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The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity – 20th September 2020

The Collect and Readings for today

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, ‘O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.’ And the LORD said, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, ‘It is better for me to die than to live.’

But God said to Jonah, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?’ And he said, ‘Yes, angry enough to die.’ Then the LORD said, ‘You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that

great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?’

Jonah 3.10 – 4.11

Psalm 145.1-8 - The Lord is near to those who call upon him.

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty and all your wonderful works.
They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1.21-30

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily

wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Matthew 20.1-16

Prayers of Intercession for this week

We lift our hearts in prayer to our generous and forgiving God,
who deals with us justly and mercifully, and with everlasting love.

We pray for all Christian people,
especially those who cannot worship without fear and are forced to practise their faith in secret.

We pray for the world around us, twisted in so many places by violence and injustice,
and where all too often those with power diminish those without.

We pray for all world leaders,
that they may govern wisely and well for all their people.

We pray for all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and for all who care for them; for those who are anxious
about someone they love; for those facing their last days, and for those who watch over them.

Lord of healing and peace, we ask that you hear our prayers. Look with compassion on the troubles and anguish
of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations.

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:

20th September Joyce Hamblin, Sheila Simon

21st September Daphne Viola Skone, Leslie Whitehouse, Cyril George Jones, Eric Lorimer Margerison
William Trevor Morgan, Herbert Leslie Bannister

22nd September Kevin William Darby, Clive Beecher

23rd September *no anniversaries recorded on this date*

24th September Jane Elizabeth Jones (née Grensted), Kate Autton, Eric Watkins, Dora Elen Lucy Gambold,
Nicholas Trevor Richards, Irene Adlington

25th September Keith John Williams, Peggy Goldsborough Mills, John Danford de Salis McElwain

26th September Joyce Elizabeth Totterdale, Hilda May Thompson

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

Sunday: The Episcopal Church of the South Sudan
The Parish of Fairwater: The Rev'd Colin Sutton

Monday: The Dioceses of Kiteto (Tanzania), Kitgum (Uganda), Kitui (Kenya)
The Parish of Glan Ely: The Rev'd Canon Jan Gould

Tuesday: The Dioceses of Panama (Central America), Central Pennsylvania (USA), Kivu (Rwanda)
The Cathedral Parish: The Very Rev'd Gerwyn Capon

Wednesday: The Dioceses of Pankshin (Nigeria), Central Philippines
The Diocesan Director of Ordinands and the Vocations Team

Thursday: The Dioceses of Panyana (South Sudan), Central Solomons (Melanesia), Central Tanganyika
(Tanzania)
The Parish of Pentyrch & Capel Llanilltern: The Rev'd Michael John

Friday: The Diocese of Central Zambia (Central Africa)
The Parish of Radyr: The Rev'd Vicki Burrows

Saturday: The Dioceses of Paraguay (S.America), Central Zimbabwe (Central Africa), Kobe (Japan)
The Rectorial Benefice of Whitchurch: The Rev'd John Davis

Some Cathedral News.....

Orders of Service – you can now access the Orders of Service for the 9.00 am and 11.00 am services very easily by scanning 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 – if you have not yet watched this series of short videos about the Cathedral and Llandaff village then please tune in 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! This is 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 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/>

David and Sue 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. They are very grateful for everyone's support.

The Annual Vestry Meeting: this week the Church in Wales issued new guidance about the Annual Vestry and has removed the requirement to hold a Vestry meeting this calendar year. Nevertheless we hope to continue with our plans to hold our Annual Vestry on 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: this week the Church in Wales issued new advice about the Electoral Roll and the Annual Vestry. The pressure is off to collate a completely new Electoral Roll but we can continue to update the roll as best we can. The existing roll will continue to be legal until 2022. If you have not already done so, 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 different. 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 as often as possible and we want everyone to feel welcome....." 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 currently 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: Welsh Government regulations now make the wearing of face coverings compulsory in public buildings. This includes the Cathedral.
- 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.

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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.

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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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