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CATHEDRAL

Ardal Cenhadaeth Elwy Mission Area



An induction loop is provided.

Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please inform one of the stewards/sidespersons who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

26th July 2026 – Trinity 8

Today's Services:

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

Mass: Mass of St Garmon, Paul Booth

Psalm: 119. 129-136

Hymns: 364(t.408); 339;
272

Preacher: The Dean

Welcome to St Asaph Cathedral, which is one of the churches of the Elwy Mission Area. We are communities that seek to enfold all people in the love of God. If you wish to speak to a priest after the service, if you wish to find a corner to pray, if you wish simply to find some peace, please feel free and welcome to do so. We warmly invite all those who are baptised (Christened) to receive Holy Communion with us today. (Children at the discretion of parents). Before the service: spend some time in quiet prayer, preparing to meet the Lord in this act of worship.

Entrance Hymn:

God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him,
And exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
He who spread the heav'ns above,
He who breathes through all creation,
He is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp he holdeth
Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then they find that selfsame aching
Deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness
Sin afflicts the souls of men,
God's eternal loving-kindness
Holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
O'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees 1874-1939

Tune: Blaenwern

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify
and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

1 Kings 3.5-12

A reading from the Book of Kings.

5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' 6 And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. 7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David,

although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?’

10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 God said to him, ‘Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

For the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 119. 129-136

R: Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The opening of your word gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. **R:**

I open my mouth and draw in my breath, as I long for your commandments.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. **R:**

Order my steps by your word, and let no wickedness have dominion over me.

Redeem me from earthly oppressors so that I may keep your commandments. **R:**

Show the light of your countenance upon your servant and teach me your statutes. My eyes run down with streams of water, because the wicked do not keep your law. **R:**

Romans 8.26-39

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a

large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

God's Love in Christ Jesus

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

31 He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' 33 He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 44 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49 So it will be at the

end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' 52 And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;

be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish c 8th century

Tr Mary Byrne 1880-1931

Versified Eleanor Hull 1860-1935

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, Jesus Christ,
according to your command we bring these
gifts of bread and wine:
grant that your precious body and blood
may keep our souls and bodies in your eternal life;
who are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn

All for Jesus--all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus--thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by
hour,
none can move us from thy
presence,
while we trust thy love and
power.

All for Jesus--at thine altar
thou dost give us sweet content;
there, dear Saviour, we receive
thee
in thy solemn sacrament.

All for Jesus--thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus--thou hast died;
all for Jesus--thou art with us;
all for Jesus, glorified.

All for Jesus--all for Jesus--
this the Church's song shall be;
till, at last the flock is gathered
one in love, and one in thee.

*W. J. Sparrow-Simpson 1859-
1952*

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy
things;
may the ears which have heard
your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung
your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the
tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have
been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of
your life;
glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

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Notices

Refreshments. Please do join us
for refreshments after the service if
you can.

Safeguarding. Children, young
people and vulnerable adults are
an important part of the
community of the Church in
Wales and St Asaph Cathedral.
They are respected and cherished
for their own sake. The Cathedral
is committed to take seriously its
responsibilities to protect children,
young children and vulnerable
adults and safeguard their welfare.
The Cathedral adopts the Church
in Wales Safeguarding Children
and Young People Policy and

upholds its Code of Good Practice.
For more information, visit:
www.churchinwales.org.uk/safeguarding

Praying for Growth. Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer:

*God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your
Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in
numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local
community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

The Community Fridge takes place every Sunday from 4-5pm at the Parish Church.

Sunday Sheet. Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

St Mary's Cefn. The next services at St Mary's are as follows:
2nd August at 9.30am
16th August at 9.30am

Afternoon Teas take place at the Parish Church at 2pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. The next dates are:
Thursday 6th July
Thursday 27th August
All welcome!

Bibles for School. Again we are planning to give a Bible to all those leaving Year 6 at Ysgol Esgob Morgan. If you would like to give a donation towards this please see Fr Rex or Marion Hughes.

Sabbatical. Fr Rex is now on Sabbatical and will return to duty at the beginning of September.

Ways of Giving to the work of the Cathedral. We are very grateful to all those who contribute financially to the life and witness of our Cathedral Church. There are various ways to do this:

1. The Collection plate near the entrance to the Cathedral
2. Setting up a Standing Order. Contact Jackie Feak for the bank details
3. Gift Direct. Set up regular giving or make a one off donation.

For Gift Direct you can use the QR code below. Thank you very much.



The Week Ahead

27th Monday - Martha, Mary & Lazarus of Bethany

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

28th Tuesday - Samson, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer
6pm Holy Eucharist

29th Wednesday - William Wilberforce & Josephine Butler

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

30th Thursday – Silas

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist and
10.45am Prayer Group at the
Parish Church

31st Friday - Ignatius of Loyola

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)
5pm Evening Prayer

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