

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 26 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 142  
*President: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford*
- 8.30am** Breakfast with the Bible, led by Revd Dr Paul Beasley-Murray
- 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST**  
*President: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford*  
*Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody*
- 11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST**  
*President: Nicholas Henshall*  
*Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody*
- 3.30pm CANTATA EVENSONG**  
*Homily: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford*

## NEXT WEEK

### Sunday 2 June - Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION**, page no 146  
*President: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford*
- 8.30am** Breakfast with the Bible, led by Stephanie Brasier
- 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST**  
*President: Kate Moore, Associate Priest*  
*Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody*
- 11.15am EUCHARIST**  
*President: Kate Moore, Associate Priest*  
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- 3.30pm EVENING PRAYER with hymns**  
*Homily: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford*

### Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

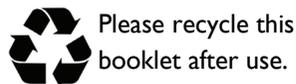
**Morning Prayer:** 7.45 am

**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

Sixth Sunday of Easter, 26th May 2019



## Ascension

**Ascension:** the day when Jesus ascends to heaven. A curious season: a liminal time, a betwixt and between time. Forty days after the resurrection joy of Easter, I wonder what Jesus' disciples made of it. Jesus gone, returned and now gone again. A double loss. Soon will be the earth-shaking, wall-shattering Spirit-filled excitement of Pentecost.

But not yet. For now, we simply have to wait. But we wait in hope and in prayer. This season – between Ascension and Pentecost – has been designated a time of prayer for the renewal of the church. *Thy Kingdom Come* is an initiative encouraging Christians throughout the world to pray together for the renewal of God's church. If it helps, look online for prayer resources at [thykingdomcome.global](http://thykingdomcome.global)



If you can, come and join in the special services on Ascension day. But you don't need any special prayers. Just pray. And – like Jesus' disciples – wait for God's Spirit to come and do the rest.

Alison Kennedy  
Canon for worship and Music

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## Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

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### Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16.9-15

Psalm 67

John 14.23-29

**My peace I give unto you; let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid**

As we progress through Eastertide, the readings turn towards the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

In the **First Reading** we see the widening circle of the Christian faith in the story of Lydia, a cloth merchant in the city of Thyateira who is eager to hear what Paul has to say and in response becomes a Christian herself along with her whole household.

The **Psalm** is a song of thanksgiving for the blessings the Lord has given us.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus promises that he, together with the Father, will come to dwell in all those who keep his word, and announces the coming of the Spirit. He bestows on us his gift of peace, bringing us comfort and reassurance.

This week, we might want to pray for all those who do not accept the Word of God, or who do not know it in all its forms in their life. We may also ask that the love we feel for the Lord shows itself in loving deeds in our everyday life.

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### Next Sunday's Readings - 2/6/19 : Easter 7

**9.30 am & 11.15 am:**

Acts 16.16-34

Psalm 97

John 17.20-26

**3.30 pm:**

Psalm 68.1-13, 18-19

Acts 1.6-14

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday 27 May

From 11am and running until 1 June:

Frank Carter Photography Exhibition

### Wednesday 29 May

10am - 12 noon

Stay and Play in the Cathedral

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)

### Thursday 30 May

#### Ascension Day

8.00am

Singing from the Tower

9.00am

Eucharist

10.00am

Eucharist

5.15pm

Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day

### Friday 31 May

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Grammaticus (Mixed Voice Choir)

1.45pm

Cathedral tour

### Saturday 1 June

10.00am

Coffee in the Cathedral

welcome. Please email [andrewjduke@talktalk.net](mailto:andrewjduke@talktalk.net) or leave a message on 01245 697970. Refreshments will be provided from 9.30am and there will be an opportunity to ask questions afterwards.

### 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](http://chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/music-events) or [girlschoir20@gmail.com](mailto:girlschoir20@gmail.com)

### Saturday 6 July

The Bradwell Pilgrimage and Gathering is taking place 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.

## 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.

**There is no Junior Church** during half term.

**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.

**Sponsoring a flower pedestal** arrangement in the Cathedral is an excellent way to celebrate a special occasion or remember a loved one, and at the same time giving very welcome support to the Flower Guild as they provide flowers for the Cathedral week by week. We ask for a donation of £30. For further details please contact Elizabeth Stedman, tel: 01245 359268, or email: [estedman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:estedman@hotmail.co.uk), or any member of the Flower Guild.

**Although Christian Aid Week** has now finished, you can still return your envelopes; either place in the collection box or hand to a verger.

**Thursday 30 May**

**Ascension Day:** At 8am there will again be a service led from the top of

the tower by the occasional singers followed by refreshments in the Cathedral. All are welcome to join them in the churchyard. The Eucharist will follow at 9am (rather than 8.15am).

**Thursday 6 June 10.30am**

The next **Cathedral Walking Group** walk is a four mile walk near Little Green (CM3 IBU). Lunch at The Compasses. Please let Jennifer know if you would like to join the walk tel: 01245 251742.

**Thursday 6 June 7pm**

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

**Saturday 8 June 10am**

**Chapter House**

**Drug Awareness Training:**

Following on from our training sessions on dementia awareness/ Alzheimer's over the last two years we have now arranged for a further session to be delivered by Leigh from *Open Road* – a drug recovery and support charity operating in Essex and Medway. There will be a general presentation about the work done by *Open Road* including information about drug distribution and explaining about county lines, which have been in the news a lot recently. Leigh will also tell us about the demographics of addiction and clues that someone might have a problem.

In order that Leigh can bring sufficient resources, we do need an accurate figure for those who wish to come. All Cathedral volunteers are most

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

*Sunday:* John 14.23-29

*Monday:* John 15.26 – 16.4

*Tuesday:* John 16.5-11

*Wednesday:* John 16.12-15

*Thursday:* Luke 24.44-end

*Friday:* Luke 1.39-49

*Saturday:* John 16.23-28

*Sunday:* John 17.20-26

You can find a simple 10 minute reflection at: [pray-as-you-go.org](http://pray-as-you-go.org)

## Thought for the day

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.  
- *John Wesley*

### Please pray for:

- Teresa Hipgrove, John Nightingale, Winnie Towers; all those receiving home communion and all in need of our prayers
- The Workplace Chaplaincy
- The ministry of the Actors Church Union and everyone involved in local theatre and entertainment industry in our Diocese
- All members of the Anglican Communion around the world, for the Archbishop of Canterbury and all primates and bishops and for members of the Anglican Consultative Council and for their Secretary General The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon

## CATHEDRAL LIFE

# Behind the Scenes

Often unseen, there are a number of people who quietly (although not when a scissor lift is involved), come in and keep the Cathedral clean, light and bright. Brian (pictured here) replaces the lights every few months and the Sparkle and Shine team come in and do that extra bit of polishing, cleaning and sweeping so that our Cathedral is an inviting place for visitors. If you could spare a few hours, once a month, do contact Andrew Duke, our volunteers co-coordinator and see how you could contribute to this unseen, but much appreciated work. Email: [andrewduke@talktalk.net](mailto:andrewduke@talktalk.net)



*Pictured right (or below if viewing via email): The new archdeacons of Barking and Colchester; Ven Chris Burke and Ven Ruth Patten*

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL CHOIRS' ASSOCIATION  
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# FREE TOURS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Please come and join us for a free tour of the Cathedral and find out more about the history, the beautiful architecture and unique artwork of this wonderful building.

Tours will last for about an hour and there's no need to book, just meet us at the Cathedral at 1.45pm.

Tour dates, FRIDAYS:  
10th/17th/24th/31st May  
7th/14th/21st/28th June

