

THIS WEEK

Sunday 31 March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 91

President: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Nick Easton

9.30am **MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE FEATURING ESSEX DANCE THEATRE**

President: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford

Preacher: Freya Wadey (Girl Bishop)

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

President: Canon Ivor Moody

Preacher: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford

3.30pm **EVENSONG**

Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 7 April - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 94

President: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Linda Brown

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: Canon Alison Kennedy

Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

11.15am **EUCHARIST with hymns**

President: Canon Alison Kennedy

Preacher: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford

3.30pm **EVENING PRAYER with hymns**

President & Preacher: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

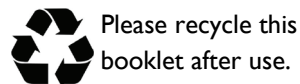
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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

4th Sunday of Lent, 31 March 2019

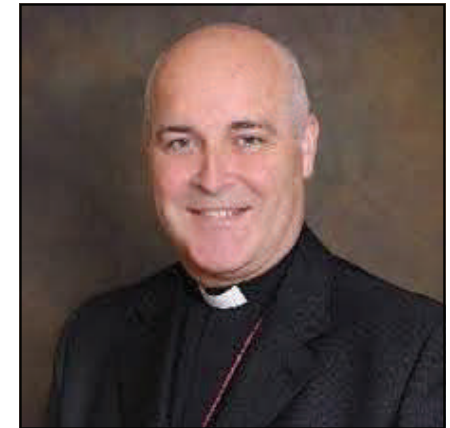


Walking the Path

Holy Week (14-21 April) is an invitation to walk closely with Jesus through the last days of his life. It can be an extraordinary, life-changing journey.

This year we are delighted that Bishop Stephen is with us. In most cathedrals there is a tradition of inviting a Holy Week Preacher, and we are delighted that Bishop Stephen will be with us for the whole week.

Bishop Stephen will be speaking each evening Monday to Wednesday at 7pm as part of a simple evening service. He will then preach at 7.45pm on Maundy Thursday, 12 noon on Good



Friday, 7.00pm on Easter Eve and 11.15am on Easter Day!

Holy Week is an invitation to all of us to go on an amazing journey. Everyone is very welcome - and encouraged - to join in.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Readings for Lent 4 (11,15 am):

Joshua 5.9-12
Psalm 32
Luke 15.1-3, 11b-end

Rejoice! This child of mine was lost, and is found!

Laetare ('Rejoice!') Sunday is a day of joyful celebration in the middle of our Lenten journey. Today we rejoice in God's outpouring of compassion and forgiveness for us, as we remember that we are *loved* sinners.

- In the **First Reading** the Israelites celebrate Passover in the Promised Land. Though they no longer need the manna they ate in the wilderness, they are still totally dependent on the God who provides for them.
- The **Psalm** invites to "be glad in the Lord", to "and shout for joy" because of God's mercy and love.
- In the **Gospel** story of the Prodigal Son, Jesus gives a wonderful picture of that same loving reconciliation in action, as we see the height and depth of a father's compassion for his penitent child. This is how much God loves us, too: so much that he yearns and waits to welcome us home with joy when we turn to him in repentance.

As Lent continues, that we might become increasingly aware of God's compassionate for us and for the whole world.

Next Sunday's Readings - 7/4/19 : Lent 5

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Isaiah 43.16-21
Psalm 126
John 12.1-8

3.30 pm:

Psalm 35
Ezekiel 37.1-14
Romans 8.6-11

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 1 April

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

Wednesday 3 April

9.30am Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)
11.00am - 12.30pm Lent Group (Chapter House)
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)
7.30 - 9.30pm 'Faith and Pilgrimage' Lent Talk
Brother Sam SSF, Anglican Franciscan Friar

Thursday 4 April

10.00am Eucharist
8.00pm Mothers' Union (Chapter House)

Friday 5 April

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert - James Davy (organ)
7.00pm Compline, sung by the Cathedral Choir

Saturday 6 April

10.00am Coffee in the Cathedral
7.30pm Hutton & Shenfield Choral Society & Orchestra
Handel: Messiah

Thursday 25 April 10.45am

The Cathedral Prayer Group will be praying for the Church, diocese and the needs of the world in the Mildmay Chapel. All are very welcome to join them for prayer.

Saturday 27 April 9 - 11 am

The Cathedral Annual Meeting is an important moment for the Cathedral congregations - an opportunity to reflect on what was achieved in 2018 and what lies ahead; to ask questions and share ideas; and to receive the Cathedral accounts. All are welcome - refreshments are available from 9am and the meeting itself starts at 9.30am and will finish by 11am. Crèche facilities will be available in St Cedd's Chapel. The Dean will be

delivering his AGM report at the 9.30 and 11.15am on Sunday 7 April.

Saturday 4 May 7.15 for 7.45pm Cathedral Dinner

With guest speaker, the Bishop of Bradwell. Tickets: £30 from Yvonne Spence tel: 01245 465108 or email: yvonnespence@hotmail.com The evening includes a four course meal and wine on the table.

Friday 10 May 7pm Wines of South Africa

Robin Greatorex will lead another of his popular tasting events in the Cathedral to raise funds for the Choirs' Association (CCCA). Tickets £10 can be reserved from music@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk; 01245 294481.

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.

There is no Junior Church today, as it is an all-age Mothering Sunday service at 9.30am.

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 full name, house number and postcode and the date.

Flower Guild: 'Sponsor a lily'

The Flower Guild would welcome donations of £3 in memory of a loved one, to help cover the cost of lilies and other flowers during Easter. The names of those to be remembered will be displayed on Memorial cards in the Mildmay Chapel and in our Book of Remembrance which will also be on display. Please contact Isabel Fyfe at 129 Beeches Rd, Chelmsford, CMI 2SA or any member of the Flower Guild. Memorial cards may also be obtained from the vergers.

Chapter House Improvements

The Chapter is delighted to confirm that a programme of improvements to the Chapter House, is scheduled to take place this Spring and Summer. A new heating system will be installed during Holy Week followed by redecoration work in the May half

term and school summer holidays. The improvements will see much more efficient and effective heating to all the rooms and the redecoration work will see the block walls plastered and the building painted throughout. During the work the building will have restricted use and while we are trying to accommodate all needs, we do thank users for being so flexible. The project will conclude with replacement curtains, blinds and artwork to ensure the building continues to be an attractive offer of welcome to all its users. If you have any questions please contact Ruth Collin or Laura Dolton in the Cathedral office.

Thursday 11 April 2pm

The Mothers' Union meet in Chapter House. Revd Brenda Wallace gives a talk on Holy Week and Easter in Greece. All welcome.

Sunday 14 April

The next Meeting Point lunch is being held at Russel's restaurant, Great Baddow. If you would like to join others for Sunday lunch please contact Penny tel: 07872 942625.

Thursday 25 April 9.30am

New Interest's Group visit to Kew Gardens

Meet at Chelmsford Railway Station to travel via London Overground from Stratford to Kew. There are many new & renovated features to visit including the Grand Pagoda, Alpine, Orchid & Temperate Houses & truly wonderful botanical art. Please contact Helen Clothier on 01245 496535 or david.clothier@outlook.com to let them know you wish to go.

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	Luke 15.1-3, 11b-end	<i>Thursday:</i>	John 5.31-end
<i>Monday:</i>	John 4.43-end	<i>Friday:</i>	John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30
<i>Tuesday:</i>	John 5.1-3, 5-16	<i>Saturday:</i>	John 7.40-52
<i>Wednesday:</i>	John 5.17-30	<i>Sunday:</i>	John 12.1-8

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

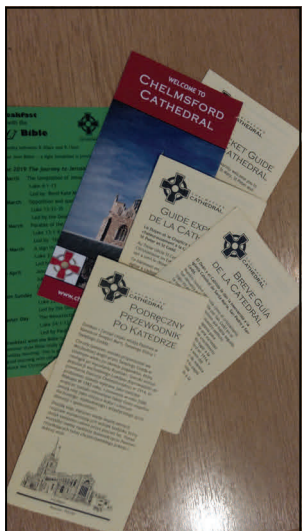
Thought for the day

The question is not "How am I to love God?" but "How am I to let myself be loved by God?" God is looking into the distance for me, trying to find me, and longing to bring me home. - *Henri Nouwen*

Please pray for:

- Mary Bradford, David Brider, Rosemary Duffin, Mark Harris, Rita James, Julie Liney, Bartholomew Mullane, John Nightingale, Ray Cooper's mother, Winnie Towers; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- Cynthia Styles and family in the loss of husband John
- St Mary with St Leonard, Broomfield
- Pray for mothers everywhere, give thanks for their love and devotion and pray too for the work of the Mothers' Union and the Women's Institute and all who work to maintain the values of family life
- The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song, Archbishop

Could you be a Sunday Afternoon Steward?



A selection of leaflets available for visitors

Andrew Duke Needs Help on Sundays!

On Sunday afternoons, visitors and people local to Chelmsford out for a walk on a Sunday afternoon call in to visit the Cathedral. On some Sundays as many as 50 can visit! Having a team to welcome them is essential but there is a real danger that Andrew will soon be unable to field a welcoming team every Sunday afternoon. And it will be very sad if no one is there to welcome visitors. Can you help him please? It requires a commitment of just two hours – once every two months. You don't need any specific training or an in-depth knowledge of our Cathedral, there are a selection of information leaflets in several languages available to hand out for free and Andrew will be there to guide you! Do contact him on 01245 697970 if you can help.

Visit by Eve Poole

Eve Poole, the third Church estates commissioner, with responsibilities for cathedrals, visited Chelmsford Cathedral last week. Eve was keen to visit one of England's smaller cathedrals to gain an understanding of the variety of work and ministry that goes on. She spoke to staff and volunteers over the course of 24 hours and came away with a real understanding of just how varied the life of Chelmsford Cathedral is!



St Patrick's Day Lunch

The Cathedral Social and Fundraising Committee organised a St Patrick's Day luncheon on Sunday, 17 March in the Chapter House.

The food was organised and made by various members of the committee who produced a delectable beef in Guinness stew which melted in the mouth, a sausage and bean casserole which appealed to all ages and a vegetarian ratatouille which was acclaimed by all who chose that option.

Desserts were homemade, a fresh fruit salad and fresh apple crumbles, both served with ice cream, cream or custard. What a difficult choice to have to make! Delicious!

Fruit juices and wine were available to drink. There were even

"seconds" available which meant that no-one was left hungry.

The occasion was aimed at all ages and successfully met the needs of children aged four upwards with a Lego competition, Leprechaun fancy dress parade and a quiz for the older generation. There were prizes for the children who had a great time playing with each other. We were entertained for a while by Eric Withams at the piano playing Irish tunes.

A big thank you to all who prepared the food, set the tables, and organised the entertainment.

Well done to all the Committee, we do appreciate all your hard work. Do keep an eye on the notices: Social Committee lunches are always advertised several weeks in advance.

Collections at all services on **Sunday 7 April** will be donated to the Bishop's Lent Appeal. Please use a yellow envelope if you are able to Gift Aid your donation. You can also give at other times by placing your donation in a yellow envelope, writing Lent Appeal on the envelope and placing it in one of the collection boxes. Please remember to write your full name for gift aid purposes.