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The Fifth Sunday of Easter: *Rogation Sunday* 2nd May 2021

**Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia**

Today's 11.15 am service is live-streamed at: www.llandaff-cathedral.live/sundayeucharist
Today's 4.00 pm Choral Evensong is live-streamed at: <https://llandaff-cathedral.live/choral-evensong>

The Collect and Readings for today

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news

about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Acts 8.26-40

Psalm 22.24-30 - All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

My praise is of him in the great assembly,
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
'May your heart live for ever!'

R

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations. **R**

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done. **R**

A reading from the first letter of Saint John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

1 John 4.7-21

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

John 15.1-8

Prayers of Intercession for this week

Jesus said, "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." Trusting in his word, we bring our prayers before God.

We pray for the Church,
for all the disciples of Jesus who seek to bear fruit in the world.

We pray for the world that God has created,
and for all those who have hard decisions to make for the common good.

We pray for our community;
that we may see those places where we need to bring God's love and peace.

We pray for all who suffer in mind or body, in illness, poverty or despair,
asking God to show us how to bring loving care to them.

We pray for all those who have died; that they may find eternal peace, and for those who mourn them;
that they may be comforted.

Loving God, your Son has promised that our prayers will be heard.
We trust in that promise, and we ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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, Dean John Rogers,
Jane Craig, Kate Robinson, Alison Lewis, Alyson Grant, Rhys Ghazaros, Lisa Wright,
Gerwyn Capon, *the Dean*.

The long-term sick and housebound, among them:

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

Those who have died recently: John Dawes, Ray Fry

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

2nd May Betty Morgan, Margaret Joyce Bullen, Graham Barrie Richards, Lisbeth David, Ruth Wilson,
Pat Willmott

3rd May Margaret Mary Marment, Peter Durose Wright

4th May John William Davies, Annis Evans, Pamela May Fairney, Kenneth Cameron Aplin

5th May Beryl Alice Cole, Norman Autton (*Priest*), William Emlyn Davies, Peter Madsen

6th May Sylwen Stephen,

7th May Doreen Evans

8th May Philip Charles Jones

Please pray for the *1Family Cardiff* project and for the family of five who are settling into life in Wales.

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

Sunday: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East
The Cowbridge Ministry Area: the Rev'd Stephen Adams

Monday: The Diocese of Central Buganda (Uganda)
The Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge: the Rev'ds Stephen Adams, Vicky Ashley, Ian Yemm,
Jude Peters

Tuesday: The Diocese of West Buganda (Uganda)
The Parish of Colwinston, Llandow & Llysworney: the Rev'd Alan Kettle

Wednesday: The Diocese of Buhiga (Burundi)
The Diocesan Board of Education: Andrew Rickett, *Diocesan Director of Education*

Thursday: The Diocese of Bujumbura (Burundi)
The Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area: the Rev'd Canon Edwin Counsell

Friday: The Diocese of Bukavu (Congo)
The Rectorial Benefice of the Heritage Coast: the Rev'd Canon Edwin Counsell,
the Rev'ds Craig Vaughan & Rhian Prime

Saturday: The Diocese of Bukedi (Uganda)
The Archdeaconry of Llandaff: the Venerable Peggy Jackson, *Archdeacon*

Cathedral News

From this week, the Cathedral Choir will return to singing **Choral Evensong on Thursdays only** in term-time to begin with.

Welcome to the new PCC! – congratulations to those who were elected to the Parochial Church Council at last Tuesday's Annual Vestry Meeting. Ian Macdonald and Dr John Kenyon were respectively elected and appointed Churchwardens. Christopher Clarke, Mark Edwards, Valerie Evans-Tomlinson, Richard Inkin,

Ben Jenkins, Tanya Johnson, Mary Madsen, Sarah Morgan, Tony Olavesen, Matthew Roberts, Sian Roberts, Anne Lambert Rogers, Ben Staniforth, Craig Williams were all elected to the PCC.

Christian Aid 2021: Christian Aid was founded by British and Irish churches just after the Second World War - so this year we are celebrating our 75th anniversary. It is worth taking a moment to remind ourselves that together, we have helped people to triumph in the face of the impossible. Whatever it took, we refused to give in. During the 1960s Christian Aid supporters made a difference in Nigeria, in Kenya and in India. You helped us to create the Disasters Emergency Committee and set up the World Development Movement. Christian Aid fought racism and worked with Martin Luther King while he was in the UK. More recently Christian Aid supporters helped more than 500,000 people with food, shelter and healthcare after the 2004 Asian tsunami. The need for our work is as apparent today as it ever was, as global conflicts, the COVID pandemic and the developing climate crisis, leave people in poverty, hungry, homeless and heartbroken.

Christian Aid Week is scheduled for 9 - 16 May. Whilst it is clear that there will still be some COVID restrictions in place at that time, these should not hinder our aspirations. Please start thinking and planning now, so that we can put all your best ideas into practice. For example, we could get sponsorship for family car washes, walking, running or cycling. A cake stall or toy stall could be organised. Virtual events are also possible and the list for these is endless. David and Sue Smith are already making plans for an open-air book sale, weather permitting. More details to follow.

Of course, donations can also be made in the traditional way during Christian Aid Week or online if preferred, but let's all put our thinking caps on and continue to do the very best that we can in whatever way we can for Christian Aid! **Together we will continue to make a difference!**

Following on from David & Sue Smith's **sponsored pilgrimage** to Penrhys, another member of the Cathedral community is taking up a challenge. Mr Alun Davies writes: **Dear Friends** - I am taking on the challenge to raise £1000 for a homeless charity in Wales which is run by my daughter Bonnie. *Housing Justice Cymru* mobilises Christian action on homelessness and housing need through love, justice, advocacy and nurture. They really do excellent work. I will make four pilgrimages to holy places this year starting with a mini pilgrimage from Llandaff cathedral to the holy shrine and statue of Mary at Penrhys in the Rhondda. My final pilgrimage will be to some Orthodox monasteries in Greece. Please donate to this good cause. The link to my JustGiving page is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundra.../Alun-Davies-walks-Wales>

The Cathedral Chapter in consultation with the Bishop, seeks to appoint a **Canon Treasurer**. The current post-holder Mr Richard Bacon is reaching the end of his term of office so expressions of interest are invited from CCAB or CIMA-qualified accountants with at least 10 years of post-qualification experience, including working as a member of a board or body of trustees. This is a voluntary post. If you wish to be considered for appointment or for more information, contact Richard Bacon at r.bacon@me.com Closing date: 12th May 2021.

Safeguarding: all members of the congregation are invited to undertake a short training and refresher course about the whole question of safeguarding. The course, provided by St Padarn's Institute has to be completed online and takes about 45 minutes. It is free and you can find information [here](#). All our volunteers are required to complete this course and should have had information from our volunteer team leaders. If you have not heard anything, please ask the Churchwardens or the clergy.

Foodbank news – from time to time, you may wonder if there is anything specific that the food bank value amongst its donations. Items in short supply at any time are listed at this link: [Donate food | Cardiff Foodbank](#) The general list of items suitable for a food parcel is here: [What's in a food parcel? | Cardiff Foodbank](#)

Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated. The crate to put food into is currently positioned near the South East door.

Information relevant to the pandemic restrictions

We display 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 Worship guidelines – a reminder....

Here are some of the key things to note:

- There are currently two services: 9.00 am and 11.15 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 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. They are also available through QR codes displayed at each service.
- 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.

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.

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