

SPRING 2026



Resurrection Journeys

**Worship, Prayer and Formation
at Chelmsford Cathedral**





Welcome from the Dean

Way back in the time of St Cedd, Christians had a name for the practice of setting out into the unknown. They called it *peregrinatio* – which meant ‘leaving one’s homeland and wandering for the love of God’. It wasn’t just any old wandering, though – it was a journey of purpose, travelling in faith to who knows what, who knows where – understanding you might never come back, that you would be changed by the journey.

St Cedd himself undertook *peregrinatio* when he left all that he knew to venture into the strange land of Essex, to establish his Christian community on the old Roman fort site of Othona at Bradwell on the wild coast, to venture for the sake of faith into unknown territory. *Peregrinatio* gradually became ‘pilgrimage’ – travelling in faith, and usually on foot, to a holy place, a way to invite life-changing experience through making a journey. The symbolic meaning of such travel as the ‘journey taken by our life’ followed naturally, with John Bunyan’s *Pilgrim’s Progress* as perhaps the most famous development of that idea.

Scripture itself is full of wandering – Abraham leaving all that he knew in Haran to travel into Canaan where God’s purpose called him; Jesus ‘driven out’ into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit at the beginning of his ministry to wrestle with temptation.

Jesus understood himself to be a wanderer, a stranger to the world: ‘foxes have holes’, he said wistfully one time, ‘and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head’ (Matt.8.20).

Jesus’s disciples found that their faith sent them wandering, taking the good news of Jesus ‘the same, yesterday, today and for ever’ (Heb.13.8) beyond the familiar worlds they knew. And our own journeys of faith take us to unexpected places in the soul, even if we are physically rooted in our home places. These are the ‘resurrection journeys’ of our lives, pilgrimages that reach their fulfilment on the other side of the heavenly shore.

We make our faith journeys against the backdrop of a world where more people than ever are driven to wandering – the greatest displacement and movement of peoples since the Second World War, fuelled by global uncertainties and the physical dangers of climate change. Each of our personal stories emerges, in these unsettled times, into that backdrop – the seismic nature of global change, its potential fearfulness, the unpredictability of the future. It is our challenge to understand what that means for our faith practice – what it is to love our neighbour, to welcome the stranger, to uphold community in the bonds of the Body of Christ. But 'He who calls us is faithful' (1 Thess.5.24). 'Do not be afraid' say angels across the Scriptures, 'for God is with you'.

During this season from the beginning of Lent until the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we explore what it is to be on our own 'resurrection journeys'.

Whether that's through our Lent Course of the same name, or the sermon series during Lent that accompanies it; whether it's through hearing the spiritual wrestling and life-changing journeys of the soul explored in different ways by each of our Keene lectures; or being thoughtful and compassionate in our social action, as we reflect on our calling through our Lent prayer stations.

Perhaps you will choose to consider and undertake the adventure of baptism or confirmation; or to explore the life-affirming creativity of storytelling in its many forms. Whatever is speaking to your own resurrection journey, we hope and pray that something in this season will nourish and strengthen you as you travel on your way.



The Very Revd Dr Jessica Martin
The Dean of Chelmsford

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Daily Services

Worship is offered daily: all are welcome

Sunday

7.45am: Morning Prayer

8.00am: Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer (1662) (said)

9.30am: Sung Eucharist with Junior Church

11.15am: Choral Eucharist

3.30pm: Choral Evensong

Monday - Saturday

7.45am: Morning Prayer

(a short, Common Worship service, with bible readings, song and prayer).

8.15am: Holy Communion (said)

5.15pm: Evensong or Evening Prayer
(Thursday and Friday, Choral Evensong;
Tuesday and Wednesday, Choral Evening Prayer;
Monday and Saturday, said Evening Prayer).

On Thursday at 10.30am there is a Eucharist followed by coffee and fellowship.

A full list of services can be found on the Cathedral website.

Incense is used at services marked with an asterisk *

Morning Prayer:

This reflective quiet service to start the day uses the Church of England readings and psalms for the Daily Office.

Eucharist:

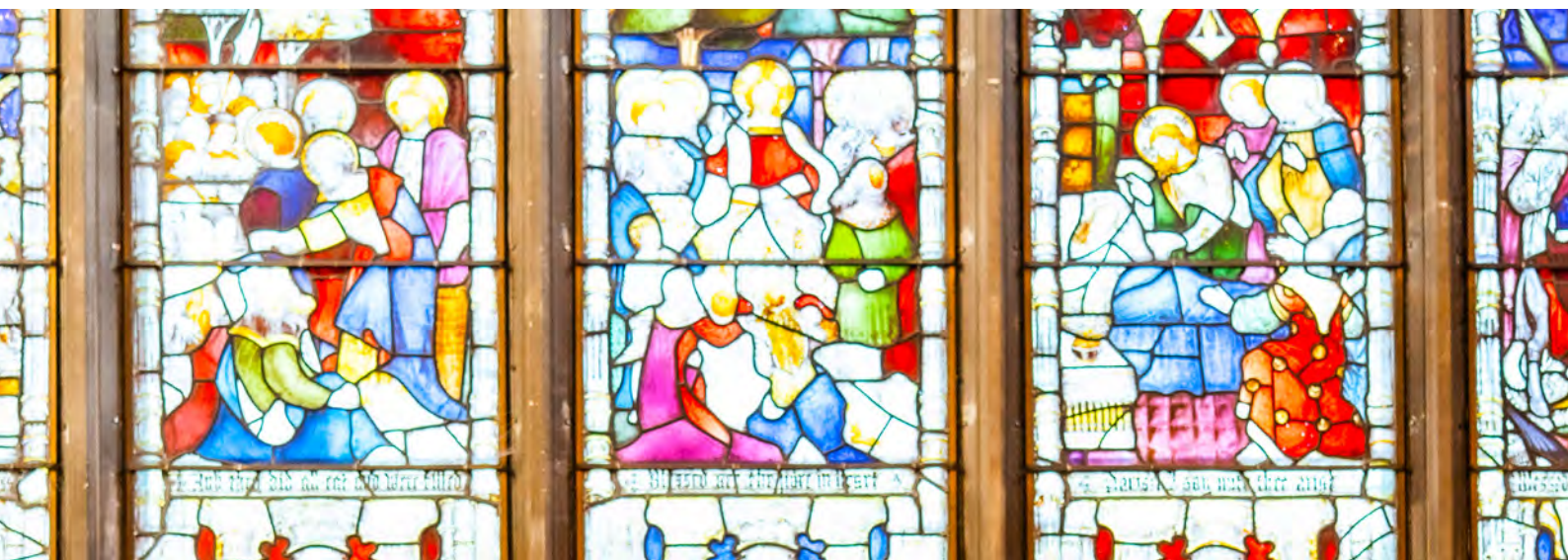
The Eucharist is at the heart of Christian worship. God invites us to his table through the gift of his Son Jesus, as a foretaste of the heavenly banquet which he has prepared for people of all nations and cultures.

Choral Evensong:

This meditative and reflective service sung by the Cathedral Choir lasts for around 45 minutes, giving space to pause for a moment as the day draws to a close.

Evening Prayer:

Evening Prayer is a simple, short spoken service which takes place at 5.15pm on days when there is no choir. It lasts for around 20 minutes.



Keene Lectures

During Lent 3, 10 and 26 March

Wrestling with God

This series accompanies different speakers and different expressions of faith, doubt, and devotion, as 'resurrection journeys' that travel through rough, disturbing or difficult terrain. If you find faith challenging and/or extraordinary, this series is for you.



Guy Stagg

Tuesday 3 March 2026 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Guy Stagg is a writer who specialises in religion, travel, mental health – and the places where they meet. His first book, *The Crossway* (Picador, 2018), was an account of his epic walk from Canterbury to Jerusalem. It was a BBC Book of the Week and shortlisted for several prizes. His second book, *The World Within* (Simon and Schuster, 2025), looks at the role of retreat in creative lives. He reviews for the *Financial Times*, the *Spectator* and the *Times Literary Supplement*.



Lamorna Ash

Tuesday 10 March 2026 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Lamorna Ash is a writer based in London. Her first book, *Dark Salt Clear: Life in a Cornish Fishing Town* was shortlisted for the Wainwright Prize in 2020, and won the Somerset Maugham prize in 2021. Her second book, *Don't Forget We're Here Forever: A New Generation's Search for Religion*, came out with Bloomsbury in May 2025, and was a *Telegraph*, *Prospect* and *GQ* Book of the Year. As a journalist, she writes for the *Observer*, *Vogue*, *New Statesman*, *Financial Times*, *Telegraph*, *Guardian*, *Dial* and *Kismet*.



Christopher Dingle

Thursday 26 March 2026 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Renowned Messiaen scholar, author and lecturer Christopher Dingle (originally from Ilford, Essex) explores the impact of faith on Olivier Messiaen's dazzling sound world. The talk will culminate in a demonstration of Messiaen's organ music by our own Assistant Director of Music Samuel Bristow.



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It gets its name from the practice of 'ashing': marking the forehead of each worshipper with the sign of the cross in ash,

as a remembrance of our mortality, while the priest says to each person, 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.'

Wednesday 18 February

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.15am Said Holy Communion (BCP) with Ashing

12 noon Said Eucharist with Ashing

7.00pm Choral Eucharist with Ashing

Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Jessica Martin, Dean



The Very Revd Dr Jessica Martin

Jessica is Dean of Chelmsford. Her academic background is in literature; she is a theologian, writer and former Canon of Ely Cathedral.

Riches in the Wilderness

Lent 1: Sunday 22 February

9.30am and 11.15am

The theme explores Jesus's experience in the wilderness, to which, as it is narrated in Matthew 4.1-11, he is called by the Holy Spirit after being baptised by John. It explores the wildernesses we are called to in our own journey of faith, and what unexpected riches we might find there.

Preacher: The Revd Katy Hacker



The Revd Katy Hacker-Hughes

Revd Katy Hacker Hughes is Priest Pastor at St Marylebone Parish Church, supporting its ministry of wholeness and healing. She teaches, speaks and leads services across dioceses, and is Chaplain at Wethersfield Asylum Seekers Camp. Ordained at Chelmsford Cathedral in 1994, she has served as country vicar, cathedral chaplain, hospice chaplain and inner city vicar.

Going Where the Wind Blows

Lent 2: Sunday 1 March

9.30am and 11.15am

Where is the wind of the Spirit blowing for you? We explore Jesus's words to Nicodemus in John 3.1-17, and ponder the readiness of Abraham to follow the Spirit's prompting when he set out from the city of Haran, with no idea what he was being called towards.

Preacher: The Revd Canon Phillip Need



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Philip has served 46 years as a priest in Chelmsford Diocese, including roles as the Bishops chaplain and Diocesan Director of Ordinands, and continues active ministry in retirement.

Oasis in a Dry Country

Lent 3

9.30am and 11.15am

When Jesus, in John 4.5-42, came to Jacob's well, set in the midst of a dry landscape, he spoke to the woman sitting by it of the water that springs up to eternal life. We explore the springs of life that arise in our own dry places, and the promise of Jesus that he gives to those who follow him the water of life.

Preacher The Right Reverend Roger Morris



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Revd Roger Morris is the Bishop of Colchester and chair of the Diocesan Board of Education. He is also a patron of Colchester and Tendring Youth Enquiry Service (offering support and counselling to young people) and a Trustee of Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services.

Mothering Sunday

15 March

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Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)

9.30am and 11.15am

On this Mothering Sunday, we celebrate together the care that we offer and the care we have received in our all-age service.

Preacher: Revd Olivia Maxfield-Coote, Associate Priest

Resurrection Journeys

Lent 5: Sunday 22 March

9.30am and 11.15am

Today, exploring John, chapter 11, we think about the way that Jesus, journeying towards his death, stops along his sacrificial road to raise to life his friend Lazarus, in a foreshadowing of the life his death will bring to all humankind.

Preacher: The Very Revd Dr Jessica Martin, Dean

Complines in Lent

Friday 27 February 7.00pm

Friday 6 March 7.00pm

Friday 13 March 7.00pm

Friday 20 March 7.00pm

Friday 27 March 7.00pm

Tuesday 31 March 7.00pm

The ancient monastic office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion'. It offers a period of reflective quiet before rest at the end of the day but meditates also upon the end of life. This candlelit service is sung by the choir.

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HABITS FOR LENT

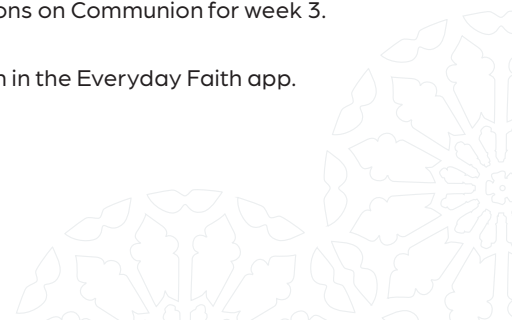


The Church of England's Lent Resources focus on a 'rhythm of life' – daily habits to help us grow as disciples, as we prepare for Easter.

Lent reflections draw on a summary of the Christian Way from Common Worship, highlighting six key activities: worshipping, praying, exploring the Bible, sharing communion, serving and sharing the good news.

Dean Jessica Martin shares her reflections on Communion for week 3.

Receive the reflections by email or listen in the Everyday Faith app. Scan the QR code for more details.



A photograph of a forest floor covered in a dense carpet of bluebells. Tall, slender trees with light-colored bark stand in the background, their branches reaching up. The sunlight filters through the leaves, creating a dappled light effect on the ground. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

Throughout Lent simple prayer stations will be placed around the Cathedral to encourage prayerful engagement with our season of pilgrimage.

Each station will focus on a different aspect of the Cathedral's ministry, viewed through the lens of Jesus' journey to his crucifixion.



Lent Course: Resurrection Journeys

This course is offered not only in our Cathedral but also as a resource in the Diocese for the 100 Days of Prayer, part of the wider discernment within the Sustaining Ministry work which is also a Cathedral concern as the mother church of the Diocese. Its presiding scripture is the Emmaus journey (Luke 24.13–35), a road that is both a road of uncertainty and loss (those travelling it are mourning Jesus's death) and a resurrection road (he is walking alongside them all the time). So it is both a wilderness road and a resurrection journey.

This Lent, as we discern our communal way, we also walk in a wilderness of difficult times and uncertain futures. Yet at the same time we walk towards and alongside the light and joy of Jesus's resurrection, the one who accompanies us even when we do not know it, and who opens up the Word until our hearts burn with joy and purpose.

The scriptures offered for the course nearly all appear in the Sunday Lent lections for 2026, and each session is framed by a particular value drawn from Travelling Well Together. Reflections will offer ways of using the Travelling Well Together values as a lens upon the scriptures being studied. The Travelling Well Together values of generous collaboration and sustaining healthy rhythms are emphasised in the way the sessions are set up, facilitated and shared, rather than being themes for the scripture explored.

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More information and course booklets may be found on the Diocesan website by scanning the QR code. Five sessions will take place during Lent and a sixth after Easter.



Session times and dates:

Daytime: Thursdays at 11.15–12.30 in the North Transept of the Cathedral, beginning on Thursday 19 February (19, 26 Feb, 5, 12, 19 March).

The final (sixth) session will take place on Thursday 16 April.

Evening (online only) by Zoom: dates as above, time 7.30pm.

Confirmation Classes

Led by the Revd Olivia Maxfield-Coote

Saturdays in Lent, in St Cedd's Hall, beginning on Saturday 21 February, 10am – 11am (21, 28 Feb, 7, 14, 21 March). Please contact Revd Olivia if you are interested in exploring baptism and/or confirmation. Baptism and confirmation will take place at the Easter Vigil and Diocesan Confirmation service on Saturday 4 April at 7pm.

Holy Week at Chelmsford Cathedral

The Holy Week preacher is the Revd Professor Ben Quash. His theme 'The Fabric of our Salvation' will follow the story of the Passion through the theme of clothing and cloths within that story, using visual art as a prompt for his reflections.

Palm Sunday

Sunday 29 March

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Said Holy Communion (BCP) with Palms

9.30am Sung Eucharist with Palms, Dramatic Passion reading and Sermon

10.45am Procession with Palms and Donkey and the Reading of the Palm Gospel

11.15am Choral Eucharist with Palms, Dramatised Passion reading and Sermon

Preacher The Revd Professor Ben Quash

3.30pm Passiontide

Sequence of Music and Readings for Passiontide, including music by Purcell, Leighton and Bairstow.

Holy Monday

30 March

7.00pm Choral Holy Week Service with address by the Dean.

Holy Tuesday

31 March

7.00pm Choral Holy Week Service with address by the Dean.

Holy Wednesday

1 April

7.00pm Service of Tenebrae

Tenebrae means 'shadows'. The candlelight service of Tenebrae traces the sombre journey to the cross through readings and music; on the altar stands a series of candles which are extinguished during the course of the service to symbolise the gathering darkness as the events unfold that lead Jesus to his death by human hands. Music will include new settings of Tenebrae Texts by Samuel Bristow.

At the point of his death, the last candle is extinguished and the congregation sit for a little while in darkness. Then a loud noise is heard, symbolising the opening of the tomb, and a single candle relit to stand for the coming resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



The Revd Professor Ben Quash

Ben Quash is Professor of Christianity and the Arts at King's College London and Director of the Centre for Arts & the Sacred. He is general editor of The Visual Commentary on Scripture, runs the MA in Theology, Bible and the Arts with the National Gallery, and broadcasts frequently on BBC radio.

A trustee of Art + Christianity and Canon Theologian of Coventry and Bradford Cathedrals, he becomes Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge in 2026.



Maundy Thursday

2 April

7.45am Morning Prayer

There is no early eucharist on this day

11.00am Chism Eucharist with Renewal of Vows and Distribution of Oils

President and Preacher: the Diocesan Bishop

In this service all, but especially ordained and licensed ministers across the diocese, renew their vows of vocation.

5.15pm Evening Prayer

7.00pm Solemn Eucharist with Washing of the Feet and Stripping of the Altar

President: The Dean

Preacher: The Revd Professor Ben Quash

The service recollects the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples, the meal in which he instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion and knelt to wash his disciples' feet, teaching them that to serve others is greater than to be served. At the end of the service, recalling his arrest and the scattering of his community by armed intervention, the lights go down, all the beauties of the altar are stripped back to bare wood and stone, and the choir sing Psalm 22, the psalm that begins with Jesus's words of abandonment on the cross: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

The Sacrament is taken to St Cedd's Chapel, the 'Altar of Repose', foreshadowing the bodily death of Jesus as a person in the world through the cross.

Watch of the Passion (to midnight)

You are invited to pray at the Altar of Repose until midnight, recalling the disciples as they tried to accompany Jesus in his time of mental agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.



Good Friday

3 April

7.45am Morning Prayer

There is no early eucharist on this day

12 noon – 3.00pm Three Hours Devotions

12.00 – 1.30pm Preaching of the Passion

Preacher: The Revd Professor Ben Quash

1.45pm – 3.00pm Good Friday Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross:

In this service we keep vigil during the time that Jesus suffered on the cross on this holy day (12-3). During the 'preaching of the Passion' we are supported and accompanied by reflections, silence and devotional singing.

In the Good Friday Liturgy we retrace the events of the Passion and crucifixion of Jesus, ask for forgiveness, may receive from the reserved Sacrament if that is in accordance with our devotional practice, and have an opportunity to venerate the Cross that is set up in the nave to focus our reflections.

Worshippers are very welcome to move freely in and out of this service: there is no expectation that all will stay for the full 3 hours. There will be a short natural break between 1.30pm and 1.45pm.

5.15pm Evening Prayer

Holy Saturday

4 April

7.45am Morning Prayer

There is no early eucharist on this day of desolation and emptiness.

5.15pm Evening Prayer

7.00pm Easter Vigil with Diocesan Baptism and Confirmation

President and Preacher: the Diocesan Bishop

In this service, the first of Easter, we begin in darkness, telling the story of redemption as it unfolds from the Old Testament to the New.

We then go outside the West Door (close to the font, the beginning of our Resurrection journey) where the New Fire for Easter is kindled in a brazier and the Paschal Candle lit from it, pierced by the five nails that pierced Jesus's own body.

The light is taken up the nave and acclaimed as Jesus's resurrection light; all the congregation's candles are lit from it.

As the Paschal candle is put in its stand, Jesus's resurrection is affirmed in the singing of the Exultet, the hymn of praise to God's new life; the lights come up, a joyful noise is made, and the Gloria sung for the first time since Lent began.

Baptisms and confirmations then take place in the context of a joyful Easter Eucharist, presided over by the Bishop.

All-Age Services

All services at 9.30am

Mothering Sunday (Sunday March 15)

On this Mothering Sunday, we celebrate together the care that we offer and the care we have received in our all-age service.

Posies will be given out to the women in the congregation.

Easter Day (Sunday 5 April)

We celebrate together the day Jesus was raised to life and the tomb left empty, and rejoice in our Easter Garden.

Easter 4 (Sunday 26 April)

We think together about shepherds and sheep!

Trinity Sunday (Sunday 31 May)

We look at the great mystery of God who is always one and yet always in loving relationship.



Easter Sunday

5 April

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Said Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am All-Age Easter Eucharist

11.15am Choral Eucharist for Easter

Vierne Messe Solennelle

Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani
Bishop of Chelmsford

3.30pm Festal Evensong

Evening Service in E and "Blessed be the God
and Father" by S.S. Wesley



Special Services in the Culmination of the Easter Season

Ascension Day

Thursday 14 May

This marks 40 days from the day of Jesus's resurrection, the day he ascended to his Father, as narrated by Luke at the end of the Gospel of Luke and the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles.

On this day we wait expectantly for the coming of the Holy Spirit, as Jesus promised on his vanishing from bodily sight on the 40th day after he rose from the tomb.

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Said Eucharist for Ascension Day

Singing from the Tower for Ascension Day

5.15pm Said Evening Prayer with
Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day

President and preacher tbc

The Day of Pentecost

Sunday 24 May (Whit Sunday)

Fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus, on the Jewish Festival of Pentecost, the disciples, as they prayed in an upper room in Jerusalem, were filled with the Holy Spirit, with a sound like a mighty rushing wind and with visions of tongues of fire hovering over each head.

On this day the Christian Church was born in wind, flame and joy, and the disciples inspired to preach Christ crucified, risen, ascended and with us for ever in the Spirit.

7.45am Morning Prayer

8.00am Said Holy Communion for Pentecost

9.30am Sung Eucharist

11.15am Choral Eucharist





Concerts, Talks & Events

This year, the Cathedral's programme of events invites us to step into a world of stories, where music, art, and the spoken word intertwine. Under the theme of Storytellers, we began our journey with the Advent Stations, bringing the Nativity story to life through evocative art and poetry. The immersive Luxmuralis: The Storytellers followed, weaving tales from across the ages in a dazzling display of sound and light.

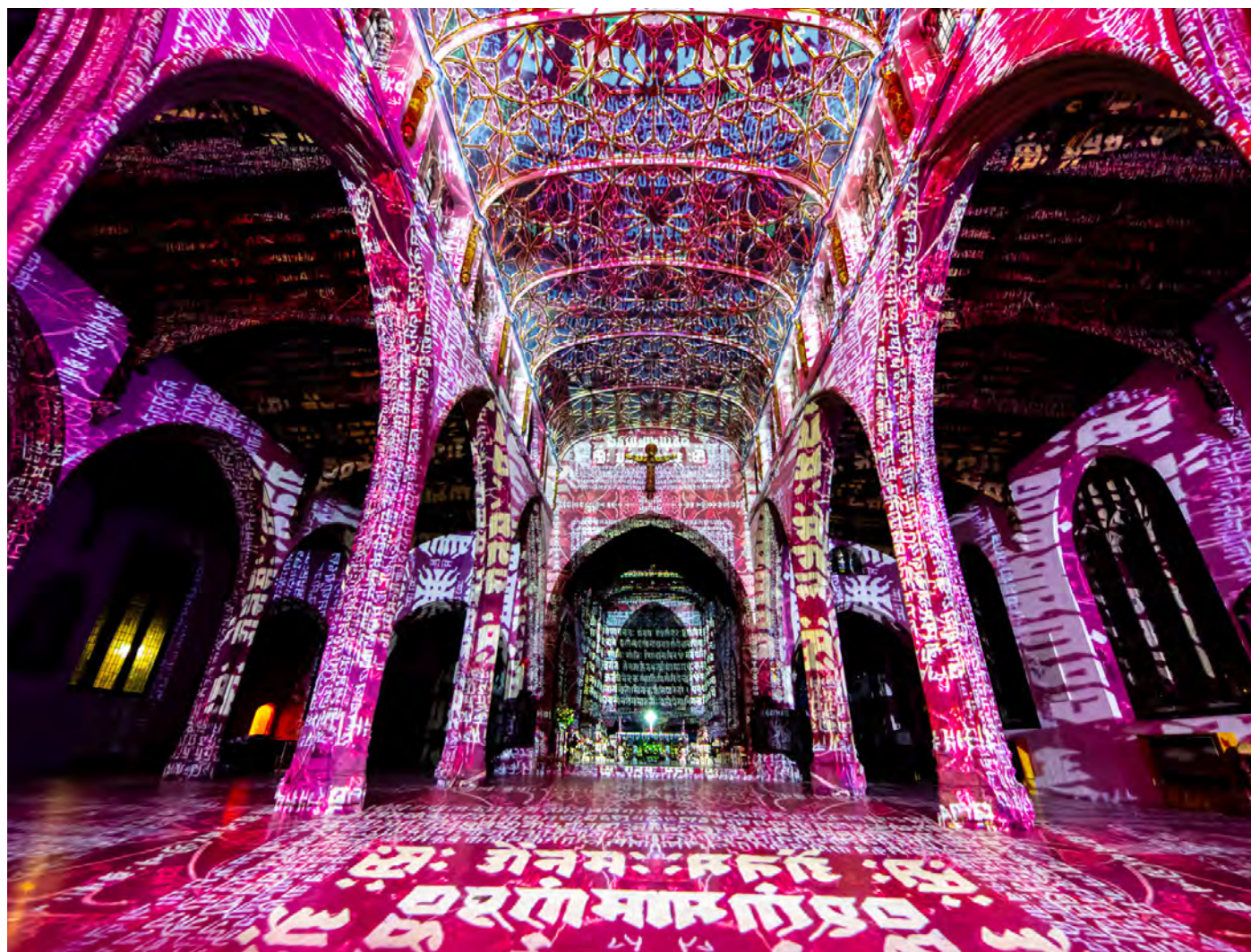
Looking forward, our calendar is filled with concerts, talks and music events that carry on this tradition of storytelling. From Riding Lights production of "Night Falls", which brings the Easter narrative to the stage through music and theatre,

to evenings with acclaimed writers such as The Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, the Bishop of Chelmsford, who will share her personal journey of faith, to our Keene Lectures exploring resurrection stories – we celebrate the power of storytelling in all its forms.

Later in the year, we will present "Threads through Creation," a captivating retelling of the Genesis story through textile art.

Join us for a season of events that promise to inspire, provoke thought, and foster connection through the universal language of story.

Luxmuralis: The Storytellers



RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

NIGHT FALLS

A NEW PASSION PLAY BY
PAUL BIRCH

**Four final days before an execution
that will change everything.**



Night Falls by Riding Lights

Monday 23 March 7.30pm

Four final days before an execution that will change everything.

Three enemies that want to put an end to the so-called Messiah.

Two strangers torn between faith and doubt, hope and grief, trying to prevent Jesus of Nazareth from getting himself arrested.

One safe house in Bethany.

The hours are running out, but even as night falls, a strange hope is wrapped in a secret that both strangers share. For this is the house of Lazarus, and under his roof, the impossible has already occurred...

Brought to you by Riding Lights Theatre Company, Night Falls is a fresh, vivid and dynamic retelling of the Easter story - a powerful new drama, featuring an original score from Nikki Crowley.

As one of the UK's most established independent theatre companies (founded in 1977), Riding Lights Theatre Company continues to take innovative, accessible theatre into all kinds of communities far and wide.

Their recent work include His Last Report and last year's passion podcast The Passion which was told over a series of 8 episodes and reached a global audience.

Tickets Adults £15.00 / Concession £10.00

www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/night-falls



An evening of conversation and music with Bishop Guli and her book *Listening to the Music of the Soul*

Monday 27 April 7.00pm



We are delighted to welcome Bishop Guli for an evening of conversation and music inspired by her latest book, *Listening to the Music of the Soul*. The book was selected as The Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2025, who writes:

"The quest for authenticity has been a hallmark of Guli's journey since she arrived in this country as a refugee forty years ago.

"She has an extraordinary ability to hear the music not only of the soul but of the future, and emboldens us to dance to it today."

During the evening, Bishop Guli will take us on a deeply personal journey. Her forced exile from her homeland echoes the Flight into Egypt; the murder of her brother Bahram during the Iranian Revolution evokes the Slaughter of the Innocents.

She reflects movingly on how angels continue to speak to us today, how fear can prevent us from living fully in the present, and how pain and loss can be transformed through the power of beauty.

Through the evening the music that accompanies the book will also be played and discussed. The event will be hosted by our Dean, The Very Revd Jessica Martin, and will include time for conversation, questions, and discussion with Bishop Guli.

A book signing will follow. Tickets are free, but advance booking is recommended.

www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/music-of-the-soul





Vaughan Williams Songs of Travel

Tuesday 5 May 7.30pm

A song cycle of nine songs, settings by Ralph Vaughan Williams of poems drawn from the Robert Louis Stevenson collection 'Songs of Travel and other verses', which depict reflections and journeys of a world-weary traveller. Baritone – Angus McPhee, Pianist – Emma Gibbins.

www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/songs-of-travel



Evensong - Notes from the Choir

Sunday 10 May

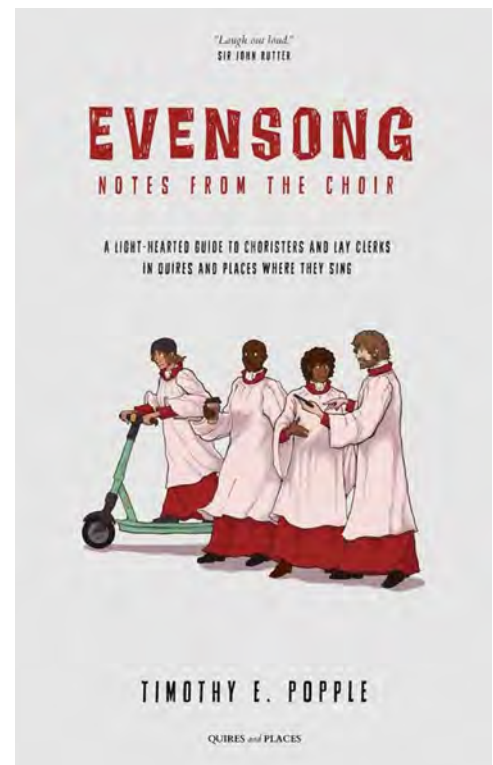
Timothy E. Pople, creator of Quires and Places and QuireMemes, visits Chelmsford Cathedral to give a talk about his new book, Evensong - Notes from the Choir, which Sir John Rutter describes as 'laugh out loud'.

As well as the obligatory historic tales of questionable lay clerks, Tim's book looks at choral life with heart and humour, giving insight and inspiration to those who live it, and invitation to those who are yet to discover it.

His talk offers a chance to hear the author read extracts from the book, to quiz him on his favourite canticles, and of course to meet the author and buy the book.



www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/notes-from-the-choir



Keene Lectures - Wrestling with God

3, 10 and 26 March

Our series of Keene Lectures during Lent are titled Wrestling with God. This series accompanies different speakers and different expressions of faith, doubt, and devotion, as 'resurrection journeys' that travel through rough, disturbing or difficult terrain.

If you find faith challenging and/or extraordinary, this series is for you. All of the evenings are from 7.00pm – 8.30pm.

Find out more and meet the speakers on page 5.



www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/keene-lectures



Flamenco from Spain Rebeca Ortega - Ramon Ruiz

Saturday 25 April 7.30pm



Join us for an unforgettable night of flamenco music, singing and dance with prize-winning artists from Andalusia, Spain. Prize-winning artists include Rebeca Ortega, an elegant and accomplished dancer based in Seville, Maestro guitarist Ramon Ruiz from Granada who trained in Seville, and Carlos Lobo, renowned puro flamenco singer from Jerez de la Frontera now based in Seville.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Andalusia, with traditional and modern flamenco artistry in the majestic settings of Chelmsford Cathedral. Tickets from £20.95.



www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/flamenco

Four Songs in Chinese Poems

Tuesday 12 May 7.30pm

A song cycle exploring the theme of absence from homeland by Czech composer, Pavel Haas who was killed in the Holocaust. Baritone – Angus McPhee, Pianist – Emma Gibbins

www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/four-songs-in-chinese-poems



“I am here, I am with you”

Friday 22 May 7.00pm

Chelmsford Cathedral Choir presents a sequence of music reflecting on themes of faith in times of adversity, including music by Elgar, Finzi, Howells, Todd, Wesley and Parry's “Songs of Farewell”

www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/here-with-you





February Half Term

Monday 16 – Thursday 19 February

Join us during Half Term for a range of activities taking place in the Cathedral.

On Monday and Tuesday there will be craft tables available throughout the day with a range of activities.

Thursday

Storytelling with Mike Dodsworth: 11:30am – 1:30pm

Chelmsford based international Storyteller Mike Dodsworth is joining us on Thursday 19 February to share stories from across the globe.

His 20 minute performances feature enchanting tales featuring animals, birds and insects, all delivered with his signature charm.

Book your ticket for Thursday
Storytelling by scanning the QR code.



Peter and the Wolf

Saturday 27 June 11am and 2pm

Chelmsford Cathedral Presents Peter and the Wolf.
A musical adventure for children and their grown-ups!

Join us for a fun performance of Prokofiev's musical fairytale Peter and the Wolf in the beautiful surroundings of Chelmsford Cathedral.

Together we'll hear the story of brave young Peter who encounters a cunning wolf in the forest near his home. With the help of his animal friends can Peter outsmart the wolf before it's too late? Come along to find out!

The perfect way to introduce young listeners to classical music, storyteller Mike Dodsworth expertly guides us through the lively score, creatively reimagined for the Cathedral organ by organist Samuel Bristow.

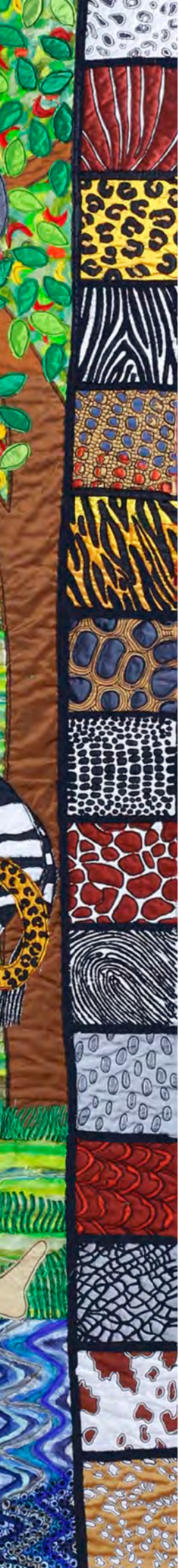
Created with families in mind, our welcoming performance atmosphere will encourage children to take centre stage during the performance, sitting on mats in the middle of the Nave and helping to bring the story to life with the movements of the characters.



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Coming later in the year

Threads through Creation

4 September – 7 October

'Threads through Creation' is a spectacular sequence of twelve huge textile panels. It's an exuberant retelling of the creation story in the book of Genesis, a retelling which many visitors will find both moving and breathtaking.

Viewers are treated to a wonderful variety of colours, shapes, patterns – and of course lots of creatures!

The exhibition is one of the largest textile projects by a single artist, ever – Jacqui Parkinson. It has taken Jacqui nearly three years.

This stunning Exhibition will run from 4 September through to 7 October.

It follows on from 'Threads through Revelation', her first huge exhibition which visited 14 cathedrals from 2016 to 2018, and was seen by more than 500,000 visitors.

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Interested in participating?

If you are a member of a local art or textiles group and would like the opportunity to showcase your work, please contact us for further information by emailing events@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk





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