



LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

24th December 2017

- 7.30AM **SAID MATINS** Psalm: 113
- 8.00AM **HOLY EUCHARIST**
President & Preacher: The Reverend Edward Le Brun Powell
- 10.00AM **SUNG EUCHARIST** *(followed by tea/ coffee)*
President & Preacher: Canon Graham Holcombe
Readings & Offertory Procession: Cathedral Stewards
- 3.30PM **SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**
Special order of service
- 9.30PM **FIRST EUCHARIST OF CHRISTMAS**
President: The Bishop
Preacher: The Dean
Special order of service
Haydn Missa Sancti Nicolai
Nativity Carol *Rutter*
Sussex Carol *Ledger*

*New worshippers are especially welcome
and are invited to make themselves known to the clergy*

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Blessed be God:
Who keeps his promises forever

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Your light shines in our darkened world
through the child-bearing
of the blessed Virgin Mary;
grant that we who have seen your glory
may daily be renewed in your image.
Blessed be God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
bless your Church
throughout the world;
and bless us your children who long
for your coming.
Amen.**

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the
Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of
your Son: grant that, as she looked for his
coming as our Saviour, so we may be
ready to greet him when he comes again
as our judge; 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 Second Book of the Prophet Samuel* 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16**

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.' But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89 (vv.1-8)

Response

Andrew Moore



My_ song shall pro claim_ your_ stead - fast love, O_ Lord.

- Choir**
1. My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord;
with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness
throughout all generations.
 2. I will declare that your love is established for ever,
you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens. **Response**
- Choir**
3. For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
 4. 'Your seed will I establish for ever,
and build up your throne for all generations.' **Response**
- Choir**
5. The heavens praise your wonders O Lord,
and your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;
 6. For who among the clouds can be compared to the Lord?
Who is like the Lord among the host of heaven? **Response**
- Choir**
7. A God feared in the council of the holy ones,
great and terrible above all those round about him.
 8. Who is like you, Lord God of hosts?
Mighty Lord, your faithfulness is all around you. **Response**

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Romans 16.25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.

Luke 1.26-38

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' but she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMNS AT THE 10AM SUNG EUCHARIST

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O come, O come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Refrain

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Refrain

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Refrain

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Refrain

Words: Latin 13th century translated by John M Neale (1818-66)
Music: VENI EMMANUEL adapted from a French Missal by Thomas Helmore (1811-90)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Sing we of the blessed Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word;
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly home;
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
Raised on high and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

The people who in darkness walked
have seen a glorious light:
that light shines out on those who lived
in shadows of the night.

To greet you, Sun of righteousness,
the gathering nations come;
rejoicing as when reapers bring
their harvest treasures home.

For now to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and on his shoulder ever rests
all power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the prince of peace,
eternally adored;
most wonderful of counsellors,
the great and mighty Lord.

His peace and righteous government
shall over all extend;
on judgement and on justice based,
his reign shall never end.

Words: John Morrison (1750-98)
Music: DUNDEE from Ravenscroft's Psalter (1621)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

	Holy Eucharist	Evensong
Monday	8.00am	
<i>Nativity of our Lord</i>	9.00am	
<i>- Christmas Day</i>	11.00am	
Tuesday	10.00am Yr Offeren	3.00pm (said)
<i>Stephen</i>		
Wednesday	10.00am	3.00pm (said)
<i>John</i>		
Thursday	10.00am Yr Offeren	3.00pm (said)
<i>The Innocents</i>		
Friday	10.00am	3.00pm (said)
<i>Thomas of Canterbury</i>		
Saturday	10.00am	3.00pm (said)
<i>Tathan</i>		

WEEKLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

- Sunday : Diocese of Yola (Nigeria)
Porthkerry and Rhoose: The Rev'd Melanie Prince
- Monday : Diocese of York
St Andrews Major with Michaelston-le-Pit: The Rev'd Andrew James
- Tuesday: Diocese of Ysabel (Melanesia)
Sully: The Rev'd Jonathan Ormrod
- Wednesday: Diocese of Yukon (Canada)
The Cathedral Chapter: The Very Rev'd Gerwyn Huw Capon
- Thursday: Diocese of Zaki-Biam (Nigeria)
Wenvoe with St Lythans: The Rev'd Jonathan Ormrod
- Friday: Diocese of Zanzibar (Tanzania)
Archdeaconry of Margam
- Saturday: Diocese of Zaria (Nigeria)
Deanery of Bridgend: The Rev'd Canon Michael Komor

Those who have asked for prayer

Steffan Lewis, Stephen Williams, Jean Howells, Diane Jones, Susan Evans, Howard Bartlett, Fr Roger Dixon, Rachael Bland, Marina Arulanandam, Archie Conway-Gardner, Ramsay Withers, Canon Graham Francis, Russ Stroud

The longterm sick and housebound, among them:

Mary Wines, Natalie Doreen Evans, Morley Lewis, Audrey Lisk, Alun Brunt, Ruth Phelps, Sid Baldwin, Tania Shankland, John Brewster, Fred Mudge, Tom Bailey, Sue Gaunts, Dafydd Hughes, Pat Williams, Sheila Davies

The departed

Recently departed: Gary Biggin, Susan Comley

Year's mind:

24 December	Helen Watson, Wilfred James Evans, Muriel Elizabeth Roderick
25 December	Jean Molyneux Kenyon, Winifred Owen
26 December	Garth Victor Lloyd, Peter Clive Child
27 December	Catherine John, Robert Hodges, Margaret Hallett
28 December	Grace Pearl Jones
29 December	Richard Frederick Bennett, Helen Morris
30 December	Charles Howell David, John Leigh James

ADVANCE NOTICES

Christmas Flowers: A box will be placed on the chest at the West Door for donations towards the Christmas Flowers. We thank all who have donated in the past as it is much appreciated. Thank you.

Requiem for the late Gary Biggin: The funeral service for Gary Biggin will be held in the Cathedral on Thursday 4 January at 12noon.

Thinking about Adult Baptism or Confirmation? Want to find out more about the Christian faith? Contact Canon Mari Price on 07583 073197. Classes begin on Tuesday 9 January, 2018.

Upcoming Llandaff Mothers' Union Event: Monday 15 January – Branch Lunch at the Maltsters, names and payment to Barbara Treharne. Guests of members, visitors and prospective members are very welcome to attend our meetings held in the Parish Hall.

Advent Collections 2017: The final total came to over £2,400, and the amount Gift Aided should add a further £480, giving a grand total of over £2,880! A detailed breakdown is available on the Charities Table at the back of the Cathedral. Thank you all so much for such generous support - we (and Christian Aid) are hugely grateful. The Dean and the Christian Aid Committee.

Friends of Llandaff Cathedral Annual Lunch: The 2018 annual lunch will be held at Cardiff Metropolitan University, Western Avenue on Thursday 1 February. Menu - Pan fried chicken breast accompanied by Lyonnaise potatoes and seasonal vegetables or vegetarian option, followed by rosemary pannacotta with winter berry compote and vanilla thyme shortbread, and tea/coffee. Tickets at £12 each are now available from Linda Quinn, 74 Pencisely Road, CF5 1DH. Cheques payable to Friends of Llandaff Cathedral and SAE please. Please state any dietary requirements when booking. Do come and join us for this friendly occasion with our neighbours.

Stewardship Campaign Update: A sincere thanks to the members of our congregations who have changed their financial giving to Gift Direct and those who have increased their Gift Direct giving. Members of the PCC will be available over the next few weeks on Sundays at morning services, by the West Door of the Cathedral. They will be happy to answer any concerns regarding the ongoing stewardship campaign and will have the necessary Gift Direct forms and written information explaining how to increase your financial giving to support Llandaff Cathedral.

Next Sunday: 31st December 2017

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

7.30am	Matins
8.00am	Holy Eucharist
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
3.30pm	Evening Prayer

DURING THE WEEK

Saturday 30 th	12.00pm	Ecumenical Rosary Society Annual Devotion
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Weekly Notes

Notices for the Weekly Notes to be received no later than 9.30am each Thursday.

Please contact the Cathedral Office on 029 2056 4554

or office@llandaffcathedral.org.uk

A printable version of the Weekly Notes is now on the website at

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should be made by email or letter to the Cathedral Office.***

In order to carry on the work of the Church in and through this Cathedral Parish, not least the upkeep of this magnificent building, we rely substantially on your generous giving. A significant proportion of our funds is raised through Christian Stewardship among our regular worshippers. We invite you to give by means of Gift Direct (Giving with a Direct Debit). Furthermore, if you pay tax, the Cathedral can claim tax back to increase the value of your donation by 25%. We are enormously grateful to all who do this as an expression of their gratitude for God's great goodness. For more information, please contact the Stewardship Secretary, Mrs Helen Patterson, on 029 2061 9166.

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