

THIS WEEK

Sunday 6 March - Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 51

President: The Dean

8.30am Breakfast with the Bible led by Ven Annette Cooper

9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST and Parade

President: The Dean

Preacher: Ven Annette Cooper, Archdeacon of Colchester

11.15am CHORAL EUCHARIST

President: The Canon Precentor

Preacher: Ven Annette Cooper, Archdeacon of Colchester

3.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG with installation of Canons

Address: Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford

This Sunday Canon Edward Carter is leading the worship at All Saints' Hutton

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 13 March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, page no 54

President: The Canon Precentor

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

President: The Canon Precentor

Preacher: Revd Kate Moore

11.15 am CHORAL MATTINS

Preacher: Heike Prentice

**3.30 pm CHORAL EVENSONG with collation for the
Archdeacon of Chelmsford**

Address: The Dean

6.00pm St Mark Passion sung by the voluntary choir

Daily Prayer through the Week (Mon to Sat):

Morning Prayer: 7.45 am

Holy Communion: 8.15 am (also Wed at 12.35 pm & Thurs at 10.00 am)

Midday Prayer in St Cedd's Chapel

Evensong/Evening Prayer: 5.15 pm (sung Mon - Fri, said on Weds & Sat)

On certain Saturdays Evensong is sung by a choir – please check the Music & Services list for dates



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CATHEDRAL LIFE WEEKLY

Fourth Sunday of Lent, 6 March 2016



Mothering Sunday Flowers



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT is also known as Mothering Sunday, a day when traditionally posies of flowers are given and received as part of the morning

service in churches throughout this country. At the Cathedral these posies are made by members of the Flower Guild team, at a time of year when there are normally no flower arrangements because of Lent.

'Mothering Sunday' is not quite the same as 'Mother's Day', although that name is also used for today. 'Mothering' is something that everyone can do, and in the Bible even God is described in this way: *'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.'* (Isaiah 66.13)

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Study Notes on the Sunday Gospel

John 19.25b-27

Introduction & Context

Today's Gospel for Mothering Sunday is very short—just three verses. It is a deeply moving scene with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and John, the beloved disciple, standing at the foot of the cross as Jesus dies.

Note the dramatic contrast between the soldiers and the women close to Jesus (19:25). The phrase “Here is” can also be translated see or behold. Today Jesus would probably say Mother rather than “Woman”; he speaks to her affectionately and respectfully. Jesus is really human, and cares. “Hour” (19:27) means from that time on. He provides a guardian for his mother.

Once you are settled and are ready to go:

- Read the passage slowly and reflectively
- Note anything that particularly strikes you and refer to the notes if they are helpful
- Spend a few moments in quiet reflection
- If you are a group, share your reflections in pairs or as a whole group (remembering that each person will have different perspectives and views on the passage)
- Read the passage for a final time and give thanks to God for the gift of his holy word.

Next Sunday's Readings - 13 March : Lent 5

9.30 am & 11.15 am:

Isaiah 43.16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3.4b-14

John 12.1-8

3.30 pm:

Psalm 35

2 Chronicles 35: 1-6, 10-16

Luke 22: 1-13

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 7 March

7.45pm

Volunteers Steering Group (Learning Centre)

Tuesday 8 March

3.30– 5.30pm

Drop in 53a

7.30pm

Lent Lecture with Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester

Wednesday 9 March

9.30am

Parent and Toddler Group (Chapter House)

10.30am

Evangelism and the Third Age (Chapter House)

12.35pm

Eucharist

1.00–3.00pm

‘Welcome on Wednesday’ coffee and cake in the North Transept

5.30-6.45pm

Year 7 & 8 in 53a

7.00-8.30pm

Year 9+ in 53a

7.30pm

Faith and Film Lent series with Paul Hutchinson, Mayor of Chelmsford

Thursday 10 March

10.00am

Eucharist

10.45am

Faith and Fitness (North Transept)

2.00pm

Mothers' Union (St Cedd's Hall) Lent devotions with Revd Jane Anderson

Friday 11 March

12.30pm

Lunchtime Concert - Essex Police Choir

Saturday 12 March

7.30pm

Caprice Concert

tel: 357096 or e mail
allfreese@supanet.com

Saturday 19 March 6.45pm

Francis Poulenc: deeply devout or uncontrollably sensual? A free lecture in the Cathedral given by Revd Canon Chris Chivers followed by a concert given by the Chelmsford Singers 'Music for Passiontide'. Concert tickets available from www.chelmsfordsingers.org.uk

Sunday 20 March 12.15pm

Meeting Point Lunch at Pontlands Park. To book a place please call Penny tel: 07872 942625.

Saturday 30 April 7.15pm

Cathedral Dinner with speaker Revd Richard Coles Popstar, priest and BBC Radio 4 presenter. Tickets £25 from Yvonne Spence tel: 465108 or email yvonnespence@hotmail.com

NOTICES & DATES FOR THE DIARY

A very warm welcome to Chelmsford Cathedral especially if you are a visitor or here for the first time. Everything you need for the celebration is contained in the service booklet. Please ask one of the welcome stewards on duty at the doors if you have any questions.

Junior Church meets today, starting at 9.30am in Chapter House and there is a Crèche for younger children.

Yellow Envelopes If you are a UK tax payer, please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope (available at the doors) to increase the value of your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you. Remember to fill in your name, house number and postcode and the date.

Easter Lilies

The Flower Guild will be arranging lilies at Easter and anyone wishing to donate the cost of a lily in memory of a loved one should contact the treasurer, Pippa Alston, pippaalston@aol.com, tel. 262361. The cost of a lily is £2.50 and cheques should be made payable to Chelmsford Cathedral Flower Guild. Memorial cards will also be available from the vergers and these and the names of all the departed in a memorial book will be displayed outside St Peter's Chapel during Easter.

The Annual Meeting this year will be on Saturday 16 April. It will follow the same format as last year

with refreshments from 9.00am with the meeting starting at 9.30am and finishing by 11.00am.

Vacancy at Chelmsford Cathedral

The Cathedral is looking for a part time Admin Assistant to work in the busy Cathedral office. The role is Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9am to 1pm, but with some flexibility to suit. The postholder will be the first point of contact for all callers to the office and will also support the services, events and communications activity. The salary is £5148 per annum and a full job description is on the Cathedral website at www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/jobs. The closing date is Friday 11 March.

We are looking for someone with a spare room, who might be able and willing to put Steve, our student youth worker, up until December. If you think you might be able to help, and would like some more information, please contact Tim Leeson on youth@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk or 07528 761470.

Thursday 17 March 10.35am
The New Interest Group's next visit to The Museum of London is led by Helen Clothier and all are welcome. We meet at 10.35am by Platform 15 at Liverpool St Station then walk to the museum. If you are coming please let Ann Freese know

Daily Gospel Readings for this week, to use in your daily prayer:

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| Sunday: | John 19.25b-27 | Thursday: | John 5.31-end |
| Monday: | John 4.43-end | Friday: | John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30 |
| Tuesday: | John 1-3, 5-16 | Saturday: | John 7.40-52 |
| Wednesday: | John 5.17-30 | Sunday: | John 12.1-8 |

You can find a simple 10 minute reflection at: www.pray-as-you-go.org

Thought for the day

Love will cost you dearly.
And it will break your heart.
But in the end, it will save the world.

— Sarah Thebarg

Please pray for:

- Sue Cockett, John and Jean Davies, Alan Davy, Rosemary Duffin, Sue Hooper, Frances Muller, Sian Shordon, David Simmonds, Jean Standen, Janet Wallace and all in need of our prayers and all those receiving home communion
- St Augustine's Anglican / Free Church Community
- Pray for mothers everywhere, give thanks for their love and devotion and pray too for the work of the MU and WI
- The Church of England
- The Education Team as they welcome the Cathedral School, Trinity St Mary's, SWF, Terling Primary School, Hutton All Saints, Oaklands Infants and Canewdon St Nicholas School for the Easter workshops

School's Holy Week and Easter Workshop



OVER FIVE HUNDRED PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN from more than ten schools attended Easter Workshops here at Chelmsford Cathedral.

The children make a reflective journey by visiting a series of scenes around the Cathedral to consider the meaning and message. Through stories and activities, they experience the events through Holy Week and of Easter.

One photograph shows the children making a clay cross with their own unique design on it.

As part of their journey, the children reach the empty tomb and make a cross using lighted battery candles to help them to reflect that this cross has become a symbol of light, hope, new life and of God's presence with us always.

Rotary District Concert



Eliza Nagle, Young Musician, (centre) flanked by runner-up Miles Bruce-Jones and Young Singer Abbie Ward; all the other entrants are in the frame, together with – at the rear – Lord Petre, Mayor of Chelmsford Paul Hutchinson and Rotary District Governor Alan Clark.

AN enthusiastic audience in Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday 20 February enjoyed the sparkling performance of Eliza Nagle, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Southend-on-Sea.

The young violinist was the winner of the District competition, with Miles Bruce-Jones, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bishop's Stortford, playing the oboe, as runner-up.

Young Singer was Abbie Ward, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chelmsford, with Fleur Sumption, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Romford, runner-up.

Lord Petre, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, paid tribute to all the young performers and their teachers, accompanists and families, and thanked Rotary for all the work it does in supporting young people.