

THIS WEEK

Sunday 24 November - Christ the King

8.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 195

President: Canon Imogen Nay

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Revd Kate Moore

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

President: Revd Jackie-Dee Thornton

Preacher: Canon Alison Kennedy

11.15am **CHORAL EUCHARIST - incense is used**

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Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

3.30pm **EVENSONG**

Preacher: Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 1 December - First Sunday of Advent

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3.30pm **EVENING PRAYER**

6.00pm **ADVENT PROCESSION**

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

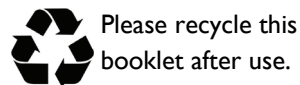
Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

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

Christ the King, 24 November 2019



ADVENT: what images does this conjure in your mind? Candles? Calendars? Christmas? For Christians, Advent has a double layer of meaning. The Latin origins of the word mean “coming” or “arrival”. The Greek equivalent is “parousia”. Both convey a sense of portent: this arrival will change things - everything.

Advent is a season of preparation, but not just for the material festivity of Christmas and the celebration of our Lord's birth. Advent is a time to prepare

ourselves for the Second Coming of our Lord. It is a time to recapture a sense of urgency about the state of our souls and our world.

In the light of current concerns about our planet, this seems less of an idle speculation. So: suspend the Biblical knowledge which tells you that no-one knows the day or hour when Jesus is returning. You know that He will come next week. (Or tomorrow. Or by lunchtime). How would you use that time? What would you change?

Canon Alison Kennedy

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Readings for Christ the King (24 November):

Jeremiah 23.1-6
Psalm 46
Luke 23.33-43

'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

This feast of Christ the King is full of both assurance and challenge.

Jeremiah looks forward to a new king like David who "shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land". A longing that things be put right.

The Psalm shares the same sense of longing and hope – that even in the midst of disaster, God is sovereign.

And the **Gospel** leads us to consider just what that looks like in the upside world of God's kingdom as we gaze upon the crucified God and discover that this was the only way to show the full extent of his love.

Sunday 1 December
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

9.30 & 11.15
Isaiah 2.1-5
Ps 122
Matthew 24.36-44

3.30 pm
Ps 94
Isaiah 64.1-9
1 Cor 1.3-9

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 25 November

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

Tuesday 26 November

7.15pm Rotary and Inner Wheel Seasonal Concert

Wednesday 27 November

9.30am Parent and Toddler Group (Learning Centre)

11am - 3pm City Prayer (St Peter's Chapel)

12.35pm Eucharist

1 - 3pm Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in St Cedd's Hall

1 - 4pm Friendship Club (Chapter House)

Thursday 28 November

10am Eucharist

6pm 'Dear Nicholas' book launch

Friday 29 November

12.30pm Lunchtime Concert - Philip White-Jones (organ)

6.45pm Screening of 'The Greatest Showman'

Saturday 30 November

1.30pm Alzheimer's Society Carol Service

Saturday 14 December 7pm

Cathedral Choirs Christmas Concert: With the London Brass Consort, festive Christmas music old and new with something for all the family including audience participation. Tickets: £5 - £20 available from the Cathedral Bookstall and ticketsource.co.uk More details in the 'Guide to Events'.

Christmas Day Lunch

The annual Christmas Day lunch will take place in Chapter House and includes two courses; a turkey roast and a dessert and a glass of wine. Cost is £10 per head and payment is required by December 16. Mark Gerber is kindly catering again to ensure no one is on their own on Christmas Day. Payment 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.

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.

The pedestal arrangement at the west end of the Nave is sponsored by Grace Lidstone in memory of Rachel Penny; "my greatest blessing and utmost joy".

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

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.

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.

Tuesday 26 November – Activism or Extremism?

We may feel called to protest, but with new forms of protest posing problems for the police in London, Paris and Hong Kong, Nick Alston chairs a free lecture and discussion with the Essex Chief Constable BJ Harrington. It will be at ARU with tea served from 5pm and lecture at 5.30 in the Ashcroft building room 221.

Thursday 5 December 8pm Mothers' Union Christmas Meeting in the Chapter House with Canon Ivor Moody.

Saturday 7 December 9.30am - 2.30pm

Cathedral Christmas Market: Plans are already underway. If you have prizes for the Christmas draw, particularly items for a Christmas Hamper Prize, please contact Yvonne Spence. Tel: 01245 465108 or yvonnespence@hotmail.com

Sunday 8 December 1pm Meeting Point lunch: the next lunch is taking place at Pontlands. Book with Penny tel: 07872 942625.

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

Monday 25th	Luke 21.1-4
Tuesday 26th	Luke 21.5-11
Wednesday 27th	Luke 21.12-19
Thursday 28th	Luke 21.20-28
Friday 29th	Luke 21.29-33
Saturday 30th	Luke 21.34-36

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
- All being baptised and confirmed at the Cathedral today
- Broomfield Methodist Church
- Gideons UK
- The Falkland Islands, The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton, Bishop to the Forces and the Falkland Islands

CATHEDRAL LIFE

Christmas Concerts at the Cathedral

We are pleased to welcome so many other organisations, schools and charities to the Cathedral to hold their carol concerts and services this year. Here are the details of the ones that are public events with details of where to buy tickets.



The Alzheimer's Society start the Christmas season with a Christmas concert on Saturday 30 November at 1.30pm.
More details at alzheimers.org.uk

Farleigh Hospice meet in the Cathedral on Monday 2nd December at 7pm before walking down to the Christmas Tree in the High Street for a short service.



Mencap are holding a concert featuring the Waltham Singers on Wednesday 4 December. Tickets from events@cityofchelmsfordmencap.co.uk

On Thursday 5th December, **Blesma** are holding a carol service followed by mince pies and mulled wine.
Tickets are available at blesmacarol.eventbrite.co.uk

Caprice's Christmas concert follows the Cathedral Market on Saturday 7th at 7.30pm with a selection of festive music from the Essex-based Wind orchestra. Tickets: £12 from Allegro Music, Chelmsford High Street.

Finally complete your festivities with the **Rotary New Year Concert** on Saturday 28th December. Tickets £10 (£5 under 16s) also available from Allegro Music.



Hft hold their first carol concert at the Cathedral to raise funds for a new autism centre. Monday 16th December at 2pm.

And of course the Cathedral choirs are also performing on Saturday 14th December. The concert starts at 7pm and tickets £5 - £20 are available from ticketsource.co.uk and the Cathedral bookstall.

Come and support these local events.

