

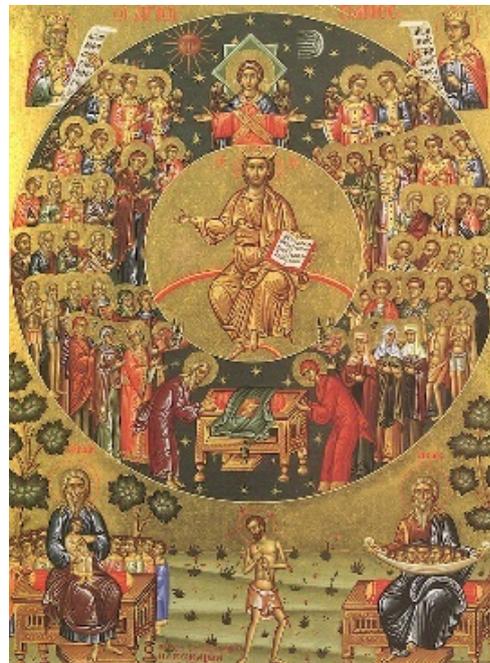
## **A Message from: Canon Alison Kennedy**

### **All Saints and All Souls**

**ON 1<sup>st</sup> November, the feast of All Saints celebrates “all Christian saints both known and unknown”.** It reminds us that the worshipping church on earth (sometimes described as “the church militant”) is always worshipping with the saints in heaven (“sometimes described as “the church triumphant”).

It is something that livestreaming worship has brought home, in a particular way, making sense of the sometimes odd experience of praying in front of a camera; knowing that there is a community of prayer out there, but not being able to see most of the members!

The next day, All Souls commemorates “the souls of the faithful departed”. The practice of “praying for the souls of the departed” was encouraged by the Benedictine abbot, Odilo of Cluny (c.961-1049). Legend has it that he instigated an annual commemoration on this day in response to a pilgrim who had a disturbing vision of “souls in purgatory” and sought reassurance from Odilo. This became adopted by the Western church and, whilst the observation was formally abandoned at the Reformation, more recently the Church of England makes liturgical provision for the day.



Nowadays, our practice has softened; it is a day when the grieving are invited to remember loved ones, perhaps by lighting a candle. We have marked the occasion musically with the singing of a requiem mass. This year, in the Cathedral on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> we will celebrate All Saints in a eucharist in the Cathedral in the morning and in the evening will focus on All Souls in our livestreamed Evening Prayer. On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm, we will also celebrate the Kingdom Season with a eucharist. It seems somehow fitting that this will form the online evening worship for St Mellitus college (who would usually be gathered in person in Derby for their teaching week).

Also on November 1<sup>st</sup> this year, Chelmsford Cathedral will be taking part in a spectacular light display together with other cathedrals across the country. There is no particular time for the lights switch on, in order to conform with government restrictions, but do take a look outside, or take an evening walk with your family, or those in your bubble and take a moment to reflect on those who are beacons of light to us and remember those who are no longer with us. The lights will be on from dusk until around 10pm. The Cathedral will also be open during the daytime for anyone wishing to come in and pray or sit quietly or maybe light a candle. We hope that our own ‘beams of light’ will remind people that we are not alone at this time. Do post your pictures using the #lightofhope.

### An update on livestreaming from the Dean

We have just had new technology installed in the Cathedral. This will enable us to broadcast high quality video and audio from the Cathedral itself. It will take some time for us to get to grips with all the technical issues – as anyone watching last Sunday will have noticed! Thank you for your patience! As we get on top of the new technology, the Sunday 10.30 am Eucharist will move to YouTube. This will massively increase the quality of sound and vision. This has been a challenge streaming from the Cathedral as the Wi-Fi is very limited. The new system in the Cathedral does not depend on Wi-Fi. We will continue to stream the daily prayer at 7.45 am and 5.15 pm every day on Facebook from the clergy houses.

Please look out for updates as the official guidance from both the government and the church continues to change on a regular basis. That will have an impact on all our plans for public worship in the Cathedral. However – on whatever platform – let me assure you that sustaining the Cathedral's prayer and worship on-line and continuing to nurture the community who gather to pray day by day around this is a very high priority for us.

### **How can you prepare for watching worship on YouTube?**

- Sign-up for a YouTube account

Anyone can watch a YouTube video or live stream, but you will need an account if you would like to comment. You can sign-up for an account by visiting the YouTube website <https://www.youtube.com/>. If you already have a Google account, you can use this to login and watch and comment.

- Explore the Chelmsford Cathedral YouTube channel

You can find our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/ChelmsfordCathedralLive>. There's lots of videos there for you to watch already so why not take a look through some of the archive.

- Subscribe to the Chelmsford Cathedral channel

If you click on the red subscribe button at the top of the page, you can opt-in to receive notifications each time we broadcast live so you won't miss an opportunity to be able to watch and worship with us.

### **Pray with Us:**

Please pray on this Bible Sunday; Lord, help us to grow in faith, hope and love as we spend time with you and your Word this coming week. Help us also to support others as they grow in their faith.

Please pray for Anglia Ruskin University chaplaincy team and the Revd Jackie-Dee Thornton

Please pray for The Church in Wales, The Most Revd John Davies, Archbishop

Please pray for Jean Cooper, Rita James, Nicole Landon, Winnie Towers, Jill Withams and all those in need of our prayers at this time.



### Study with Us: Bible Reading Notes for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham, Bishop of the East Saxons, 664

First Bishop of East London & Essex and Patron of the Cathedral



*Jonah 3: 1-5, Ps 87, Matthew 9: 35-end*

Cedd was born in Yorkshire and trained under Aidan on Holy Island in Northumberland. He was one of four brothers, all of them sent out as missionaries. Cedd was sent to Essex where he started by planting small Christian communities at Tilbury and Bradwell on Sea. These were centres of worship, teaching and hospitality and they became the resource for the work of the church in what today is the Diocese of Chelmsford.

The Venerable Bede wrote about Cedd's mission in his history of England, and he makes it clear that it was very heavy going. Bede uses quite harsh language about the people of Essex and the challenges that Cedd faced. It is also the case that although the church flourished for a while after Cedd died, the arrival of the East Saxons led to Christianity once again being wiped out.

Cedd's physical legacy is Bradwell Chapel, perched on the headland just beyond the nuclear power station site. A remote and remarkable holy place. And Cedd's living legacy is us – the saints of God of the Diocese of Chelmsford. We face very similar challenges to the ones he faced, in very different circumstances His task then is our task now, living in a culture no longer shaped by the Gospel and the teaching of Jesus.

Today's readings invite us to reflect on the challenges Jonah faced when called to preach in Nineveh, and in the Gospel Jesus invites us – like Jonah and like Cedd – to be labourers in the vineyard of the Lord.

### Sunday Services:

<b>7.45am</b>	Morning Prayer	Live streamed on the Facebook page	
<b>10.30am</b>	Cathedral Eucharist	In the Cathedral and live streamed	President: Canon Alison Kennedy Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody
	Junior Church	There is no Junior Church this week	
<b>5.15pm</b>	Evening Prayer	Live streamed on the Facebook page	
<b>8.15</b>	Compline	Live streamed on the Church at Home Cathedral Facebook page	Gary Fleming

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Morning Prayer and the Cathedral Eucharist are available later on our YouTube channel – link from the Church at Home page of the Cathedral website.

### Daily Gospel Readings for this week and use in your prayers:

Monday: Matthew 9. 35 - end

Thursday: Luke 13. 31-35

Tuesday: Luke 13. 18-21

Friday: Luke 14. 1-6

Wednesday: John 15. 17-27

Saturday: Luke 14. 1, 7-11

### News:

We are seeking to appoint a new **Safeguarding Officer** to develop and implement robust safeguarding practice across all areas of the Cathedral's life, working with paid staff and volunteers, and liaising closely with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. The interviews will be held on Monday 7th December 2020. To find out more, please visit the Cathedral website ([www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk](http://www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk)) to download the application pack or ring: Mr Keith Baggs/Mrs Marion Palmer, 01245 294492

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**White Poppies for Peace:** At this time of the year many wear red poppies to remember those who have died in the horrors of war. That is important, lest we forget. It is also important to look forward to the future and to work for a peaceful world following Jesus' words, "Blessed are the peacemakers". This year there will again be white peace poppies freely available in the cathedral. You may wish to take one to wear as a commitment to work for peace in every sphere of life.

**Missing your coffee and chat after the service on Sundays?** Why not join us for a zoom coffee (or even sherry) every Sunday anytime from 12noon - 12.40pm? Contact Yvonne Spence via email [yvonnespence@hotmail.com](mailto:yvonnespence@hotmail.com) and she will send you a zoom link to join others from your home. Get you drink, sit down and meet others on zoom!

### Cathedral quiz!

Come and join us for another Cathedral Quiz on Zoom on **Saturday 31st October** at 7.30pm. Last time it proved very popular and a fun way to spend an evening, particularly during the new lockdown restrictions. Contact Yvonne Spence on [yvonnespence@hotmail.com](mailto:yvonnespence@hotmail.com) if you would like to form a team. Everyone is welcome.

### The Cathedral's Got Talent?

Britain's Got Talent may have finished but you still have the opportunity to share yours! The social committee would like to organise a zoom concert for members of the cathedral family. Maureen Benson is looking for musicians, singers, actors, poets and..... more... to make up an evening of entertainment. Please contact Maureen on 01245 697781 for more information.

**A message from Caroline Beasley-Murray:** I am writing to thank the many Cathedral friends who have kindly congratulated me on being awarded in the belated Queen's Birthday Honours an OBE in recognition for service as HM Senior Coroner in Essex. Strange as it may seem, coroners are rarely honoured – indeed, I am told that I am the first woman coroner to receive an OBE. It has been a privilege to serve the bereaved of Essex over these past twenty years. Life, however, will probably be very different when I retire at the end of the year! Caroline Beasley-Murray

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**Cathedral Book Group:** Our next meeting will be by Zoom on Monday 2nd November at 7.30 when we will be discussing Franny and Zooey by J D Sallinger. All are welcome to join us – email [sallydilley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sallydilley@tiscali.co.uk) to be added to the mailing list.

### **Worship with Us:**

**Thursday Eucharist:** We have now introduced a simple celebration of the Eucharist at 10.30 am on Thursdays. Everybody is warmly welcome – and all the procedures in place on Sundays will of course be on place on Thursdays too. That includes leaving contact details, wearing a mask and sitting in a socially distanced way. But – as with Sundays – we will begin to inhabit this new pattern of services as we continue to live through a very provisional time of change.

**Cathedral Eucharist 10.30am on Sundays:** Please note there is no longer a requirement to reserve a place/book a ticket. However, if we reach capacity for any service and it would be unsafe to allow any more people into the building, it is with regret that we would have to close the doors and you would be unable to attend. Following the latest Church of England guidance, it is now expected that all visitors to the Cathedral, for worship or private prayer, wear a facemask.

### **Support us:**

**On-line Giving:** if you would like to donate to support the mission and ministry of the Cathedral through these challenging times, please visit the Cathedral website. Towards the bottom of the opening page you will see a heading “Supporting your Cathedral”. Simply click the link in the paragraph below to make your donation.

### **Study with Us:**

**Advent Day Retreat:** – “Jacob Limping”, led by the Dean from Pleshey Retreat House but available on-line. It takes place on Thursday, 26 November 10 am – 4 pm. Nicholas writes: Vulnerability is how we open up to grace in the upside-down values of the kingdom - in the desert we face ourselves as we really are and discover that God's love for us is without limit. Through prayer, silence and a series of addresses we will go on a journey with texts from Scripture and wisdom from the tradition - the desert fathers, the cloud of unknowing, Teresa of Avila through to Thomas Merton and other contemporary voices. Please visit the Pleshey website (<https://www.retreathousepleshey.com>) to find out more and to book your place.

**Breakfast with the Bible:** meets via zoom Sundays from 8.30am-9.30am. If you would like to join the sessions, please email Canon Imogen Nay on [imogen.nay@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk](mailto:imogen.nay@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk) for the Zoom code each week. Breakfast with the Bible is led by various members of the Cathedral congregation, lay and ordained. It includes time for discussion as well as some teaching input from the leaders. See the Breakfast with the Bible page on the website for full details.

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