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CYLCHLYTHYR WYTHNOSOL - WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10 - 17 Rhagfyr 2023
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Dydd Sul 10 Rhagfyr – Ail Sul yr Adfent
Sunday 10 December – The Second Sunday of Advent

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

9.30 **Parish Communion** *Lady Chapel*
Preacher: Jane Hayward, Lay Reader

11.00 **Choral Eucharist** *Quire*
President: The Precentor
Deacon: The Canon Pastor
Preacher: The Dean

4.00 **Choral Evensong** *Quire*
Readings: 1 Kings 22. 1-28 & Romans 15. 4-13
Preacher: The Canon Pastor
Hymns: 6, 14, 10

Full details of the music sung at choral services can be found on the music list overleaf



A hearing loop is installed in the Nave and Quire – please switch your hearing aid to the T position



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THIS WEEK'S MUSIC & SERVICE LIST

10 - 17 December 2023

10 The Second Sunday of Advent	8.00 Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>	4.00 Choral Evensong <i>Quire</i> <i>Sung by the Vicars Choral & Choral Scholars</i> Jerusalem surge et exue <i>Viadana</i> Psalm: 40. 11-17 Magnificat Quinti toni <i>Vivanco</i> Nunc dimittis <i>Viadana</i> Ave Maria <i>Biebl</i> Preacher: The Canon Pastor Hymns: 6, 14, 10
	9.30 Parish Communion <i>Lady Chapel</i> Preacher: Jane Hayward, Lay Reader	
	11.00 Choral Eucharist <i>Quire</i> <i>Sung by the Vicars Choral & Choral Scholars</i> Rorate coeli Psalm: 85. 8-13 Messa a tre voce <i>Lotti</i> Zion hears the watchmen's voices <i>Bach</i> Preacher: The Dean Hymns: 5, 7, 15	
Responses: <i>Cleobury</i>		
11 Monday	8.00 Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist <i>Lady Chapel</i>	6.00 Choral Evensong <i>Quire</i> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Singers</i> Psalm: 144 <i>Plainsong</i> Canticles O mortal man <i>Howells</i> Hymn: 16
Responses: <i>Shephard</i>		
12 Tuesday	8.00 Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist <i>Holy Trinity Chapel</i>	6.00 Choral Evensong <i>Quire</i> <i>Sung by the Choral Scholars</i> Psalm: 11 <i>Fauxbourdons</i> <i>Dearnley</i> How beautiful upon the mountains <i>Stainer</i>
Responses: <i>Plainsong</i>		
13 Wednesday <i>Lucy (304), Martyr in Syracuse Ember Day</i>	8.00 Morning Prayer <i>St Thomas Beckett Chapel</i>	6.00 Choral Evensong <i>Quire</i> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choristers</i> Psalms: 10; 14 <i>Plainsong</i> Tone I Adam lay ybounden <i>Warlock</i> Hymn: 1
	10.00 Holy Eucharist & Address <i>Lady Chapel</i>	
Responses: <i>Archer Set 2</i>		
14 Thursday <i>John of the Cross (1591), Priest, Poet & Teacher of the Faith</i>	8.00 Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist <i>Holy Trinity Chapel</i>	4.00 Wycliffe Daycare Nativity <i>Nave</i>
	10.00 Contemplative Prayer <i>Lady Chapel</i>	6.00 Choral Evensong <i>Quire</i> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Psalm: 73. 1-12 <i>Noble in B minor</i> A tender shoot <i>Goldschmidt</i> Hymn: 18
Responses: <i>Byrd</i>		
15 Friday <i>Ember Day</i>	8.00 Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist <i>Lady Chapel</i>	6.00 Choral Evensong <i>Lady Chapel</i> <i>Sung by the Vicars Choral & Choral Scholars</i> Psalm: 90 Second Service <i>Moore</i> Christe, redemptor omnium <i>Monteverdi</i> Hymn: 14
	12.00 Pilgrim Prayers at the Shrine of St David	7.00 Gwasanaeth y Plygain <i>Nave</i>
Responses: <i>Cleobury</i>		
16 Saturday <i>Ember Day</i>	8.00 Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist <i>St Thomas Beckett Chapel</i>	4.00 Said Evening Prayer <i>Lady Chapel</i>
		7.00 Concert: <i>Handel's Messiah Nave</i> <i>Côr Dyfed, British Sinfonietta & Soloists</i>
17 The Third Sunday of Advent O SAPIENTIA	8.00 Holy Eucharist <i>High Altar</i>	4.00 Choral Evensong <i>Quire</i> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> The Angel Gabriel <i>Trad.</i> Psalm: 68. 1-8 <i>Walmisley in D minor</i> O Thou, the central orb <i>Wood</i> Preacher: The Dean Hymns: 12, 3, 9
	9.30 Parish Communion <i>Lady Chapel</i> Preacher: Jane Hayward, Lay Reader	
	11.00 Choral Mattins <i>Quire</i> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i> Psalms: 50. 1-6; 62 Benedicite in F <i>Dyson</i> Benedictus in C <i>Stanford</i> This is the record of John <i>Gibbons</i> Preacher: The Precentor Hymns: 465, 341, 494 (t. 413)	
Responses: <i>Byrd</i>		

Sarah Rowland Jones *Dean* | Leigh Richardson *Precentor* | Sheridan Angharad James *Canon Pastor*
Gillian Butcher *Minor Canon*

COLLECTS, HYMNS AND READINGS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Proclamation Hymn

1 Hark! A herald voice is calling:
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

2 Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

4 So when next he comes in glory,
And earth's final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender
On the clouds of heaven appear.

3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;

5 Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run. Amen.

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 anfonef ef drachefn i fod yn farnwr arnom: dyro inni ras i'w efelychu ef yng ngostyngeiddrwydd 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 40. 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and

his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Eseia 40. 1-11

Cysurwch, cysurwch fy mhobl - dyna a ddywed eich Duw. Siaradwch yn dyner wrth Jerwsalem, a dywedwch wrthi ei bod wedi cwblhau ei thymor gwasanaeth a bod ei chosb wedi ei thalu, ei bod wedi derbyn yn ddwbl oddi ar law'r Argwlydd am ei holl bechodau. Llais un yn galw, "Paratowch yn yr anialwch ffordd yr Argwlydd, unionwch yn y diffeithwch briffordd i'n Duw ni. Caiff pob pant ei godi, pob mynydd a bryn ei ostwng; gwneir y tir ysgythrog yn llyfn, a'r tir anwastad yn wastadedd. Datguddir gogoniant yr Argwlydd, a phawb ynghyd yn ei weld. Genau'r Argwlydd a lefarodd." Llais un yn dweud, "Galw"; a daw'r ateb, "Beth a alwaf? Y mae pob un meidrol fel glaswellt, a'i holl nerth fel blodeuyn y maes. Y mae'r glaswellt yn crino, a'r blodeuyn yn gwywo pan chwyth anadl yr Argwlydd arno. Yn wir, glaswellt yw'r bobl. Y mae'r glaswellt yn crino, a'r blodeuyn yn gwywo; ond y mae gair ein Duw ni yn sefyll hyd byth." Dring i fynydd uchel; ti, Seion, sy'n cyhoeddi newyddion da, cod dy lais yn gryf; ti, Jerwsalem, sy'n cyhoeddi newyddion da, gwaedda, paid ag ofni. Dywed wrth ddinasoedd Jwda, "Dyma eich Duw chwi." Wele'r Argwlydd Dduw yn dod mewn nerth, yn rheoli â'i fraich. Wele, y mae ei wobwr ganddo, a'i dâl gydag ef. Y mae'n porthi ei braidd fel bugail, ac â'i fraich yn eu casglu ynghyd; y mae'n cludo'r ŵyn yn ei gôl, ac yn coleddu'r mamogiaid.

Psalm 85. 8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God will say: for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.

Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him: that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

Truth shall spring up from the earth: and righteousness look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed give all that is good: and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him: and direct his steps in the way.

Salm 85. 8-13

Bydded imi glywed yr hyn a lefara'r Argwlydd Dduw: oherwydd bydd yn cyhoeddi heddwch i'w bobl ac i'w ffyddloniaid rhag iddynt droi drachefn at ffolineb.

Yn wir, y mae ei waredigaeth yn agos at y rhai sy'n ei ofni: fel bod gogoniant yn aros yn ein tir.

Bydd cariad a gwirionedd yn cyfarfod: a chyfiawnder a heddwch yn cusanu ei gilydd.

Bydd ffyddlondeb yn tarddu o'r ddaear: a chyfiawnder yn edrych i lawr o'r nefoedd.

Bydd yr Argwlydd yn rhoi daioni: a'n tir yn rhoi ei gnwd.

Bydd cyfiawnder yn mynd o'i flaen: a heddwch yn dilyn yn ôl ei droed.

2 Peter 3. 8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives

of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

2 Pedr 3. 8-15a

Gyfeillion annwyl, peidiwch ag anghofio'r un peth hwn, fod un diwrnod yng ngolwg yr Arglwydd fel mil o flynyddoedd, a mil o flynyddoedd fel un diwrnod. Nid yw'r Arglwydd yn oedi cyflawni ei addewid, fel y bydd rhai pobl yn deall oedi; bod yn amyneddgar wrthy y mae, am nad yw'n ewyllysio i neb gael ei ddinistrio, ond i bawb ddod i edifeirwch. Fe ddaw Dydd yr Arglwydd fel lleidr, a'r Dydd hwnnw bydd y nefoedd yn diflannu â thrwst, a'r elfennau yn ymddatod gan wres, a'r ddaear a phopeth sydd ynddi yn peidio â bod. Gan fod yr holl bethau yma ar gael eu datod fel hyn, ystyriwch pa mor sanctaidd a duwiol y dylai eich ymarweddiad fod, a chwithau'n disgwyl am Ddydd Duw ac yn prysuro ei ddyfodiad, y Dydd pan ddatodir y nefoedd gan dân ac y toddir yr elfennau gan wres. Ond disgwyl yr ydym ni, yn ôl ei addewid ef, am nefoedd newydd a daear newydd, lle bydd cyfiawnder yn cartrefu. Felly, gyfeillion annwyl, gwnewch eich gorau, wrth ddisgwyl am y pethau hyn, i fod yn ddi-nam a di-fai yng ngolwg Duw, ac i'ch cael mewn tangnefedd. Ystyriwch amynedd ein Harglwydd yn iachawdwriaeth, yn union fel yr ysgrifennodd ein brawd annwyl.

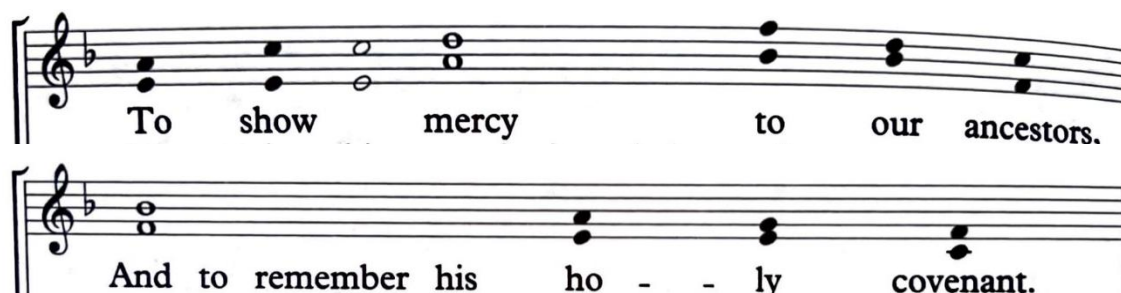
All stand and turn with the procession of the gospel, during which the choir and clergy sing the responsory:

Cantor: The Dawn from on High shall break upon us.

All:



Choir:



All sing twice: The dawn from on high shall break upon us.

Mark 1. 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Marc 1. 1-8

Dechrau Efengyl Iesu Grist, Mab Duw. Fel y mae'n ysgrifenedig yn y proffwyd Eseia: "Wele fi'n anfon fy nghennad o'th flaen i baratoi dy ffordd. Llais un yn galw yn yr anialwch, 'Paratowch ffordd yr Arglwydd, unionwch y llwybrau iddo'" - ymddangosodd Ioan Fedyddiwr yn yr anialwch, yn cyhoeddi bedydd edifeirwch yn foddion maddeuant pechodau. Ac yr oedd holl wlad Jwdea, a holl drigolion Jerwsalem, yn mynd allan ato, ac yn cael eu bedyddio ganddo yn afon Iorddonen, gan gyffesu eu pechodau. Yr oedd Ioan wedi ei wisgo mewn dillad o flew camel a gwregys o groen am ei ganol, a locustiaid a mêl gwyllt oedd ei fwyd. A dyma'i genadwri: "Y mae un cryfach na mi yn dod ar f'ôl i. Nid wyf fi'n deilwng i blygu a datod carrai ei sandalau ef. Â dŵr y bedyddiais i chwi, ond â'r Ysbryd Glân y bydd ef yn eich bedyddio."

Offertory Hymn

Hills of the north, rejoice,
echoing songs arise,
hail with united voice
him who made earth and skies:
he comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

2 Isles of the southern seas,
sing to the list'ning earth,
carry on ev'ry 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:
the God whom you have longed to know
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.

4 Shores of the utmost west,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heav'nly 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 on,
songs be in ev'ry mouth,
lo, from the north they come,
from east and west and south:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the longing earth be blest.

Recessional Hymn

The Lord will come and not be slow,
His footsteps cannot err;
Before him righteousness shall go,
His royal harbinger.

2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
Shall bud and blossom then;
And justice from her heavenly bower,
Look down on mortal men.

4 The nations all whom thou hast made
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord,
And glorify thy name.

3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
This wicked earth redress;
For thou art he who shalt by right
The nations all possess.

5 For great thou art, and wonders great
By thy strong hand are done:
Thou in thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.

PSALM FOR EVENSONG (Please stand for the Gloria)

Psalm 40. 11-17

I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation: Lo I will not refrain my lips O Lord,
and that thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart: my talk hath been of thy faithfulness and of thy
salvation.

I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth: from the great congregation.

Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me O Lord: let thy loving-kindness and thy truth always
preserve me.

For innumerable troubles are come about me: my sins have taken such hold upon me that I cannot
see;

Yea they are more in number than the hairs of my head: and my heart hath utterly failed me.

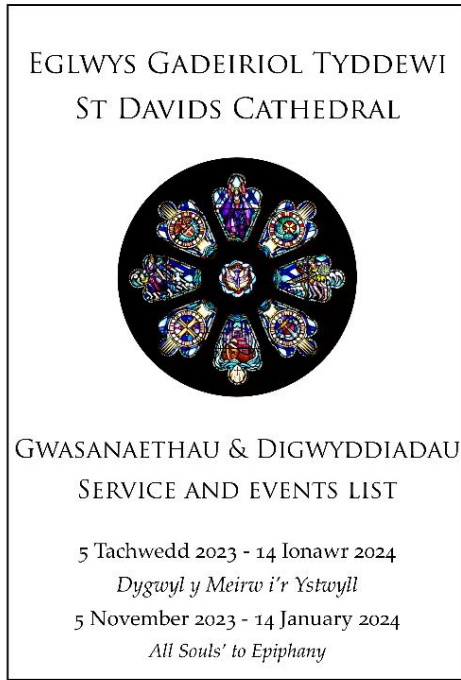
O Lord let it be thy pleasure to deliver me: make haste O Lord to help me.

(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

Upcoming Services



Termly Service Booklet – The Cathedral are pleased to announce a new ‘termly service and events list’, containing the details of services, concerts and events around the Cathedral from November to early January. The booklet also includes a closer look at our Advent and Christmas services and events, as well as details of the library and education activities taking place in and around the Cathedral. Head to the Welcome Desk to pick up a copy today!

Advent and Christmas

Next weekend sees the beginning of the season of Advent, and with it our season of services as we await the birth of Christ. Services include:

Gwasanaeth y Plygain: Friday 15th December, 7.00pm

For Those we Hold Dear: Monday 18th December, 6.00pm

Candlelit Choral Evensong: Tuesday 19th December, 5.00pm

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols: Friday 22nd December, 7.00pm (doors open 5.45pm)

Cymun y Plwyf ar Noswyl y Nadolig: Sunday 24th December, 9.30am

Scratch Nativity: Sunday 24th December, 11.00am (Family-friendly, informal)

Carols around the Crib: Sunday 24th December, 4.00pm

Midnight Mass: Sunday 24th December, 11.00pm

Family Choral Eucharist for Christmas Day: Christmas Day, 10.30am

Parish & Community Life

Pastoral Care - 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 Cathedral Chaplains are on duty most days; however, all clergy can be contacted via the Cathedral office on (01437) 720202 or via email info@stdavidscathedral.org.uk

Community Tea & Chat Wednesday 13th December; 3-4.30pm

During Advent we are taking opportunity to use the ‘Christmas through the Keyhole’ stations, set out for our schools’ work, to lead our thinking through Advent. We will meet in the cathedral to ponder on the themes of Christmas at the 5 stations - Mary’s House, Joseph’s Workshop, the Shepherds’ Field, the Magi’s Observatory and the Stable at Bethlehem. Everyone welcome.

Contemplative Prayer - Contemplative Prayer Group meets every week in the Lady Chapel on Thursday mornings at 10 - 11am. All welcome. For further information please contact Jayne MacGregor 07491 985180 / jaynemacgregor@yahoo.co.uk

Wednesday Midweek Holy Communion – 10am, Lady Chapel. Intimate, friendly service, followed by hot drinks and biscuits. All Welcome.

Harvest Donation Update - £511.46 was donated to the Solva run food bank running out of Bay View stores which serves the wider community including St Davids. Huge thanks to everyone who gave a donation that day. Please pray for their work, especially in these colder months.

Erw Dewi/Dewi's Acre Cathedral Community Garden

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Cathedral Community Garden (behind the Cathedral in The Close) for the next volunteer session **Wednesday 13th December, between 10am-12pm**. For details Email: hello@dewisacre.org.uk or Tel: 01437 729151.

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.

Cathedral House - Following a lively season's trading, the Caerbwdi Cafe at Cathedral House has now closed its doors for the next couple of months whilst the permanent tenancy of the premises is organised. Our temporary tenants, Fern and Alex, made a great success of their 'pop-up' during the summer and their hard work and enterprise was much appreciated. We wish them every success (and very happy travels) in the future.

Food Bank - The Cathedral continues to support the local food bank by having a donation point near the shop at the rear of the nave. Any non-perishable food donations are always welcome and special requests will be noted at the donation point. Ian will now collect the Cathedral's contributions regularly once a month. The Cost of Living crisis continues to affect many people, so please give as much as you are able. Many thanks.

Request for Books - The Cloister Bookstall is in need of book donations. If you have any old books you no longer read, in particular light-reading books such as novels, travel books and biographies, please drop them off at either the Deanery Office or the Vestry. All proceeds go towards the Plant Dewi project. Many thanks.

Library

Cathedral Library - The Cathedral Library is open to the public on Fridays and Mondays 2pm to 4pm. No bookings needed. Any Enquiries 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.

Cathedral Treasury - On public display in the Cathedral Treasury are rare artefacts and communion ware from the medieval, Tudor, Stuart and later periods. In the Library cases is one of the Cathedral's copies of the 403-year-old Welsh Bible from 1620 with its original wooden covers. Proceeds from the Donation Box go towards conservation and care of the Cathedral's Collection of Rare Books and artefacts.

Tour of Rarely Seen Parts of the Cathedral - The next Tour in this series will be held on Friday 29th December. 1pm-2pm. This is the anniversary of the murder of Archbishop Thomas Becket on 29th December in 1170. The Tour will focus on little known connections between this Cathedral and St Thomas Becket. Booking of £10 tickets in nave shop or through EventBrite on this link [Tour of Rarely Seen parts of St Davids Cathedral Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Printer Cartridges – Your 21st century printing can support the care of our 16th century printed books in the Cathedral Library, at no cost to you. We receive payments for ink jet cartridges that we send to be recycled. There is a green collection box on the window sill in the Cathedral's north porch, so please bring your ink jet cartridges in and pop them in the box. Many thanks.

Education & Pilgrimage

Community Tea & Chat Wednesday 13th December & Wednesday 10th January; 3-4.30pm

During Advent we are taking opportunity to use the 'Christmas through the Keyhole' stations, set out for our schools' work, to lead our thinking through Advent. We will meet in the cathedral to ponder on the themes of Christmas at the 5 stations - Mary's House, Joseph's Workshop, the Shepherds' Field, the Magi's Observatory and the Stable at Bethlehem. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Through the Keyhole

During these weeks of Advent we are welcoming schools into the Cathedral to peer 'through the keyhole', entering into the homes of the Nativity characters to learn more about Christmas and what it means to Christians.

Around the Cathedral you will find 5 interactive 'stations' which will be used to explore Mary's House, Joseph's Workshop, the Shepherds' Field, the Magi's Observatory and the Stable at Bethlehem. We hope that the children will enjoy their time of discussion and activity and gain a deeper understanding of the season of Christmas.

Although these displays are set up for the children you are very welcome to reflect, read the stories and collect the clues to piece together this incredible story.

Angel Trail

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 at Ty'r Pererin, Quickwell Hill and finishes outside the cathedral. The trail is open from **22nd December – 6th January**.

Follow the Star Boxing Day Tuesday 26th December; 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 from the welcome desk when you have completed your visit.

Information & Booking for any of these events: Email: education@stdavidscathedral.org.uk Tel: 01437 729151 Tŷ'r Pererin, Quickwell Hill, St Davids SA62 6PD

Please Support us Financially

Every year, the Cathedral has to find £1M to stay open 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.

If you would like to keep the Choir singing, the organ playing and contribute to all the other costs involved in keeping the Cathedral as a living place of worship, **please make a donation today.**

Contactless and cash donations can be made at the Welcome Desk.

Alternatively, you can make a donation via JustGiving by scanning this QR code.

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