



CATHEDRAL LIFE WEEKLY

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2024
ADVENT SUNDAY

T O D A Y

Today is Advent Sunday: Evening Prayer will be said at 3.30pm The **Advent Procession** is at 6pm. Start the Christmas season by joining us for a candlelight service with readings and music sung by the Cathedral Choir. Mince pies and mulled wine provided by the Friends of Chelmsford Cathedral will be available in St Cedd's Hall after the service.

S E R V I C E S

Evening Services this week at 5.15pm

Tuesday 3rd December Choral Evening Prayer with the **L'Isola Choir**.
Thursday 5th and Friday 6th December, Choral Evensong with the **Cathedral Choir**.

Sunday 8th December at 3.30pm the farewell service to mark the end of the ministry of the **Interim Dean, The Very Rev'd Paul Kennington**.

Alma Gregory's funeral will take place on Monday 9th December 10.30am at Chelmsford Crematorium. Speak to Olivia for more details.

Sunday 15th December 3.30pm is Christingle. Perfect for young children, find out why the Christingle, a little lighted candle in an orange, helps us tell the Christmas story.

Please note: **The Rev'd Canon Dr Jessica Martin** will be installed as the new Dean of Chelmsford on Sunday 5th January 2025.

M U S I C

Coming Soon

Friday 13th and 20th December, **Midday Carols**.

Carols by Candlelight Sunday 15th December 6pm and Friday 20th December 7pm.

Christmas Jumper Carols Monday 23rd December 11am.

S T U D Y

Breakfast with the Bible

Join online via the link on our website learning page or join in person in the **Boardroom** (the old Library).

Chelmsford Cathedral Book Group (Zoom)

This month we are reading **Orbital** by Samantha Harvey, which we shall discuss by Zoom on Monday 9th December 7.30pm. All welcome - contact Canon Kate Moore for the Zoom link.

Next month is **The Covenant of Water** by Abraham Verghese for Monday 13th January 2025.

Advent Course

This Advent Canon Kate invites you to reflect deeply on the urgency of the climate crisis. Based on Sleepers Wake: Getting Serious About Climate Change, the Archbishop of York's 2022 Advent book written by Nicholas Holtam, the course will be a blend of meditation, prayer, and practical action, helping us engage with the pressing need for environmental change. The course will run every Thursday evening from 7.15pm to 8.15pm from 21st November to 19th December in the Cathedral.

N O T I C E S

Flower Guild

This week's Advent pedestal has been sponsored by Eileen French in loving memory of Anthony George French.

If you would like to sponsor a flower arrangement in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate an event, contact Jacky Fraser at the Cathedral Flower Guild, jackyfraser@hotmail.com or 07808 065005.

Junior Church Christmas Party

Sunday 22nd December 2pm we will be hosting a special "Bring and Share" Junior Church Christmas Party, for all members of our Junior Church, Little Robins and their families. Please respond to the event on the Cathedral Children and Families Facebook page, or let Charlotte know if you can attend.

Christmas on the Bookstall

Advent candles and calendars, Christmas cards, tree decorations, and children's Christmas story/activity books are all available on the Cathedral bookstall.

Coats Needed

Please donate good quality, clean coats you no longer need to the Cathedral (box near the door) to be distributed to the Salvation Army appeal. Speak to Olivia for more details.

Volunteers

The Ideas Hub urgently need volunteers. Please speak to Olivia for more details.

Housing Process

A meeting to explain the housing process for newly made refugees- Thursday 19th December at 2-3.30pm at 202 New London Road. Please book via Olivia.

E V E N T S

Wild Arts: Handel's Messiah

Monday 2nd December, Wild Arts brings their trademark fresh and innovative approach to Handel's legendary telling of the Christmas story to Chelmsford Cathedral for the first time. The period specialist players join star singers for an innovative version that will bring the music and story to life. Staging will be performed by the company tailored to each venue from a framework devised by theatre and opera director Tom Morris with Wild Arts' Artistic Director Orlando Jopling directing from the keyboard. The performance will start at 7pm and will last approx. 2 hours 30 minutes including interval. Tickets are available from the Cathedral website.

The Piccadilly Sinfonietta

Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm we welcome the Piccadilly Sinfonietta for their wonderful performance of Vivaldi's timeless classic, The Four Seasons. In the spectacular candlelit setting of the Cathedral, they also perform Rachmaninov's ever popular Second Piano Concerto. Tickets available from the Cathedral website.

The **Cathedral Christmas Market** on Saturday 7th December from 10am -3pm. A wonderful selection of stalls selling handcrafted items and gifts, live music and refreshments from our pop-up café.

Helpers on the day! If you are available to help set up, 8am, or take down, contact Yvonne Spence.

London Concertante

On Saturday 28th December enjoy two different concerts in one day. Embark on a jolly journey through the heart-warming and hilarious worlds of beloved Christmas films. **Christmas at the Movies** starting at 3pm. Or Immerse yourself in the timeless melodies of Johann Strauss with the lively "Die Fledermaus Overture" and the foot-tapping "Trisch-Trasch Polka." Feel the romantic allure of Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty Waltz" and the vibrant rhythms of Brahms' "Hungarian Dance No. 5." Let the magic of the holiday season sweep you away with the iconic "Nutcracker Suite" by Tchaikovsky, evoking the joys of childhood dreams. And no **Viennese Christmas Spectacular** concert, 7.30pm, would be complete without the breathtaking "Blue Danube" waltz, an embodiment of elegance and grace. Book tickets for these concerts via the Cathedral website.

TODAY		Sunday 1st December		Advent Sunday	
7.45am	Morning Prayer	<i>The Rev'd Canon Kate Moore</i>		<i>online only</i>	
8am	Said Eucharist	<i>The Rev'd Canon Sebastian Harries</i>			
9.30am	All Age Eucharist	Presider	<i>The Rev'd Olivia Maxfield-Coote</i>		
		Preacher	<i>The Rev'd Richard Lloyd Morgan</i>		
11.15am	Choral Eucharist	Presider	<i>The Rev'd Canon Sebastian Harries</i>		<i>also online</i>
		Preacher	<i>The Rev'd Richard Lloyd Morgan</i>		
3.30pm	Said Evening Prayer				
6pm	Advent Procession				

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	8.15am	Said Eucharist	5.15pm	Said Evening Prayer	
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Wednesday 4 th	7.45am	Morning Prayer			
	8.15am	Said Eucharist	5.15pm	Said Evening Prayer	
Thursday 5 th	7.45am	Morning Prayer		10.30am	Said Eucharist
	8.15am	Said Eucharist		5.15pm	Choral Evensong
Friday 6 th <i>Nicholas</i>	7.45am	Morning Prayer			
	8.15am	Said Eucharist	5.15pm	Choral Evensong	
Saturday 7 th <i>Ambrose</i>	7.45am	Morning Prayer			
	8.15am	Said Eucharist	5.15pm	Said Evening Prayer	

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3.30pm	Choral Evensong with Farewell to The Very Rev'd Paul Kennington				

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