

THIS WEEK

Sunday 8 December - Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 49

President: Canon Alison Kennedy

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Linda Brown

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: Canon Imogen Nay

Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

11.15am **MATINS**

Preacher: Canon Imogen Nay

3.30pm **BBC ESSEX CAROL SERVICE** (Tickets only)

President & Preacher: Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell,

Bishop of Chelmsford

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 15 December - Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 51

President: Canon Imogen Nay

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Revd Dr Paul Beasley-Murray

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: Canon Alison Kennedy

Preacher: Revd Kate Moore

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

President: Canon Ivor Moody

Preacher: Canon Alison Kennedy

3.30pm **CHRISTINGLE**

Preacher: Canon Imogen Nay

6.00pm **CEREMONY OF CAROLS**

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

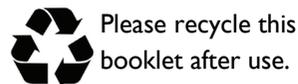
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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

Second Sunday of Advent, 8 December 2019



Christmas with the Choirs

Although we're still in the church season of Advent, the choirs are busy preparing for Christmas with its special services and very beautiful music. Every year we enjoy the opportunity to give ourselves a change of pace and to share some Christmas fun with an audience for a concert, this year called simply 'Christmas with the choirs'. It takes place on Saturday 14 December at 7 pm, and promises a mix of traditional carols and secular music. The talents of all of our musicians will be combined with the brilliant members of the London Brass consort and between us we're offering an evening of fun, festive music and feel-good entertainment, with plenty of audience



participation. There will be hints of other events to come including A Ceremony of Carols which will be held on the following evening at 6 pm. Tickets for the concert can be obtained from the Cathedral bookstall, or online at ticketsource.co.uk; do join us!

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Readings for Advent 2 (8 December):

Isaiah 11.1-10
Benedictus
Matthew 3.1-12

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Today's **first reading** is a beautiful song from Isaiah describing the kind of world God wills for us. It is a place of righteousness, justice and love for the poor; a place where peace will flow freely. We read this today as pointing to the coming of Jesus.

The **canticle** – Benedictus – picks up the same Advent themes of hope and expectation. We sing this at Morning Prayer every day here at Chelmsford Cathedral as we prepare for the day ahead.

And in the Gospel John the Baptist comes roaring out of the Judean desert with the same message of hope: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Hear the Lord's invitation to you this Advent – to consider your way of life and seek to live it as an offering of love and service.

Sunday 15 DECEMBER THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30 & 11.15

Isaiah 35.1-10

Ps 146.4-9

Matthew 11.2-11

3.30 pm

Ps 44

Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11

1 Thess 5.16-24

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 8 December

1pm Meeting Point lunch (Pontands)

Monday 9 December

5.30 - 7pm Youth Group (8pm yr 9+) (YMCA)

Tuesday 10 December

Wednesday 11 December

9.30am Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

11am City Prayer (St Peter's Chapel)

12.35pm Eucharist

1 - 3pm Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in the North Transept

1 - 4pm Friendship Club (Chapter House)

Thursday 12 December

10am Eucharist

2pm Mothers' Union (Learning Centre)

Friday 13 December

12.30pm Lunchtime Carols for Everyone

Saturday 14 December

7pm Cathedral Choirs Christmas Concert

Christmas Day Lunch

Payment is due by 16th December for the annual Christmas Day lunch taking place in Chapter House. If you would like to go please give £10 to Malcolm Treacher at 3 Havencourt CMI IEA, tel: 01245 250061 or leave with the vergers.

Sunday 5 January

An **Epiphany Lunch** in support of English for Women and Chelmsford Cathedral Choir will be held at Cuton Hall, the home of Yvonne and John Spence.

Gathering from 12.30 for a two-course hot lunch with wine and soft drinks. Tickets £15. Call 01245 465108 or email yvonne.spence@hotmail.com

Saturday 29 February 10 - 3.30pm

Desert Springs, Lent Quiet Day with Canon Imogen Nay at Pleshey Retreat House. The Quiet Day will give you a chance to enter into Lent, focusing on what can resource you in times of desert and difficulty. See the Cathedral website for full details and to sign up. Places are limited.

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 John the Baptist.

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.

When calling the main Cathedral number 01245 294492 you will now be offered options in order to direct you to the person who is best able to answer your query. You are still able to use the direct dial facility to call any staff member directly and all direct dial numbers are available on the Cathedral website.

Cathedral Christmas cards, books for Advent and 2020 diaries are now available on the Bookstall.

Imogen is delighted to announce that Jean Elliott has been appointed as Children and Family Minister and will start in the New Year. More information about Jean and her new role will be published in January; she comes to us with vast experience of working with children and families in a church context.

At Chelmsford Cathedral we are committed to helping each other live out our Christian lives in the context of loving relationships. Whether you are new to the Cathedral community, a long standing member or simply interested in exploring faith why not join our new Fellowship Group? Held on a Tuesday evening from 7pm, in Great Leighs, the group will be hosted by Gary Fleming our ordinand who is on placement with us for two years. For more details email: garyalanfleming @gmail.com or talk to Canon Imogen Nay.

Thursday 19 December 10.45am

The Prayer Group will be meeting in the Jacob Room in December. Do join them to pray for the world, the diocese and the city.

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

Monday	Luke 5.17-26
Tuesday	Matthew 18.12-14
Wednesday	Matthew 11.28-end
Thursday	Matthew 11.11-15
Friday	Matthew 11.16-19
Saturday	Matthew 17.10-13

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

Please pray for:

- Teresa Hipgrave, Rita James, Winnie Towers, Norman Sharpe, and all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- Meadgate Church, Great Baddow
- all who work in radio or television, the work of Premier Radio and all stations relating to the Diocese
- the work of the Mothers' Union around the world; Sheran Harper - Worldwide President & Bev Julien - Chief Executive

Advent Crib



Canon Ivor Moody blessed the Mothers' Union cribs at the start of Advent before they travel around families from school and Junior Church for Advent. Each crib contains the story of the nativity for families to share and the figures. If you are hosting a crib and would like to share your experience, please email clare.broome@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk with a photo of your crib and a few words.

The Advent Procession



A BEAUTIFUL service of choral music and reflection along with the opportunity to join with the choirs in preparing for the advent season. Again the Cathedral was bathed in candlelight and the choirs made creative use of the space as we journeyed with them through the service.