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Ail Sul yr Adfent

SUNDAY SERVICES *from page 4*
The Second Sunday of Advent

CROESO I EGLWYS GADEIRIOL TYDDEWI WELCOME TO ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL

Worship has been offered on this site since Dewi founded his monastery almost 1500 years ago. Today, you stand as thousands have before where our Patron Saint once stood, a place of deep significance to pilgrims and parish alike. We very much hope you can share in the beauty of this place, whether that be through participating in worship, listening to the wonderful sounds of our choirs and organ, or simply allowing the splendour of the building to wash over you as you walk around.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We are a place of worship, and therefore a place where all can come for support and guidance, regardless of one's faith. The Cathedral Clergy are always pleased to provide pastoral support and advice to people whenever they can.

If you require a pastoral visit, please speak directly to a member of the clergy, or one of the Cathedral Chaplains on duty; however, all clergy can be contacted via the Cathedral office on 01437 720202 or via email info@stdavidscathedral.org.uk

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SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns about the safety or care of anyone at the Cathedral, please contact Colin Taylor, Provincial Safeguarding Officer for the Diocese on 07956 790330. You can also make an online report through the Safeguarding section of the Church in Wales' website. Judith Leigh, Chief Operating Officer at the Cathedral, can provide general advice: email judith@stdavidscathedral.org.uk

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Dydd Sul 7 Rhagfyr – Ail Sul yr Adfent Sunday 7 December – The Second Sunday of Advent

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| 8.00 | Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i> |
| 9.30 | Parish Communion <i>Lady Chapel</i>
<i>Preacher:</i> The Canon Pastor |
| 11.00 | Choral Eucharist <i>Nave</i>
<i>Preacher:</i> The Canon Pastor |
| 4.00 | Choral Evensong <i>Quire</i>
<i>Readings:</i> 1 Kings 18. 17-39 & John 1. 19-28 |

HYMNS & READINGS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Introit: A Tender Shoot *Otto Goldschmidt* (1829-1907)

Mass setting: Communion Service in E 'Collegium Regale' *Harold Darke* (1888-1976)

Processional Hymn:

HILLS of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

2 Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

3 Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
your seers have longed to know their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.

4 Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

5 Shout, as you journey home,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.

Charles Ernest Oakley (1832-65)

LITTLE CORNARD
Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

Collect

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Colect

Dad yn y nefoedd, a ddanfonaist dy Fab i waredu'r byd ac yr anfone ef drachefn i fod yn farnwr arnom: dyro inni ras i'w efelychu ef yng ngostyngeddwydd a phurdeb ei ddyfodiad cyntaf fel, pan ddaw drachefn, y byddwn yn barod i'w gyfarch â chariad llawen ac â ffydd gadarn; trwy Iesu Grist ein Harglwydd, sy'n fyw ac yn teyrnasu gyda thi a'r Ysbryd Glân, yn un Duw, yn awr ac am byth. **Amen.**

Isaiah 11. 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Eseia 11. 1-10

O'r cyff a adewir i Jesse fe ddaw blaguryn, ac fe dyf cangen o'i wraidd ef; bydd ysbryd yr Arglwydd yn gorffwys arno, yn ysbryd doethineb a deall, yn ysbryd cyngor a grym, yn ysbryd gwybodaeth ac ofn yr Arglwydd; ymhyfryda yn ofn yr Arglwydd. Nid wrth yr hyn a wêl y barna, ac nid wrth yr hyn a glyw y dyfarna, ond fe farna'r tlawd yn gyfiawn a dyfarnu'n uniawn i rai anghenus y ddaear. Fe dery'r ddaear â gwialen ei enau, ac â gwynt ei wefusau fe ladd y rhai drygionus. Cyfiawnder fydd gwregys ei lwynau a ffyddlondeb yn rhwymyn am ei ganol. Fe drig y blaidd gyda'r oen, fe orwedd y llewpard gyda'r myn; bydd y llo a'r llew yn cydbori, a bachgen bychan yn eu harwain. Bydd y fuwch yn pori gyda'r arth, a'u llydnod yn cydorwedd; bydd y llew

yn bwyta gwair fel ych. Bydd plentyn sugno yn chwarae wrth dwll yr asb, a baban yn estyn ei law dros ffau'r wiber. Ni wnânt ddrwg na difrod yn fy holl fynydd sanctaidd, canys fel y lleinw'r dyfroedd y môr i'w ymylon, felly y llenwir y ddaear â gwybodaeth yr Arglwydd. Ac yn y dydd hwnnw bydd gwreiddyn Jesse yn sefyll fel baner i'r bobloedd; bydd y cenedloedd yn ymofyn ag ef, a bydd ei drigfan yn ogoneddus.

Responsorial Psalm (for 11am Eucharist)

Choir: May all nations be blest in him.

All:



Choir: Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king. Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice. May the mountains bring forth peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people.

All: May all nations be blest in him.

Choir: May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor. May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

All: May all nations be blest in him.

Choir: May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like the showers that water the earth. In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

All: May all nations be blest in him.

Romans 15. 4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rhufeiniaid 15. 4-13

Ac fe ysgrifennwyd yr Ysgrythurau gynt er mwyn ein dysgu ni, er mwyn i ni, trwy ddyfalbarhad a thrwy eu hanogaeth hwy, ddal ein gafael yn ein gobaith. A rhodded Duw, ffynhonnell pob dyfalbarhad ac anogaeth, i chwi fod yn gytûn eich meddwl ymhlith eich gilydd, yn ôl ewyllys Crist Iesu, er mwyn ichwi, yn unfryd ac yn unllais, ogoneddu Duw a Thad ein Harglwydd Iesu Grist. Am hynny, derbyniwch eich gilydd, fel y derbyniodd Crist chwi, er gogoniant Duw. Oherwydd yr wyf yn dweud bod Crist wedi dod yn was i'r Iddewon er mwyn dangos geirwiredd Duw, sef ei fod yn cadarnhau'r addewidion i'r hynafiaid, a hefyd er mwyn i'r Cenhedloedd ogoneddu Duw am ei drugaredd. Fel y mae'n ysgrifenedig: "Oherwydd hyn, clodforaf di ymysg y Cenhedloedd, a chanaf i'th enw." Ac y mae'n dweud eilwaith: "Llawenhewch, Genhedloedd, ynghyd â'i bobl ef." Ac eto: "Molwch yr Arglwydd, yr holl Genhedloedd, a'r holl bobloedd yn dyblu'r mawl." Y mae Eseia hefyd yn dweud: "Fe ddaw gwreiddyn Jesse, y gŵr sy'n codi i lywodraethu'r Cenhedloedd; arno ef y bydd y Cenhedloedd yn seilio'u gobaith." A bydded i Dduw, ffynhonnell gobaith, eich llenwi â phob llawenydd a thangnefedd wrth ichwi arfer eich ffydd, nes eich bod, trwy nerth yr Ysbryd Glân, yn gorlifo â gobaith.

Psalm 72. 1-7; 18, 19 (for 8am & 9.30am Eucharists)

Give the king your judgements, O God: and your righteousness to the son of a king.
Then shall he judge your people righteously: and your poor with justice.
May the mountains bring forth peace: and the little hills righteousness for the people.
May he defend the poor among the people:
deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
May he live as long as the sun and moon endure: from one generation to another.
May he come down like rain upon the mown grass: like the showers that water the earth.
In his time shall righteousness flourish: and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel: who alone does wonderful things.
And blessed be his glorious name for ever: may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen.

Salm 72. 1-7; 18, 19

O Dduw, rho dy farnedigaeth i'r brenin: a'th gyfiawnder i fab y brenin.
Bydded iddo farnu dy bobl yn gyfiawn: a'th rai anghenus yn gywir.
Doed y mynyddoedd â heddwch i'r bobl: a'r bryniau â chyfiawnder.
Bydded iddo amddiffyn achos tlodion y bobl:
a gwaredu'r rhai anghenus, a dryllio'r gor-thrymwr.
Bydded iddo fyw tra bo haul a chyhyd â'r lleud: o genhedlaeth i genhedlaeth.
Bydded fel glaw yn disgyn ar gnwd: ac fel cawodydd yn dyfrhau'r – ddaear.
Bydded cyfiawnder yn llwyddo yn ei ddyddiau:

a heddwch yn ffynnu tra bo lleuad.

Bendigedig fyddo'r Arglwydd Duw Israel: ef yn unig sy'n gwneud rhyfeddodau.

Bendigedig fyddo'i enw gogoneddus hyd byth:

a bydded yr holl ddaear yn llawn o'i ogoniant Amen ac Amen.

Matthew 3. 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Mathew 3. 1-12

Yn y dyddiau hynny daeth Ioan Fedyddiwr, gan bregethu'r genadwri hon yn anialwch Jwdea: "Edifarhewch, oherwydd y mae teyrnas nefoedd wedi dod yn agos." Dyma'r hwn y soniwyd amdano gan y proffwyd Eseia pan ddywedodd: "Llais un yn galw yn yr anialwch, 'Paratowch ffordd yr Arglwydd, unionwch y llwybrau iddo.'" Yr oedd dillad Ioan o flew camel, a gwregys o groen am ei ganol, a'i fwyd oedd locustiaid a mêl gwyllt. Yr oedd trigolion Jerwsalem a Jwdea i gyd, a'r holl wlad o amgylch yr Iorddonen, yn mynd allan ato, ac yn cael eu bedyddio ganddo yn afon Iorddonen, gan gyffesu eu pechodau. A phan welodd Ioan lawer o'r Phariseaid a'r Sadwceaid yn dod i'w bedyddio ganddo, dywedodd wrthynt: "Chwi epil gwiberod, pwy a'ch rhybuddiodd i ffoi rhag y digofaint sydd i ddod? Dygwch ffrwyth gan hynny a fydd yn deilwng o'ch edifeirwch. A pheidiwch â meddwl dweud wrthyich eich hunain, 'Y mae gennym Abraham yn dad', oherwydd 'rwy'n dweud wrthyich y gall Duw godi plant i Abraham o'r cerrig hyn. Ac y mae'r fwyell eisoes wrth wraidd y coed; felly, y mae pob coeden nad yw'n dwyn ffrwyth da yn cael ei thorri i lawr a'i bwrw i'r tân. Yr wyf fi yn eich bedyddio â dŵr i edifeirwch; ond y mae'r

hwn sydd yn dod ar f'ôl i yn gryfach na mi, un nad wyf fi'n deilwng i gario'i sandalau. Bydd ef yn eich bedyddio â'r Ysbryd Glân ac â thân. Y mae ei wyntyll yn barod yn ei law, a bydd yn nithio'n lân yr hyn a ddyrnwyd, ac yn casglu ei rawn i'r ysgubor. Ond am yr us, bydd yn llosgi hwnnw â thân anniffoddadwy."

Offertory Hymn

1 THOU didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
When thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
For thy holy nativity:

Refrain:

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for thee.*

2 Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming thy royal degree;
But in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
And in great humility: [Refrain]

3 Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
That should set thy people free;
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
They bore thee to Calvary: [Refrain]

4 When all heaven shall ring, and her choirs shall sing,
At thy coming to victory,
Let thy voice call me home, saying, Yet there is room,
There is room at my side for thee: [Refrain]

Emily Elliott (1836-97)

MARGARET
T. W. Matthews (1826-1910)

Communion Motet:

THE angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady,' Gloria!

'For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favoured lady,' Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,
'my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name.'
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say
'Most highly favoured lady,' Gloria!

Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

Basque Carol Arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Recessional Hymn

1 LO! he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluya!
God appears, on earth to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing
Shall the true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

HELMSLEY

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Melody by T. Olivers (1725-99)

Descant harmony by Martin How (1931-2022)

Descant by Andrew Lumsden (*b* 1962)

Psalm for Evensong: Psalm 11

In the Lord put I my trust: how say ye then unto me 'Flee as a bird unto the hill;
'For lo the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrow upon the string: that they may
privily shoot at them that are true of heart.
'If the foundations be destroyed: what can they that be righteous do?'
The Lord is in his holy temple: the Lord's throne is in heaven.
His eyes behold the poor: with his eyes doth he try the children of men.
The Lord trieth the righteous and the ungodly:
him that delighteth in wickedness doth his soul abhor
Upon the ungodly he shall rain coals of fire and brimstone:
storm and tempest shall be their portion to drink.
For the Lord is righteous and loveth righteousness: the upright shall behold his face.
All stand: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

CATHEDRAL NOTICES

Parish & Community Life

Erw Dewi/Dewi's Acre Cathedral Community Garden

Tir Coed are delivering and building the roundhouse in the 'Tranquility Area' starting this week. There's an open invitation to find out more about all the different projects happening in the garden so come and join us. Our next volunteer session is on Wed 10th Dec, between 10am-12pm. You will find us behind the Cathedral in The Close. **Email:**pilgrimage@stdavidscathedral.org.uk

Together at Christmas Carol Service – On Sunday 14th December at 4pm we are hosting a carol service 'Together at Christmas' for the Lord-Lieutenant. This is one of a number of carol services around the country promoted by the Royal Foundation, to parallel The Princess of Wales' annual Christmas carol service in Westminster Abbey. Attendance is by ticket, of which we have a number available for members of the Cathedral community, on a first come, first served basis. If you would like tickets, please email ben@stdavidscathedral.org.uk by the end of Monday 8th December.

Rest in peace: As many within the Cathedral and local community will already know, Mrs Elaine Morgan died peacefully at home on Thursday 13 November. She played a central part in this local community, was greatly loved and will be hugely missed. Her funeral is on Friday 19th December at 1.30pm at St Davids Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to attend the service.

Gorffwys mewn hedd: Fel y bydd llawer o bobl yn y Eglwys Gadeiriol a'r gymuned leol eisoes yn gwybod, bu farw Mrs Elaine Morgan yn heddychlon yn ei chartref ar Ddydd Iau 13 Tachwedd. Chwaraeodd ran ganolog yn y gymuned leol hon, roedd y gymuned yn ei charu a bydd y golled yn enfawr. Mae ei angladd ar Ddydd Gwener 19 Rhagfyr am 1.30yp yn Eglwys Gadeiriol Tyddewi. Mae croeso i bawb fynychu'r gwasanaeth.

Open to God – Kick Off Events

Open to God is a year of mission in the diocese – starting Advent 2025. These launch events are designed to inspire the local church to engage in mission and capture the vision of Open to God. A group are going from the Cathedral – if you'd like to come, please contact Canon Sheridan - canon.pastor@stdavidscathedral.org.uk for more information.

St Mary's Tenby, 7th December, 3pm

Speaker – Andy Herrick

For Those we Hold Dear Memory Stars - For Those we Hold Dear (Sunday 21st December, 4pm)

is an annual service where we give some space in the busy Christmas season to remembering those we have loved and lost a while. Christmas comes at the darkest time of the year, and we are able to create an opportunity to light up the names of loved ones we no longer see on the Cathedral Christmas trees, which flank the West doors of the cathedral. This year's design is a burgundy star with a highlighted name and we are asking for a donation of £2.50 per name/star - only one name per star. Please follow the links and directions below to submit your Memory name and make your payment online. [Submit a Name for a Memory Star 2025 - Airtable](#)



Gwasanaeth y Plygain Eglwys Gadeiriol Tyddewi – Nos Wener, 12 Rhagfyr am 7yh. Croeso mawr i bob un sy'n dymuno i gymryd rhan (gyda pharch at yr arferion a'r confensiynau). Darperir lluniaeth ysgafn. Croeso cynnes i bawb.

Learning Welsh? Interested in Welsh culture? Love traditional folk music? Why not come to the Plygain service – a traditional Welsh Christmas service – with traditional Welsh Plygain songs – on **Friday 12 December, 7pm**. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. For more information please ask Canon Sheridan or email canonpastor@stdavidscathedral.org.uk

Gwasanaeth Plygain – Hoffech chi ganu?

Y confensiwn mewn gwasanaeth Plygain, yw i'r Eglwys sy'n cynnal y gwasanaeth i ganu'r carol agoriadol. Am y blynyddoedd diwethaf, mae dwy ohonom wedi canu gyda'i gilydd o Gymuned y Gadeirlan. Eleni, hoffwn annog ychydig mwy ohonoch i roi cynnig arni! Mae'r ymarfer ar **Ddydd Mercher 10 Rhagfyr am 4.45yh tan 5.30yh**. Mae'r gwasanaeth ei hun ar **Ddydd Gwener 12 Rhagfyr, 7pm**. Rydym yn canu dwy garol Cymraeg: A welaist di'r ddau a Roedd yn y wlad honno. Cerddoriaeth ar gael. Mae'r carolau ar Spotify. Siaradwch â Canon Sheridan neu anfonwch e-bost: canonpastor@stdavidscathedral.org.uk am fwy o wybodaeth.

Plygain Service – Would you like to sing?

The convention at a Plygain service, is that the host church sing the opening carol, to start the Plygain. For the last few years a couple of us have gathered to sing together from the Cathedral Community. This year, I'd like to encourage a few more of you to have a go! The rehearsal is on Wednesday 10 December at 4.45pm until 5.30pm. The service itself is on Friday 12 December. 7pm. We're singing two Welsh carols: A welaist di'r ddau and Roedd yn y wlad honno. Music provided. Both these songs are widely available on Spotify. Speak to Canon Sheridan or email her at canonpastor@stdavidscathedral.org.uk for more information

Young married couple are urgently seeking rented accommodation. If you might be able to help, please call 07706 747941.

Flower Guild Needs New Volunteers - The St Davids Cathedral Flower Guild is seeking new volunteers, to help with the flower arranging in the Cathedral. The Flower Guild's work greatly enhances the beauty of our Cathedral, so if you might be interested in helping to arrange flowers throughout the year, then please get in touch! Please contact Moira Philips by emailing flowerguild@stdavidscathedral.org.uk for more details.

Volunteers needed: The Cathedral would love to build up its team of welcomers and sides people. Are you interested in helping? Would you like to talk to someone about it? If yes, have a chat with Moira Phillips or Richard Hayward and they will point you in the right direction. You don't have to make a weekly commitment – it could be fortnightly or monthly, but we'd love some more hands on deck.

Food Bank - Christmas is coming: so too cold weather with high heating bills, plus increases in the cost of nourishing food. School holiday will mean families having to provide additional meals for youngsters. All will impact on already stretched budgets. We can help to make winter months a little easier with our most welcome donations to local Food Bank that we support. Please, in this Season of Goodwill, add a donation of a Christmas goodie or two, into the hamper by the Cathedral Shop. Thank You.

Library

For enquiries email: library@stdavidscathedral.org.uk

Cathedral Library - The Cathedral Library is normally open to the public on Fridays and Mondays 2pm to 4pm. No bookings needed. The Library is reached via a spiral medieval stone staircase adjacent to the Shrine of St David in the north presbytery aisle. On display are working books from the cathedral over the last 500 years; including Bible in various languages, Prayer Books, Visitors Books, drawings, plans and more.

Christmas-themed Tours of Rarely Seen parts of the Cathedral

Between Christmas and New Year there will be two special Christmas-themed Tours of Rarely Seen parts of the Cathedral. These will take place on Saturday 27th December and Monday 29th December. Both Tours will start at 11.30am near the two lovely Christmas trees in front of the west door. Where is the only image of the nativity in the Cathedral? Why are there hundreds of extra angels in the Quire? What did they think of holly 400 years ago? On the day St Thomas Becket was murdered in 1171 (29th Dec), see the medieval Welsh annals' report in the Cathedral Library above the Chapel dedicated to Becket.

Tickets are available at £12 each online via www.StDavidsCathedral.org.uk/discover/library or in the Cathedral nave shop.

RECYCLING

A big thank you to all those who have donated empty ink jet cartridges this year for recycling and to help us raise money for the Library. We have received a certificate of thanks to us, and to all of you, from Recycle4Charity. This is displayed in the north porch alongside the collection box. This year the money raised has enabled the Library to buy 5 more conservation boxes and a supply of brown acid free cotton tape. This binds older books with detached spines without damaging them and also ensures they still blend into the visual appeal of the historic library. Come and visit the books and see what your efforts have helped with. And please keep giving us your empty ink jet cartridges in 2026 so we can care for and conserve more books. Diolch o galon.

Education & Pilgrimage

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Christmas through the Keyhole Date: 1st – 19th December

A reflective walk around the Cathedral where you will find 5 interactive ‘stations’ used to explore Mary’s House, Joseph’s Workshop, the Shepherds’ Field, the Magi’s Observatory and the Stable at Bethlehem. Although these displays are set up for our schools’ work you are very welcome to reflect, read the stories and collect the clues to piece together this incredible story. If a group of you would like to do this together just let us know and we can arrange to lead this for you. education@stdavidscathedral.org.uk 01437 729151

Angel Trail Friday 19th Dec – Tuesday 6th Jan 2026

An interactive outdoor trail through the illuminated Cathedral Close

Explore the Christmas story through the eyes of the angels. How many angels can you spot? Begins The Close at Pen y Bont and finishes outside the Cathedral. During visiting hours you can extend your angel tour and experience a myriad of angels displayed in the Cathedral.

Follow the Star Friday 26th Dec 11am-3pm

Nativity Treasure Hunt for all the family. Collect your treasure hunt from the welcome desk. Travel around the Cathedral to retell the Christmas story. Angels, shepherds and wise men are hidden in secret places. Read the map and follow the stars to find your way. Once you have all the clues you can light your own Christmas peace candle and visit the crib. Collect a reminder of the story for your own Christmas tree when you have completed your visit.

7 The Second Sunday of Advent	8.00 Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>	4.00 Choral Evensong <i>Quire</i> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Advent Prose Psalm: 11 <i>Stanford in C</i> This is the record of John Gibbons Hymns: 5, 12
	9.30 Parish Communion <i>Lady Chapel</i> Preacher: The Canon Pastor	
	11.00 Choral Eucharist <i>Nave</i> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> A tender shoot <i>Goldschmidt</i> Psalm: 72. 1-7 <i>Collegium Regale Darke</i> The Angel Gabriel <i>arr. Willcocks</i> Preacher: The Canon Pastor Hymns: 7, 465, 9	
Responses: <i>Byrd</i>		
8 Monday <i>Cynidr (6th century), Bishop</i>	8.00 Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist <i>Lady Chapel</i>	4.00 Said Evening Prayer <i>Lady Chapel</i>
9 Tuesday	8.00 Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist <i>Holy Trinity Chapel</i>	6.00 Choral Evening Prayer <i>Lady Chapel</i> <i>Sung by the Choral Scholars</i> Psalm: 11 Advent wreath prayer II <i>Archer</i> Fauxbourdons <i>Dearnley</i> Christe, redemptor omnium <i>Monteverdi</i>
Responses: <i>Tallis</i>		
10 Wednesday <i>Ember Day</i>	8.00 Morning Prayer <i>St Thomas Becket Chapel</i>	4.00 Said Evening Prayer <i>Lady Chapel</i>
	10.00 Holy Eucharist & Address <i>Lady Chapel</i>	
11 Thursday	8.00 Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist <i>Holy Trinity Chapel</i>	6.00 Choral Evensong <i>Quire</i> <i>Sung by the Vicars Choral & Choral Scholars</i> Psalm: 73 <i>Plainsong</i> Tone II Angelus ad virginem <i>Anon. arr. Stevens</i> Hymn: 2 (t. 128)
	10.00 Contemplative Prayer <i>Lady Chapel</i>	
Responses: <i>Tallis</i>		
12 Friday <i>Ember Day</i>	8.00 Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist <i>Lady Chapel</i>	7.00 <i>Plygain Nave</i>
	12.00 Pilgrim Prayers at the Shrine of St David	
13 Saturday <i>Ember Day</i> <i>Lucy (304), Martyr</i>	8.00 Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist <i>St Thomas Becket Chapel</i>	4.00 <i>Hwyrrol Weddi - Said Evening Prayer with Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers</i> <i>Lady Chapel</i>
		7.00 Concert: A Christmas Spectacular! <i>Tickets £12, available on our website</i>
14 The Third Sunday of Advent	8.00 Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>	4.00 Together at Christmas Community Carol <i>Service Nave</i> <i>Entry by invitation:</i> <i>see the Newsletter for more details</i>
	9.30 Parish Communion <i>Lady Chapel</i> Preacher: The Canon Pastor	
	11.00 Choral Eucharist <i>Quire</i> <i>Sung by the Vicars Choral & Choral Scholars</i> Psalm: 146. 5-10 <i>Sumsion</i> in G Come thou redeemer of the earth <i>arr. Parnell</i> Preacher: The Precentor Hymns: 14, 295, 15	

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