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ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL

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27 Medi - 4 Hydref 2026

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
27 September - 4 October 2026

GWASANAETHAU Y SUL *o dudalen 4*
Yr Ail Sul ar Bymtheg wedi'r Drindod

SUNDAY SERVICES *from page 4*
The Seventeenth 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.

Safeguarding

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Cefnogaeth/Support

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

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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 27 Medi – Yr Ail Sul ar Bymtheg wedi'r Drindod
Sunday 27 September – The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 **Holy Eucharist** *High Altar*
President: The Precentor *Preacher:* Amy Desborough, Ordinand

9.30 **Cymun y Plwyf** *Capel Mair*
President and Preacher: The Canon in Residence

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

4.00 **Choral Vespers for Michaelmas** *Nave*

Hymns and Readings for the Eucharist

Introit: Ubi caritas *Duruflé*
Mass setting: Messe Solennelle *Vierne*

Processional Hymn:

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield your glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:
Alleluia!

2 Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
Alleluia!

3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
Alleluia!

4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:
Alleluia!

5 Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God the Father be by all adored:
Alleluia!

ENGELBERG

F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) Charles Villers Stanford (1895-1924)

Collect
Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Colect

Hollalluog Dduw, gwnaethost ni ar dy gyfer di dy hun, ac y mae'n calonnau'n anniddig nes cael gorffwys ynot ti: dysg inni gynnig ein hunain i'th wasanaeth, fel y cawn yma dy dangnefedd, ac yn y byd a ddaw dy weld wyneb yn wyneb; 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.**

Ezekiel 18. 1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Eseciel 18. 1-4, 25-32

Daeth gair yr Arglwydd ataf a dweud, "Beth a olygwch wrth ddefnyddio'r ddihareb hon am wlad Israel: 'Y rhieni fu'n bwyta grawnwin surion, ond ar ddannedd y plant y mae dincod'? Cyn wired â'm bod yn fyw," medd yr Arglwydd Dduw, "ni ddefnyddiwch eto'r ddihareb hon yn Israel. I mi y perthyn pob enaid byw, y rhiant a'r plentyn fel ei gilydd; a'r sawl sy'n pechu fydd farw. "Eto fe ddywedwch, 'Nid yw ffordd yr Arglwydd yn gyfiawn.' Clywch hyn, dŷ Israel: A yw fy ffordd i yn anghyfiawn? Onid eich ffyrdd chwi sy'n anghyfiawn? Os bydd dyn cyfiawn yn troi o'i gyfiawnder ac yn gwneud drygioni, bydd farw o'i achos; am y drygioni a wnaeth bydd farw. Ond os bydd dyn drwg yn troi o'r drygioni a wnaeth ac yn gwneud barn a chyfiawnder, bydd yn arbed ei fywyd. Am iddo weld, a throi oddi wrth yr holl droseddau y bu'n eu gwneud, bydd yn sicr o fyw; ni fydd farw. Ac eto fe ddywed tŷ Israel, 'Nid yw ffordd yr Arglwydd yn gyfiawn.' A yw fy ffyrdd i yn anghywir, dŷ Israel? Onid eich ffyrdd chwi sy'n anghywir? "Felly, dŷ Israel, fe'ch barnaf bob un am ei ffordd ei hun," medd yr Arglwydd Dduw. "Edifarhewch, a throwch oddi wrth eich holl wrthryfel, fel na fydd drygioni yn dramgwydd i chwi. Bwriwch ymaith yr holl droseddau a wnaethoch, a mynnwch

galon newydd ac ysbryd newydd; pam y byddwch farw, dŷ Israel? Nid wyf yn ymhyfrydu ym marwolaeth neb," medd yr Arglwydd Dduw; "edifarhewch a byddwch fyw."

Responsorial Psalm (for 11am Eucharist):

Choir: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

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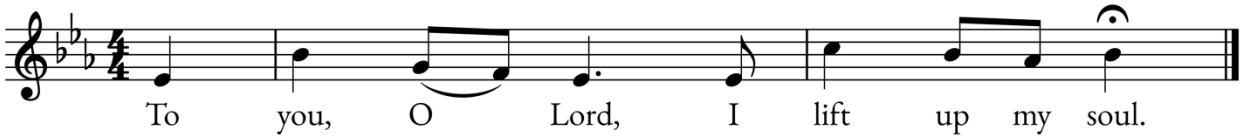
Choir: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. **R.**

Choir: Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long. **R.**

Choir: Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. **R.**

Choir: Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way. He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **R.**

Philippians 2. 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out

your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philipiaid 2. 1-13

Felly, os oes gennych yng Nghrist unrhyw symbyliad, unrhyw apêl o du cariad, unrhyw gymdeithas trwy'r Ysbryd, os oes unrhyw gynhesrwydd a thosturi, cyflawnwch fy llawenydd trwy fod o'r un meddwl, a'r un cariad gennych at eich gilydd, yn unfryd ac yn unfarn. Peidiwch â gwneud dim o gymhellion hunanol nac o ymffrost gwag, ond mewn gostyngeiddrwydd bydded i bob un ohonoch gyfrif y llall yn deilyngach nag ef ei hun. Bydded gofal gan bob un ohonoch, nid am eich buddiannau eich hunain yn unig ond am fuddiannau pobl eraill hefyd. Amlygwch yn eich plith eich hunain yr agwedd meddwl honno sydd, yn wir, yn eiddo i chwi yng Nghrist Iesu. Er ei fod ef ar ffurf Duw, ni chyfrifodd fod cydraddoldeb â Duw yn beth i'w gipio, ond fe'i gwacaodd ei hun, gan gymryd ffurf caethwas a dyfod ar wedd ddynol. O'i gael ar ddull dyn, fe'i darostyngodd ei hun, gan fod yn ufudd hyd angau, ie, angau ar groes. Am hynny tra-dyrchafodd Duw ef, a rhoi iddo'r enw sydd goruwch pob enw, fel wrth enw Iesu y plygai pob glin yn y nef ac ar y ddaear a than y ddaear, ac y cyffesai pob tafod fod Iesu Grist yn Arglwydd, er gogoniant Duw Dad. Gan hynny, fy nghyfeillion annwyl, fel y buoch bob amser yn ufudd, felly yn awr, nid yn unig fel pe bawn yn bresennol, ond yn fwy o lawer gan fy mod yn absennol, gweithredwch, mewn ofn a dychryn, yr iachawdwriaeth sy'n eiddo ichwi; oblegid Duw yw'r un sydd yn gweithio ynoch i beri ichwi ewyllysio a gweithredu i'w amcanion daionus ef.

Psalm 25. 1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Salm 25. 1-9

Atat ti, Arglwydd, y dyrchafaf fy enaid; O fy Nuw, ynot ti yr wyf yn ymddiried; paid â dwyn cywilydd arnaf, paid â gadael i'm gelynion orfoleddu o'm hachos. Ni ddaw cywilydd i'r rhai sy'n gobeithio ynot ti, ond fe ddaw i'r rhai sy'n llawn brad heb achos.

Gwna imi wybod dy ffyrdd, O Arglwydd, hyffordda fi yn dy lwybrau. Arwain fi yn dy wirionedd a dysg fi, oherwydd ti yw Duw fy iachawdwriaeth; wrthyt ti y bûm yn disgwyl trwy'r dydd.

O Arglwydd, cofia dy drugaredd a'th ffyddlondeb, oherwydd y maent erioed. Paid â chofio pechodau fy ieuenctid na'm gwrthryfel, ond yn dy gariad cofia fi, er mwyn dy ddaioni, O Arglwydd.
Y mae'r Arglwydd yn dda ac uniawn, am hynny fe ddysg y ffordd i bechaduriaid. Fe arwain y gostyngedig yn yr hyn sy'n iawn, a dysgu ei ffordd i'r gostyngedig.

Matthew 21. 23-32
When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Mathew 21. 23-32
Daeth Iesu i'r deml, a phan oedd yn dysgu yno daeth y prif offeiriaid a henuriaid y bobl ato a gofyn, "Trwy ba awdurdod yr wyt ti'n gwneud y pethau hyn? Pwy roddodd i ti'r awdurdod hwn?" Atebodd Iesu hwy, "Fe ofynnaf finnau un peth i chwi, ac os atebwch hwnnw, fe ddywedaf finnau wrthych trwy ba awdurdod yr wyf yn gwneud y pethau hyn. Bedydd Ioan, o ble yr oedd? Ai o'r nef ai o'r byd daearol?" Dechreusant ddadlau â'i gilydd a dweud, "Os dywedwn, 'O'r nef', fe ddywed wrthym, 'Pam, ynteu, na chredasoch ef?' Ond os dywedwn, 'O'r byd daearol', y mae arnom ofn y dyrfa, oherwydd y mae pawb yn dal fod Ioan yn broffwyd." Atebasant Iesu, "Ni wyddom ni ddim." Ac meddai yntau wrthynt, "Ni ddywedaf finnau chwaith wrthych chwi trwy ba awdurdod yr wyf yn gwneud y pethau hyn. "Ond beth yw eich barn chwi ar hyn? Yr oedd dyn a chanddo ddau fab. Aeth at y cyntaf a dweud, 'Fy mab, dos heddiw a gweithia yn y winllan.' Atebodd yntau, 'Na wnaf'; ond yn ddiweddarach newidiodd ei feddwl a mynd. Yna fe aeth y tad at y mab arall a gofyn yr un modd. Atebodd hwnnw, 'Fe af fi, syr'; ond nid aeth. Prun o'r ddau a gyflawnodd ewyllys y tad?" "Y cyntaf," meddent. Dywedodd Iesu wrthynt, "Yn wir, 'rwy'n dweud wrthych fod y casglwyr trethi a'r puteiniaid yn mynd i mewn i deyrnas Dduw o'ch blaen chwi. Oherwydd daeth Ioan atoch yn dangos ffordd cyfiawnder, ac ni chredasoch ef. Ond fe gredodd y casglwyr trethi a'r puteiniaid ef. A chwithau, ar ôl ichwi weld hynny, ni newidiasoch eich meddwl a dod i'w gredu.

Offertory Hymn

1 At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

2 At his voice creation
Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces,
All the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations,
Stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders,
In their great array.

3 Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed:

4 Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

5 In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true:
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.

Caroline Noel (1817-77)

EVELYNS
W. H. Monk (1823-89)

Recessional Hymn

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

4 Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the long Amen.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

TRURO
Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

Cathedral Notices

Parish & Community Life

Llandaff Cathedral Choir - We are delighted to welcome Llandaff Cathedral Choir to St Davids Cathedral for Michaelmas weekend. We look forward to joining together in worship and music as our two cathedral choirs sing the today's Eucharist and Vespers together. We extend a particularly warm welcome to Stephen Moore, Director of Music, Aaron Shilson, Assistant Director of Music, the girl choristers and the adult back row. We hope their visit will be a joyful opportunity for fellowship and friendship, as well as a wonderful celebration of the Feast of St Michael and All Angels.

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

Rest in Peace: Mrs Shirley Ann Buchanan Tarr - Mrs Tarr moved to St Davids with her husband Ray in 1984 from Bracknell. They had originally met whilst serving in the Royal Navy. They were faithful members of the Cathedral Community from that time onwards. Shirley's husband was for many years Secretary of the Friends of St Davids Cathedral and was supported ably by Shirley. Sadly Ray died approximately fifteen years ago and Shirley who was a popular and respected member of the Community continued to live here until her mobility failed and she went into residential care in Park House in Tenby some eighteen months ago. Sadly Shirley lost her only son some six or so years ago which left a void in her life. Shirley was a valued member of the small team which looked after the repairs and alterations to the valuable vestments and robes in the Cathedral during the time of Dean Jonathan.

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.
From Monday 9th November, Alain will be presenting a series of talks at Ty'r Pererin. Entitled 'Faith in literature', this engaging 5-week course explores how Christianity has influenced English literature. Featuring a short lecture from Alain, followed by an informal group discussion, the course will cover the poetry of John Keats, George Herbert, John Betjeman, R.S Thomas, and the novels of George Eliot and Jane Austen. The lectures start at 2.45pm, and tea and cake are provided free of charge – donations towards the work of the cathedral are appreciated.

Amy Desborough is a reader who has been on a short placement with us this week, ending this weekend with a homily at the 8am Eucharist and assisting at the other services.

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.

Tea and chat – the next session of Tea and chat is on **Wednesday 7th October, 3.00pm-4.30pm.** Croeso i bawb – a warm welcome to all.

Wednesday service donations - The donations made at coffee time after the 10am Wednesday service of Holy Eucharist, in total come to around £100. This has been passed on to the Food Bank that the Cathedral supports. Thank you too for continuing support by adding grocery items etc to the basket by the Cathedral shop. All received with gratitude.

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.

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 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.

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 Reverend Canon Mark Ansell

27	**The Seventeenth 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
28	**Monday** Responses: *Ebdon*	**8.00**	**Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist *Lady Chapel***	**6.00**	**Choral Evensong *Quire*** *sung by St Andrew's Voices* Psalm 91 *Moeran* in D O praise the Lord *Batten* Hymn: 425
29	**Tuesday** ***Michael and All Angels*** Responses: *Tallis*	**8.00**	**Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist *Quire & High Altar***	**6.00**	**Choral Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel*** *sung by the Choral Scholars* Psalms 138; 148 Christ, the fair glory Fauxbourdons *arr. Rainbow* Te splendor et virtus patris
30	**Wednesday** *Jerome (420), Doctor of the Church* Responses: *Archer Set 2*	**8.00** **10.00**	**Morning Prayer *St Thomas Becket Chapel*** **Holy Eucharist & Address *Lady Chapel***	**6.00**	**Choral Evensong *Quire*** *sung by the Cathedral Choristers* Psalm 119. 81-88 *Noon* in E minor Light of the world *Dankworth* Hymn: 64
1	**Thursday** Responses: *Rose*	**8.00** **10.00**	**Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist *Holy Trinity Chapel*** **Contemplative Prayer *Lady Chapel***	**6.00**	**Choral Evensong *Quire*** *sung by the Cathedral Choir* Psalm 78. 40-52 *Walmisley* in D minor Save us, O Lord *Bairstow* Hymn: 270 (t. 374)
2	**Friday** Responses: *Cleobury*	**8.00** **12.00**	**Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist *Lady Chapel*** **Pilgrim Prayers *Shrine of St David***	**6.00**	**Choral Evensong *Quire*** *sung by the Vicars Choral & Choral Scholars* Psalm 69 First Service *Moore* Jubilate Deo in E *Macpherson* Hymn: 453
3	**Saturday**	**8.00** **1.00**	**Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist *St Thomas Becket Chapel*** **Informal Concert: Mountain Ash RFC Male Voice Choir *Nave***	**6.00**	**Said Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel***
4	**Harvest Sunday** Responses: *Rose*	**8.00** **9.30** **10.30**	**Holy Eucharist *High Altar*** ***No Parish Communion*** **Harvest Eucharist *Nave*** *sung by the Cathedral Choir & Young Voices* Touch the earth lightly *Weaver* Mass of St Thomas *Thorne* All things bright and beautiful *Rutter* Preacher: The Rt Revd Wyn Evans Hymns: 259, 285, 262 Sortie sur 'Joyeux Anniversaire' *John*	**4.00**	**Choral Evensong *Nave*** *sung by the Cathedral Choir* O come ye servants of the Lord *Tye* Psalm 67 *Ireland* in F The heavens are telling *Haydn* Preacher: The Sub Dean Hymns: 261, 397, 263 (omit *)

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