

THIS WEEK

Sunday 12 May - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 139

President: Kate Moore, Associate Priest

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Nicholas Henshall

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST with baptisms**

President: Canon Ivor Moody

Preacher: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**

President: Canon Ivor Moody

Preacher: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford

3.30pm **INSTALLATION OF THE ARCHDEACONS OF BARKING AND COLCHESTER**

Preacher: Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 19 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 141

President: Canon Ivor Moody

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

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: Canon Alison Kennedy

Preacher: Kate Moore (Associate Priest)

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST with mayoral celebration**

President & Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

3.30pm **EVENSONG**

Homily: Canon Alison Kennedy

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

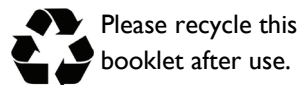
Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter, 12 May 2019



A Mayoral Year

I reflect on my unforgettable year as Mayor with reference to the letters of the word CITY:

I is for the inspiration I gained from brilliant people doing wonderful, caring things

T is for the talent I saw in a whole range of sporting and artistic endeavours

Y is for young people working hard, caring and helping their community

And C is for community, demonstrated in a myriad ways throughout the City. We are rich in volunteering and mutual support.

And C is for Cathedral – important to any Mayor but especially for me. We have made dozens of visits with personal highlights including the Civic Service, Remembrance Day (the violin performance, 6am piper and



post-parade gathering), the inaugural Civic Carol Service and the Archbishop's visit – not to mention multiple great performances and events. And at all times I have enjoyed the physical support and felt the love and prayers of the Cathedral community around me. Thanks to all of you; I hope many can join me for my end of term service at 11.15 am on 19 May.

Yvonne Spence

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Readings for Easter 4:

Acts 9.36-43
Psalm 23
John 10.22-30

'I know them and they follow me'

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is often called Good Shepherd Sunday, as we hear from the tenth chapter of St John's Gospel. The image of Christ the Shepherd caring for his followers has been used since the earliest years of Christianity. In the biblical way of shepherding, the shepherd leads the flock, calling each sheep by name. "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish." The sheep know and trust the voice of their shepherd, following him wherever he leads: a fine model for the love of Jesus for his disciples – and for each of us.

Peter in today's **First Reading** demonstrates that power and care of God by raising Tabitha, one of the early Christian community in the city of Joppa from the dead. God is always tender and caring.

The **Psalm** - one of the most well known in the Bible—speaks of God as the Good Shepherd who provides all our needs, even in the darkest moments of our lives.

This week, perhaps I can place myself ever more deeply under the great care of God who, for me, is both Shepherd and Lamb.

Next Sunday's Readings - 19/5/19 : Easter 5

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Acts 11.1-18
Psalm 148.1-6
John 13.31-35

3.30 pm:

Psalm 98
Acts 7.55-60
John 10. 1-10

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 13 May

5.30 - 7.00pm

Youth Group (8pm yr 9+) (YMCA)

Wednesday 15 May

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)

8.00pm

Theological Society (Chapter House)

Thursday 16 May

10.00am

Eucharist

10.45am

Cathedral Prayer Group (Mildmay Chapel)

Friday 17 May

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Ning Hui See (piano)

1.45pm

Free Guided tour of the Cathedral

Saturday 18 May

7.00pm

Rotary Club Spring Charity Concert

Thursday 6 June 7pm

Mothers' Union visit to St Andrew's Church, Sandon. Please note the earlier time.

Thursday 13 June 2pm

Mothers' Union garden party in Guy Harlings garden.

Saturday 29 June 7.30pm

Chelmsford Cathedral Girls' Choir concert: 'Celebrating Women in Music'. This year marks 20 years since the foundation of the Chelmsford Cathedral Girls' Choir. To celebrate this significant milestone the choir will be joined by ex-choristers, as well as

singers from Brentwood Cathedral, in a spectacular feast of music celebrating female composers. Tickets are available from chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/music-events or girlschoir20@gmail.com

Advance Notice: The Bradwell Pilgrimage and Gathering is taking place on Saturday 6 July from 10.30am to 3.45pm at St Peter's Chapel, Bradwell-on-Sea. This is a FREE day of pilgrimage, worship, activities and talks for the whole family in association with a variety of organisations. Full details at Bradwellpilgrimage.co.uk

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 'equality in God's sight'.

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.

Christian Aid Week begins today. Do pick up an envelope and donate as generously as you can to a charity that helps in so many key areas throughout the world.

The funeral for William Mackay is on 28th May, at 11am in the north chapel at Chelmsford Crematorium. Bill was a Sunday worshipper at the Cathedral for some years until he became too poorly to attend. He was also for a time one of the stewards. Donations to the Parkinsons UK and all are welcome.

Toy Bags: Please could you check if any toy bags have found their way home as several are missing at the moment. Also, some bags need re-stocking so if you have any books in good condition to replace some that are showing signs of age, please bring them to the Cathedral or leave them with a verger for Eileen French. Thanks you.

The Requiem Mass for The Very Revd Michael Yorke will be held at Norwich Cathedral at 11am on Friday 24 May. All welcome. Frances and family would like to thank all those who have sent letters and cards. We have been very touched and it is a great comfort to us all.

Do you run a Cathedral group and would like to let others know what you have been doing? Then please write a short article (approx. 150 words) and send it with a picture to clare.broome@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk for inclusion in CLW. Please ensure you have permission from anyone in the photo. This week Welcome on Wednesday have done just that - see the centre pages.

Sunday 19 May 12.45pm

The next **Meeting Point** lunch is taking place at Pontlands Park, Great Baddow. Book with Penny tel: 07872 942625. All are welcome.

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	John 10.22-30	<i>Thursday:</i>	John 13.16-20
<i>Monday:</i>	John 10.1-10	<i>Friday:</i>	John 14.1-6
<i>Tuesday:</i>	John 15.9-17	<i>Saturday:</i>	John 14.7-12
<i>Wednesday:</i>	John 12.44-end	<i>Sunday:</i>	John 13.31-35

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

Thought for the day

"Good Shepherd, You have a wild and crazy sheep in love with thorns and brambles. But please don't get tired of looking for me! I know You won't. For You have found me. All I have to do is stay found." — *Thomas Merton*

Please pray for:

- John Nightingale, Winnie Towers; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- Family, especially husband Peter, and friends of Elaine Richbell, who died recently
- The family of Luna-Grace Gillham and Primrose Pemberton being baptised today
- St Michael's and all Angels, Roxwell
- Christian Aid at the start of Christian Aid Week; pray for justice, peace and reconciliation
- The Anglican Church of Korea, the Most Revd Moses Nagiun Yoo, Primate

Thank you to all who contributed to the Bishop's Lent Appeal. A total of £1880 has been sent from the Cathedral congregation to support this important work in our partner Diocese in Kenya.

Cathedral Dinner



The Cathedral dinner took place last Saturday. The Bishop of Bradwell, Rt Revd John Perumbalath spoke and there was entertainment from David Adams and Nick Alston and friends.

Focus on ... Welcome on Wednesday

WELCOME ON WEDNESDAY takes place every Wednesday after the lunchtime Eucharist. The group generally meets in the north transept but occasionally in the Chapter House or Learning Centre.

Numbers fluctuate but a core number attend most weeks and friendships and support for one another have developed over time. Most weeks the group also welcomes passers by and visitors to the Cathedral.

There is a wonderful team of volunteers who serve tea and coffee as well as delicious home-baked cakes. Expenses are covered by donations and there is a rota of volunteers. Amongst the team there are always one or two people to listen and give support and prayer to anyone in need. Amongst the regulars are those on the margins of society who are often struggling with mental health issues and over the years there are slow but positive signs of change and we thank God for this.

An important aspect of the welcome is a short time of prayer and a reading around 2pm. It is much appreciated and provides interesting discussions around the table. If the meeting takes place in the Learning Centre then sometimes a pianist will play a couple of hymns and the singing is enjoyed by all.

We would welcome newcomers and visitors along with anyone who would like to join the volunteers team.

Robbie Richards

