



CHELMSFORD  
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# Cathedral Life Weekly

Thomas the Apostle, Sunday 3rd July 2022



## Welcome to Chelmsford Cathedral

This Sunday we welcome the Cathedral Cycle Relay on the next stage of its journey from St Albans to Chelmsford. On Monday 4th July, the group continues to St Edmundsbury. Members of our own congregation are taking part so do come and support them. They expect to arrive at the Cathedral in time for evensong.

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# From The Cathedral Clergy

## **FROM THE VICE DEAN**

It is PRIDE season, and as I write this several shops and businesses around Chelmsford are sporting rainbow flags and bunting. As well as a celebration of diversity and difference PRIDE is also a protest movement, a public testimony that people still suffer abuse and discrimination as a result of their sexuality.

And the church has had an uncomfortable role in that uncomfortable history. Consistently, it has asked the wrong question. Instead of 'What does the Bible say?' (and I'd love a five pound note for every time I've heard that) we should be pondering 'What would Jesus do?' Jesus condemned no one on the grounds of their sexuality, culture, nationality or anything else. He taught that all are loved equally, all fall short and the Kingdom of Heaven is open especially to those who are ostracised and marginalised by others.

Somebody once suggested to me that all the churches should fly the PRIDE flag. But if we are true to that all-inclusiveness taught by Jesus we won't have to; because the acceptance longed and fought for by PRIDE will already be an indelible part of the mission and outreach of the church.

Let's take pride in our Cathedral which is called to be that generous and inclusive community, which is also the vision and hope of PRIDE and for which it strives.

## The Week Ahead

Monday 4 July -

Saturday 9 July

Daily:

7.45am: Morning Prayer

8.15am: Holy Communion

5.15pm: Evensong

Tuesdays:

1pm: Ukrainian Group  
(Learning Centre)

Wednesdays:

9.30am: Little Robins  
(Learning Centre)

1.30pm: Welcome on  
Wednesday

Thursdays:

10.30am: Holy Communion

Wednesday 6th July

7.30pm: CCS presentation

Thursday 7th July

7.30pm: Mothers' Union  
meeting

Friday 8th July:

12pm: Lunchtime Concert :  
Choral Scholars

Saturday 9th July:

2pm: Farewell for Canon  
Imogen Nay (Guy Harlings  
Garden)

# Study Notes: Sunday 26th June

## Thomas THE APOSTLE

*Today's readings:*

Ephesians 2.19-22

Psalms 31.1-6

John 20.24-29

'My Lord and my God!'

Today is St Thomas' day – sometimes called “doubting Thomas” but in fact probably better named “Believing Thomas”.

In the Gospel today we hear the account of Thomas' extraordinary encounter with the risen Christ leading to Thomas' wonderful and typically exuberant outburst 'My Lord and my God!' There is a real invitation in the closing words of Jesus to ask ourselves how we are responding to meeting the risen Christ.

The first reading is a powerful passage from St Paul to the church in Ephesus inviting them to recognise how the local Christian community is part of a whole structure that is a “dwelling place for God”. We are all part of that here and now.

## Daily Gospel Readings

Monday:

Matthew 9. 18-26

Tuesday:

Matthew 9. 32-end

Wednesday:

Matthew 10. 1-7

Thursday:

Matthew 10. 8-15

Friday:

Matthew 10. 16-23

Saturday:

Matthew 10. 24-33

## Services at the Cathedral:

### This 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

## Services at the Cathedral:

### Next Week, Sunday 10th July:

7.45am	Morning Prayer	Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford	On-line
8am	BCP Holy Communion	The Revd Jackie-Dee Thornton	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: Ven Mike Power, Archdeacon of Southend	In person and On-line
3.30pm	Evensong	Officiating: The Revd Kate Moore Preaching: Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford	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.

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)

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## **This week, please pray for:**

- The Blessed Sacrament, Melboure and Mahanaim City Church
- The Church of Tanzania
- Christine Dutfield, Joy Halstead, Libby Hill, Patricia Kamal, Vernon Muller, Pam Sharpe

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:** Please pray for the work of the Friends of Essex Churches Trust, and give thanks for those who work so hard to preserve our ancient buildings.

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### **Revd Jackie-Dee and family are on the move!**

It is with mixed emotions that we would like to share that we will be moving to Canterbury towards the end of the summer. Luke has been offered a place at Canterbury Academy to join their Elite Basketball team and we have decided to move as family and take on a new adventure.

I am taking up a new role as Staff Wellbeing Coordinator at Kings School which will include implementing wellbeing and strategic policy across the Kings Senior and Junior School as well as the International College. This will be a self-supporting ministry role, in other words I won't necessarily be wearing my clerical collar to work, however I will be overlooked by Canterbury Cathedral from the back of the school grounds, which will serve as a wonderful reminder of Chelmsford Cathedral!

My last Sunday will be 21<sup>st</sup> August and there will be an opportunity to say farewells after the service.

We have many memories and friendships that we take with us as we go and we will keep you in our prayers and also welcome a visit if you find yourself that way!

**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.

### **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

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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](mailto:jean.elliott@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk)

The **Mothers' Union** Cathedral evening branch meet on **Thursday 7th July** for a Cathedral tour by The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome, please meet at the south door. Coffee and cake will be served at the end with donations going to the MU summer appeal. More details from Eileen French tel: 01268 753979.

**Book Group:** This month the group are reading *Widowland* by C J Carey, which they 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 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](mailto:david.clothier@outlook.com)





**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!**