

THIS WEEK

Sunday 9 February - Third Sunday Before Lent

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 74

President: The Revd Kate Moore

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Nick Easton

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: Canon Ivor Moody

Preacher: Canon Imogen Nay

11.15am **MATINS**

Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

3.30pm **EVENSONG**

Preacher: Canon Alison Kennedy

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 16 February - Second Sunday Before Lent

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 76

President: Canon Ivor Moody

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

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST with baptism**

President: The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall

Preacher: The Revd Kate Moore

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST**

President: Canon Ivor Moody

Preacher: Canon Imogen Nay

3.30pm **EVENSONG**

Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

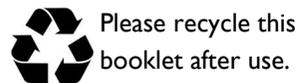
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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

Third Sunday before Lent, 9 February 2020



Grace and Truth - An update on the Cathedral's response to supporting the homeless and rough sleeping community

Gary Fleming is a trainee ordinand, on placement with us for two years (from Sept 2019), whilst he follows his mixed-mode training at St Mellitus, Theological College. As part of his placement with us Gary has been asked to deliver a scoping project on homelessness and in the following article (continued inside) he describes the work he has been doing so far.

Thank you for your patience. Many of you have been asking where we are with the review of how we work with the rough sleeping community; I am now pleased to be able to feed back.

The research commissioned by the Dean in October 2019 sought to consider the Cathedral's provision to the rough sleeping members of

our community. This was to build on the previously successful initiatives and commitment of the Cathedral family. The theology that underpinned the approach to the review is found in John's Gospel. John tells us that Jesus came amongst us full of Grace and Truth; as a Christian community this sets for us an example of how we should engage with each other. We quite rightly feel that we wish to give to those who we see in need in our community such as the poor, the hungry and the homeless, but to do so in the absence of truth can sometimes make us naive to the reality of the situation we are responding to.
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WELCOME TO CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL

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. Coffee/juice is served after the 9.30am service and after 11.15am we serve sherry.

Junior Church for children aged 4-12 meets in the Chapter House, with 'big kids' and 'little kids'. The groups return for communion. For babies and toddlers we have 'busy bags' plus the Children's Chapel - please do ask the welcomers for more information. Jean Elliott is our Children and Family Minister.

Giving There will be a collection in the service during the last hymn. 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.

Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Readings for the Third Sunday before Lent (9 February):

1 Cor 2.1-12
Ps 112.1-9
Matthew 5.13-20

You are the Salt of the Earth and the Light of the World

The readings this week invite us, in part, to reflect on the theme of darkness and light.

Paul, in the **Reading** reminds the Corinthians that lofty words are not needed to tell people about Jesus. Relying on the Spirit and the power of God is all that is required.

The **Psalms** continues this theme and extols the virtue of the good person whose light is an example to others.

Matthew in his **Gospel** recounts Jesus' words to his disciples. They are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Their light must be so attractive that others will want to come and join them.

This week, then, I could perhaps reflect on the example I give by using simple words, helping those I see in need, and giving hope to the discouraged so that the light of the love of God working through me can be clearly seen by all.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday 12 February

9.30am Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)
12.35pm Eucharist
1 - 3pm Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in the North Transept
1 - 4pm Friendship Club (Chapter House)
5.15pm St Cedd's School Evensong

Thursday 13 February

10am Eucharist
2pm Mothers' Union (Chapter House)

Friday 14 February

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert - Forest School Chamber Orchestra

Saturday 15 February

7pm Concert: University of Essex Choir

coincide with Book Week in the city, there will be lots of challenges including trying to build a scene or character from your favourite book but we'd love to see anything you've built. There is no need to book!

Monday 24 February 7.30pm

Book Group: The Cathedral Book Group will meet for the first time on from 7.30 – 9pm at The Fox and Raven in Chelmer Village. We will be discussing "On Beauty" by Zadie Smith. Gathering from 7pm to allow time to eat first for those who would like food as well as a drink! All welcome – any queries to sallydilley@tiscali.co.uk.

Tuesday 25 February 4 - 6pm

The Cathedral is holding its first ever **Festival of Fun Pancake Party** in the Learning Centre behind the Cathedral offices. Come

along for some pancake making along with other fun craft activities. The event is free and there is no need to book.

Sunday 1 March 12.30 for 1pm

A St David Day Lunch is being held in St Cedd's Hall. A two course hot meal with soft drinks - wine available to buy. The speaker is the Bishop at Lambeth, the Rt Revd Tim Thornton. Tickets £8 adults, £4 children available from Yvonne Spence : t 01245 465108 or yvonnespence@hotmail.com and other members of the social committee. Everyone is welcome.

Friday 6 March 2pm

A World Day of Prayer service will be held at Great Leighs Free Church, Main Road, Great Leighs. More information from Beryl Dean, tel. 01245 283410.

NOTICES & DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fellowship Group: Wednesdays, 7pm, Great Leighs

If you are looking to explore your faith in new and imaginative ways, then this could be just what you are looking for! This is not a bible study class, but an opportunity to explore a range of subjects and how we relate to them as a Christian community, by using contemporary music, TV and other forms to explore the presence of God in the every day. It will be a friendly, relaxing environment with refreshments. The first session is February 26th. For more details please email our ordinand, **Gary** on garyalanfleming@gmail.com or call 07491 402273.

Job vacancy: there is an opportunity to become a Cathedral verger. If you are interested or know someone who is, please see the opportunities section of the Cathedral website.

Collection for Steve Gee to mark his retirement – If you would like to make a contribution, please hand it to one of the Wardens or drop it into the Office for the attention of Caroline Robinson. There is a card available to sign in the Office.

Several people have expressed a concern regarding taking communion during the coronavirus outbreak. Please do follow government guidelines in order to minimise the risk of spreading any germs; discarding used tissues and washing hands. It is also perfectly acceptable to just take the bread at communion services.

A Sincere thank You from your Erstwhile Volunteer Coordinator.

Many thanks to all who signed my card and contributed so generously to my gift. I was very moved to read such lovely words from our different congregations. It has been a privilege for me to be involved with so many of you; Sandie and I have formed many lasting and valued friendships over the last few years. We shall continue to enjoy our Sunday afternoon stewarding duties as well as taking our places in the inner north aisle each Sunday morning! Andrew (Duke)

Baby and Toddler Group: There's going to be a meeting for everyone interested in the baby and toddler group on Wednesday 26th February in the Learning Centre after the group session. If you help or are interested, you are very welcome to come along.

Thank you to those who supported the CCCA curry night - £500 was raised.

Sunday 9 February 1pm

Meeting Point lunch: at Bartella's, Writtle. Enjoy a Sunday lunch with others. To book please phone Penny: 07872 942625.

Thursday 13 February 2pm

Mothers' Union: Meet in the Chapter House where there will be a Eucharist, led by Canon Imogen Nay followed by the AGM.

Wednesday 19th February 10am - 12 noon,

Stay and Play Lego: Everyone is welcome to come along and build! To

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

Monday	Mark 6.53-end
Tuesday	Mark 7.1-13
Wednesday	Mark 7.14-23
Thursday	Mark 7.24-30
Friday	Mark 7.31-end
Saturday	Mark 8.1-10

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

Next Sunday's Readings - Sunday 16 February : 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Deuteronomy 30.15-20
Ps 119.1-8
Matthew 5.21-37

3.30 pm:

Ps 23, 125
2 Kings 5.1-14
1 Cor 9.24-27

Please pray for:

- Teresa Hipgrave, Rita James, Winnie Towers, Norman Sharpe, and all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- St Andrew's Church Melbourne
- An end to misunderstanding, racism and injustice. Pray for the work of the Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns group and give thanks for human diversity
- The Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Revd Linda Nicholls, Primate

We take **safeguarding** very seriously at the Cathedral, if you have any concerns please talk to Elizabeth Marshall our Safeguarding Officer or to Rev'd Kate Moore the Asst Safeguarding Officer. Details are on the front page of the newssheet and displayed in the Cathedral. You can also talk to any member of the clergy. If you are a volunteer with us please make sure you have completed the online training.

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The complex nature of the needs of certain community groups evidenced the need for competent, responsible partners to be involved and the need for the Cathedral to recognise its role to act out of love balanced with truth.

Additionally, the research asked if we are seeking to support and provide a short-term answer or be part of a longer-term, sustainable solution. A further consideration is our prominent place in the City with partners recognising the Cathedral as prominent in terms of status and impact, indeed often looking to the Cathedral for community leadership. With all this in mind the review has made significant progress and started to realise some very promising outcomes. These are detailed below:

Working within our Ministry of Reconciliation and with key partners such as the City Council, CHSS, Essex Police we have agreed to partner and host a new initiative in Chapter House called the 'Intervention Hub'. This is a multi-agency response providing a one-stop surgery for rough sleepers to attend on Monday afternoons. They will receive a bespoke intervention plan to move them on from their current status. This is due to roll out at the end of February.

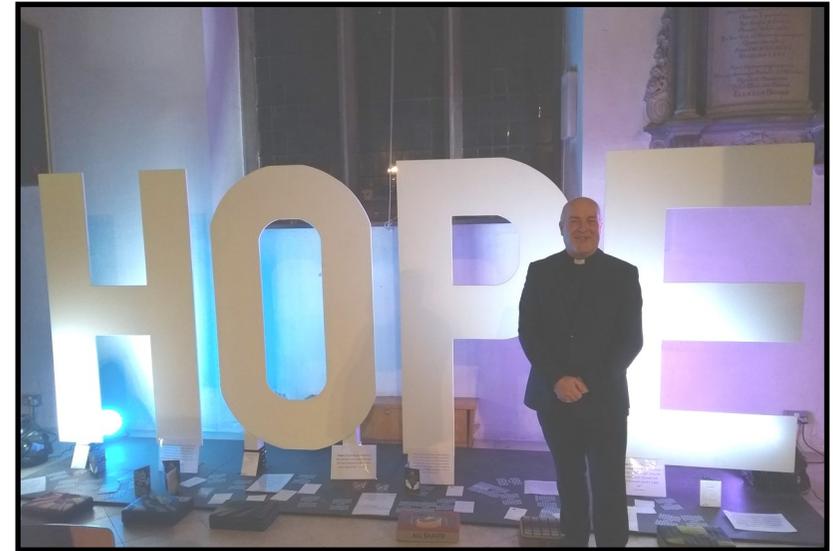
A further step has been for the Cathedral, through the Vice Dean, to engage with the strategic partners through the Essex Vision group. The intention is that the Cathedral can become a joint signatory to a memorandum of understanding that will place us alongside partners in developing initiatives and strategies to reduce rough sleeping and homelessness.

Lastly, but maybe most significantly, the Cathedral has been approached by key City partners to act as a voice of understanding and togetherness. The invite is to support main service providers in the City to work towards a coordinated long term solution. This is a very exciting development in provision for the rough sleeping community in the City. Once more substantial details are understood we can update the Church family.

The final report regarding the review work is expected to be completed and presented to the Chapter meeting in March which will include a full suite of recommendations.

If you have any questions or wish to contribute to the ongoing work then please email me, Gary Fleming at: garyalanfleming@gmail.com

HOPE



Some images from the recent Hope event held in the Cathedral

