



LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

3rd December 2017

- 7.30AM SAID MATINS Psalm: 25(vv1 - 10)
- 8.00AM **HOLY EUCHARIST**
President & Preacher: Canon Graham Holcombe
- 9.00AM **PARISH EUCHARIST** *(followed by tea/coffee)*
President & Preacher: Canon Graham Holcombe
Readings & Offertory Procession: Ben Staniforth
- 11.00AM **CHORAL EUCHARIST** *Tallis* Short Service
President: The Dean
Preacher: Canon Graham Holcombe
Anthem: O Radiant Dawn *Macmillan*
Organ Voluntary: Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel' *Carter*
- 12.30PM **HOLY EUCHARIST** {Lady Chapel}
President: The Reverend Timothy Morgan
- 3.30PM **THE ADVENT PROCESSION**
Special Order of Service

*New worshippers are especially welcome
and are invited to make themselves known to the clergy*

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Blessed be God:
Who keeps his promises forever

The First Candle on the Advent Wreath is lit

Blessed are you sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory forever. You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king:
Be born in our hearts this Advent,
be king of our lives today.
Amen.

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 64. 1 - 9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80(vv1 - 7)

- 1 Hear O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a flock:
shew thyself, thou that sittest between the cherubim.
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up thy strength and come and help us.
- 3 Restore us again O God:
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts:
how long wilt thou set thy face against thy people that prayeth?
- 5 Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears:
and given them plenteousness of tears to drink.
- 6 Thou hast made us the derision of our neighbours:
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us again O God of hosts:
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be saved.

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1. 3 - 9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark.

Mark 13. 24 - 37

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMNS AT THE 11AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The advent of our God
with eager prayers we greet
and singing haste upon his road
his coming reign to meet.

The everlasting Son
was born to make us free;
and he a servant's form put on
to gain our liberty.

Daughter of Sion, rise
to meet your lowly king;
nor let your stubborn heart despise
the peace he comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light,
he soon will come again,
his scattered people to unite,
with them in heaven to reign.

Then evil flee away
before the rising dawn!
Let this old Adam day by day
God's image still put on.

Praise to the incarnate Son
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever one,
to all eternity. Amen.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749) translated by John Chandler (1806-1876) and others
Music: ST THOMAS attrib. Aaron Williams (1731-1776)

OFFERTORY HYMN

O come, O come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Refrain

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Refrain

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Refrain

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Refrain

Words: Latin 13th century translated by John M Neale (1818-1866)
Music: VENI EMMANUEL adapted from a French Missal by Thomas Helmore (1811-90)

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
Stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?

Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
Shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
Surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
Glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!

This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
Cast at his feet the burden of our care.

Through life and death, through sorrow and through sinning,
He shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

Words: Frederic W H Myers (1843-1901)

Music: HIGHWOOD Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

	Holy Eucharist	Evensong
Monday	9.30am	5.15pm (said)
Tuesday	9.30am Yr Offeren 12noon	5.15pm (sung)
Wednesday <i>Nicholas, Bishop</i>	9.30am	5.15pm (said)
Thursday <i>Ambrose, Bishop</i>	10.00am Yr Offeren 11.00am	5.15pm (sung)
Friday <i>Cynidr, Bishop</i>	9.30am	5.15pm (said)
Saturday	9.30am	5.15pm (said)

WEEKLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

- Sunday : Diocese of West Buganda (Uganda)
Roath: Canon Stewart Lisk
- Monday : Diocese of West Malaysia (South East Asia)
Roath St Martin: The Reverend Irving Hamer
- Tuesday: Diocese of Leeds (York, England)
Deanery of Llandaff & the Area Dean: The Rev'd Michael John
- Wednesday: Diocese of Western Izon (Bendel, Nigeria)
Provincial & Diocesan Safeguarding Team
- Thursday: Diocese of Western Massachusetts (1, The Episcopal Church)
Caerau & Ely: The Rev'd Jesse Smith
- Friday: Diocese of Western Michigan (V, The Episcopal Church)
Fairwater: The Rev'd Colin Sutton
- Saturday: Diocese of Western Newfoundland (Canada)
Glan Ely: The Reverend Jan Gould

Those Who Have Asked For Prayer

Stephen Williams, Jean Howells, Diane Jones, Susan Evans, Howard Bartlett, Fr Roger Dixon, Rachael Bland, Marina Arulanandam, Archie Conway-Gardner, Ramsay Withers, Canon Graham Francis, Russ Stroud

The Longterm Sick & Housebound, among them:

Mary Wines, Natalie Doreen Evans, Morley Lewis, Audrey Lisk, Alun Brunt, Ruth Phelps, Sid Baldwin, Tania Shankland, John Brewster, Fred Mudge, Tom Bailey, Sue Gaunts, Dafydd Hughes, Pat Williams, Sheila Davies

THE DEPARTED

Recently departed: Beryl Norton, John Goodwin

Year's mind:

03 December	Arthur Richard Phelps, Frank Roper, Marie Peaty
04 December	Mabel Gertrude Williams, Laura Annie Elsie Bowdery, Ronald Joseph Parsley, Joseph Alexis Piffaretti
05 December	Walter Henry Dolan
06 December	Frank Walker, Eryl Stephen Thomas (Bishop), Dewi Caradog Davies (Priest)
07 December	Kenneth William Totterdale
08 December	
09 December	Frank Joseph George Wicks

ADVANCE NOTICES

Christmas Leaflets 2017 - We will be delivering leaflets advertising our Christmas services to every home in the parish again this year. I hope our regular band of volunteers are able to support this project, and if any new members of our congregations are also able to help with this task, please let Katharine (Churchwarden) know either at church or on 02920562488.

Christian Aid Advent Collections today, 3rd December - News items this very week have continued to show the desperate state of the 600,000 Rohingya people forced to flee from Myanmar. Those who have survived the violence and the journey find themselves in makeshift camps with no access to shelter, food or clean water. Some women and girls have even been sold into slavery. We really can make a difference to these desperate people by giving generously to today's retiring collections. **Donations can be made in cash or by cheque payable to Christian Aid.** Please Gift Aid if you can. As ever we are so grateful to you for your generosity and support - thank you so much. Sue Smith and the Christian Aid Team.

Family Christmas Event - On Wednesday 13th December there will be a family Christmas event of "Carols and Crafts" held in Prebendal House from 6.00pm. It will be a mix of activities including stalls, games and Christmas craft activities, including food, seasonal drinks and a prize for the best Christmas attire. Prize draw entry tickets cost £2 per adult and £1 per child and are available in advance from members of the Social Committee or payable at the door. So please put the date in your diary, wear your best Christmas jumper and come along to sing some Christmas Carols and join the fun.

Upcoming Llandaff Mothers' Union Events:

Monday 4th December at 2.15pm - Advent Service in Lady Chapel together with the Guild of St Teilo followed by mince pies and tea.

Thursday 7th December at 2.00pm - Diocesan Advent Service at St John's Cardiff

Monday 15th January - Branch Lunch at the Maltsters, names and payment to Barbara Treharne. Guests of members, visitors and prospective members are very welcome to attend our meetings held in the Parish Hall.

Christmas Parcels For The Homeless - No Collection - The Wallich has said they have decided no longer to accept large donations at Christmas, such as our parcels, so there will be no collection during Advent. (More details on last week's weekly notes.) Thankyou for all your parcels over the last 34 years. Linda Quinn

Parish Tea and Coffee – Helpers Needed: A big thank you to all those who have helped us to serve the refreshments after the Parish Eucharist this year. We would love to welcome new helpers, all that is required is to serve tea and coffee, help to fill and empty the dishwasher and tidy up. It is an enjoyable activity and helps to provide a wonderful opportunity for fellowship. On a busy Sunday we serve up to 100 teas and coffees and we are grateful for your donations which allow us to do this. Your contributions pay for the tea, coffee, milk, sugar and biscuits and the profits go to the Cathedral. We try to source our provisions as ethically as possible.

We buy only Fair Trade products and this year we have been trying to avoid biscuits which contain palm oil because of its association with the destruction of the rainforests. Where we are unable to find biscuits free of palm oil, we have instead fallen back on those that contain palm oil from “sustainable” sources. However there are concerns that even these certified products allow for rainforest destruction and poor practices. Please visit www.rainforest-rescue.org for more information. From the Parish Refreshments Team.

Stewardship Campaign Update – A sincere thanks to the members of our congregations who have changed their financial giving to Gift Direct and those who have increased their Gift Direct giving. Members of the PCC will be available over the next few weeks on Sundays at morning services, by the West Door of the Cathedral. They will be happy to answer any concerns regarding the ongoing stewardship campaign and will have the necessary Gift Direct forms and written information explaining how to increase your financial giving to support Llandaff Cathedral.

Photography during the service – A member of the congregation, Margaret Bartlett, is a student of photography at Ffotogallery and is doing a small project on the life inside our Cathedral walls. Margaret has been taking photographs in and around the Cathedral, before, during and after services. These images are just for her final project and will not be published or put online, although some images will be offered to the church for our use. If you have any questions or concerns about her project, please email mjbenterprises@hotmail.co.uk.

Next Sunday: 10th December 2017

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.30AM	Matins
8.00AM	Holy Eucharist
9.00AM	Parish Eucharist
11.00AM	Choral Eucharist
12.30PM	Holy Eucharist
3.30PM	Choral Evensong <i>with Admission of Choristers</i>

DURING THE WEEK

Monday 4th	10.00am	Cardiff Metropolitan University Carol Service
	2.15pm	Mothers' Union Advent Carol Service
Tuesday 5th	9.30am	Linen & Vestment
	7.00pm	Whitchurch High School Carol Service
Wednesday 6th	10.00am	Shop Volunteers Coffee Morning
Thursday 7th	7.00pm	Cantonian Carol Service
Friday 8th	7.00pm	Bishop of Llandaff Carol Service

Weekly Notes

Notices for the Weekly Notes to be received no later than 9.30am each Thursday

Please send to or telephone the Cathedral Office

A printable version of the weekly notes is now on the website

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should be made by email or letter to the Cathedral Office*

In order to carry on the work of the Church in and through this Cathedral Parish, not least the upkeep of this magnificent building, we rely substantially on your generous giving. A significant proportion of our funds is raised through Christian Stewardship among our regular worshippers.

We invite you to give by means of Gift Direct (Giving with a Direct Debit). Furthermore, if you pay tax, the Cathedral can claim tax back to increase the value of your donation by 25%. We are enormously grateful to all who do this as an expression of their gratitude for God's great goodness.

For more information, please contact the Stewardship Secretary

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