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## The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Harvest Thanksgiving

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

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.**

The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

*Deuteronomy 8.7-18*

**Psalm 65 - You crown the year with goodness.**

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.  
To you that hear prayers shall all flesh come,  
because of their transgressions.  
Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you will blot them out.

Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there!  
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.  
Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation,  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the seas that are far away.

You make fast the mountains by your power;  
they are girded about with might.  
You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamour of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth  
will tremble at your marvellous signs;  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.  
You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous;  
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.  
You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground  
and bless its increase.  
You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,  
and the hills be clothed with joy.  
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;  
let them shout for joy and sing.

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.**

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.  
Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a

cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

*2 Corinthians 9.6-15*

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

Jesus told the people a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

*Luke 12.16-30*

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

Let us pray to God, the Lord of the harvest, that he will bring to fruition all that he desires for his creation.

Lord of creation, we see that the fields are ripe for harvesting: we pray for your Church, that it may be ready to gather fruit for eternal life.

Lord of the harvest, in your mercy hear us.

You have created the universe by your eternal Word, and have blessed humankind in giving us dominion over the earth: we pray for the world, that we may honour and share its resources, and live in reverence for the creation and in harmony with one another.

Lord of the harvest, in your mercy hear us.

Your Son has promised that the Spirit will lead us into all truth: we pray for the community in which you

have set us, for one another and for ourselves, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace.

Lord of the harvest, in your mercy hear us.

You have given your people a rich land, yet by sin we have made a world of suffering and sorrow: we pray for those who bear the weight of affliction, that they may come to share the life of wholeness and plenty.

Lord of the harvest, in your mercy hear us.

Your Son Jesus Christ is the first-fruits of the resurrection and will reap the harvest of the dead at the end of time: we pray that he will gather us all together with those who have gone before in the banquet of the age to come.

Lord of the harvest, in your mercy hear us.

Source of all life and giver of all that is good, hear our prayers and grant us all that is in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **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:** Ivy Westacott

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

**13<sup>th</sup> September** Marc Phillips-Davies, Margaret Gwendoline Phelps

**14<sup>th</sup> September** Henry Pegler, Sylvia Page, David Gethin Williams

**15<sup>th</sup> September** Sandra Langton, Ann Cherill, Eleanor Ann Jones

**16<sup>th</sup> September** *no anniversaries recorded on this date*

**17<sup>th</sup> September** Vivian Thomas, (*Priest*),

**18<sup>th</sup> September** Alan James MacKie, Vera Longstaffe, Barbara Kipling, Verity Anne Head

**19<sup>th</sup> September** Robert Britton (*Priest*), Molly Eileen Woodyatt

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

**Sunday:** The Anglican Church of South America  
The Parish of Llanishen: The Rev'd Canon Christopher Smith

**Monday:** The Dioceses of Otukpo (Nigeria), Centrak Busoga (Uganda), Kisangani (Congo)  
The Parish of Roath: The Rev'd Canon Stewart Lisk

- Tuesday:** The Dioceses of Owerri (Nigeria), Central Ecuador (USA), Kita Kanto (Japan)  
The Parish of Roath, St Martin: The Rev'd Irving Hamer
- Wednesday:** The Dioceses of Owo (Nigeria), Central Florida (USA)  
Chaplains to the Armed Forces & Cadet Forces in the Diocese
- Thursday:** The Dioceses of Central Gulf Coast (USA), Oxford (England), Central Melanesia (Melanesia)  
The Conventional District of St Anne's, Roath: The Rev'd Will Souter
- Friday:** The Dioceses of Oyo (Nigeria), Central New York (USA)  
The Area Deanery of Llandaff: The Rev'd Michael John, *Area Dean*
- Saturday:** The Dioceses of Central Newfoundland (Canada), Pacong (South Sudan), Kitale (Kenya)  
The Parish of Caerau and Ely: The Rev'd Jesse Smith

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

**Orders of Service** – from today you will be able to access the Orders of Service for the 9.00 am and 11.00 am services very easily by accessing the QR codes on display at the entrance to the Cathedral. Although the website is being re-designed, we acknowledge that the current site is not very 'mobile-phone-friendly'. To overcome this we have created the QR codes which will take you immediately to the relevant order of service document. Please ask if you have any difficulty with this. The other easy way of accessing the Service sheets is from our electronic newsletter – do sign up if you haven't already done so [here](#).

**The Friends of Llandaff Cathedral Open Doors event.** This was broadcast online yesterday from 11.00 am and is still available on our YouTube channel and on the Cathedral website. If you have not yet tuned in, please do so and enjoy a guided tour of the Cathedral, an organ demonstration, a visit to the archives and a trip up the bell tower - all from the comfort of your own home! A chance to see parts of the Cathedral you may never have seen before and that you may find inaccessible most of the time.

**Walking the Penrhys Pilgrimage Way - a request for sponsorship** To celebrate David Smith entering his 80th year, he and his wife Sue plan to walk the 21 miles of the newly recreated **Penrhys Pilgrimage Way** [www.penrhyspilgrimageway.wales/](http://www.penrhyspilgrimageway.wales/) during September 2020. They would like to raise at least **£4,200** (£200 per mile) to be divided equally between two charities doing humanitarian work with local partners: **Christian Aid** <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/> and **Embrace the Middle East** <https://www.embraceme.org/>. They would be very grateful for contributions via <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DavidandSueSmithPenrhysWalk> or if you would prefer to pay by cheque please contact them on 029 2056 9234 or at [dlsmsmith@msn.com](mailto:dlsmsmith@msn.com). They are very grateful for everyone's support.

**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** – we are waiting for confirmation of whether the Vestry can still take place, given the new Government guidelines. It is planned for Thursday 22nd October at 4.00 pm in the Cathedral nave. Churchwardens and PCC members are elected at the meeting, and the accounts will be presented by Canon Treasurer Richard Bacon. He 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.

**The challenges of opening up again.....** it is likely that none of us fully appreciated the challenges of opening the Cathedral again under the ‘pandemic restrictions’. We all probably thought things would return to normal fairly quickly and the regulations would not present too much of a problem, especially in a big building like ours. The reality is proving to be quite a challenge for us all. While we are delighted that the congregations are beginning to return to their pre-lockdown numbers we find ourselves having to give messages that are not just counter-intuitive but are almost contrary in spirit to the messages we usually give about Church. “We want people to come to worship and we want everyone to feel welcome.....” Last week (Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September) at the 9.00 am service we were approaching the limit of our capacity for accommodating people safely. There are a number of things we need to think about as a Cathedral community in relation to both services, if the restrictions continue: please.....

- fill up the seats from the front of the Cathedral first
- when you enter a row – take the end seats first
- think about the seating arrangements and choose the seats as efficiently as possible
- do not be offended if you cannot sit in your ‘usual’ seat or row
- do not be offended if you are asked to move to make best use of the seats available

A number of local Parishes are asking people to think about not coming to Church every Sunday. This is clearly something we really do not like saying but while the capacity is limited it may help us to accommodate more people in the long run.

It was once thought that an easy solution to the problem of reaching our capacity attendance would simply be to offer additional services: re-instate the 8 o’clock or the 12.30 pm services or even offer an additional service at 10.00 am. On further examination however, Chapter has concluded that this is not the solution it appears to be. The Guidelines require thorough cleaning between services and a period of airing and ventilation for the building. At the moment we cannot do these things for more than the services we are offering now. We may however be able to offer worship on a Sunday afternoon, later in the Autumn. Please be assured that the Cathedral Chapter and clergy are constantly reviewing the provision of worship and the guidelines and will aim to offer as much as possible, as soon as possible.

### **Sunday Worship guidelines – a reminder....**

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 may wear face shields 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.
- There will be no congregational singing.
- 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** - Please see the Churchwardens or the clergy if you would like to help as a steward.

### **Llandaff Cathedral online**

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

**Foodbank news** – If you would like to donate please leave donations in the large crate, during Cathedral opening hours.

### **Giving to the Cathedral**

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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.

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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](#).

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