

# 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](mailto: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** – Unfortunately the weekly Contemplative Prayer Group will be taking a break for a while. Please watch this space for when it returns.

**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](mailto: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.

The Cathedral Library is co-ordinating events to mark the 850th anniversary of a visit on pilgrimage here on 29th September 1171 by Norman King Henry II.

There are display panels around the Cathedral and events this weekend. Book on EventBrite for guided Tours at 10.30am and 3pm on Saturday 25th Sept and at 2pm on Sunday 26th Sept.

On Wednesday 29th Sept, the day of the anniversary, there will be special services of Prayers at 8am in St Thomas Becket Chapel, Mass at 12 noon at the High Altar and Vespers at 5pm in the Quire.

At 3.30pm on Wednesday all are invited to join Sub Dean, Rev'd Leigh Richardson, and Library Development Officer, Mari James, in Conversation in the Nave to consider "What Happened Here 850 years ago Today?"

Questions can be submitted in advance to [Library@StDavidsCathedral.org.uk](mailto:Library@StDavidsCathedral.org.uk) and more information is available at: [www.stdavidscathedral.org.uk/discover/library](http://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 session is on 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

**Volunteer stewards needed for the formal concerts.** - Do you have a love of music? If so this could be perfect for you.

Would you like to help being a steward for a few hours a month.

To assist the audience to their seats and to help with general enquiries.

The verging staff will always be there to assist should the need arise.

For full information please contact Marty Makin on 01437 720202 or email [marty@stdavidscathedral.org.uk](mailto:marty@stdavidscathedral.org.uk)

**PCC** – There will be a meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Harvest Sunday** – We will be observing Harvest in the Cathedral on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The main Harvest Service will be at 11.15 am where the guest preacher will be the Canon in Residence, former Minor Canon John Bennett. Following the service there will be an opportunity to have lunch on the Refectory mezzanine – roast dinner, apple pie and coffee £12.95 each, or £6 for children, bring your own bottle of something. Space is limited. To book please email Canon Leigh Richardson or telephone him: [subdean@stdavidscathedral.org.uk](mailto:subdean@stdavidscathedral.org.uk) / 01437 720456

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