

Cathedral Notices

Advice & Support – The Cathedral Clergy are always pleased to provide support and advice to people whenever they can. Cathedral Chaplains are on duty most days; however, duty clergy can be contacted via the Cathedral office on (01437) 720202 or via email info@stdavidscathedral.org.uk

Donations and collections – Due to the pandemic, donations can be made via the contactless pay point or via the gift aid envelopes in your pew. Please be guided by the stewards if you are unsure about where to put your envelope as you leave.

Food Bank – Food bank donations and contributions are especially important in the current environment, and the Cathedral continues to support the local food bank by having a donation point near the font at the rear of the nave. Any non-perishable food donations are always welcome and special requests will be noted at the donation point.

Contemplative Prayer Group – The weekly Contemplative Prayer Group meets on Thursday mornings at 10.15am in The Lady Chapel. All are welcome. For further information please contact: Jayne MacGregor on 07491 985180 or email: jaynemacgregor@yahoo.co.uk

Plant Dewi Boxes – If you hold a Plant Dewi collection box could you please return it to Moira Phillips in the Cathedral or Deanery Office.

Library and Treasury - Visits to the unique Cathedral Library can be booked on Eventbrite or by email to Library@StDavidsCathedral.org.uk. There is a display in the Cathedral Treasury of copies of the medieval Chronicle of the Welsh Princes / Brut y Tywysogion which reports the visit on pilgrimage to St Davids on 29th September 1171 by King Henry II after the murder of Thomas Becket.

On Wednesday 29th September 2021 a series of services and events will be held to mark this anniversary, including Solemn Mass at high altar at noon; Talk in nave at 3pm on “What Happened Here 850 years ago today?”; Procession and Vespers at 5pm. Leading to the Henry II visit anniversary: Open Doors Weekend 25th & 26th September with Tours & Talks of 12th century Cathedral, jointly with Bishops Palace. After the anniversary, events during UK Libraries Week in the Cathedral will consider some of the issues raised: Monday 4th Oct - Friday 8th Oct, Talks, Walks & online sessions. For further information see website: www.stdavidscathedral.org.uk/discover/library.

Dewi's Acre or Erw Dewi is a Cathedral & Community garden project lead by Rev Sophie and Jeremy Wadia (from Eco Dewi). The garden aims to engage with different community groups, give back to the community and the volunteers, be a safe place for children and families, be educational, and be biodiverse and sustainable. We would love to have your help in any way you feel you can. The next volunteer sessions are 25th September, 1st October. Dewi's Acre will also have prayer stations throughout the Great Big Green Week, where we can offer up our prayer and hopes to God about the future of our planet. For more information contact sophie@stdavidscathedral.org.uk

Poetry Competition: Journeying is a non-profit seeking, ecumenical Christian organisation that takes small groups of people to beautiful and often remote places in Britain and Ireland, in the spirit of pilgrimage. St Davids Cathedral is often a destination for its groups. Journeying are delighted to announce the first Journeying Poetry Competition. Poems inspired by a pilgrim-journey to one or other of the Christian pilgrimage sites of Britain and Ireland, or by a longing to undertake that journey, are invited for the competition. Entries should be emailed to info@journeying.co.uk and arrive no later than midnight (GMT) on Saturday 23rd October 2021. The winning entry will be announced on the 15th November 2021. Just one entry per person. There is no charge for entry. Entries must be original and not previously published elsewhere. All entries will be judged anonymously. Copyright remains with the author. The winner will receive a first competition certificate signed by the Judges and ten percent discount on any one of next year's pilgrim-holidays from Journeying. The winning poem will be published on the Journeying website. The judges are Iain Tweedale (writer of Celtic Blessings and a Director of Journeying) and David Arkell (Pilgrim poet, just retired from teaching after 30 years, now working in Dorset as Organist and Choir Director at a rural village church. David's book of poetry 'Divine Loves' was published in 2019.) See Journeying's website www.journeying.co.uk for more details on the organisation and its latest news.

Changes to the weekly pattern of services – We have returned to the weekday pattern of morning services of 8 am. Sunday services have also returned to the former pattern of 8am Holy Eucharist at the High Altar; 9.30am Bilingual Parish Communion in the Lady Chapel (4th Sunday Cymun y Plwyf and Family Service (N.Transept)); 11.15am Choral Mattins/Eucharist; 6pm Choral Evensong

Stewards – It really is time to come back! With the return of our service patterns to pre-pandemic, we really need help with stewarding at the services. We especially need some help with the 9.30 services. If you had been stewarding on Sundays in the normal times, or if you're brand new to it and would like to help (no more than once a month) please let Canon Leigh or Dean's Verger Jenny know.

PCC – There will be a meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Monday 27th September at 7pm in Ty'r Pererin. With the pandemic having caused some confusion as to membership, and delayed the Annual Vestry, please come along to this important meeting.

Contemplative Prayer Group - There will be no Contemplative Prayer Group meeting on Thursday 23rd September (next Thursday).

We will be resuming again as usual on Thursday 30th September and will continue on from then.

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