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The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity – 11th October 2020

The Collect and Readings for today

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 25.1-9

Psalm 23 - I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4.1-9

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Matthew 22.1-14

Prayers of Intercession for this week

Trusting in the promise of salvation, we give thanks for all the good things in our lives and pray for God's help for the Church, the world and ourselves.

Giving thanks for the worldwide Church, we pray that all Christians may keep the promises made at their baptism, to turn to Christ and follow his example.

Giving thanks for all who work for peace and justice,
we pray that world leaders may keep the promises they make to serve their people.

Giving thanks for all who comfort those who suffer,
we pray that adequate resources may be promised and provided for those in need.

Giving thanks for those in our lives who always keep their promises to us,
we pray that people who lack that human support may know God's presence.

Giving thanks for the promise of eternal life, we remember those we love who now rest in peace.

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:

Mary Wines, Sid Baldwin, Tom Bailey, Dafydd Hughes, Fred Mudge, Marjorie Mudge.

Those who have died recently: Barbara Jenkins, John Brewster, David John (*Priest*)

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

11th October Stan Davies, Winifred Davies, Martin James Evans

12th October Phyllis Alexandra Williams, Mary Kellam

13th October Beryl Anstee,

14th October Sidney Vivian Abel, Patricia Rees

15th October Winifred Margaret Davies, Thais Helene Downman

16th October *no anniversaries recorded on this date*

17th October Harry Loyns, Maisie German, James Varley Dearden (*Priest*), Charles Edward Murray

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

Sunday: The Anglican Church of Uganda

The Deanery of Merthyr Tydfil & Caerphilly: The Rev'd Canon Steven Kirk, *Area Dean*

Monday: The Dioceses of Port Sudan (Sudan), Colombo (Ceylon), Kondoia (Tanzania)

The Parish of Pontlottyn w. Fochriw, Bargoed & Deri w. Brithdir: The Rev'd Robert Lindsay

- Tuesday:** The Dioceses of Colorado (USA), Portsmouth (England), Kongor (South Sudan)
The Parish of Gelligaer: The Rev'd Gary Powell
- Wednesday:** The Dioceses of Pretoria (Southern Africa), Concepcion (Chile)
The Diocesan Ministry Area Development Officer
- Thursday:** The Dioceses of Puerto Rico (part of the USA), Connecticut (USA), Connor (Ireland)
The Parish of Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog & Llanfabon: The Rev'd Gareth Coombes
- Friday:** The Dioceses of Pune (North India), Cork, Cloyne & Ross (Ireland)
The Parish of Ystrad Mynach & Llanbradach: The Rev'd Canon Steven Kirk
- Saturday:** The Dioceses of Qu'Appelle (Canada), Costa Rica (Central America), Kontagora (Nigeria)
The Parish of Dowlais & Penydarren: The Rev'd Caroline Owen

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.

A word of thanks: Mr Arthur Impey offers thanks and appreciation for the many cards, letters and messages of condolences received on the death of his dear wife H el ene. The support and kindness shown by members of the Cathedral community has been appreciated very much. We thank God for H el ene's contribution to the life of the Cathedral over many years and pray that she may rest in the peace of Christ.

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.

Thank you to volunteers: At its meeting last week, Chapter wished to record its appreciation and thanks to the stewards, sidesmen/women and other volunteers whose dedication and practical assistance has enabled the Cathedral to be opened every day of the week, and in the safest possible way. Without this help, it is doubtful

that we could have opened to the extent which we have; your support is invaluable, and we are all very grateful. Thank you – diolch yn fawr iawn.

Walking the Penrhys Pilgrimage Way – an update

Restrictions in the Rhondda and Cardiff have delayed the completion of David and Sue Smith's sponsored walk. However, they have covered just over half the route and have collected three quarters of the targeted sum of £4,200 for Christian Aid and Embrace the Middle East. They are looking forward to reaching Penrhys as soon as the restrictions are lifted. In the meantime they are extremely grateful for the encouragement and support of their sponsors.

Contributions can still be made via <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DavidandSueSmithPenrhysWalk> or by contacting David and Sue on 02920569234 for payments by cheque.

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.

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.

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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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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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