

THIS 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 Revd Dr Paul Beasley-Murray

9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST with baptisms

President: Canon Ivor Moody

Preacher: Kate Moore (Associate Priest)

11.15am FESTAL EUCHARIST

President & Preacher: Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford

3.30pm FESTAL EVENSONG

Homily: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford

This morning the Dean is leading the worship at St John's, Colchester, a large charismatic evangelical church, so that the vicar can go on study leave.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 28 April - Second Sunday of Easter

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 136

President: Canon Ivor Moody

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible, led by Kate Moore

9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

President: Canon Alison Kennedy

Preacher: Canon Ivor Moody

11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST

sung by St Stephen's Church choir, Canterbury

President: Canon Ivor Moody

Preacher: Kate Moore (Associate Priest)

3.30pm EVENSONG

Homily: Canon Alison Kennedy

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

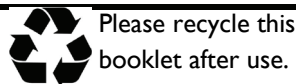
Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

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

Easter Day, 21 April 2019



The Easter People

The resurrection of Jesus turns the world upside down, changes the nature of what it means to be human and invites everyone to respond to the beauty of the wounded God whose risen body is recognised by his wounds.

There are no accounts of the moment of the resurrection, only of what happens to people when they meet the risen Lord. And what happens to them? They are "ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven" and start living in a new way not based on competition or achievement, but solely on love - love for God and love for others expressed in lives of humble service in response to what we see and hear in the life of Jesus.



It is a daunting challenge to open our lives to the humility of the risen Christ, who invites but never forces us. All he asks - knowing our frailty and need, for has shared it - is to learn again to love.

"We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our Song!" Augustine of Hippo.

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

Readings for Easter Day:

Acts 10.34-43
Psalm 118.14-24
John 20.1-18

Christ, my hope, has risen!

Today we arrive at the oldest of the Church's Feast Days, and the pinnacle of the year: the wonder-filled celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- The *Psalm* joyfully foresees the resurrection of Jesus and recognises it as the work of God Himself.
- The *Gospel* records how Peter and the unnamed 'beloved disciple' and then later in the same chapter, Mary Magdalene slowly come to realise that Jesus has risen from the dead. The relationship between Jesus and the 'disciple he loved' is a model for all faithful Christians, as God invites us into a loving, intimate relationship with Christ.
- The *First Reading* demonstrates that one of the fruits of the Resurrection is to break down barriers between peoples: in this case Peter, a Jew, stays in the home of Cornelius, a Gentile. This goes beyond what is culturally permitted: Peter is risking defilement by having contact with a non-believer.

On this Easter Day, we may pray to recognise the dignity that belongs to us as Christians and for the grace needed to live it out in practice doing good as Jesus did, in our daily, ordinary lives.

Next Sunday's Readings - 28/4/19 : EASTER 2

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Acts 5.27-32
Psalm 150
John 20.19-31

3.30 pm:

Psalm 16
Acts 2.14a,22-32
1 Peter 1.3-9

THE WEEK AHEAD

The Cathedral Choirs are on leave this week

Wednesday 24 April

12.35pm Eucharist
1.00 - 3.00pm Welcome on Wednesday: coffee and cake in the North Transept
1.00 - 4.00pm Friendship Club (Learning Centre)

Thursday 25 April

10.00am Eucharist

Saturday 27 April

9.00am Annual Meeting (Meeting starts 9.30am)
5.15pm Evensong sung by the choir of St Stephen's Church, Canterbury

Saturday 4 May 7.15 for 7.45pm Tickets for the Cathedral Dinner are now on sale. A four course meal with wine on the table is included and the speaker is the Bishop of Bradwell, the Rt Revd John Perumbalath. Tickets: £30 are available from Yvonne Spence tel: 01245 465108 or email: yvonnespence@hotmail.com

Thursday 9 May 2pm

Mothers' Union visit to the Mayor's Parlour. Meet 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 Greatrex will lead another of his popular tasting events in the Cathedral to raise funds for the Choirs' Association (CCCA). Tickets £10 from [music@](mailto:music@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk)

chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk; tel: 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.

Thursday 16 May 10.45am

Cathedral Prayer Group meet in the Mildmay Chapel of Chelmsford Cathedral to pray together for the Church, the Diocese and the world. All welcome.

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 resumes in Chapter House on April 28th.

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 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.

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

The new **Guide to Events** covering May to July is now available. Please pick up your free copy in the Cathedral, if you have not already had it emailed to you or pick up an additional one to give to a neighbour or friend.

Saturday 27 April 9.30am

The AGM takes place on Saturday. Refreshments will be available from 9 and the meeting will start promptly at 9.30 am, finishing by 11 am at the latest. There will be soft play mats and toys in St Cedd's Chapel for young children.

Wednesday 1 May 10.30am

Cathedral Walking Group walk to see the bluebells. Park in the Common Car Park, opposite the Cricketers Arms, Danbury CM3 4ED. Danbury Church will be open to visit and lunch is planned at the Cricketers. Let Anne Sparrow know if you wish to attend email: anniesp23@yahoo.co.uk

Thursday 2 May 8pm

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

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

<i>Sunday:</i>	John 20.1-18	<i>Thursday:</i>	Luke 24.35-48
<i>Monday:</i>	Matthew 28.8-15	<i>Friday:</i>	John 21.1-14
<i>Tuesday:</i>	John 20.11-18	<i>Saturday:</i>	Mark 16.9-15
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Luke 24.13-35	<i>Sunday:</i>	John 20.19-31

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

Thought for the day

The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake. - *Basil Hume*

Please pray for:

- Ceri, who was baptised and confirmed last night at the Easter Vigil, and Laura, Simon and Perminder who were confirmed - all at a great celebration which welcomed candidates from across the diocese.
- 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
- Paul Jones and Hannah Stechman being baptised today
- Christian Aid and their Chair Robin Stevens
- Peace in Jerusalem and the people of the Land of the Holy One

CATHEDRAL LIFE
Palm Sunday

