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ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL

Croesawu ymwelwyr fel pererinion
Welcoming Visitors as Pilgrims

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GWASANAETHAU Y SUL *o dudalen 4*
Mair, Mam Ein Harglwydd

SUNDAY SERVICES *from page 4*
Mary, Mother of Our Lord

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

Urgent Support: If you are worried about someone and you think that they require pastoral care, please speak to Canon Sheridan or any of the other clergy and/or email canonpastor@stdavidscathedral.org.uk. Please don't assume that we are already aware of the situation – even in a small community people can get missed – so please do let us know.

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

Cefnogaeth/Support

Every year, the Cathedral has to find £1.3M to look after the Cathedral and its grounds and offer the level of excellence and beauty that makes it such a well-loved and cherished place. We rely heavily on donations, and every pound really counts.

How you can support our work:

1 Scan the QR code to make a donation on your phone.
Please tick the GiftAid box if you are a UK taxpayer.

2 Tap the contactless donation point at the Welcome Desk, using your card or phone. Our welcomers will be able to assist you.

3 Cash or cheque donations can be placed in the donation box by the Welcome Desk. Please use the GiftAid envelopes provided.

4 Contact us on 01437 720202 or email info@stdavidscathedral.org.uk for a discussion in confidence if you are interested in leaving the Cathedral a legacy in your will.

By making a donation today, you are helping to safeguard this place of worship and pilgrimage for the next generation. Diolch yn Fawr - Thank You.

Dydd Sul 16 Awst – Mair, Mam Ein Harglwydd
Sunday 16 August – Mary, Mother of Our Lord

8.00 **Holy Eucharist** *High Altar*
President: The Precentor

9.30 **Parish Communion** *Lady Chapel*
President & Preacher: The Canon Pastor

11.00 **Choral Eucharist** *Nave*
President & Preacher: The Precentor

4.00 **Said Evening Prayer** *Lady Chapel*

Readings for the Eucharist

Collect

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Colect

Hollalluog Dduw a edrychaist ar ostyngeiddrwydd y Forwyn Fair fendigaid a'i dewis i fod yn fam i'th unig Fab, caniatâ i ni a brynwyd trwy ei waed, gael cyfran gyda hi yng ngogoniant dy deyrnas dragwyddol; trwy Iesu Grist ein Harglwydd, i'r hwn gyda thi a'r Ysbryd Glân, y byddo'r holl anrhydedd a'r gogoniant, yn awr ac am byth. **Amen.**

Isaiah 6.1, 10-11

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.' Then I said, 'How long, O Lord?' And he said: 'Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate;

Eseia 6.1, 10-11

Yn y flwyddyn y bu farw'r Brenin Usseia, gwelais yr Arglwydd. Yr oedd yn eistedd ar orsedd uchel, ddyrchafedig, a godre'i wisg yn llenwi'r deml. Brasâ galon y bobl, trymha eu clustiau, cau eu llygaid; rhag iddynt weld â'u llygaid, clywed â'u clustiau, deall â'u calon, a dychwelyd i'w hiacháu." Gofynnais innau, "Pa hyd, Arglwydd?" Atebodd, "Nes y bydd dinasoedd wedi eu hanrheithio heb drigiannydd, a'r tai heb bobl, a'r wlad yn anrhaith anghyfannedd;

Galatians 4.4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Galatiaid 4.4-7

Ond pan ddaeth cyflawniad yr amser, anfonodd Duw ei Fab, wedi ei eni o wraig, wedi ei eni dan y Gyfraith, i brynu rhyddid i'r rhai oedd dan y Gyfraith, er mwyn i ni gael braint mabwysiad. A chan eich bod yn blant, anfonodd Duw Ysbryd ei Fab i'n calonnau, yn llefain, "Abba! Dad!" Felly, nid caethwas wyt ti bellach, ond plentyn; ac os plentyn, yna etifedd, trwy weithred Duw.

Psalm 45.10-17

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;
forget your people and your father's house,
and the king will desire your beauty.
Since he is your lord, bow to him; the people of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts,
the richest of the people with all kinds of wealth.
The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes; in many-coloured robes she is led to the king; behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.
With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.
In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.
I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;
therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever.

Salm 45.10-17

Gwrando di, ferch, rho sylw a gogwydda dy glust: anghofia dy bobl dy hun a thŷ dy dad;
yna bydd y brenin yn chwenychu dy brydferthwch, oherwydd ef yw dy arglwydd.
Ymostwng iddo ag anrhegion, O ferch Tyrus, a bydd cyfoethogion y bobl yn ceisio dy ffafr.
Cwbl ogoneddus yw merch y brenin, cwrel wedi ei osod mewn aur sydd ar ei gwisg,
ac mewn brodwaith yr arweinir hi at y brenin;
Ar ei hôl daw ei chyfeillesau, y morynion; dônt atat yn llawen a hapus, dônt i mewn i balas y brenin.
Yn lle dy dadau daw dy feibion, a gwnei hwy'n dywysogion dros yr holl ddaear.
Mynegaf dy glod dros y cenedlaethau, nes bod pobl yn dy ganmol hyd byth.

Luke 1.46-55

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Luc 1.46-55

Ac meddai Mair: "Y mae fy enaid yn mawrygu yr Arglwydd, a gorfoleddodd fy ysbryd yn Nuw, fy Ngwaredwr, am iddo ystyried distadledd ei lawforwyn. Oherwydd wele, o hyn allan fe'm gelwir yn wynfydedig gan yr holl genedlaethau, oherwydd gwnaeth yr hwn sydd nerthol bethau mawr i mi, a sanctaidd yw ei enw ef; y mae ei drugaredd o genhedlaeth i genhedlaeth i'r rhai sydd yn ei ofni ef. Gwnaeth rymuster â'i fraich, gwasgarodd y rhai balch eu calon; tynnodd dywysogion oddi ar eu gorseddau, a dyrchafodd y rhai distadl; llwythodd y newynog â rhoddion, ac anfonodd y

cyfoethogion ymaith yn waglaw. Cynorthwyodd ef Israel ei was, gan ddwyn i'w gof ei drugaredd—fel y llefarodd wrth ein hynafiaid—ei drugaredd wrth Abraham a'i had yn dragywydd."

Cathedral Notices

Parish & Community Life

This Week's Visiting Choir

Lleisiau Cecilia is a newly formed vocal ensemble brought together by Jasmine Morris and Heledd Richardson, both former Head Choristers of St Davids Cathedral. Services will primarily be conducted by Otto Wylie, a dear friend of both, and music scholar at Oxford University.

The choir is made up of musical friends gathered from across the UK, reflecting the many connections Jasmine and Heledd have made through their choral and musical journeys; including Jasmine's scholarship at St Mary's Church, Nottingham, Heledd's studies at the Royal Northern College of Music, and other choirs, churches, universities, and musical communities along the way.

Named in honour of St Cecilia, the patron saint of music, Lleisiau Cecilia brings together young singers who share a love of sacred and choral music, friendship, and the joy of singing in beautiful spaces. The ensemble is delighted to be singing at St Davids Cathedral, a place of deep personal and musical significance to its founders.

A Service for Accession Day

The Right Reverend Dorrien Davies, Lord Bishop of St Davids, will be installed as the Dean of the Royal Chaplaincy for Wales during a service to mark Accession Day at his Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew & Saint David, on Tuesday 8th September at 3.00pm.

Bishop Dorrien has been appointed by The King as Dean of the new Chaplaincy, which comprises six King's Honorary Chaplains, one for each of the six dioceses of the Church in Wales. Whilst there will be a number of seats reserved for guests, the Bishop has asked that parishioners and the general public be invited to join us in the remaining seats in the nave to mark this special occasion. Members of the public are requested to be seated by **2.30pm.** We cannot guarantee a seat for all those who wish to attend, so arriving early is encouraged.

More information on the Royal Chaplaincy

Six senior clerics have been appointed to the roles in recognition of their distinguished service and they received their insignia of office directly from The King at a historic Royal Maundy service at St Asaph cathedral in April.

Honorary King's Chaplains have traditionally been appointed for the Church of England and the Church of Scotland, but can also include other denominations. This is the first time clerics of the Church in Wales have been appointed.

St Davids cathedral has historic links with the Royal Family through the Tudor dynasty. It is unique among cathedrals in the United Kingdom in that since the Reformation the Sovereign has held the stall of the First Canon Cursal, which is among the stalls, or seats, of the Cathedral Chapter members in the Quire.

The Chaplains wear a distinctive scarlet cassock and a badge with the Royal cypher. Each will be invited to preach at a Royal Chapel during their period of appointment. They may also be invited by His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for each county to participate in national, civic and local events and Royal visits in each of the Lieutenancies of Wales.

The service at St Davids Cathedral will not be attended by any Members of the Royal Family. However, the appointment of the Dean recognises the special relationship of His Majesty The King with Wales. His Majesty was the longest-serving Prince of Wales and has ensured that the language and culture of Wales is given prominence in Royal occasions, including by using the Welsh language in the Coronation, commissioning the processional Cross of Wales, and continuing with the tradition of Royal Harpist.

Tea and Chat – there is no meeting of Tea and Chat in August. We gather together again on Wednesday 2nd September. A warm welcome awaits you, do join us at Ty'r Pererin, 3pm-4.30pm.

Journeying - Journeying is a non-profit seeking ecumenical Christian organisation, founded in 1988. Each year the Journeying team plan and lead a programme of pilgrim journeys in Britain and Ireland. We are always pleased to hear from people interested in discovering more about team membership. If this is something that appeals to you, do send an email: info@journeying.co.uk or for more detail, visit the Leaders page of the Journeying website: www.journeying.co.uk

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 Phillips 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 and she 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 - The Cathedral continues to support a local Food Bank by having a donation point at the rear of the Nave, by the shop. Any non-perishable food donations gratefully accepted, plus shower gels, shampoo etc. always welcome. Special requests will be highlighted at the collection point. Thank you.

Bookcase – We are always grateful for donations to our second hand bookcase in the East Cloister, in aid of Plant Dewi. Please leave all books at the welcome desk. Diolch yn fawr.

Library

For enquiries email: library@stdavidscathedral.org.uk

The Cathedral's historic library is open to the public twice a week on Monday and Friday between 2pm to 4pm. No bookings are needed at these times. For special research enquiries and access, please apply to: Library@StDavidsCathedral.org.uk. 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 some of the first Bibles in Welsh, early Prayer Books, Visitors Books, drawings, atlases and more. Items from the historic Library collection are also on display in exhibition cases in the north transept and Treasury.

Whenever the Cathedral is open to the public, we ensure that one of the first Welsh Bibles is on public display in the Cathedral Treasury. At present it is one in the Cathedral Library collection that was produced in 1620. Elizabeth I ensured legislation was passed to require there would be "a Bible in Welsh in every village in Wales." This was the major project of the Reformation in Wales and was key to maintaining the Welsh language. The one on display shows evidence of its use in worship over its 400 and more years.

Recycling the 21st century to support the 16th century - Thank you to all those who have donated empty ink jet cartridges for recycling and to help us raise money to conserve the Library Collection – we hope you will keep doing so in 2026. The public collection box is in the north porch. Diolch o galon.

GUIDED VISITS TO LAPIDARIUM - Saturday 29th August. Guided, ticketed visits to Lapidarium in Porth-y-Twr / Gatehouse. See 10th century Celtic Christian carved stone crosses from before the Cathedral was built, gravestone for Bishop killed by Vikings, last remaining part of 1860s Nash west end of Cathedral, opening to medieval underground prison ... and more. 11am and 2pm. Tickets £5 bookable online via https://www.StDavidsCathedral.org.uk/discover/library
NB These visits will be dependent on suitable weather.

Cadw DRYSAU AGORED / OPEN DOORS - September 26th, 27th, 29th. Full programme of tours, talks, exhibitions - jointly with St Davids Bishops Palace. More information:
https://cadw.gov.wales/open-doors-st-davids-cathedral
https://cadw.llyw.cymru/drysau-agored-eglwys-gadeiriol-dewi-sant

Education & Pilgrimage

For enquiries email: education@stdavidscathedral.org.uk

Tranquillity Space - Man Heddychlon

Within Erw Dewi (Dewi's acre), the community garden on Cathedral Close, there is a new covered, round, wooden structure with seating. This is now available as a quiet place for reflection and contemplation, within the beautiful natural surroundings of Erw Dewi. All are welcome to use the Tranquillity Space at any time as a peaceful place within life's hustle and bustle. In addition, there will be a regular guided contemplative session held there on the first and third Thursdays in the month at 3pm (weather permitting from May to September). A time of peaceful, guided, reflective quiet in the midst of nature. Do come along – no need to book. For further information, contact Jayne or Don MacGregor on 07491 985180 or 07900 003199

Friday Pilgrimages

Please join us for a short pilgrimage every Friday from 24th July until 23 October. We meet at Oriel-y-Parc for 9.45am and start the pilgrimage at 10am. We walk from Oriel-y-Parc to St Non's well and then to the Cathedral for Pilgrim Prayers at noon. The pilgrimage costs £10 and can be paid on the day. No need to book, just turn up at Oriel-y-Parc. For more information, please email: canonpastor@stdavidscathedral.org.uk

St Davids Cathedral Summer Series
Our Next Concert:
James Watson, former Cathedral Organ Scholar
Wednesday 19th August, 7.30pm

Tickets £10 (u18s go free)

Cyfeillion Eglwys Gadeiriol Tyddewi
The Friends of St Davids Cathedral

Present

Ensemble Stinan
In Concert

featuring sacred music and madrigals by Palestrina, Tomkins, Lassus and Passereau,
and some lighter numbers and solos too!

Friday 11 September, 7.00pm
Tickets £15 (U18s free)

for tickets, visit www.stdavidscathedral.org.uk,
scan the QR code or call 01437 722002

We know you love this Cathedral. Will you be part of the 1% who safeguard her future?

The COVID-19 pandemic, the cost of living crisis and global insecurity have created a tough economic climate for everyone. It's tough for the Cathedral too. We don't receive any government support and we don't have millions stashed in the bank.
The stark reality is that we survive largely thanks to the generosity of visitors.

Every pound counts and we're extremely grateful for all you give. But since the pandemic, annual visitor numbers dropped by a third, around 100,000. The truth is that we are running at a deficit and eating into our reserves.

To safeguard the Cathedral's future as an internationally renowned pilgrimage destination and a place of inspiring worship and stunning architecture, we urgently need to increase the amount we get from our visitors by **£100,000.**

This sounds like an impossible amount. But it needn't be. St David was famous for saying, 'Do the little things' and you can play your part by doing one little thing.
We're looking for 1% of the 200,000 people who visit each year to step up and help the Cathedral to secure a firmer financial footing.

If 1% of our visitors gave **just £10 a month** to the Cathedral, we would close this financial gap.
And if 1000 people gave £10 a month we would raise £120,000.
We've kept the maths simple. You could give more. You could give less. But if you love this Cathedral, please consider becoming one of the **1% who step up** and make a massive difference.

To find out more contact info@stdavidscathedral.org.uk, visit www.stdavidscathedral.org.uk/support-us or scan the QR code.

16	**Mary, Mother of Our Lord**	**8.00**	**Holy Eucharist *Lady Chapel***	**4.00**	**Said Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel***
		9.30	**Parish Communion *Lady Chapel*** Preacher: The Canon Pastor		
		11.00	**Choral Eucharist *Nave*** *Sung by St Davids Consort* Signum Magnum *Plainsong* Psalm 45. 10-17 *Sumsion* in F Ave Maris Stella *Grieg* Preacher: The Precentor Hymns: *see newsletter*		
17	**Monday**	**8.00**	**Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist *Lady Chapel***	**6.00**	**Choral Evensong *Nave*** *sung by Lleisiau Cecilia* Psalm: 86 *Stanford* in A For lo, I raise up *Stanford* Hymn: 353
	Responses: *Rose*				
18	**Tuesday**	**8.00**	**Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist *Holy Trinity Chapel***	**6.00**	**Choral Evensong *Nave*** *sung by Lleisiau Cecilia* Psalm: 89. 19-end *Wood* in F Collegium Regale Faire is the heaven *Harris* Hymn: 391
	Responses: *Rose*				
19	**Wednesday**	**8.00**	**Morning Prayer *St Thomas Becket Chapel***	**6.00**	**Choral Evensong *Nave*** *sung by Lleisiau Cecilia* Psalm: 94 *Dyson* in D Let all mortal flesh *Bairstow* Hymn: 413
		10.00	**Holy Eucharist & Address *Lady Chapel***	**7.30**	**Summer Series Concert: James Watson, Organ *Nave***
	Responses: *Rose*				
20	**Thursday** *Bernard (1153), Abbot*	**8.00**	**Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist *Holy Trinity Chapel***	**6.00**	**Said Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel***
		10.00	**Contemplative Prayer *Lady Chapel***	**7.30**	**Concert: National Youth Choir of Wales *Nave***
21	**Friday**	**8.00**	**Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist *Lady Chapel***	**6.00**	**Choral Evensong *Nave*** *sung by Lleisiau Cecilia* Psalm: 102 *Murrill* in E Hymn to St Cecilia *Britten* Hymn: 433 (omit *)
		12.00	**Pilgrim Prayers *Shrine***		
	Responses: *Rose*				
22	**Saturday**	**8.00**	**Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist *St Thomas Becket Chapel***	**6.00**	**Said Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel***
				7.30	**Concert: National Youth Brass Band of Wales *Nave***
23	**The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**	**8.00**	**Holy Eucharist *St Thomas Becket Chapel***	**4.00**	**Choral Evensong *Nave*** *sung by Lleisiau Cecilia* Abendlied *Rheinberger* Psalm: 97 St Paul's Service *Howells* Blessed city, Heavenly Salem *Bairstow* Preacher: The Precentor Hymns: 478, 179 (t. 357), 373 (Coe Fen)
		9.30	**Cymun y Plwyf *Capel Mair*** Pregethwr: Arglwydd Esgob		
		11.00	**Choral Eucharist *Nave*** *sung by Lleisiau Cecilia* If ye love me *Tallis* Psalm 138 Missa Brevis *Dove* Ubi caritas *Gjeilo* President & Preacher: The Lord Bishop Hymns: 362 (t. 185), 484 (omit *, t. 167), 294		
	Responses: *Rose*				

Leigh Richardson *Precentor* | Sheridan Angharad James *Canon Pastor*
Simon Pearce *Organist & Master of the Choristers* | Chris Crooks *Dean's Verger* | Laurence John *Assistant Director of Music*