



EGLWYS GADEIRIOL LLANDAF

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL

Registered Charity Number 1159090

The Weekly Notes Online

www.llandaffcathedral.org.uk

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity – 4th October 2020

The Collect and Readings for today

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 the prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting: he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Isaiah 5.1-7

Psalm 80.7–14 - For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.
You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.
You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land. **R**

The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea and its branches to the River. **R**

Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted **R**

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

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus

Philippians 3: 4b.-13

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying,

“They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?’ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God

will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Matthew 21:33-46

Prayers of Intercession for this week

Let us bring everything into this moment of prayer,
so that praying isn't just everything we *do*, but it's everything we *are*.

We pray for those whose lives are empty and unproductive.
May God revive them, show them how they might use their talents and fill their days with purpose.

We pray for our world leaders. May God guide them in creating societies and communities in which all members are able to fulfil their God-given potential.

We pray for anyone experiencing illness, suffering or grief. May they know the comfort and consolation of the Holy Spirit, and feel the love of God surrounding and holding them.

We pray for the Church and its members. May they shine the love of God into the dark places of the world, acting as a beacon to guide and inspire others.

Lord, we are confident that you hear our prayers. Teach us to discern your response in our lives, as our faith deepens and grows. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Saviour.

THE WEEKLY PRAYER INTENTIONS and PRAYER RESOURCES

Those who have asked for prayer:

Roger Rathbone, Catherine Hughes, Archie Conway-Gardner, Ray Edwards, Alan Robinson, David Barron, Ashley Reed, Jane Craig, Alison Lewis, Lynne Davies Jones, Alyson Grant, Gerwyn Capon, *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: Jane Guttridge, Hélène Impey, Barbara Jenkins, David John (*Priest*)

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

4th October Jean Isobel Bence

5th October Jean Elizabeth Jones

6th October Gwen Samuel, Thomas Graham Bullen, Annie Edith Kendall, Aubrey Edward Gambold

7th October Robert Edward Sansom, Winifred James, Agnes Thomas, Edwina Slack, Mair Jones Williams

8th October Bert Robins, Dorothy Iris Creese, Dudley Austin

9th October Lambert Charles Rogers, Norman Denys Bence, Beryl Hough Hodgson

10th October William Edmund Davies, Sylvia May Osborne

We pray for the Anglican Communion and the Diocese.
The updated Cycles of Prayer have not yet been distributed by the Diocesan office.

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](#).



From this week we are displaying the QR code that links with the **NHS Tracing App**. If you have the app on your mobile device you can scan the code through the app. This means that if people visit the building and later test positive for coronavirus, other app users who were there at the same time may be sent an alert, if local public health teams think this is necessary.

Prayers for the Sick: we hope to refresh the prayer list over the next few weeks. If you have personal knowledge of those whose names appear on the list and know whether they would still like to be prayed for, please let us know.

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: since the current guidelines allow meetings of governance to take place, we 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 have been authorised to continue in office until the Vestry of 2021 but because we have a vacancy for a Churchwarden (on the resignation of Dr David Cassidy), we will need to elect a new Churchwarden to serve alongside Dr John Kenyon. Nomination forms for the new Churchwarden are available at the back of the Cathedral today. At the Vestry meeting, 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.

Friends of Llandaff Cathedral Annual General Meeting: similarly the AGM of the Friends of the Cathedral will take place next Saturday (10th October) at 11.00 o'clock in the Nave. All appropriate safety measures will be taken.

The Electoral Roll: 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.

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

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

www.easydonate.org/LLANDAFF

or you can give by text*:

- to donate £5 text LLANDAFF to 70970

- to donate £10 text LLANDAFF to 70191

* Fundraising, payments and donations will be processed and administered by the National Funding Scheme (Charity No: 1149800), operating as DONATE. Texts will be charged at your standard network rate. For Terms & Conditions, see www.easydonate.org

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 or call the clergy on the telephone numbers listed below.

CLERGY

The Dean: The Very Rev'd Gerwyn Capon
The Dean is currently on sick leave

Precentor: The Rev'd Canon Mark Preece
precentor@llandaffcathedral.org.uk : 029 2056 8842

Chancellor: The Rev'd Canon Dr Jan van der Lely
chancellor@llandaffcathedral.org.uk : 029 2115 6258



www.easydonate.org/LLANDAFF



The Cathedral is on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!
These are easy ways to keep up to date with the latest news and events, so follow us at:

www.facebook.com/llandaffcathedral

www.twitter.com/llandaffcath

www.instagram.com/llandaffcathedral

Sign up today!

LLANDAFF MATTERS

Your weekly email of faith, news and events.

llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk/llandaffmatters



ESGOBAETH LLANDAF
LLE MAE FFYDD
YN CYFRIF



DIOCESE OF LLANDAFF
WHERE FAITH
MATTERS

llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk



YR EGLWYS
YNG NGHYMRU



THE CHURCH
IN WALES

Llandaff Cathedral
Eglwys Gadeiriol Llandaf

