



# Cathedral Life Weekly

Peter The Apostle, Sunday 26th June 2022



## Welcome to Chelmsford Cathedral

Last week, members of The Cathedral Flower Guild organised a workshop in the Cathedral given by Helen Sheard. Helen showed us methods for arranging flowers without using floral foam which is non-biodegradable. These methods use moss, chicken wire and other alternative ways of supporting flowers in arrangements. They are very different for us to use and the arrangements will look very different to members of the congregation but we would ask you to bear with us while we experiment. This is a steep learning curve for us all but an essential change if we are to care for our environment.

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# From The Cathedral Clergy

## FROM THE DEAN

At the beginning of each new college year, a famous art professor welcomes her new students and then asks them to start their studies by doing one thing. What she asks them to do is to go into the big local art gallery, choose a painting, and then sit there looking at that painting for three hours without a break. That's her basic requirement for her students – learning to see; learning to pay attention.

Learning to say, learning to pay attention is one of the central themes of the teaching of Jesus: learning to see the world as it really is; to notice the details; to spend time paying attention to what people are saying and doing. That is one reason why Jesus heals so many blind people – and why one whole Chapter of John's Gospel is devoted to the healing of a man born blind. It's an invitation to us to open our eyes.

That is really difficult for us. Modern sociologists suggest that our contemporary culture has become a giant machine for persuading us to make the wrong choices. One writer calls it "a machine for misusing your life".

We need to challenge that if we are going to see clearly.

A few weeks ago I was up in Oxfordshire. I drove through the village of Aynho. It's a pretty place. But what grabbed me was the sign as you entered the village: "Drive slowly - and see more!" What a great invitation. "Drive slowly- and see more!" That felt like exactly the invitation we need at the moment.

## The Week Ahead

Monday 27 June -

Saturday 2 July

Daily:

7.45am: Morning Prayer

8.15am: Holy Communion

5.15pm: Evensong

Tuesday:

1pm: Ukrainians Meeting  
Place (Learning Centre)

Wednesday:

1.30pm: Welcome on  
Wednesday

5.15pm—Evensong sung by  
St Cedd's School

Thursday:

10.30am: Holy Communion

Friday:

12pm: Lunchtime Concert

Saturday:

10am: Coffee Morning

# Study Notes: Sunday 26th June

## PETER THE APOSTLE

Today's readings:

Acts 12.1-11  
Ps 125  
Matthew 16.13-19

***'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'***

Today's readings focus on Peter – the “leader” of the twelve apostles, and – with James and John – one of the inner team of three who were with Jesus at key points in his ministry (e.g. the raising to life of the little girl, the Transfiguration, the Garden of Gethsemane).

Peter's story is very powerful. A middle-class businessman invited by Jesus to give up his business and to follow Jesus in the joy, simplicity and mercy of the Gospel. That itself is very powerful. Peter's character in the Gospel suggests someone who has a real sense of his own power and who is also very impulsive – often rushing in with an action of a comment that is premature or results in a misunderstanding.

This reaches an extreme point when Peter – to save his own skin – denies three times that he ever knew Jesus. But even there, as we read at the very end of John's Gospel – Jesus does not judge Peter but loves him and calls him to ministry and service once again.

From very early on it has been suggested that Mark's Gospel was dictated by Peter in Rome. If that is so, it shows a profound self-awareness in that it really shows Peter warts and all.

And in the end that's the point. We may not dress up for church anymore, but many of us do still dress up for God. What Peter shows us is that there is always a way back; that God will never withdraw his love.

## Daily Gospel Readings

Monday:

Matthew 8. 18-22

Tuesday:

Matthew 8. 23-27

Wednesday:

Matthew 16. 13-19

Thursday:

Matthew 9. 1-8

Friday:

Matthew 9. 9-13

Saturday:

Matthew 9. 14-17

## Services at the Cathedral:

### This Week, Sunday 26th June:

7.45am	Morning Prayer	The Revd Jackie-Dee Thornton	On-line
8am	BCP Holy Communion	Canon Ivor Moody	In person
8.30am	Breakfast with the Bible	Please contact Sally for the code <a href="mailto:sallydilley@tiscali.co.uk">sallydilley@tiscali.co.uk</a>	Zoom
10.30am	Eucharist with Junior Church	Presiding: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford Preaching: The Revd Jackie-Dee Thornton	In person and On-line
3.30pm	Evensong with the Collation and Installation of the Archdeacon of Southend	Officiating: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford Preaching: The Ven Mike Power	On-line

## Services at the Cathedral:

### Next Week, Thomas The Apostle, Sunday 3rd July:

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	Please contact Sally for the code <a href="mailto:sallydilley@tiscali.co.uk">sallydilley@tiscali.co.uk</a>	Zoom
10.30am	Eucharist	Presiding: The Revd Kate Moore Preaching: Canon Ivor Moody	In person
10.30am	Junior Church	In Guy Harlings Garden	In person
3.30pm	Evensong with Valedictions	Officiating: Canon Ivor Moody Preaching: The Revd Kate Moore	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. [chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/worship/regular-worship](https://chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/worship/regular-worship)

**Caring for each other:** Seating is available for those who are clinically vulnerable. Please ask the welcome stewards to direct you. We ask those using this seating to wear a mask.

**The chalice** is now offered at both 8.00am and 10.30am on Sundays. We are still getting the hang of how best to do this, and the one thing we would ask is that people do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine) as it is the easiest way to spread infections.

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### **Looking Ahead:**

As you may have read on our website, we are excited to announce that Gaia, the touring artwork by UK artist Luke Jerram, is coming to Chelmsford Cathedral in October. Measuring six metres in diameter and created from 120dpi detailed NASA imagery of the Earth's surface, the artwork provides the opportunity to view the planet, floating in three dimensions. It will be suspended, two metres up, in the nave.

Services will continue in their usual pattern throughout the three weeks in October and there will be plenty of opportunities to be involved with the Gaia experience. More details over the coming months.

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## News

If you would like to be added to the names of people **requesting prayer**, please contact Canon Ivor Moody [ivor.moody@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk](mailto:ivor.moody@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk)

### **ORDINATIONS – Sunday, 11 September.**

For many years here at Chelmsford Cathedral the ordination of deacons has taken place on a Saturday. This is not a canonical day for ordinations and Bishop Guli has helpfully made the decision to bring Chelmsford into line with the vast majority of English dioceses and celebrate the ordination of deacons on a Sunday. This year that will be Sunday, 11 September.

On that day the 7.45am and 8.00am services will continue as normal, and there will be space for regular members of the Cathedral congregation at the 10.30am ordination service. However, we are asking that people register for this so that we are able to accommodate all who want to come. The service will be about 15 minutes longer than the normal 10.30am and we will be welcoming as the preacher the new Bishop of Willesden, the Rt Revd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy. For details on how to reserve a space, please see the Cathedral website under Worship or use the link that follows. <https://www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/worship/ordinations>

**The Annual Report and Accounts** for the year ended 31 December 2021 can now be downloaded from the website (but, before printing, note that it is 41 pages long). Click on the annual reports link, right at the bottom of the home page or use this link [Annual Meeting Chelmsford Cathedral | Chelmsford Cathedral](#)

**Welcome on Wednesday** is looking to expand its number of volunteers. A new Tuesday session is to start to invite Ukrainian guests and their hosts who have recently moved into the area. This new group will be in the Learning Centre on Tuesdays 1-2.30pm, starting 28th June.

If you would like to join the team, which involves welcoming people and serving refreshments, please contact the Cathedral Office tel: 01245 294492 or email [hello@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk](mailto:hello@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk) and they will put you in touch with Beth Richards.

You will need to undertake safeguarding training but support will be given to complete this.

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## This week, please pray for:

- The Ascension with All Saints Church, City Centre
- The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
- Christine Dutfield, Joy Halstead, Libby Hill, Patricia Kamal, Vernon Muller, Pam Sharpe

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:** Pray for all those involved in Lay Development and Training in the Diocese.

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**Book Group:** This month we are reading *Widowland* by C J Carey, which we meet to discuss by Zoom on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. All welcome, whether on a regular or occasional basis. Contact [sallydilley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sallydilley@tiscali.co.uk) for the Zoom code.

The **Cathedral Cycle Relay** reaches Chelmsford from **St Albans on Sunday, 3 July**. One of our families is going to ride the route from **Harlow** (about 25 miles) and would love others to join them from there or somewhere nearer. Another group sets off for **St Edmundsbury on Monday morning, 4 July**. Please contact Caroline, [treasurer@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk), if you are interested in joining in.

This weeks pedestal is sponsored by Robert Seabrook. *“To the memory of my dear wife Janet. Married for 62 years, on this our anniversary.”*

If you would like to **sponsor a pedestal** in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate an event, please contact Lynne Churches; [jandlchurches@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jandlchurches@blueyonder.co.uk)

**There is an opportunity to say farewell to Canon Imogen Nay** in Guy Harlings Garden on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July** 2-4pm. There'll be coffee and cake so if you would like to come along, please contact Marion Palmer in the Cathedral office either by email [marion.palmer@chelmsford.cathedral.org.uk](mailto:marion.palmer@chelmsford.cathedral.org.uk) or by telephone 01245 294497 by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022**.

**Bibles for Chelmsford Prison** Wendy, the Anglican Chaplain at HMP Chelmsford, is short of resources and would love to have second hand bibles, of any edition, to give to the prisoners. If you have any spare, please drop them off with the vergers or office and I will pass them on. Thank you, Caroline.

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The next **New Interests' Group** meeting is on **Thursday 21st July** and includes a visit to the First Site Gallery in Colchester. Further details from Helen Clothier tel: 01245 496535 or email: david.clothier@outlook.com

### **Junior Church**

All families are warmly invited to attend Junior Church, which takes place each Sunday at 10.30am in the Guy Harlings garden. On the last Sunday of each month there's no Junior Church as we all worship together at the 'Altogether Eucharist' in the cathedral building. There is no need to book. If you'd like to find out more about Junior Church, please contact jean.elliott@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

The **Mothers' Union** cathedral evening branch are delighted that Nicholas the Dean is going to walk round the cathedral telling his audience his thoughts and appreciation of items and areas. Thursday July 7th, starting at 7.30pm everyone is welcome to come. Please meet at the south door. Coffee and cake will be served at the end donations to the MU summer appeal will be welcome Eileen French 01268753979





**Thursday 7th July**  
**11am - 1pm**  
St. Cedds Hall, Ground Floor, Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter House, Cottage Place, CM1 1NX

Find out about:

**'Walking Together: in dying, faith, grief & hope'**

By Susanna Ofor, Chaplain & Spiritual Care Lead at Farleigh Hospice

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**FREE LUNCH!** **All Welcome!**