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Yr Unfed Sul ar Bymtheg wedi'r Drindod

SUNDAY SERVICES *from page 4*
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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.

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Dydd Sul 20 Medi – Yr Unfed Sul ar Bymtheg wedi'r Drindod
Sunday 20 September – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 **Holy Eucharist** *High Altar*
President: The Canon in Residence

9.30 **Parish Communion** *Lady Chapel*
Preacher: Janet Ingram, Lay Reader

11.00 **Choral Eucharist** *Nave*
President: The Precentor *Preacher:* The Canon in Residence

4.00 **Choral Evensong** *Nave*
Preacher: The Precentor
Readings: Isaiah 33. 13-17 & Matthew 6. 19-34

Hymns and Readings for the Eucharist

Introit: Cantate Domino *Pitoni*
Mass setting: Missa Brevis Sancti Johannis de Deo *Haydn*

Processional Hymn:

Jesu, Lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

2 Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of thy wing.

3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
More than all in thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.

4 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound,
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of thee,
Spring thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

ABERYSTWYTH
Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Colect

O Arglwydd, erfyniwn arnat yn drugarog wrando gweddïau dy bobl sy'n galw arnat; a chaniatâ iddynt ddeall a gwybod y pethau y dylent eu gwneuthur, a chael hefyd ras a gallu i'w cyflanwi'n ffyddlon; trwy Iesu Grist ein Harglwydd, sy'n fyw ac yn teyrnasu gyda thi, yn undod yr Ysbryd Glân, yn un Duw, yn awr ac am byth.**Amen.**

Jonah 3.10 - 4.11

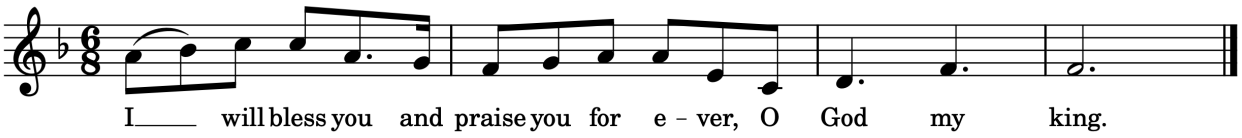
When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, ‘O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.’ And the Lord said, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, ‘It is better for me to die than to live.’ But God said to Jonah, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?’ And he said, ‘Yes, angry enough to die.’ Then the Lord said, ‘You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?’.

Jona 3.10 - 4.11

Pan welodd Duw beth a wnaethant, a'u bod wedi troi o'u ffyrdd drygionus, edifarhaodd am y drwg y bwriadodd ei wneud iddynt, ac nis gwnaeth.Yr oedd Jona'n anfodlon iawn am hyn, a theimlai'n ddig. Yna gweddïodd ar yr Arglwydd a dweud, "Yn awr, Arglwydd, onid hyn a ddywedais pan oeddwn gartref? Dyna pam yr achubais y blaen trwy ffoi i Tarsis. Gwyddwn dy fod yn Dduw graslon a thrugarog, araf i ddigio, mawr o dosturi ac yn edifar ganddo wneud niwed. Yn awr, Arglwydd, cymer fy mywyd oddi arnaf; gwell gennyf farw na byw." Atebodd Duw, "A yw'n iawn iti deimlo'n ddig?" Aeth Jona allan ac aros i'r dwyrain o'r ddinas. Gwnaeth gaban iddo'i hun yno, ac eistedd yn ei gysgod i weld beth a ddigwyddai i'r ddinas. A threfnodd yr Arglwydd Dduw i blanhigyn dyfu dros Jona i fod yn gysgod dros ei ben ac i leddfu ei drallod; ac yr oedd Jona'n falch iawn o'r planhigyn. Ond gyda'r wawr drannoeth, trefnodd Duw i bryfyn nychu'r planhigyn, nes iddo grino. A phan gododd yr haul trefnodd Duw wynt poeth o'r dwyrain, ac yr oedd yr haul yn taro ar ben Jona nes iddo lewygu; gofynnodd am gael marw, a dweud, "Gwell gennyf farw na byw." A gofynnodd Duw i Jona, "A yw'n iawn iti deimlo'n ddig o achos y planhigyn?" Atebodd yntau, "Y mae'n iawn imi deimlo'n ddig hyd angau." Dywedodd Duw, "Yr wyt ti'n tosturio wrth blanhigyn na fuost yn llafurio gydag ef nac yn ei dyfu; mewn noson y daeth, ac mewn noson y darfu. Oni thosturiaf finnau wrth Ninefe, y ddinas fawr, lle mae mwy na chant ac ugain o filoedd o bobl sydd heb wybod y gwahaniaeth rhwng y llaw chwith a'r llaw dde, heb sôn am lu o anifeiliaid?"

Responsorial Psalm (for 11am Eucharist)

Choir: I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King.

All:

Choir: I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; his greatness is beyond all searching out. **R.**

Choir: One generation shall praise your works to another and declare your mighty acts. They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. **R.**

Choir: They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, and I will also tell of your greatness. They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. **R.**

Philippians 1. 21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Philipiaid 1. 21-30

Oherwydd, i mi, Crist yw byw, ac elw yw marw. Ond os wyf i barhau i fyw yn y cnawd, bydd hynny'n golygu y caf ffrwyth o'm llafur. Eto, ni wn beth i'w ddewis. Y mae'n gyfyng arnaf o'r ddeutu; y mae arnaf awydd ymadael a bod gyda Christ, gan fod hynny'n llawer iawn gwell; ond y mae aros yn fy nghnawd yn fwy angenrheidiol er eich mwyn chwi. Rwy'n gwybod hyn i sicrwydd: aros a wnaf, a phara i aros gyda chwi oll, i hyrwyddo eich cynnydd a'ch llawenydd yn y ffydd, er mwyn ichwi ymffrostio fwyfwy, yng Nghrist Iesu, o'm hachos i pan ddof yn ôl atoch. Yn anad dim, bydded eich buchedd yn deilwng o Efengyl Crist, er mwyn imi weld, os dof atoch, neu glywed amdanoch, os byddaf yn absennol, eich bod yn sefyll yn gadarn, yn un o ran ysbryd, gan gydymdrechu yn unfryd dros ffydd yr Efengyl, heb eich dychrynu mewn un dim gan y gwrthwynebwyr. Bydd hyn yn arwydd eglur i'r rheini o'u distryw hwy, ond o'ch iachawdwriaeth chwi, a hynny oddi wrth Dduw. Oherwydd

rhoddwyd i chwi y fraint, nid yn unig o gredu yng Nghrist ond hefyd o ddioddef drosto, gan ymdaflu i'r frwydr honno y gwelsoch fi ynddi, ac yr ydych yn awr yn clywed fy mod ynddi o hyd.

Psalm 145. 1-7

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

Salm 145. 1-7

Emyn Mawl. I Ddafydd. Dyrchafaf di, fy Nuw, O Frenin, a bendithiaf dy enw byth bythoedd. Bob dydd bendithiaf di, a moliannu dy enw byth bythoedd. Mawr yw'r Arglwydd, a theilwng iawn o fawl, ac y mae ei fawredd yn anchwiliadwy.

Molianna'r naill genhedlaeth dy waith wrth y llall, a mynegi dy weithredoedd nerthol. Am ysblander gogoneddus dy fawredd y dywedant, a myfyrio ar dy ryfeddodau. Cyhoeddant rym dy weithredoedd ofnadwy, ac adrodd am dy fawredd. Dygant i gof dy ddaioni helaeth, a chanu am dy gyfiawnder.

Matthew 20. 1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Mathew 20. 1-16

"Y mae teyrnas nefoedd yn debyg i berchen tŷ a aeth allan gyda'r bore bach i gyflogi gweithwyr i'w winllan. Cytunodd â'r gweithwyr am dâl o un darn arian y dydd ac anfonodd hwy i'w winllan. Aeth allan eilwaith tua naw o'r gloch y bore, a gwelodd eraill yn sefyll yn segur yn y farchnad. Dywedodd wrthynt hwythau, 'Ewch chwi hefyd i'r winllan, ac fe dalaf i chwi beth bynnag fydd yn deg'; ac aethant yno. Yna fe aeth allan eto tua chanol dydd, a thua thri o'r gloch y prynhawn, a gwneud fel o'r blaen. Tua phump o'r gloch aeth allan a dod o hyd i eraill yn sefyll yno, ac meddai wrthynt, 'Pam yr ydych yn sefyll yma drwy'r dydd yn segur?' 'Am na chyflogodd neb ni,' oedd eu hateb. 'Ewch chwi hefyd i'r winllan,' meddai ef. Gyda'r nos dyma berchen y winllan yn dweud wrth ei oruchwyliwr, 'Galw'r gweithwyr, a thâl eu cyflog iddynt, gan ddechrau gyda'r rhai diwethaf a dibennu gyda'r cyntaf.' Daeth y rhai a gyflogwyd tua phump o'r gloch, a derbyniasant un darn arian yr un. A phan ddaeth y rhai a gyflogwyd gyntaf, tybiasant y caent fwy, ond un darn arian yr un a gawsant hwythau hefyd. Ac wedi eu cael dechreusant rwgnach yn erbyn y perchen tŷ gan ddweud, 'Dim ond un awr y gweithiodd y rhai diwethaf yma, a gwnaethost hwy'n gyfartal â ni, sydd wedi llafurio drwy'r dydd yn y gwres tanbaid.' Ond atebodd y meistr: 'Gyfaill,' meddai wrth un ohonynt, 'nid wyf yn gwneud cam â thi. Onid am un darn arian y cytunaist â mi? Cymer yr hyn sydd i ti a dos ymaith. 'Rwy'n dewis rhoi i'r olaf yma fel i tithau. Onid yw'n gyfreithlon imi wneud fel 'rwy'n dewis â'm heiddo fy hun? Neu ai cenfigen yw dy ymateb i'm haelioni? Felly bydd y rhai olaf yn flaenaf a'r rhai blaenaf yn olaf.'"

Offertory Hymn

1 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

3 We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

4 So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all thy church above,
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:
More blessèd still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

SONG I

William Turton (1856-1938) — Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Recessional Hymn

1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am (thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down),
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
Here for a season then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

SAFFRON WALDEN

Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871) — Arthur Henry Brown (1830-1926)

Psalm for Evensong: Psalm 34

I will alway give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear there of and be glad.
O praise the Lord with me: and let us magnify his name together.
I sought the Lord and he heard me: yea he delivered me out of all my fears.
They looked unto him and were made glad: and their faces were not ashamed.
Here is a poor man who cried and the Lord heard him: yea and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord dwelleth round about them that fear him:
and delivereth them in time of need.

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessèd is the man that trusteth in him.
O fear the Lord, ye that are his servants: for they that fear him lack nothing.
They who trust not in him do lack and suffer hunger:
but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
Come ye children and hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
What man is he that delighteth to live: and would fain see long life and prosperity?
Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
Depart from evil and do good: seek peace and pursue it.
The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous: and his ears are open unto their prayers.
The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil:
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is nigh unto them that are broken in heart: and will save such as be bruised in spirit.
Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
He keepeth all his bones: so that not one of them is broken.
But misfortune shall slay the ungodly: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants: and all they that put their trust in him shall not be desolate.
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

Harvest Sunday – Dydd Sul Diolchgarwch, Hydref 4 October 2026

Harvest time is such an important time in an agricultural area like this and a key festival in the life of the church, we are looking forward to celebrating with you and thanking God for this year's harvest.

You are warmly invited to both of our services on Harvest Sunday and to the Harvest lunch (please do sign up at the Welcome Desk).

If you'd like to bring a Harvest Gift, you can do so at either of the services. We ask you to bring tins of food, dried pasta or toiletries which will be distributed to local foodbanks. The collection that day will go to *Tir Dewi*, a charity that exists to support farmers and their families across Wales.

10.30am – Harvest Festival Choral Eucharist

4pm – Harvest Choral Evensong

12.45pm – Harvest Lunch at the Bunk Barns – please book in advance

Please note, there is no 9.30am Parish Communion that day.

Diolch o galon am eich cefnogaeth. Thank you for your support.

Cinio Diolchgarwch Egwlys Gadeiriol Tyddewi
St Davids Cathedral's Harvest Lunch!
Dewch i fwynhau bwyd a chwmni da! Come and join the fun! Everyone is invited!!
Sunday 4th October 12.45pm for a free glass of fizz
(prosecco or soft drink), followed by lunch at around 1.15pm
St Davids BUNK BARNS, SA62 6QN
We'll also be celebrating Bishop Wyn's special birthday!
£15 per person (£6 for under 12) Tickets are limited, DON'T Miss out!
Pay CASH/Contactless on the day.
MENU
Roast turkey or Vegetable Wellington
Roast potatoes, Honey roast carrots, Greens, Stuffing balls, gravy and cranberry sauce.
Pudding
Please bring your own wine/beer, soft drinks will be available
Please sign up today (and no later than Sunday 27th September) at the Welcome Desk or email canonpastor@stdavidscathedral.org.uk.
#diolchgarwch #cynhaeaf #parishlife #community #harvest

Dr Alain Wolf is an ordinand on placement with us who is training for ordination at St Padarns. Many of you will know Alain and his husband Lawrence, as they have been worshipping at the Cathedral since 2018. Alain has been part of the ministry team at the Cathedral, leading intercessions, Evening Prayer and as sub-deacon at the 11am Choral Eucharist on Sunday. He will be with us on placement every Sunday and Monday for an academic year. Alain formerly worked as a lecturer in Applied Linguistics and has academic interests in the areas of Language and Literature. Alain and Laurence moved from Norfolk to Pembrokeshire 8 years ago. If you'd like to contact Alain with a Cathedral related matter his email is alain@stdavidscathedral.org.uk.

Bible Sunday Joint Churches Together Service, October 25th 2026, 2.30pm. Please come and join us for our annual ecumenical service, St Michael's Church (Catholic), St Davids, New Street, SA62 6SS. Croeso i bawb.

Parish Communion, 9.30am in October and November
Every Sunday there is a Parish Communion service at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel. One the fourth Sunday of the month it's the Welsh-language service – Cymun y Plwyf. Occasionally we cancel the Parish Communion, so that all the Cathedral community can gather for special services.
Sunday 4th October, no parish communion, please join us at the Harvest Service at 10.30am
Sunday 18th October, no parish communion please join us for the new Dean's first service at 11am
Sunday 8th November, no parish communion, please join us for our Remembrance Sunday service at 11.15am

For more information speak to Canon Sheridan or email her at canonpastor@stdavidscathedral.org.uk

Journeying Poetry Competition 2026

Poems inspired by the competition theme; ***Water*** are invited for the sixth Annual Journeying Poetry Competition.

Writers may like to consider water in its natural appearances e.g. rain, dew, spring, stream, lake, sea etc., as well its spiritual associations e.g. water of life (John ch.4) water from the temple (Ezekiel ch.47), river of life (Revelation ch.22), water/renewal (Isaiah ch.43) water/baptism, water/thirst, etc.

Poems should be original, unassisted by Ai and not previously published elsewhere. Entries should reach us by email attachment, before midnight (GMT) on the last Saturday in October 2026. Email address: info@journeying.co.uk

Poems may be of any length. Just one entry per person. There is no charge.

The winning poet will receive £100 sterling and the Winner's Commemorative Certificate. Two further Highly Commended prizes worth £50.00 each will also be provided.

The winning poem will be announced on December 15th 2026 and published in *Sharing the Journey* and on the Journeying website, social media platforms and via press release. Beyond this copyright remains with the author.

The Judges

David Arkell retired from teaching this year in order to train as a lay minister in the Church of England. His first book of poetry, *Divine Loves*, was published in 2019.

Revd Gill Page is Chair of Journeying. Her fine collection of books is a testimony to her love of poetry and includes works by well-known writers and friends who have self-published.

Journeying is a non-profit seeking organisation welcoming people on small group pilgrim holidays in an informal Christian ambience, to the more off-the-beaten-track parts of Britain and Ireland. Along the Way; prayer, reflection and poetry provide the rhythm around which we journey. Journeying was established in 1988.

To read more about the competition, including past winners, please visit the Poetry page of the Journeying website: https://www.journeying.co.uk/poetry

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. ElizabethI 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.

DRYSAU AGORED / OPEN DOORS and LIBRARY EVENTS - September 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th.

The Cathedral is pleased to be taking part again this year with the Europe-wide Open Doors programme. This runs in 50 countries under the umbrella of the Council of Europe Cultural Programme. In Wales the Open Doors programme is organised by Cadw, the Welsh Government's historic environment service. For three days at the end of September, the cathedral, the Bishops

Palace and the 14th century gatehouse and bell tower will all have tours and talks, free of charge, at synchronised times. We are also delighted that Llandaff Cathedral choir will be joining us to sing the choral services during these days.
Michaelmas also marks the anniversary of the first of two visits to St Davids (Menevia) by the controversial Norman king of England, Henry II. It was only a short time after the murder of Thomas Becket, in which Henry was implicated.
In the middle of this programme, there is also a day of cathedral library events featuring three particular Talks in different locations in the cathedral. Online Tickets at reasonable costs are required for these three events.

Saturday 26 September DRYSAU AGORED / OPEN DOORS

11am-4pm - St Davids Bishops Palace open free of charge
11am - "Hearing the Unseen: Michaelmas, Angels, and the Formation of Christian Imagination" Talk by St Davids Cathedral Precentor, Canon Leigh Richardson. North transept.
12.15pm-2.45pm - Porth-y-Twr - Bell Tower - bell ringing demonstrations, chance to join in and also climb up to see the 10 bells close up.
1pm-1.45pm - Porth-y-Twr - visit to see carved Celtic Christian crosses in Lapidarium.
2pm-3pm - Open Doors public free tour of rarely seen parts of the cathedral.
3pm-4pm - Open Doors free guided tour of Bishops Palace
6pm Choral Evensong, sung by Llandaff Cathedral Choir - in quire of cathedral

Sunday 27 September DRYSAU AGORED / OPEN DOORS

11am-4pm - St Davids Bishops Palace open free of charge
11am - Cadw Open Doors free guided tour of Bishops Palace
11am Cathedral Choral Eucharist sung by the joint choirs of St Davids and Llandaff Cathedral
1pm-2pm - Open Doors public tour of rarely seen parts of cathedral.
4pm - Choral Vespers for Michaelmas with joint Cathedral Choirs of St Davids and Llandaff, including presentation of Michaelmas caps as during the visit of Henry II in 1171.

Monday, 28th September - CATHEDRAL LIBRARY EVENTS

*11am - **"Crosses found in the niche."** Talk by Heather James, Carmarthen antiquarian. North transept & Trinity Chapel*
Tickets £8 online at Five Crosses in the Niche - Booking by Bookwhen
*12.30pm - **"The Elias Mystery - Mount Athos to St Davids"** Prof Nassis (on video} and Mari James, St Davids Cathedral Library. In South transept, with icon painting of Elijah.*
Tickets £8 online at The Elias mystery - Mount Athos to St Davids - Booking by Bookwhen
*2.30pm - **"The personal faith of Agatha Christie" Talk by Archdeacon Paul Mackness.** north transept.*
Tickets £8 online at The Personal Faith of Agatha Christie - Booking by Bookwhen

NB A combined ticket for all 3 Talks and Tours is available for £20 online at: Joint ticket for 3 Cathedral Library events 28th September. - Booking by Bookwhen
3.30pm-4.30pm - Cathedral Library open for visiting.
6pm - Choral Evensong sung by St Andrew's Voices

Tuesday 29 September, Michaelmas Day DRYSAU AGORED / OPEN DOORS

11am-4pm - St Davids Bishops Palace open free of charge
1pm-2pm - Open Doors free public tour of St Davids Cathedral as Henry II would have visited it on Michaelmas Day 1171, after the murder of Thomas Becket.
3pm - Cadw Open Doors free guided tour of Bishops Palace
6pm - Choral Evening Prayer, with Cathedral Choral Scholars - in Capel Mair / Lady Chapel.

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 Pilgrimage - final few Fridays of the Season - Please join us for a short pilgrimage every Friday 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

Friday Pilgrimage for Peace, 10am-12.30pm, Friday 23 October - Join us as we journey through this sacred landscape to walk in unity with those yearning for peace across the world. This short pilgrimage will start at Oriel y Parc and take us along the fields to St Non's Chapel and Holy Well. We will share words and music in response to our longing for peace. There will be a period of quiet reflection at St Non's Chapel before arriving at the Cathedral for the 'Pilgrim Prayers' service at noon, followed by an optional lunch at Mamgu's cafe with fellow-pilgrims.
Organised by St David's Cathedral and the Wexford-Pembrokeshire Pilgrims Way

In Residence: The Venerable Eileen Davies & The Reverend Canon Mark Ansell

20	**The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity** Responses: *Smith*	**8.00** **9.30** **11.00**	**Holy Eucharist *High Altar*** **Parish Communion *Lady Chapel*** Preacher: The Canon Pastor **Choral Eucharist *Nave*** *sung by the Cathedral Choir* Cantate Domino *Pitoni* Psalm 145. 1-8 Missa Brevis Sancti Johannis de Deo *Haydn* Here, O my Lord *Whitlock* Preacher: The Canon in Residence Hymns: 383, 302, 294	**4.00**	**Choral Evensong *Nave*** *sung by the Cathedral Choir* View me Lord *Lloyd* Psalm: 34 *Sumsion* in G How beauteous are their feet *Stanford* Preacher: The Precentor Hymns: 189 (t. 12), 341, 214ii
21	**Monday** ***Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist***	**8.00** **12.00**	**Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist *Quire & High Altar*** **Funeral *Lady Chapel***	**6.00**	**Said Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel***
22	**Tuesday** Responses: *Tallis*	**8.00**	**Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist *Holy Trinity Chapel***	**6.00**	**Choral Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel*** *sung by the Choral Scholars* Psalm: 50 Lord Jesus Christ, abide with us Fauxbourdons *Dearnley* Cofitemini Domino *Costantini*
23	**Wednesday** *Ember Day*	**8.00** **10.00**	**Morning Prayer *St Thomas Becket Chapel*** **Holy Eucharist & Address *Lady Chapel***	**6.00** **7.00** **9.30**	**Said Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel*** ***Entry via North East Door*** **Concert: Illuminated Orchestra *Nave*** **Concert: Illuminated Orchestra *Nave***
24	**Thursday** *Sergei of Radonezh (1392), Abbot* Responses: *Smith*	**8.00** **10.00** **3.30**	**Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist *Holy Trinity Chapel*** **Contemplative Prayer *Lady Chapel*** **Concert: Illuminated Orchestra *Nave***	**6.00** **7.30**	**Choral Evensong *Quire*** *sung by the Cathedral Choir* Psalm: 62 *Sixth Service* Weelkes O Lord, give thy holy Spirit *Tallis* Hymn: 357 **Concert: Illuminated Orchestra *Nave***
25	**Friday** *Ember Day* *Cadoc (6th century), Abbot* Responses: *Tallis*	**8.00** **12.00**	**Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist *Lady Chapel*** **Pilgrim Prayers *Shrine***	**6.00**	**Choral Evensong *Quire*** *sung by the Vicars Choral & Choral Scholars* Psalm: 38 Magnificat Secundi Toni *Soriano* Nunc dimittis *Viadana* O sing joyfully *Batten* Hymn: 18
26	**Saturday** *Ember Day* *Lancelot Andrewes (1626), Bishop* Responses: *Spicer Set 2*	**8.00**	**Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist *St Thomas Becket Chapel***	**6.00**	**Choral Evensong *Nave*** *sung by Llandaff Cathedral Choir* Psalm: 66 King's College Service *Forbes-L'Estrange* The Lord is my Shepherd *How* Hymn: 420
27	**The Seventeeth Sunday after Trinity** Responses: *Smith*	**8.00** **9.30** **11.00**	**Holy Eucharist *High Altar*** **Cymun y Plwyf *Capel Mair*** Preacher: The Canon in Residence **Choral Eucharist *Nave*** *sung by the Cathedral Choirs of Llandaff & St Davids* Ubi caritas *Duruflé* Psalm 25. 1-9 Messe Solennelle *Vierne* Ave Verum *Mozart* Preacher: The Canon in Residence Hymns: 335, 338 (omit *), 388i	**4.00**	**Choral Vespers for Michaelmas *Nave*** *sung by the Cathedral Choirs of Llandaff & St Davids* Psalm: 91 Collegium Regale Magnificat *Howells* Te splendor *Plainsong* War in heaven *Cox* Visita quaesumus *Byrd* Hymns:475, 478

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