

THIS WEEK

Sunday 25 November - Christ the King

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, readings on special sheet

President: Canon Ivor Moody

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by James Davy

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: Canon Ivor Moody

Preacher: Canon Alison Kennedy

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST - incense is used**

President: Canon Alison Kennedy

Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

3.30pm **DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION SERVICE**

Preacher & President: the Bishop of Chelmsford

This morning the Dean is leading the worship at St Paul's, Harlow

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 2 December - First Sunday of Advent

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9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST and parade service**

President: Canon Ivor Moody

Preacher: the Very Revd Nicholas Henshall

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

President: Canon Alison Kennedy

Preacher: Very Revd Nicholas Henshall

3.30pm **EVENING PRAYER**

Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

6.00pm **ADVENT PROCESSION**

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

Christ the King, 25 November 2018



Advent - Christ is near

Advent is the four weeks running up to Christmas. It is a short season full of the great themes of hope and expectation - powerful and significant words for our world today.

Next Sunday - 2 December - hope and expectation run through all the prayers and readings. And at 6pm is the beautiful Advent Carols Service with reflective words and music. Saturday, 8 Dec is marked by the Choirs' Christmas Concert and Sunday, 9 Dec at 3.30pm is the Christingle - a great informal celebration of light and hope for people of all ages.

Advent is a great time to renew your own spiritual disciplines.



One simple suggestion is to use the daily Gospel readings printed on this newsheet every week. Just take a few minutes each day to centre down on the great Advent readings, and the themes of hope and expectation of which they speak.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

John 18.33-37

Introduction & Context

This is part of John's account of Jesus' trial before Pilate. Here Pilate goes inside the praetorium and asks Jesus: *are you the leader of a revolutionary movement?* In return, Jesus asks him: *Is this question your idea, based on what you have heard, or did others put you up to it?* Pilate shows his scorn for Jews; *the religious authorities seek your death, but what grounds are there for killing you?* In v. 36, Jesus begins to explain the nature of his kingship. Were he a rebel leader, his followers "would be fighting to keep me from being handed over" to the religious authorities, but he is no threat to Pilate's authority. Pilate picks up on Jesus words "my kingdom". Jesus is king of "truth" (v. 37); his subjects are those who belong to the truth. He was "born" and "came into the world" to establish the kingdom of God, the ultimate truth.

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 - 2/12/18 : Advent I

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Jeremiah 33.14-16

Psalm 25.1-9

Luke 21.25-36

3.30 pm:

Ps 9

Isaiah 2.1-5

Romans 13.11-14

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 26 November

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

Tuesday 27 November

7.00pm Book launch with Bishop Stephen

Wednesday 28 November

9.30am Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

10.45am Walking Group walk - meet Boyton Cross

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)

8.00pm Keene Lectures

Thursday 29 November

10.00am Eucharist

Friday 30 November

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert - Flautista Flute Ensemble

Saturday 1 December

9.30am - 2.30pm Christmas Market

7.30pm 'A Christmas Nowell' concert; Caprice

confectionary, homemade produce (pickles, jams), spices, oils and of course baskets or pretty boxes. Contact Jenny Penny tel: 01245 237408 or Martin Love tel: 01245 442089 .

Thursday 6 December 8pm

The Mothers' Union meets in Chapter House. The Christmas meeting is with 'Pam's Angels'.

Thursday 13 December 2pm

The Mothers' Union meets in St Cedd's Hall for seasonal readings and mince pies.

Christmas Day Lunch in Chapter House, a two course

turkey roast and a choice of dessert and a glass of wine. £10 per head - please contact Malcolm Treacher at 3 Havencourt, Victoria Road, tel: 01245 250061 or leave your name and payment with a verger.

The Advent Procession at 6pm today is an atmospheric service beginning in darkness and including lighting of candles and seasonal music for the weeks leading up to Christmas. The Cathedral's choirs will move around the building singing beautiful choral items, with well-known hymns for the congregation to join in - a great annual celebration.

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 is 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 Feast of Christ the King'.

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 or tel: 01245 465018 / 07889 610048.

The pedestal arrangement at the West end of the Nave is sponsored by Grace Lidstone in memory of Rachel Penny on her birthday, 1 December.

Friends from Sweden: a warm welcome this morning to the Revd Ase Lindberg and a group from the Diocese of Karlstad!

Christmas leaflet delivery

Every Christmas we deliver leaflets to every house and apartment in the Cathedral parish. It is a fantastic way to reach the nearly 5,000 people who live in the area for which we are responsible as a congregation. **They are ready to deliver now.** It would be great to recruit more people to take a bundle and commit to delivering to a street or close or avenue or apartment block. Rosemarie Rowe is building a team - please consider joining it! Please contact Ivor Moody or Rosemarie.

The cake stall for Christingles raised £107.20. Thank you! Christingle Collection candles are available from today.

KEENE LECTURE - 28 November at 8 pm: we welcome Canon Georgina Byrne from Worcester Cathedral as our third Keene Lecturer, speaking remembering the dead of WWI.

Saturday 1 December Christmas Market Grand Draw: please leave donations in the box by the West Door: spirits, beauty products, wine,

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	John 18.33-37	<i>Thursday:</i>	Luke 21.20-28
<i>Monday:</i>	Luke 21.1-4	<i>Friday:</i>	Matthew 4.18-22
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Luke 21.5-11	<i>Saturday:</i>	Matthew 17.10-13
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Luke 21.12-19	<i>Sunday:</i>	Luke 21.25-36

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

Thought for the day

Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating. By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are. - *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

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
- Broomfield Road Methodist Church
- Gideons who place Bibles in hotels and other public spaces
- The Lusitanian Church & the Rt Revd Jose Jorge De Pina Cabral, Bishop

GIVING GENEROUSLY

Today everyone is invited to place their giving pledge on the offertory plate. These will be taken up with the collection and celebrated with a prayer of thanksgiving. People are of course warmly welcome to return their pledges in the coming weeks.

Music at the Cathedral



Pictured in rehearsal the Cathedral choirs joined by the Chelmsford Singers and Chelmsford Sinfonietta for a Remembrance concert in the Cathedral. The next choirs' concert is on Saturday 8 December entitled 'A Chelmsford Christmas'. Tickets on sale through the Cathedral bookstall and ticketsource.co.uk



Thirty-four shoe boxes with gifts for families and the elderly were collected by the Cathedral congregation for 'Link to Hope' A big thank you from Eileen French to all who contributed.



Giving generously to a generous Cathedral

We are committed to being a generous Cathedral in as many ways as possible and we need your help to be able to continue giving. When we give to the Cathedral we help make it possible to host events for the community, to provide chaplaincy and other ministry, to support those who need us and to do all this freely.



To help celebrate all the ways in which we are generous we put together a series of one minute-long videos to highlight some of the wonderful work our Cathedral is part of. If you've missed any of the videos from the series, or want to watch them again, they are all still live on our YouTube channel.

If you haven't yet returned your pledge sheet, or haven't received one and would like to make a pledge, there's still time to do so. You can request an information pack by emailing news@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk and pledge sheets can be returned to the Cathedral Office.

