

Cathedral Notices

Advice & Support – The Cathedral Clergy are always pleased to provide support and advice to people whenever they can. If you would like to talk to a priest, and none is on duty in the Cathedral, please contact the Sub-Dean: Canon Leigh Richardson on (01437) 720456 subdean@stdavidscathedral.org.uk or Canon in Residence on 720247.

Gift Aid – Gift Aid is a simple way of allowing the Cathedral to increase the value of donations (including Sunday collections) by re-claiming tax. Taxpayers are strongly encouraged to use Gift Aid envelopes available at services.

Children and families – There are play bags available, for very young children to use during the service, at the back of the Nave. Please speak to a Steward.

Welcome – We extend a warm welcome to Canon Bryan Witt as our Canon in Residence this week. We also welcome St Mary's, Ross-on-Wye as our visiting choir.

Guided Tours – Seasonal Guided Tours take place on Mondays and Fridays. Monday tours will take place at 11:00am and Friday tours will take place at 10:45am and 2:30pm. There will be no formal charge but donations will be welcome.

Young Performers' Platform – Our annual Young Performers' Platform series begins this Monday, 13 August with a recital by Rhys Meredith-Barrett (tenor horn) accompanied by Scott Phillips (piano). The concert begins at 12noon in the Nave and is free entry. A retiring collection will be taken in aid of 'Music at St Davids Cathedral'.

Strawberry Teas – On Wednesday 15 August from 2:30pm Strawberry Teas will be served in the Deanery garden. All welcome and proceeds will form part of the Parish outreach for local charities.

Summer Concert Series – Our series continues at 7:30pm on Wednesday 15 August, with a song recital by Abigail Ingram (soprano).

Informal Concert – Visiting choir Unicorn Singers will perform at 12noon on Saturday 18 August.

Library – The Cathedral Library is open to the public Monday and Friday afternoons 2pm - 4pm. In Library display cases in the Treasury is a display on "Suffragettes in St Davids Cathedral" featuring signatures of Emmeline Pankhurst and other leading suffragettes in the Cathedral Visitors Book July 1908. For further information:

Library@StDavidsCathedral.org.uk.

If you would like to receive an email with a copy of this newsletter weekly please email info@stdavidscathedral.org.uk

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| August/Awst | | | |
| 13 | 12noon | <i>Young Performer's Platform, Rhys Meredith-Barrett</i> | |
| 15 | 2:30pm | <i>Strawberry Tea, Deanery garden</i> | |

Special Cathedral Events during the Summer

Sacred Space: Cathedral Labyrinth – Throughout the Summer, we invite you to walk the labyrinth to reflect on your path of faith or just for fun. Our new Labyrinth mat at the west door forms a seven-circuit mediaeval design pathway for you to walk and reflect on your spiritual journey. Step out of the normal everyday world and become aware of God's presence and guiding as you walk the twists and turns set out before you to the centre of the labyrinth. Return to the world taking God's love with you.

Cathedral Explorers – Available every Tuesday & Thursday from 31 July – 30 August. An interactive cathedral trail suitable for children aged 5-11 and families. Explore the Cathedral, listen to the stories, walk the labyrinth and make your own finger labyrinth to take back home with you.

Friday Pilgrimage – Every Friday until 31 August, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Visit the birthplace of St. David, hear stories and reflections and view the ancient ruins as you walk a route from the coast path to the Cathedral. This is a short, guided walk (1½ miles) taking the field route to St. Non's Chapel ruins and Well before returning to the city via Pigsfoot Lane and on to the Cathedral.

If you would like to join us meet at Oriel y Parc Gallery at 10:30am where we will view William Stott of Oldham: Le Passeur (The Ferryman) to mark the first part of our journey. We finish our journey at the Cathedral where participants may like to stay for prayers at the Shrine of St David at 12 noon.

Please do come along and experience prayer and reflection through the traditional and ancient Christian practice of pilgrimage.

For more information or to book a place, contact Janet Ingram, 01437 729151
education@stdavidscathedral.org.uk

Cathedral Open Day - Monday 27th August

Tours of the Cathedral Tower

11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm

Maximum of 15 persons on each tour, £10 per person. First come first served. Age limit from 12 to 70 years of age. Not suitable for persons with heart conditions, respiratory conditions, acrophobia or claustrophobia. We reserve the right to refuse admission. This is the first time in c.30 years the tower has been opened to the public.

Young Musicians Platform Concert 12noon

Part of our summer series of concerts given by talented young musicians. We are pleased to welcome, Rhys Lewis, cello (Sir Thomas Picton School, Haverfordwest) with Seimon Morris, piano. This concert is free, but we do welcome donations to support the musical life of the Cathedral.

General Tours of the Cathedral

Please meet at the West End at 11am, 1:30pm, 3pm. Suggested Donation £2 per person.

Bell Ringing Activities in Porth y Twr 11am to 4pm

11am, 2pm, 4pm – Ten minute demonstration of tower bell ringing

11.30am – 12:30pm and 3:30pm – 4pm Visits to bell chamber

12noon and 3pm – Twenty minute demonstration of handbell ringing

1pm and 2:30pm – "Have a go at ringing a bell"

There will also be an exhibition, throughout the day, of old photographs of the tower at various stages of its life along with other, bell-ringing material and bell-ringers happy to talk and answer questions.

Education Activities, Cathedral Crafts – 11am-5pm

Dress up as St David in a monk's habit; wear a pilgrim's shell and collect images from the tiles in the Cathedral, use these to design your own stained-glass window to take home with you to remember your visit. Write a pilgrim shell prayer and leave it at the Shrine of St David.

Interactive Display of Cathedral Plate 12noon-2pm in the South Transept

Learn what the liturgical items mean and are used for with one of the cathedral vergers, and get to handle some of our treasures!

Library Displays 11am-3pm

Visit the Cathedral Library built in 1405. Display in Cathedral Library of 16th Century books, including 1620 Bible in Welsh, 1611 "Breeches" Bible, 1633 Rheims New Testament, 1668 Thomas Tomkins music part books. *At Library entrance in north aisle - Exhibition of Lord Nelson's Bible and Prayer Book, restored on behalf of St Katharine's Church, Milford Haven, with other Lord Nelson memorabilia from St Katharine's. Library exhibition in Cathedral Treasury featuring Cathedral Visitors Book signatures of Emmeline Pankhurst and other suffragettes.* 3pm - Guided Tour of Cathedral Library

Display of flower arranging

Sue Preece, a long standing member of the Cathedral's Flower Guild, will demonstrate floral art at two sessions (one in the morning and one in the afternoon). Sue will create four different table arrangements using supermarket flowers and garden foliage to show what can be achieved at relatively low cost. Feel free to come to one or both sessions, or just drop in from time to time. The arrangements will be available to purchase after the morning and afternoon sessions.

Ball race and hog roast

7pm ball race down the 39 steps followed by hog roast, live music, bar in the Deanery garden.

Many of the events are free, but we do welcome a donation of £5 per person for all who visit the Cathedral. We receive no state aid and are dependent on the generosity of our visitors to support the life and witness of the Cathedral. We are responsible for the upkeep of this 800 year old building, which is one of the most important ancient buildings in Wales, and the Shrine of David, our National Saint.