

THIS WEEK

Sunday 7 January 2018 - The Baptism of Christ (Epiphany I)

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Preacher: the Revd Ade Elayae, associate priest

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

President: the Very Revd Nicholas Henshall, Dean

Preacher: Canon Edward Carter, Canon Theologian

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Address: the Revd Kate Moore, associate priest

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Address: Canon Ivor Moody, Vice Dean

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

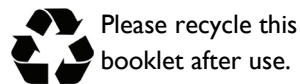
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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

7 January 2018 - The Baptism of Christ



First Communion

First Communion is a precious moment when Christians are welcomed to receive the Eucharist for the first time. In some traditions this happens from baptism and very small children are included; in other traditions people don't receive communion till after confirmation.

Here at the Cathedral we follow mainstream Anglican practice of admitting people to communion from primary school age. They may or may not go on to be confirmed, but they are welcomed as full members of the Church at the Eucharist around God's table.

Here at Chelmsford Cathedral First Communion Sunday is always Candlemas - this year that's Sunday 28th January. And on the two Sundays before the children meet to prepare.



In their preparation they learn more about Holy Communion, about the Christian faith and what it means, and to be a follower of Jesus.

Our children are a precious gift to our worshipping community. Please pray for them as they prepare for this big step - that by receiving Holy Communion the Holy Spirit may lead them to know, serve and love Jesus more deeply and follow him day by day.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Mark 1.4-11

Introduction & Context

Mark's gospel begins with the messenger whom God sends ahead of Christ, to prepare the way. John is the forerunner of Jesus. Tradition says that John baptised near Jericho, in an arid region. People came to him in large numbers, repenting (changing their mind sets), "confessing their sins" (v. 5), resolving to sin no more, and (probably) dipping themselves in the River. John dressed like a hermit or prophet (v. 6). In Palestine, some species of "locusts" were eaten. Mark does not tell us why Jesus was baptised by John, but what follows is important. The opening of the heavens symbolizes the start of a new mode of communication between God and humankind. Perhaps "like a dove" (v. 10) is an allusion to the *spirit hovering* in Genesis 1:2. To Mark, the "voice ... from heaven" (v. 11) confirms the already existing relationship between Jesus and the Father. The Greek word translated "Beloved" indicates God's choice rather than his feelings.

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 - 14 January : Epiphany 2

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

1 Samuel 3.1-10

Ps 139.1-9 (145 v1-12 at 11.15)

John 1.43-51

3.30 pm:

Ps 96

Isaiah 62.1-5

John 2.1-11B

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 7 January

12.30pm

Epiphany Lunch (Cuton Hall - tickets from Yvonne Spence)

Monday 8 January

6.00 - 8.00pm

Youth Group (YMCA)

Wednesday 10 January

9.30am

Parent and Toddler 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)

Thursday 11 January

10.00am

Eucharist

12.30 for 1pm

Mothers' Union New Year Party (Chapter House)

Friday 12 January

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Laurence Lyndon-Jones (organ)

Saturday 13 January

7.15pm

Cathedral Ball

Sunday 14 January

There will be a cake stall to raise money for the Christingles which will be distributed during the service at Candlemas. Please contribute if you can. Christingle collecting candles are also available at the west door.

Richard Spilsbury

Sunday 14 January 12.45pm

The Meeting Point lunch is being held at Côte Brasserie (opposite the Cathedral). All welcome but booking required. Contact Maureen tel: 01245 697781.

Wednesday 17 January 8pm

Theological Society Meeting:

'Faith, Conflict and Empire: an illustrated story of an Irish doctor's 50 years' service in a British uniform through two world wars and Imperial campaigns. A talk by

David Worsfold, financial journalist, conference speaker and radio and television commentator. £3.50 payable on the door of Chapter House.

Saturday 20 January 10am

The Flower Guild will be holding a coffee morning at 39 Moretons, Galleywood, CM2 8RG, between 10am and 12.30pm to raise funds for the Flower Guild. Entry for coffee and cake is £5. Everyone is welcome and your support will enable us to keep providing floral arrangements in the Cathedral. For further details please contact Pippa Alston on 01245 262361 or Elizabeth Stedman on 01245 359268.

Friday 26 January 7.30pm

CCCA winetasting evening in the Cathedral. Tickets £8 from Robin Greatorex. Or contact the Cathedral Office for details.

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 is baptised'.

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.

Adult Confirmations

There will be a Confirmation Service in the Cathedral on 31st 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

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 pedestal at the west end of the nave is sponsored by Janet and Bob Pettifer to celebrate the birth of their granddaughter, Sable Pearl, born 4th November 2017.

New Year Resolution – Take up drawing or painting? So why not come along to the Cathedral Art Group on Thursdays, 1.30 - 3.30pm, in the Learning Centre. It is not a class as such, we just do our own thing. If you want to know more, please contact Tony Harrington on 01245 265052 or email: harrington303@outlook.com

Tony Allen and family thank Cathedral friends for raising more than £500 for Farleigh Hospice from buying Tony's book in memory of Judith (117 copies @ £5 sold already)!

Saturday 13 January 7.15 for 7.30pm

The annual Cathedral Ball takes place in the Cathedral. A four course meal, licensed bar and dancing until 11.30pm with the Julie Cooper Band. Tickets cost £35 from Yvonne Spence tel: 01245 465108, mobile: 07789 610048.

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

Sunday: Mark 1.4-11
Monday: Mark 1.14-20
Tuesday: Mark 1.21-28
Wednesday: Mark 1.29-39

Thursday: Mark 1.40-end
Friday: Mark 2.1-12
Saturday: Mark 2.13-17
Sunday: John 1.43-51

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

Thought for the day

Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ.

- *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Please pray for:

- David Bryder, Rosemary Duffin, Julie Liney, Bartholomew Mullane; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The friends and family of Rachel Penny who died recently especially Patrick, Nick and Joe
- Oasis Church (Chelmsford)
- The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia & the Most Revd Winston Halapua, Bishop of Polynesia and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, the Most Revd Philip Richardson, Bishop of Taranaki (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia)

Jesus – Bread of Life

*The “how, what and why”
of the Eucharist*

The Dean is leading a weekend at Pleshey 2-4 March exploring the history, traditions and present experience of Holy Communion. A fascinating introduction drawing us deeper into this central act of Christian worship. To find out more, visit re-treathousepleshey.com/events/category/retreats/



Lunchtime Carols

**Bobby Harrington -
Congratulations!**

Bobby has been awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Year’s honours list in recognition of her contribution to the life of Chelmsford Cathedral. Our heartfelt congratulations to Bobby, and our thanks for her work over many years with the Cathedral Education Team and with our visitor guides - well deserved national recognition!

Christmas 2017

A huge thank you to volunteers and staff for a remarkable Christmas 2017. The main Cathedral services saw just under 5,000 attendances, with a near even split between those who came to formal services and those who came to the more informal services. People experienced a great welcome and we’ve had fantastic feedback on the range and depth of the worship - from Crib Service to Midnight Mass, Friday lunchtimes to Christmas Morning!

Cathedral’s £10,000 gift to five different charities in 2017

Every year the Cathedral supports a number of charitable causes, with the aim of sending on 5% of its unrestricted income, including donations connected to the Friday lunchtime concerts, the Social Team, and Welcome on Wednesday.

In 2017 this amounted to £10,000. The Chapter’s policy is to make significant donations to a range of charities that embrace local needs as well as our place within the life of the church, both in the Diocese and beyond.

The £10,000 was split evenly between the following five good causes:

- 1) Chelmsford CHES, a local charity that helps the homeless;
- 2) Age Concern (Chelmsford), a small local charity working with the most needy older people in our community;
- 3) The Essex Clergy Charity Corporation, which helps clergy and their families when they are in need, for example clergy spouses following bereavement;
- 4) St Andrew’s Theological College in Kenya, which serves our five link Dioceses



CHES hold a sleepout at the Cathedral each Autumn

- 5) of Mount Kenya East by training and equipping new ministers;
- 5) Christian Aid, which applies a Christian ethos in its work around the world with some of the poorest people and communities, and which campaigns on matters of justice and dignity.

For more information, or to suggest charities that we might support in the future, please contact Canon Edward Carter on 01245 294486.