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## The Feast of Christ the King 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

**Please note that from next Sunday the Cathedral Eucharist moves to a new start time of 11.15 am**

*The Parish Eucharist remains at 9.00 am*

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

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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 Ezekiel.**

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed

them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

*Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24*

### **Psalm 95.1-7a - The Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

### **A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Ephesians 1.15-23*

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison

and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

*Matthew 25.31-46*

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

United with all God’s saints,  
we pray in a spirit of wisdom and revelation for ourselves, our neighbours and all creation.

We bring before God the Church around the world; praying that each Christian community might serve with integrity, truth, wisdom, compassion and a Gospel-focused vision.

Christ our King is a light to the nations.  
May all leaders follow his way of selflessness, prioritising the needs of the poorest in society.

Appointed stewards of Christ’s kingdom, we pray that we might tread lightly on this earth,  
sacrificially acting to halt the plunder of its resources.

Many pressures afflict many lives; may God bring hope, healing and comfort to all who struggle with any kind of mental, physical, spiritual, emotional or economic dis-ease.

Holy and eternal God, as a shepherd hears the call of the flock, may you answer the cries of your people, as we bring our petitions before you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## **THE WEEKLY PRAYER INTENTIONS and PRAYER RESOURCES**

### **Those who are sick and have asked for prayer:**

Roger Rathbone, Catherine Hughes, Archie Conway-Gardner, David Barron, Ashley Reed, Jane Craig, Alison Lewis, Alyson Grant, Gerwyn Capon, *the Dean*.

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

Mary Wines, Sid Baldwin, Tom Bailey, Dafydd Hughes, Ray Edwards, Alan Robinson, Fred Mudge, Marjorie Mudge.

**Those who have died recently:** Katherine Long, David Phillips, John Meurig Thomas

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> November** Brian Walter Thomas Williams, George Sellwood, Bridget Jane Reed

**23<sup>rd</sup> November** Jane Bennett, Rosalie Armstrong, Suzanne Martin, Mary Millicent Hannah Shipp

**24<sup>th</sup> November** Harvey Rendal Jones, Marion Morton, Muriel Collins, Allen John Jones, Barbara Brunt

**25<sup>th</sup> November** Betsy Watt, Ruby Averill, Roger Blackmore Perriam, Ruth May Phelps

**26<sup>th</sup> November** William George Victor Cole, Margaret Hall Clark, Owen Parry-Jones

**27<sup>th</sup> November** Vera Lena Frayne

**28<sup>th</sup> November** Thelma Francis, Marjorie Gwendoline Arnold, Helena Braithwaite

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

- Sunday:** The Church of the Anglican Church of Bermuda  
The Parish of Penrhiwceiber, Matthewstown & Ynysyboeth: The Rev'd Ben Rabjohns
- Monday:** The Dioceses of Santiago (Chile) & Santiago (Philippines)  
The Parish of Aberdare: The Rev'd Robert Davies
- Tuesday:** The Dioceses of Sao Paulo (Brazil), East Carolina (USA)  
The Parish of Aberdare, St Fagan: The Rev'd Richard Green
- Wednesday:** The Dioceses of Sapele (Nigeria), East Kerala (South India)  
The Honorary Assistant Bishops in the Diocese
- Thursday:** The Dioceses of Saskatchewan (Canada), East Ruwenzori (Uganda), East Tennessee (USA)  
The Parish of Cwmbach: *we pray for the appointment of a new Parish Priest*
- Friday:** The Dioceses of Saskatoon (Canada), Eastern Himalayas (North India)  
The Parish of Hirwaun: *we pray for the appointment of a new Parish Priest*
- Saturday:** The Dioceses of Sebei (Uganda), Eastern Kowloon (Hong Kong)  
The Deanery of Margam: The Rev'd Canon Elaine Jenkyns

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

**'Special' Services Ticket information** – tickets for both Advent afternoon/evening services on the 29<sup>th</sup> November and the 6<sup>th</sup> December were booked very quickly. Booking opens for the Christmas services on Advent Sunday and closes one week before the scheduled service is due to take place.

**Choral music is returning:** the Welsh Government has finally relaxed the restrictions imposed on choral singing, such that we can begin to re-instate choral singing in our services. While we are delighted that this can happen, the 'rules' are such that it will be a relatively slow and painstaking return for the Cathedral choirs, none of which have been singing at all now for almost 9 months. As you can imagine there are stringent guidelines to be followed and risk assessments to be carried out and adhered to. The new Risk Assessment document for just one of our choirs now runs to 30 pages!

Our plan is to begin with the limited return of the Cathedral Choir, which will sing again for the first time with reduced numbers on Advent Sunday. There will be a number of choral services during Advent, up to and including Christmas Day. It will be some time before the other choirs return and sadly of course there will be no congregational singing in any services for the foreseeable future.

**Christmas cards on sale in the shop now:** a wide selection of Christmas cards are on sale in the shop; profits on the cards and other shop produce help to fund the work of the Cathedral. There are also Christmas cards and notelets on sale on behalf of the Llandaff Cathedral Choristers' Association (LCCA) – proceeds from these go to LCCA funds.

**Charities Table:** the 'Charities table' provides information about the work of the charities supported by the Cathedral community as a whole, including Christian Aid, Embrace the Middle East and the Cardiff Foodbank. It has recently been updated to reflect some of the work being done by our charities despite all the limitations imposed by Covid 19. Do take a moment to look – and see some remarkable results! And....if you were one of the people involved in fundraising during Christian Aid Week, please let us have details and photographs of your activities, so that we can add those to the table for everyone to see. You can send them to Sue Smith at [dlsmsmith@msn.com](mailto:dlsmsmith@msn.com). Thank you.

**Penrhys Pilgrimage Walk:** David and Sue Smith have now completed their Pilgrimage Walk and would like to thank everyone who supported them. A large number of generous contributions raised nearly £5,000, which with Gift Aid, will become about £5,500. It will be divided equally between Christian Aid and Embrace the Middle East. Photographs of their walk are on their website which will remain open until the end of November at: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DavidandSueSmithPenrhysWalk> . Well done David and Sue – an excellent achievement... congratulations from all in the Cathedral community!

## Important news about services.....

**There is one particularly important change to note: as a consequence of the new rules surrounding choral singing, from Advent Sunday (29<sup>th</sup> November) the main Sunday morning Cathedral Choral Eucharist will begin at 11.15 am.**

This change is necessary to accommodate the additional hygiene regime surrounding the choir and the new predicament that the only place the choir is able to rehearse in is the Cathedral itself. Our other rooms are no longer "Covid-secure" for the size of group and activity involved.

Outlined below is a programme of services for Advent and Christmas. Our capacity numbers remain limited so Chapter has agreed that the only fair and practical approach to the 'special' services is to operate a booking scheme. Tickets for the services will of course be free but they will need to be reserved. If you know of people who are unable to use the internet to book tickets, please offer to help them and book tickets for them. Chapter is aware of the challenges and difficulties of a booking system but it seems the only safe way to operate for the 'big' festival services.

To enable as many people to worship as possible, we will be offering more services and 'repeating' the special services.

**Entry to the following services will be by pre-booked ticket only:**

- Advent Sunday (29<sup>th</sup> November) 4.30 pm A sequence of music and readings for Advent

- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 4.30 pm A sequence of music and readings for Advent  
*[a repeat of the Advent Sunday service]*
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 5.30 pm Lessons and Choral Music for Christmas
- Christmas Eve 3.30 pm Lessons and Choral Music for Christmas  
*[a repeat of the 23<sup>rd</sup> December service]*  
7.00 pm First Eucharist of Christmas with organ music only  
9.30 pm First Eucharist of Christmas with choral music
- Christmas Day 8.00 am Holy Eucharist  
9.15 am Holy Eucharist with organ music only  
11.15 am Holy Eucharist with choral music

## ‘Ordinary’ Sunday morning services will not require tickets.

### The following **additional** services in Advent will **not** require tickets:

- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December (Advent 3) 4.30 pm Choral Evensong
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December (Advent 4) 4.30 pm La nativité du Seigneur  
*an organ meditation on the birth of our Lord by Olivier Messiaen*
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 5.30 pm Choral Evensong

**Stewarding at special services:** would all those members of the stewarding teams who are able and willing to be on duty for the special services over the coming weeks please let your team leaders and / or the Churchwardens know you are able to help.

**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. 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](#).



We are now 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.

**Sunday School** is now being provided online for those registered this year, and participation is noted and recorded. Families are of course, still encouraged to attend the 9.00 am All-Age Service. For those who come to the service, there is now an option to tick on the ‘track and trace’ form so that children’s attendance can be registered in this way.



We are delighted to announce that the Cathedral has won an **eco Church Bronze award**. Our commitment to caring for and protecting the environment has been acknowledged by this award. We have satisfied the criteria for this stage of the award system by some of the changes we have made in the last year or so. Installing LED light bulbs and fittings, reducing the amount of paper being used and installing the butterfly garden are all things that have helped us gain this particular award. The next step will be to aim for the silver award. In securing this award, the Cathedral has helped the Diocese become an “eco-Diocese” under the same scheme.

**Foodbank news** – please do not forget the foodbank collecting station at the back of the Nave. Thank you for your support.

### **Llandaff Cathedral online**

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

### **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 (11.15 am from 29<sup>th</sup> November)
- 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 80 and 90 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.

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 are following them all.

## 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)

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- to donate £5 text LLANDAFF to 70970
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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](#).

### THE CATHEDRAL OFFICE

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