



Cathedral Life Weekly

17th Sunday after Trinity, 26th September 2021



Welcome to Chelmsford Cathedral

This afternoon we welcome farmers, farming organisations, charities and producers to a County Harvest Service. It takes place in the Cathedral at 3.30pm and the theme this year is *'Farming for our Future'*.

Everyone is welcome to attend but if you would like to follow the service on-line, the Worship and Music section of the website has all the details and the link to the service. [County Harvest Service | Chelmsford Cathedral](#)

Contact us: Cathedral Office, New Street, Chelmsford CMI ITY Tel: 01245 294492
Website: chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk Facebook: [@chelmsfordcathedral](#)
Safeguarding Officer: Lisa Blaco Tel: 07902 225131
Email: safeguarding@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

From the Dean and Canons

Expecting the Unexpected

Canon Ivor Moody writes

Throughout August, the Cathedral held a 'Garden Café' every Friday morning. It was a simple affair; a gazebo on the grass adjacent to the south doors under which were some chairs, a table with tea, coffee and cakes, and an invitation to stop and have a chat.

It was a fairly last minute idea following an enquiry from Susannah Owen as a summer refuge for any of her English for Women ladies who might appreciate somewhere to go. We came up with the idea of a Garden Café but nobody could have foreseen how important it became for a complete cross-section of people from the congregation and the community who relished the chance to socialise. Not originally planned as one of our 'How Are You' events, it quickly established itself as just that, with a range of conversations which went from the day to day to the deeply pastoral.

We do a lot of planning in our lives, trying to anticipate and arrange events to reduce stress and make our lives run as smoothly as they can, and most of the time - providing it doesn't become obsessional- that's no bad



thing. But having faith is also about expecting the unexpected and being prepared for God to take and use what we haven't planned, anticipated or even considered, for his glory and the furtherance of the Kingdom.

The Week Ahead

**Monday 27 September -
Saturday 2 October**

Daily:

7.45am: Morning Prayer

8.15am: Holy Communion

5.15pm: Evening Prayer

Wednesday 29 September

9.30am: Little Robins Baby and Toddler group (Learning Centre)

Thursday 30 September

10.30am: Eucharist

Friday 1st October

12 noon: Lunchtime Concert

Saturday 2nd October

10am: Coffee in the Cathedral

Study Notes: 17th Sunday after Trinity: 26th September

Harvest Festival

Today's readings:

Joel 2.21-27

Psalm 65

Matthew 6.25-33

In the first reading, God addresses the soil and the animals in a very striking way, inviting them to rejoice and be glad in response to what God has done. That beautifully sums up the heart of harvest – thanksgiving for all God's gifts, of which the fruitfulness of the earth are such a powerful sign. God then addresses us and in the same way tells us to rejoice in the harvest, in the plenty that God provides.

Psalm 65 is one long invitation to praise for his goodness made visible in the abundance of the natural world.

The Gospel – part of the first section of Jesus' teaching in Matthew's Gospel – uses similar imagery from the natural world as Jesus invites us to set aside all worries and to trust in his love – the God who will never withdraw his love.

This harvest festival, give thanks for God's goodness and pray that together we may conserve and share the gifts of creation.

Daily Gospel Readings

Sunday:

Matthew 6. 25-33

Monday:

Luke 9. 46-50

Tuesday:

Luke 9. 51-56

Wednesday:

John 1. 47-51

Thursday:

Luke 10. 1-12

Friday:

Luke 10. 13-16

Saturday:

Luke 10. 17-24

Services at the Cathedral:

This Week, Sunday 26th September:

7.45am	Morning Prayer	Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford	On-line
8am	BCP Holy	Canon Ivor Moody	In person
8.30am	Breakfast with the Bible	Contact Canon Imogen Nay for the code	On-line
10.30am	The Eucharist	Presiding: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford Preaching: Canon Imogen Nay	In person and On-line
10.30am	Junior Church	Jean Elliott	Guy Harlings Garden
3.30pm	Harvest Festival	Revd Canon Janet Nicholls	In person and On-line

Services at the Cathedral:

Next Week, Sunday 3rd October:

7.45am	Morning Prayer	The Revd Jackie-Dee Thornton	On-line
8am	BCP Holy Communion	Canon Alison Kennedy	In person
8.30am	Breakfast with the Bible	Contact the Dean for the code	On-line
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	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.

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:

'Saying Goodbye' service on Saturday 9th October at 2pm. This simple, reflective service is an opportunity to say goodbye to babies lost during pregnancy, at birth or in infancy. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your child, and there will be people available to talk to if you would like, although there is no obligation to do so.

Memorial Service on Monday 1st November at 7pm. Earlier in the year, the Cathedral invited people to lay a stone on a memorial cairn in the churchyard and at this service we are bringing the cairn indoors. These stones will be placed on the steps, surrounded by candles, and there will be an opportunity to add the name of your loved one at this simple service of readings and poems. All are welcome.

News:



Bishop Guli sermon recorded the National Sermon for the Church of England service being broadcast this Sunday.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online/weekly-online-services>

Muddy Church met at the allotments in Fifth Avenue for some harvest festival fun. Amongst the activities the children created some amazing vegetable animals!



Around 24 people joined the Dean for the Big Conversation on Sunday. Some interesting and exciting themes emerged concerning where we want the Cathedral to be in the next three to five years which the Dean will share after the next two events have taken place.

All notices for the newssheet for the next two weeks (3rd and 10th October) should be sent to Laura laura.brayford@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk as Clare Broome is on annual leave.

This week, please pray for:

Give thanks for the work and ministries of our hospices who bring comfort and relief to patients and families in times of physical and spiritual need and stress. Pray for all hospice chaplains.

Please pray for Skylark Church, Widford.

Please pray and give thanks for Canon Peter Woodward who was priested in Chelmsford Cathedral 60 years ago.

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

Last chance to 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)

Canon Imogen Nay is on extended study leave from this Friday (1st October) and will return on Tuesday 4th of January. She'll be writing a monthly update about her sabbatical experiences, to opt in visit this page on the cathedral website and 'opt in' to the Growing in Faith newsletter. <https://www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/exploring-faith/growing-in-faith>

For information about **Fellowship Groups** when Imogen is away, please contact Paul Beasley-Murray email: paulbeasleymurray@gmail.com and for information on Breakfast with the Bible, please email the Dean dean@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

Congratulations to Revd Canon David Knight who is celebrating 50 years of ordained ministry on Saturday, 25 September. David was Canon Precentor here from 1991 to 2001 and now lives near Oxford.

Caprice Concert is taking place in the Cathedral on 16th October at 7.30pm. The programme features Favourites from Barnard Castle, Chicago to the Jersey Boys and Pirates of Penzance. Ticket are £12 and can be bought from Allegro, High Street, Chelmsford or from the Orchestra Manager on 07756729192.

ARU Graduations are taking place from Monday 4th – Thursday 14th October. Whilst there are three ceremonies each day, St Peter's Chapel will remain open for prayer or to light a candle. Morning and Evening prayer will continue to be live streamed, however, the Cathedral will be closed for those services. On Sunday 10th October, all services will be as normal.

Please note that the car park will be far busier than normal, and so only people working, collecting children from choir or volunteering may use it.

Ros is a year 2, LLM student at St Mellitus, living in Chelmsford and worshipping at Meadgate Great Baddow. Ros is doing a 50 hour placement at the Cathedral and will be helping Jean on Sundays and helping with the new Little Robins toddler group. Do say hello to Ros.

The Cathedral insures its buildings through Ecclesiastical. At the moment, Ecclesiastical is giving £130 to a nominated church for every domestic policy taken out. If your insurance is due for renewal and you choose an Ecclesiastical policy, please remember to nominate us. You can find out more at ecclesiastical.com/trust130. Please remember, it is always best to obtain more than one quote and choose the policy which best suits your needs.

There are now a small number of **Afghan refugee families** in Chelmsford. Their basic needs are provided by 'Essex Integration'. However there are some holes in this provision which are being met by the rotary clubs of Essex. They are in personal contact with the refugees. The refugees' long-term need is for affordable accommodation. If you have a house or flat which might be available for this please contact Fr. Gareth Jones the diocesan refugee engagement officer at; refugeecoordinator@chelmsford.anglican.org. Several individuals in the diocese have already come forward to him with offers but many more are needed. If you want to contribute financially to the diocesan appeal for Afghan refugees it is at; <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/Afghan>.

Poetry Competition: If you enjoy writing poetry and can write something inspired by a pilgrim journey, then ecumenical Christian organisation Journeying would like to hear from you! You have until Saturday 23rd October to email your entry to info@journeying.co.uk Full details at journeying.co.uk