



CATHEDRAL LIFE WEEKLY

Sunday 21st January 2024
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

T O D A Y

Choral Evensong at 3.30pm today. The Cathedral Choir will sing Noble in B^b and 'Beati quorum via' by Stanford. The preacher is the Interim Dean.

S E R V I C E S

Choral Evening Prayer on Tuesday at 5.15pm sung by the Cambridge Early Music Consort. This is a highly atmospheric service sung in semi-darkness.

Choral Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer sung by The Cathedral Choir at 5.15pm on Thursday (Wood in G, 'In God's word will I rejoice' Purcell, and Friday (Gibbons Short Service, 'O sing joyfully' Batten.)

Choral Evensong Saturday 27th Jan, sung by St Mary's choir, Maldon.

Wednesday Eucharist.

As we are now working with a reduced clergy staff we are putting the Weds 12.30pm Eucharist on hold. The last Wednesday will be 31st January.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service.

Wednesday 24th January 5.15pm, attended by Bishop Guli and Bishop Alan (the R.C. Bishop of Brentwood). Other services will be held city wide in a variety of Christian churches. www.staugustinespringfield.org.uk for more information.

Confirmation.

The next confirmation service will take place in the Cathedral on Easter Eve, March 30th at 7.30pm. Confirmation is for adults who would like to take this next step on their faith journey and for children aged 11 and above. Contact Kate for more details. Kate.moore@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

M U S I C

Friday Lunchtime Concert.

The concert on Friday 26th at 12pm is Charlotte Rowan, an internationally acclaimed virtuoso violinist.

Verdi's Requiem

Sung by Hutton & Shenfield Choral Soc. Sat 3rd Feb. 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

S T U D Y

NEW! Ask Us Anything!

Drop-in sessions for enquirers. Ask those questions about God, Jesus and Christianity you always wanted answered, over tea and cake in a relaxing, friendly, environment. Sessions take place on 28th Jan. 11th, 25th Feb. 4.30pm.

Chelmsford Cathedral Fellowship Groups.

We have four fellowship groups which people are very welcome to join. Each group is looking at Selina Stone's new book 'Tarry Awhile'. This is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2024.

One group meets on **Tuesday evenings via zoom** Contact Peter Dilley for details peterdilley@tiscali.co.uk

Two groups meet on **alternate Wednesday evenings via Zoom.**

One is run by Sue Hawkings, contact: wsrjhawkings@btinternet.com. They next meet on Jan 24th. The second also meets **online on Wednesdays** with Patrick Sherring. Further details at Patrick.sherring@gmail.com.

Another group meets in the home of Susan and Gervase Vernon in **Felsted**. Next meeting Feb 21st. Contact them at gervase@jgvernon.co.uk.

Two face-to-face study groups just for Lent.

The Cathedral is pleased to offer two face to face study groups this Lent. Starting on February 15th, both will meet on Thursdays in the Cathedral, one from 12pm – 1pm, and the second from 7pm – 8pm. Both groups will study 'Tarry Awhile' (see above). No need to book, contact Kate for more details.

Buy your copy of Selina Stone's 'Tarry Awhile'

Available today from the Cathedral Bookshop.

Breakfast with the Bible.

This term the group is looking at St John's Gospel. The group meets both in person in the Courtyard Library (Cathedral offices) and online via Zoom. Email Kate for more info: kate.moore@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

Book Group (Zoom).

This month's book is 'Charlotte' by David Foenkinos, timed to coincide with Holocaust Memorial Day on 27th Jan. We meet by Zoom on Mon. 5th Feb at 7.30pm. All welcome – contact sallydilley@tiscali.co.uk for the Zoom link.

E V E N T S

Welcome on Wednesday

Each Wednesday between 1pm and 3pm in the North Transept. All, especially those living alone, are welcome for refreshments, friendship, conversation and a short time of prayer.

New Interest Group Programme 2024

Taking place on 20th February and Friday 22nd March. To find out more contact Ann Freese on allfreese2@gmail.com

Chelmsford Cathedral Branch Mother's Union

2024 Programme. Afternoons (2nd Thursday at 2.00pm in the Learning Centre) February 8th Eucharist with Very Rev. Paul Kennington (the interim Dean) followed by the AGM, March 14th Sanctus – helping the homeless

N O T I C E S

Cathedral Forum – NEW!

The Cathedral Forum (replacing the Cathedral Council) holds its first meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 30th January in St Cedd's Hall. This is the new consultative meeting open to all members of the Congregation. It is a forum for hearing about what is going on, asking questions and raising issues of concern.

Thank you from the Flower Guild.

Thank you all who attended the Epiphany Lunch. It was a lovely occasion with great food, relaxed conversation and raised £825 for buying Cathedral flowers.

The Friends of Chelmsford Cathedral Winter Festival.

The Festival will take place on Saturday 27th January at 3pm in the Cathedral. The speaker is Jennifer Tolhurst, the Lord Lieutenant of Essex. It will be followed by tea in the Chapter House and Choral Evensong in the Cathedral. Everyone, 'Friend' or not is invited to join us.

Befriending members of the congregation and community

Sunday 11th February The Rev'd Olwen Williamson will preach at the 9.30am Eucharist and speak afterwards in St Cedd's Hall about setting up a befriending scheme. Olwen has many years' experience of setting up such schemes in parishes and helping with the pitfalls, pleasures and dangers.

Living in Love and Faith

The House of Bishops has authorised prayers for same-sex relationships. The Dean and Chapter will be making the decision on whether we will allow them to take place in the Cathedral. The Dean will share his personal reflections on Tuesday 6th February at 7.30pm in St Cedd's Hall where he will look closely at the bible verses which are often thought to condemn same-sex partnerships.

A Passion Play for Lent. - Keep the Date.

Wednesday 13th March, Riding Lights Theatre will present The Narrow Road, by Paul Birch, at the Cathedral. This is a powerful Passion Play on the journey to Easter. which opens up at key moments for worship, music and reflection arising directly out of the drama, creating a powerful act of remembrance which is both participatory and reflective. We need a couple of people to offer B&B for one or more of the actors on Weds 13th night.

Christians Together in Chelmsford' AGM

This is on Sunday 28th Jan at 3pm in the Orchard Café, Mascalls Way, Chelmsford (part of Meadgate church). It will be preceded by a short service. If you have a particular social action you wish to advertise to other Churches in Chelmsford, there will be an opportunity to do so'.

New COO Announced

The interim Dean and Chapter are pleased to announce that Justine Horseman Sewell will take up the role of Chief Operating Officer in April 2024. To read the announcement in full, please visit the website: www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

TODAY Sunday 21st January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

7.45am	Morning Prayer		<i>The Rev'd Kate Moore</i>	Online only
8am	Said Eucharist		<i>The Very Rev'd Paul Kennington</i>	
9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Presider	<i>The Rev'd Kate Moore</i>	
		Preacher	<i>The Very Rev'd Paul Kennington</i>	
11.15am	Choral Eucharist	Presider	<i>The Very Rev'd Paul Kennington</i>	Also online
		Preacher	<i>The Rev'd Dr Paul Beasley-Murray</i>	
3.30pm	Choral Evensong	Preacher	<i>The Very Rev'd Paul Kennington</i>	

THIS WEEK

Monday 22 nd	7.45am	Morning Prayer		
<i>Vincent of Saragossa</i>	8.15am	Said Eucharist	5.15pm	Said Evening Prayer
Tuesday 23 rd	7.45am	Morning Prayer		
	8.15am	Said Eucharist	5.15pm	Choral Evening Prayer
Wednesday 24 th	7.45am	Morning Prayer	12.30pm	Said Eucharist
<i>Francis de Sales</i>	8.15am	Said Eucharist	5.15pm	Choral Unity Service
				Bp Guli and Bp Alan (RC Brentwood)
Thursday 25 th	7.45am	Morning Prayer	10.30am	Said Eucharist
Conv. St. Paul	8.15am	Said Eucharist	5.15pm	Choral Evensong
Friday 26 th	7.45am	Morning Prayer		
<i>SS. Timothy & Titus</i>	8.15am	Said Eucharist	5.15pm	Choral Evensong
Saturday 27 th	7.45am	Morning Prayer		
	8.15am	Said Eucharist	5.15pm	Choral Evensong

St Mary's Choir, Maldon

Morning prayer is available online on Facebook.

NEXT WEEK Sunday 28th January CANDLEMAS

7.45am	Morning Prayer		<i>The Rev'd Canon Ivor Moody</i>	Online only
8am	Said Eucharist		<i>The Rev'd Sebastian Harries</i>	
9.30am	ALL AGE Eucharist	Presider	<i>The Rev'd Canon Ivor Moody</i>	
		Preacher	<i>The Rev'd Sebastian Harries</i>	
11.15am	Choral Eucharist	Presider	<i>The Rev'd Kate Moore</i>	also online
		Preacher	<i>The Very Rev'd Paul Kennington</i>	
3.30pm	Epiphany and Candlemas Carol Service	Preacher	<i>The Rev'd Ivor Moody</i>	

The pedestal arrangement for this week has been sponsored by Helen Clothier, Katie Miller and Bridget Michael in memory of David Clothier.

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