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## The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity – 6th September 2020

### **The Collect and Readings for today**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

### **A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.**

The word of the LORD came to me: So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

*Ezekiel 33.7-11*

### **Psalm 119.33-40 - Give me understanding and I shall keep your law.**

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.  
Give me understanding and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.  
Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.  
Fulfil your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread because your judgements are good.  
Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.

### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Romans 13.8-14*

### **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew**

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

*Matthew 18.15-20*

### **Prayers of Intercession for this week:**

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Let us come before God, who is present now among us, in prayer.

Let us pray for the Christian Church, that it may shine in the world as an example of a community where forgiveness and reconciliation lead to cohesion and cooperation.

Let us pray for all those within our various communities – our neighbours, colleagues, friends and family. We pray too for all those we meet in our day-to-day lives. May we remember that each is a child of God and treat everyone with love and respect.

Let us pray for anyone who is lonely or disconnected from community life, and for anyone experiencing ill health or grief. May God comfort and console them, and guide others to reach out to them in their suffering and isolation.

Let us pray for the peace of the world community,  
for friendship and cooperation between nations, communities and peoples.

We thank you, Lord, for hearing our prayers and for the privilege of being able to pray, as the body of Christ. We ask all these things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## THE WEEKLY PRAYER INTENTIONS and PRAYER RESOURCES

### Those who have asked for prayer:

Roger Rathbone, Catherine Hughes, Archie Conway-Gardner, Ray Edwards, Margaret Harries, Alan Robinson, Geoff and Julie Bodman, David Barron, Ashley Reed, Jane Craig, Alison Lewis, John Vesey, Lynne Davies Jones, Emrys Lloyd-Richards, the Dean.

### The long-term sick and housebound, among them:

John Brewster, Mary Wines, Sid Baldwin, Tom Bailey, Dafydd Hughes, Fred Mudge, Marjorie Mudge.

**Those who have died recently:** Margaret Elizabeth McGreevy, Peter Charles.

### Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

6<sup>th</sup> September Lewin Renal Kenneth Smith

7<sup>th</sup> September Jean Alice Wilmot, Stanley Howard Mogford (*Priest*)

8<sup>th</sup> September Mary Mildred Adams, Jean Kember

9<sup>th</sup> September Neil Davidson Bruce Corby

10<sup>th</sup> September Joyce King Messner

11<sup>th</sup> September John Redfern (*Priest*)

12<sup>th</sup> September *no anniversaries recorded for today*

### The Cycle of Prayer for this week in the Anglican Communion and in this Diocese:

**Sunday:** The Anglican Church of Southern Africa  
The Parish of Christ Church, Roath Park: The Rev'd Canon Dr Trystan Hughes

**Monday:** The Dioceses of Our (Nigeria), Canberra & Goulburn (Australia)  
The City Church of St John the Baptist: The Rev'd Canon Sarah Jones

**Tuesday:** The Dioceses of Osaka (Japan), Canterbury (England)  
The Conventional District of Tremorfa : The Rev'd Marcus Nelson

**Wednesday:** The Dioceses of Osun (Nigeria), Cape Coast (West Africa)  
The Dean of Llandaff and the Archdeacons of Llandaff and Margam

**Thursday:** The Dioceses of Osun North (Nigeria), Cape Town (Southern Africa), Carlisle (England)  
The Parish of Gabalfa: The Rev'd Marcus Nelson

**Friday:** The Dioceses of Osun North East (Nigeria), Cashel & Ossory (Ireland)  
The Benefice of Grangetown St Paul, with St Dyfrig & St Samson:

*we pray for the appointment of a new Parish Priest*

**Saturday:** The Dioceses of Ottawa (Canada), Central Buganda (Uganda)  
The Parish of Lisvane: The Rev'd James Griffiths

## *Some Cathedral News.....*

**The Friends of Llandaff Cathedral Open Doors event** will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September online this year! You can enjoy the regular treats of a guided tour, an organ demonstration, open archives and a trip up the bell tower, but from the comfort of your own home! Perhaps we might even see more than is usually possible. All this can be enjoyed on the Cathedral website at [www.llandaffcathedral.org.uk](http://www.llandaffcathedral.org.uk) from 11am on 12<sup>th</sup> September onwards.

**The Cathedral shop is open again:** anytime the Cathedral is open for prayer, you can now also make purchases from the shop. Have you bought your copy of the wonderful new Guidebook yet, at just £5? Or copies for your family and friends? Sales are by contactless card (or exact cash, no change given) only.

**The Annual Vestry Meeting** will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 4pm in the Cathedral nave. This meeting which normally takes place during April was postponed in all parishes because of the lockdown, but must now take place before the end of October. Churchwardens and PCC members are elected at the meeting, and the accounts will be presented by Canon Treasurer Richard Bacon, who will be able to speak about the current financial situation as well as presenting the 2019 accounts.

**The Electoral Roll** is due for complete revision this year. If you have not already done so during 2020, please fill in an electoral roll application form, available at the back of the Cathedral. To be eligible you must be over 16, a communicant member of the Church in Wales, and a regular member of our congregation.

### **Embrace the Middle East in Lebanon**

"Embrace" is one of the charities which the Cathedral community has supported with great generosity in recent years. As Christian charity, it works with local partners to alleviate poverty and suffering in the countries which Jesus would have known, and in Lebanon, it works with 12 local organisations, of which the majority are in Beirut. This week's horrific explosion could not have come at a worse time for Lebanon, already reeling from an economic crisis, the influx of refugees from Syria and the effects of the Corona virus. As soon as the news of the explosion broke, Embrace raced to contact friends and partners in the city. They reported that they are safe, but the devastation is huge, with over quarter of a million homeless, the death toll rising by the hour, and many of their building unusable. They also said how much it means to them to know that people around the world are praying for them as they seek to comfort and serve the families they work with, as well as working to repair the significant damage to health and education centres, offices and homes throughout Beirut.

Embrace asks us to remember them in our prayers, and If you feel able to make a donation, and would like to do so via Embrace, you can do so by clicking on this link.:

<https://www.embraceme.org/news/news-beirut-explosion>

### **Opening guidelines**

Our initial plans continue to work well and will remain in place at least until September.

We review the situation weekly and will make any necessary changes as we go along. It is likely to be some time before we return to the number of services we offered before lockdown but we will gradually be working towards a fuller programme of worship that is safe and appropriate.

Here are some of the key things to note:

- There are two services: 9.00 am and 11.00 am

- Both services are celebrations of the Holy Eucharist with the 9.00 am service catering particularly for children and families.
- Social distancing guidelines must be maintained at all times – especially before and after the services. Given that the usable rows are 2 metres apart, they can act as a useful guide when standing in the Nave.
- Hand sanitiser must be used on entry.
- Face-coverings may be worn by all – clergy wear face masks to administer communion.
- Everyone attending will be invited to complete a ‘track and trace’ card - please bring a pen!
- Communion will be administered standing and in one kind only.
- Singing is not allowed although the organ can now be played.
- Ritual and ceremony will be kept to a minimum.
- No service sheets will be used – the order of service will be available online to print in advance and bring with you or to follow on a phone or other mobile device.
- The ‘2-metre distance’ rule means that the capacity of the Cathedral will be between 70 and 80 individuals although family groups sitting together will legitimately increase the number.
- 5 cathedral chairs must be left clear *between* households.
- The box of children’s toys has been removed from the David Chapel so please bring your own toys for now.

Please note that there will be a legal maximum capacity number and it may be necessary to impose restrictions on entry to ensure that number is not exceeded.

The Welsh Government, the Church in Wales and the Diocese have all produced and issued protocols and detailed instructions to clergy and parishes. We will be following them all.

### **Parish Stewards**

The Parish Stewards group would be very glad of some new recruits. A number of the Stewards are unable to help at the moment and on Sunday mornings we really need more help to follow the guidelines set down by the Government and the Church in Wales. Please see the Churchwardens or the clergy if you would like to help.

### **Llandaff Cathedral online**

If you haven’t already signed up for the Cathedral e-newsletter you can subscribe [here](#).

**The Cathedral is open for private prayer:** the Cathedral remains open for private / solitary prayer from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm on weekdays and from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm on weekends. Thank you to all those volunteers who help us keep the building open. Visitor numbers are increasing and we are now welcoming an average of 16 visitors an hour, every day.

### **Foodbank news – deposit box open again!**

Now that the Cathedral is open again – albeit only for 2 hours a day – it seems sensible to reopen the food bank ‘deposit station’ at the back of the nave. If you would like to donate please leave donations in the large crate, during Cathedral opening hours.

### **Giving to the Cathedral**

You can now give to the Cathedral ‘online’ through the following link:

[www.easydonate.org/LLANDAFF](http://www.easydonate.org/LLANDAFF)

or you can give by text\*:

- to donate £5 text LLANDAFF to 70970
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We are very grateful for all the donations we receive, and it is heartening to read the messages that come with them.

Those of you who have studied the terms and conditions of the Donate website will know that, like all online giving platforms, *Donate* (which is itself a registered charity) takes a small commission from the donations to fund its own systems and organisation. The Cathedral Chapter carefully researched the whole issue of online giving and settled on *Donate* as one of the most recommended and trusted organisations in the field. All donations are eligible for Gift Aid and the gift aid administration is carried out for us by *Donate*.

As always, the Church encourages regular giving and the most effective and efficient way to give regularly to the Cathedral, remains the Church in Wales *Gift Direct* scheme. This continues to be a vital part of our stewardship and we would encourage everyone to consider regularly giving to the Cathedral through this scheme. You can find more details about *Gift Direct* [here](#).

#### THE CATHEDRAL OFFICE

The office remains closed but for general enquiries you may still email [admin@llandaffcathedral.org.uk](mailto:admin@llandaffcathedral.org.uk) or call the clergy on the telephone numbers listed below.

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