

THIS WEEK

Sunday 14 April - Palm Sunday

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 95

President: Canon Alison Kennedy

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by *Nicholas Henshall*
Dean of Chelmsford

10.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST with Procession of Palms**

3.30pm **MUSIC AND READINGS**

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 21 April - Easter Day

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 128

President: Kate Moore, Associate Priest

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

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST with baptisms**

President: Canon Ivor Moody

Preacher: Kate Moore (Associate Priest)

11.15am **FESTAL EUCHARIST**

President & Preacher: Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell,
Bishop of Chelmsford

3.30pm **FESTAL EVENSONG**

Preacher: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

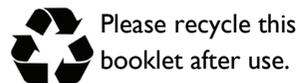
Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

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

Palm Sunday, 14 April 2019



Walking with Jesus

Holy Week developed in the early centuries of the Christian tradition to invite all Christians to walk very closely with Jesus in the last days of his life. And that is the invitation God gives to each of us in these special days of hope.

The daily services mark steps along the way - and everyone is invited to use the daily readings on the sheet as we walk together whether in church, at home or at work.

The great services of Maundy Thursday evening, Good Friday afternoon and Easter Day invite us to follow Christ to the depths and yet to discover there that it is in the depths that we discover again



the love of God that is without limit.

You will find details of all the services and special opportunities on this sheet and on the Holy Week Leaflet. Wherever you are, seek a closer walk with God this Holy Week.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Readings for Palm Sunday

Philippians 2.5-11
Psalm 31.9-16
Luke 22.14 – 23.56

This Sunday we begin the prayer of Holy Week as Jesus enters Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, accompanied by crowds shouting joyfully 'Hosanna!' and waving palm branches. Very soon, the mood of the people changes and their cry is 'Crucify him!' (*Gospel*). We accompany Jesus as he goes to his death. And yet Luke's account of the death of Jesus emphasises his mercy even in his suffering—he prays for the forgiveness of those who crucify him and welcomes the penitent thief to paradise.

The other readings help us to understand what is happening.

Psalm 31 reflects on abandonment and trust—a life wasted with grief and sighing, yet even in the middle of pain and suffering the confidence to say “My times are in your hand—make your face shine upon your servant and save me for your mercy's sake”

Philippians 2.5-11: Paul's explanation of the meaning of Jesus's incarnation, death and Resurrection ends with a firm declaration of faith that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Even as we walk in sorrow with Jesus this Holy Week, we look forward to Easter joy in the Resurrection.

Next Sunday's Readings - 21/4/19 : Easter Day

9.30 am & 11.15 am:
Acts 10.34-43
Psalm 118.14-24
John 20.1-18

3.30 pm:
Psalm 66.11-11
Acts 10.34-43
Colossians 3.1-4

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 15 April

12 noon
7.00pm

Chrism Mass with the Bishop of Richborough
Holy Week Reflections with
Bishop Stephen Cottrell

Tuesday 16 April

7.00pm

Holy Week Reflections with
Bishop Stephen Cottrell

Wednesday 17 April

12.35pm
1.00 - 3.00pm

Eucharist
Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in the
North Transept

1.00 - 4.00pm
7.00pm

Friendship Club (Chapter House)
Holy Week Reflections with
Bishop Stephen Cottrell

Thursday 18 April (Maundy Thursday)

11.00am
7.45pm

Diocesan Eucharist & Blessing of Oils
The Eucharist of the Last Supper

Friday 19 April (Good Friday)

12.00pm

Preaching of the Cross with
Bishop Stephen Cottrell

2.00pm

The Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday 20 April (Easter Saturday)

7.00pm

Easter Vigil and Diocesan Confirmation Service

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.

Thursday 2 May 8pm

Mothers' Union meeting in the Chapter House where James Connolly will give a talk on the British Red Cross.

Thursday 9 May 2pm

Mothers' Union visit to the Mayor's Parlour. Meeting at the Civic Centre Duke Street for a tour with tea and biscuits afterwards. Mary Farrin needs to know numbers by April 25 so

please let her know as soon as possible tel: 01245 356816.

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 from music@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk; 01245 294481.

Wednesday 15 May 8.00pm

Theological Society Lecture: 'Investigating what children understand as prayer: A Godly Play approach'. A talk given by Jane Southward. Details on the Cathedral website.

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.

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. Please contact Isabel Fyfe at 129 Beeches Rd, Chelmsford, CMI 2SA tel: 01245 258505 or any member of the Flower Guild. Memorial cards may also be obtained from the vergers.

Children's Society Boxes

Please return them during April in the usual manner either by giving them to me or handing them to a verger. It is important that they are handed to someone personally. As always new box holders are needed.

Richard and Pat Spilsbury (268792)

Temporary Vacancy in Cathedral Office

We are looking for a Liturgy Assistant to support the production of our service booklets. This is likely to be a two day a week job suiting an organised person with exceptional IT

skills and an eye for detail. We're looking for someone to start mid May for approximately three months. For more information please contact Ruth Collin on ruth.collin@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

Friday 19 April 11am Procession of Witness

The annual walk of witness organized by Churches Together in Christ will take place on Good Friday with walkers coming from all over Chelmsford. It culminates outside the Shire Hall in the High Street with a 45 minute service; speaker Andy Griffiths.

Thursday 25 April 9.30am New Interests 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, 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.

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.

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

Sunday: Luke 19.28-40

Monday: John 12.1-11

Tuesday: John 12.20-36

Wednesday: John 13.21-32

Thursday: John 13.1-17,31b-35

Friday: John 19.1-37

Saturday: Luke 24.1-12

Sunday: John 20.1-18

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

Thought for the day

My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me, love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.

—Samuel Crossman (1624-1683)

Please pray for:

- Mary Bradford, David Brider, Rosemary Duffin, Rita James, Julie Liney, Bartholomew Mullane, John Nightingale, Winnie Towers; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- St Michael and All Angels, Galleywood, Revd David Cattle
- The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, the Most Revd Suheil Dawani, Archbishop

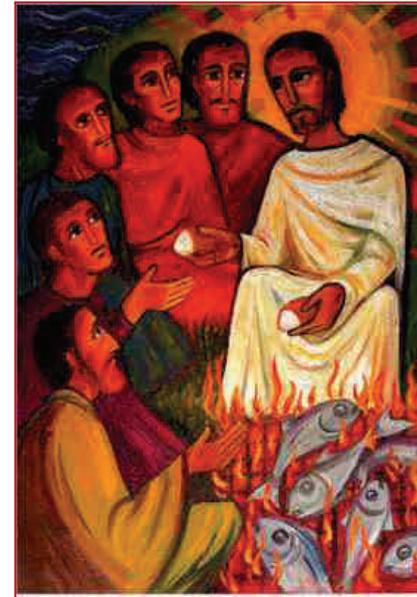
The Bishop's Lent Appeal is supporting St Andrew's College in Kenya. If you would like to contribute, please put your donation in a yellow envelope, fill in your details if you can Gift Aid, mark the envelope LENT APPEAL and put it in one of the collection boxes. See the poster by the South door for more information about the appeal.

Easter Stay and Play

Over 130 children came to the second 'Stay and Play' at the Cathedral. This time, alongside Lego, there were fabulous Easter craft activities ran by members of Junior Church. And the morning finished with the retelling of the Easter story by Canon Ivor Moody.



My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?



Throughout Holy Week this year Bishop Stephen will reflect on these painful and desolate words of Jesus from the cross. The homilies on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at Compline, the meditations before the cross on Good Friday afternoon and the sermon on Easter Sunday itself will all seek to dig beneath the surface of these words to discover what they mean for our faith, but also not shy away from their horror as we hear Jesus speak the very words of abandonment we so often feel ourselves. Each evening will also include sung compline with the lower voices of the Cathedral choir.

Tickets for the Cathedral Dinner are now on sale. The evening starts at 7.15 for 7.45pm and includes a four course meal with wine on the table. The speaker is the Bishop of Bradwell, the Rt Revd John Perumbalath, who was born and brought up in the ancient Syrian Christian community in Kerala, South India. Tickets: £30 are available from Yvonne Spence tel: 01245 465108 or email: yvonnespence@hotmail.com. Book early for an evening of great company, great food and a great speaker.

