3 February 7pm

Concert: University of Essex Choir sing the Duruflé *Requiem* in the Cathedral. Tickets from eventbrite.co.uk

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 'Jesus throws the money lenders out of the temple'.

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.

Numbers required by today! For the New Interests Group visit backstage to the Royal Opera House on February 20. Contact Ann Freese today if you would like a ticket, tel: 01245 357096.

Administrative/Secretarial Support for Workplace Chaplains. The role includes minute and agendas for monthly core team meetings usually taking place on a Tuesday morning once a month in Chelmsford and other duties. It is a voluntary role but expenses will be paid. For more details contact Rev Andy Hudson on 07946 115396 or email andyHUDSON483@btinternet.com

Adult Confirmations

There will be a Confirmation Service in the Cathedral on 31 March (Easter

Eve). Any adults wishing to be confirmed (or baptised and confirmed) should please contact Canon Edward Carter on 01245 294486 or edward.carter@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk for information about preparation sessions this Spring. Young people interested in being confirmed or exploring faith should contact Steven Conroy on steven.conroy@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

Jesus Bread of Life: the Dean is leading a weekend all about the Eucharist at Pleshey, 2-4 March. Everyone is warmly welcome and if you would like to come, please contact Pleshey directly (email retreathouse@chelmsford.anglican.org or phone 01245 237251).

The Dean's Round Table: the Chapter is beginning work on an action plan in response to the Visitation Report, and everyone is invited to join! There will be three "round table" events here at the Cathedral. They are all on Sunday afternoons, 4.30 – 6 pm. They are on 18 February, with Bishop Stephen, and then 25 February and 11 March. It is an important opportunity – so come along to make your contribution and ask others to do the same!

Canon for Worship & Music: the advert for the new Canon for Worship and Music has now been published - you can find all the details on the Cathedral website. This is an exciting new post in partnership with St Mellitus College.

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

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| <i>Sunday:</i> | Matthew 21: 12-16 | <i>Thursday:</i> | Matthew 19.27-30 |
| <i>Monday:</i> | Mark 3.22-30 | <i>Friday:</i> | Mark 4.26-34 |
| <i>Tuesday:</i> | Mark 3.31-end | <i>Saturday:</i> | Mark 4.35-end |
| <i>Wednesday:</i> | Mark 4.1-20 | <i>Sunday:</i> | Luke 2: 22-40 |

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

Thought for the day

A church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints.
- Pauline Phillips

Please pray for:

- David Bryder, Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Bartholomew Mullane; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- Church of the Holy Name and Our Lady Immaculate, City Centre
- The Spiritual Direction Co-ordinating Group and all who minister within it
- The Church of Bangladesh, the Most Revd Paul Shishir Sarker Moderator, Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Dhaka

Cathedral Life Weekly via Email

In response to requests, we are making the weekly Cathedral newsheet available in a new way. There will still be paper copies available in the Cathedral each week and an electronic version on the website but from February the newsheet will also be emailed directly to the mailbox of anyone who wants to receive it in that way. Because of the new data protection legislation, you will need to give us permission to send the newsheet each week and additional information about events or concerts that are taking place at the Cathedral. It is not enough for us simply to have your details.

If you wish to be emailed the weekly newsheet in this way, please email news@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk saying that you want to receive the weekly newsheet by email and that you give us permission to send the newsheet each week and additional information about events that are taking place at the Cathedral. Your email address will be stored securely on our database and we promise never to give your details to any third party. All correspondence will be blind copied so that your details will not be seen by anyone else.

Completion of the Song School Roof



Just before Christmas the scaffolding came down heralding the end of the replacement and refurbishment of the song school roof. Following the successful application to the WWI grant fund, the bowing roof trusses were replaced ensuring a roof that is now both strong enough to withstand a heavy snowfall and will keep out the rain. The room has been plastered and the choir will be moving back in during February half term.

The Cathedral Ball



Over 130 people enjoyed an evening of good food, good wine (soft drinks were also available!) and great dancing as the Social Committee turned the Cathedral into Chelmsford's most stunning venue for an evening out. Music was again provided by the Julie Cooper Band. A three course meal was served and then the dance floor filled and was rarely empty again until the end of the night. With thanks to the Social Committee for all the hard work they put in to ensure a successful and enjoyable evening.