



Cathedral Life Weekly

15th Sunday after Trinity, 12th September 2021



Welcome to Chelmsford Cathedral

On Saturday we welcome 25 new deacons for ordination at three services being held at the Cathedral. Numbers are restricted to ticket holders only but you can watch on-line through the Cathedral website. <https://www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/worship/ordinations>

The Cathedral is now back open everyday from 7.30am to 6pm (5pm on Fridays) although access may be restricted during larger services.

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From the Dean and Canons

Travelling Light

Canon Imogen Nay writes

Olav and I are planning to walk the South Downs Way in October half-term, as part of my extended study leave. We have been getting out our tent and gathering our supplies. We last did something like this when we were in our twenties, hiking in Scotland, somewhat fitter and more fearless! When you are packing your backpack you have to be ruthless about weight. You must only bring the real essentials – just enough clothing, water, food, tent, simple cooking equipment, torch etc. etc. It makes you think about the very basic things needed for survival. We don't need that much to survive, we can travel pretty light.

This year's theme for the Season of Creation (1st September-4th October) is '*a home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God*'. Oikos is the Greek word for "home," or "household." By rooting the theme in the concept of oikos, we celebrate the integral web of relationships that sustain the well-being of the earth. This year's symbol, Abraham's tent (Genesis 18) signifies our commitment to safeguard a place for all who share our common home. It also signposts the reality that the majority of the world's population live in simple dwellings, and that many thousands of refugees live in tents.

Travelling light and living more simply seem to me to be essential to the life of the Christian; we are after all, God's pilgrim people. I'm reminded of the words of the hymn:
*Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care.*

As we rediscover what it means to be God's people in a time of global environmental crisis, our faith has much to teach us about, travelling light, living simply and trusting in God every step of the way.

The Week Ahead

**Monday 13 September -
Saturday 18 September**

Daily:

7.45am: Morning Prayer

8.15am: Holy Communion

5.15pm: Evening Prayer

Wednesday 15 September

9.30am: Little Robins play group (Learning Centre)

Thursday 16 September

10.30am: Eucharist

Friday 17 September

10.30am: Garden Café

Saturday 18 September

Celebration of Lay Ministry day

Study Notes: 15th Sunday after Trinity: 12th September

Today's readings:

Isaiah 50.4-9a
Psalm 116.1-8
Mark 8.27-38

'You are the Christ!'

This Sunday we contemplate Jesus, who is, as Peter declares, the Christ, the anointed one of God. Our readings help us to understand the journey Jesus takes to show his love for us.

The **First Reading** from Isaiah is part of the song of the Suffering Servant. He is to suffer much but he retains his complete confidence and trust in God.

The section of the **Psalms** given today complements this reading. The psalmist suffers greatly but gives thanks because the Lord has heard his cry and saved him.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus questions his disciples about what people are saying of him. When Peter declares that he is the Christ, Jesus reveals the suffering ahead of him and also, that we his disciples, are to follow the same path.

In our prayer this week, perhaps we can be conscious that we are disciples of Jesus, living out our lives in his name.

Daily Gospel Readings

Sunday:

Mark 8. 27-38

Monday:

Luke 7. 1-10

Tuesday:

John 3. 13-17

Wednesday:

Luke 7. 31-35

Thursday:

Luke 7. 36-end

Friday:

Luke 8. 1-3

Saturday:

Luke 8. 4-15

Services at the Cathedral:

This Week, Sunday 12th September:

7.45am	Morning Prayer	Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford	On-line
8am	BCP Holy Communion	The Revd Kate Moore	In person
8.30am	Breakfast with the Bible	Contact Canon Imogen Nay for the code	On-line
10.30am	The Eucharist	Presiding: Canon Alison Kennedy Preaching: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford	In person and On-line
10.30am	Junior Church	Jean Elliott	Guy Harlings Garden
3.30pm	Evensong	Canon Imogen Nay	In person and On-line

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10.30am	The Eucharist	Presiding: Canon Ivor Moody Preaching: Canon Alison Kennedy	In person and On-line
10.30am	Junior Church	Jean Elliott	Guy Harlings Garden
3.30pm	Evensong	Canon Alison Kennedy	In person and On-line

We look forward to welcoming you to our services:

What you'll need to know.

Morning Prayer and The 10.30am Eucharist are livestreamed through our Facebook page @chelmsfordcathedral. You can watch even if you don't have a Facebook account. You can also watch the service afterwards through our website.

Our Evensong service is broadcast through YouTube and the link is available from our website. So you can watch it live.

[Morning & Evening Prayer | Eucharist | Evensong & Junior Church | Chelmsford Cathedral](#)

If you are attending in person, you no longer need to book a space. We strongly request that you wear a mask, and remain socially distanced. We can now sing inside too!

Looking Ahead:

The first of our **Big Conversations** takes place next Sunday after Evensong. Everyone is invited to contribute to the discussion; 'what makes a cathedral community and how we can be part of it'.

Seen/Unseen Exhibition Launch, Sunday 12th September. Two pieces conceived and created during the early stages of the pandemic will be shown in the cathedral from this Sunday. Made by artist Pauline Medinger they help us reflect on the pain of the pandemic and also on the possibility of rebirth. All welcome to the drinks reception after Evensong, 3.30pm.

Come and join us for our celebration **Harvest Lunch** on Sunday 26th September, full details in the news section.

On the same afternoon, there is a **County Harvest Service at 3.30pm**. The Revd Canon Janet Nicholls, Diocesan Rural Advisor will be preaching. There will be representatives from across the farming community taking part in the service and all are welcome.

News:



Introducing our new scholars: (l to r) Lucy, Tristan, Joe, Luke & Matthew

Lucy is a 24 year old musician from Cambridge. She is really looking forward to furthering her cathedral singing experience as a Choral Scholar at Chelmsford Cathedral, having come to us from a Choral Scholarship at Peterborough Cathedral (2020 - 2021).

Tristan is one of the Bass choral scholars for this year. This is his second year at Chelmsford and he's hoping that he might even get to sing for the Christmas services this year, following last year's Covid-related disruption – fingers crossed!

Joe is also a bass choral scholar this year. He is a music graduate from Cardiff University who grew up in Kent and his passion for music began at an early age learning to sing at the age of nine.

Luke grew up singing Church music as a boy chorister at St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. In 2018 he joined Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin as a member of the Lay Vicar's Choral whilst completing his bachelors degree in music.

Matt is the Organ Scholar at Chelmsford Cathedral for 2021/22. He is originally from Worcester but has previously held similar posts at Guildford Cathedral and Great Malvern Priory, before heading to Durham University in 2018 to study Music. Whilst there he became Musical Director at St Chad's College for two years, as well as Conductor of Durham University Choral Society through 2020/21.

This week, please pray for:

Lord God, we thank you for the education we have received from teachers and schools, from colleges, academies and universities, from parents and friends. Help us to support those who work in education, especially with the difficulties they have faced over the past months. We appreciate the important job that they do in shaping the future of our world and remember them in our prayers.

Please pray for CHESS, the city centre homeless centre.

Please pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Please pray for Margaret Ardley, Mary Bradford, Dianne Jackson, Rita James, Pam Sharpe and all those in need of our prayers.

The Big Conversation

We are inviting everyone to join in the next stage of the Big Conversation – an invitation to everyone to consider what makes a cathedral community and how we can be part of it. The dates and times are:

Sunday, 19 September at 4.30 pm (straight after Evensong) in the Cathedral

Sunday, 7 November at 4.30 pm (straight after Evensong) in the Cathedral

Sunday, 21 November at 10.30 am in the Learning Centre

Come and join us for our celebration **Harvest Lunch** as we enjoy getting back to normal. It's on Sunday 26th September, St Cedds Hall, 12.30pm. Two course lunch and soft drinks: wine is available. Tickets £7.50 adult, £3 child, family £20. To book in contact Yvonne Spence (tel 465108, e mail yvonespence@hotmail.com)

The **New Interest's Group** is meeting on Thursday 16th September at 12 noon at the Hive Café (Oaklands Park). Please contact Ann Freese email: allfreese2@gmail.com for more details and to obtain a programme of all the events planned. Everyone is welcome.

Book Group: This month we are reading "This is Happiness" by Niall Williams. We meet to discuss this by Zoom on Monday 20th September at 7.30. All welcome – email: sallydilley@tiscali.co.uk to be added to the circulation list.

Help needed at ARU Chelmsford: Friendly faces or cake bakers required to welcome our new students to Anglia Ruskin University. Can you spare an hour or more on Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th or Friday 17th September? The Chaplaincy team will have a table at our Welcome and Freshers Events and are also looking for homemade cakes to hand out for free! For further information or to volunteer your time or skills please contact Revd Jackie-Dee Thornton by email jackie-dee.thornton@aru.ac.uk or call 07879 805210.

Breakfast with the Bible has started again on zoom. This term we are exploring the theme of money and wealth. All welcome. More details on the Cathedral website <https://www.chelmsford-cathedral.org.uk/exploring-faith/breakfast-with-the-bible>

Have you ever wondered what happens at Fellowship Groups? New groups are starting this Autumn and you are very welcome to join one. There are evening groups and a day time group, with a mixture of zoom and in person gatherings. For details, speak to Canon Imogen or see the cathedral website: <https://www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/exploring-faith/fellowship-groups>

The Friends of Chelmsford Cathedral AGM and Autumn Festival takes place on Saturday 25th September 2021, at 3pm. This is an opportunity to meet Bishop Guli and to hear her speak. The meeting is open to anyone, whether or not they are members of the Friends. Afternoon tea will follow the meeting and the afternoon will finish with choral evensong at 5.15pm. To assist with catering, please let Jan Goodman know if you are staying for tea. Tel: 01245 500347 or email: goodmans99@btinternet.com

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