



# CATHEDRAL LIFE WEEKLY

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE / CANDLEMAS

## T O D A Y

### **Readings and Music for Epiphany and Candlemas - 3.30pm.**

Gathering together the stories of the Epiphany and Candlemas with magnificent music from the Cathedral Choir.

### **Christians Together in Chelmsford AGM**

This is on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan at 3pm in the Orchard Café, Mascalls Way, Chelmsford (part of Meadgate Church). It will be preceded by a short service. If you have a particular social action you wish to advertise to other churches in Chelmsford, there will be an opportunity to do so.

## S E R V I C E S

**Choral Evening Prayer** on Tuesday at 5.15pm sung by the Cambridge Early Music Consort. This is a highly atmospheric service sung in semi-darkness.

**Choral Evensong** from the Book of Common Prayer sung by The Cathedral Choir at 5.15pm on Thursday and Friday.

### **Wednesday Eucharist.**

As we are now working with a reduced clergy staff we are putting the Weds 12.30pm Eucharist on hold. The last Wednesday will be 31<sup>st</sup> January.

### **Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

There will a said Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at both 8.15am and (exceptionally) at 12.30pm, and a Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes for Ash Wednesday at 7.30pm.

### **Confirmation.**

The next confirmation service will take place in the Cathedral on Easter Eve, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Confirmation is for adults who would like to take this next step on their faith journey and for children aged 11 and above. Contact Kate for more details: [kate.moore@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk](mailto:kate.moore@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk)

## M U S I C

### **Friday Lunchtime Concert.**

The concert on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12pm is Jeffrey Wilson & Chris Weston saxophone and piano.

## **Verdi's Requiem**

Sung by Hutton & Shenfield Choral Soc, Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

### **S T U D Y**

#### **Ask Us Anything!**

Just turn up this afternoon – drop in and ask those questions about God, Jesus and Christianity you always wanted answered, over tea and cake in a relaxing, friendly, environment. Especially for those who are new to Christianity or who just want to find out more. Sessions take place on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Feb at 4.30pm.

#### **Chelmsford Cathedral Fellowship Groups.**

This year all groups are reading the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book Selina Stone's '*Tarry Awhile*'. Extra resources available online at <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/tarry-awhile/> The Big Church Read also provides support to the themes of the book.

Tuesday evenings via Zoom. Contact Peter Dilley for details  
[peterdilley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:peterdilley@tiscali.co.uk)

Alternate Wednesday evenings via Zoom.

One group contact Sue Hawkings: [wsrjhawkings@btinternet.com](mailto:wsrjhawkings@btinternet.com)

Another group contact Patrick Sherring: [patrick.sherring@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.sherring@gmail.com)

**Another group** meets in the home of Susan and Gervase Vernon in **Felsted**. Contact them at [gervase@jgvernon.co.uk](mailto:gervase@jgvernon.co.uk)

#### **Two face-to-face study groups just for Lent.**

Starting on February 15<sup>th</sup>, both will meet on Thursdays in the Cathedral, one from 12pm – 1pm, led by The Rev'd Canon Rosemary Drew (St, Mary's Great Dunmow) and the second from 7pm – 8pm led by Kate. Both groups will study '*Tarry Awhile*' (see above). No need to book, contact Kate for more details.

#### **Buy your copy of Selina Stone's '*Tarry Awhile*'.**

Available today from the Cathedral Bookshop.

#### **Breakfast with the Bible.**

This term the group is looking at St John's Gospel. The group meets both in person in the courtyard Library (Cathedral offices) and online via Zoom. Please note the Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> session will be online only. Email Kate for more info: [kate.moore@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk](mailto:kate.moore@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk)

#### **Book Group (Zoom).**

This month's book is '*Charlotte*' by David Foenkinos, timed to coincide with Holocaust Memorial Day on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. We meet by Zoom on Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm. All welcome – contact [sallydilley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sallydilley@tiscali.co.uk) for the Zoom link.

## E V E N T S

### **Cathedral Coffee Morning.**

Join us in the Cathedral for coffee and cake on Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 10am – 12pm.

### **Welcome on Wednesday.**

Each Wednesday between 1pm and 3pm in the North Transept. All, especially those living alone, are welcome for refreshments, friendship, conversation and a short time of prayer.

### **New Interest Group Programme 2024.**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. To find out more contact Ann Freese on [allfreese2@gmail.com](mailto:allfreese2@gmail.com)

### **Chelmsford Cathedral Branch Mothers' Union.**

2024 Programme. Afternoons (2nd Thursday at 2.00pm in the Learning Centre); February 8th Eucharist with Very Rev. Paul Kennington (the interim Dean) followed by the AGM; March 14th Sanctus – helping the homeless.

## N O T I C E S

### **Cathedral Forum – NEW!**

Do come to the inaugural meeting. This is the new consultative meeting open to all members of the congregation. Find out what is new in the Cathedral, share your thoughts and opinions with one another and with the Dean and Chapter. The Cathedral Forum (replacing the Cathedral Council) holds its first meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January in St Cedd's Hall.

### **CANCELLED - Befriending members of the congregation and community.**

Because of train strikes on the 11<sup>th</sup> February the planned session run by The Rev'd Olwen Williamson will be held on another date with details to be announced.

### **Living in Love and Faith.**

The House of Bishops has authorised prayers for same-sex relationships. The Dean and Chapter will be making the decision on whether the Cathedral will allow them to take place in the Cathedral. The Dean will share his personal reflections on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in St Cedd's Hall where he will look closely at the Bible verses which are often thought to condemn same-sex partnerships.

### **A Passion Play for Lent. - Keep the Date.**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Riding Lights Theatre will present The Narrow Road, by Paul Birch, at the Cathedral. This is a powerful Passion Play on the journey to Easter, which opens up at key moments for worship, music and reflection arising directly out of the drama, creating a powerful act of remembrance which is both participatory and reflective. We need a couple of people to offer B&B for one or two female actors on Weds 13<sup>th</sup> night.

## TODAY      Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January      Candlemas

7.45am	Morning Prayer		<i>The Rev'd Canon Ivor Moody</i>	Online only
8am	Said Eucharist		<i>The Rev'd Sebastian Harries</i>	
9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Presider	<i>The Rev'd Canon Ivor Moody</i>	
		Preacher	<i>The Rev'd Sebastian Harries</i>	
11.15am	Choral Eucharist	Presider	<i>The Rev'd Kate Moore</i>	Also online
		Preacher	<i>The Very Rev'd Paul Kennington</i>	
3.30pm	Music and Readings for Epiphany and Candlemas			

### THIS WEEK

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.45am Morning Prayer			
	8.15am Said Eucharist	5.15pm	Said Evening Prayer	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	7.45am Morning Prayer			
<i>Charles I, King Martyr</i>	8.15am Said Eucharist	5.15pm	<b>Choral Evening Prayer</b>	
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	7.45am Morning Prayer	12.30pm	Said Eucharist	
<i>John Bosco</i>	8.15am Said Eucharist	5.15pm	Said Evening Prayer	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.45am Morning Prayer	10.30am	Said Eucharist	
<i>Brigid of Kildare</i>	8.15am Said Eucharist	5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.45am Morning Prayer			
<i>Presentation of Christ</i>	8.15am Said Eucharist	5.15pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.45am Morning Prayer			
<i>Anskar of Sweden</i>	8.15am Said Eucharist	5.15pm	Said Evening Prayer	

*Morning prayer is available online on Facebook.*

## NEXT WEEK      Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

7.45am	Morning Prayer		<i>The Rev'd Kate Moore</i>	Online only
8am	Said Eucharist		<i>The Rev'd Canon Ivor Moody</i>	
9.30am	ALL AGE Eucharist	Presider	<i>The Rev'd Kate Moore</i>	
		Preacher	<i>The Rev'd Canon Ivor Moody</i>	
11.15am	Choral Eucharist	Presider	<i>The Rev'd Canon Ivor Moody</i>	Also online
		Preacher	<i>The Rev'd Kate Moore</i>	
3.30pm	Choral Evensong	Preacher	<i>The Very Rev'd Paul Kennington</i>	

### Sponsor a flower arrangement.

Remember a loved one or celebrate an event. Contact Jacky Fraser via email [jackyfraser@hotmail.com](mailto:jackyfraser@hotmail.com) or 07808 065005.

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