

Ardal Cenhadaeth Elwy Mission Area



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Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please inform one of the stewards/sidespersons who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

29TH NOVEMBER 2020 – ADVENT I

Today's Services:

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

Mass: Missa Rorate coeli de super, Haydn

Psalm: 80. 1-7

Motet: This is the truth arr. Vaughan

Williams

Preacher: The Dean

6pm "Looking for the Light" –

a service of music and readings for Advent

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

i Corinthians 1. 3-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80. 1-7

R: Turn again, O God of hosts.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock; Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. *R*:

Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation. Turn us again, O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. *R*:

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people's prayer? You feed them with the bread of tears; you give them abundance of tears to drink. *R*: You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Turn us again, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. *R*:

Mark 13. 24-37

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:
'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Prayer over the Gifts

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

God our deliverer, awaken our hearts to prepare the way for the advent of your Son: that, with minds purified by the grace of his coming, we may serve you faithfully all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Isaiah 64. 1-9

The prophet Isaiah looks at the disastrous state of God's people and calls upon the Lord, their Father, to come down and make his presence felt.

I Corinthians 1. 3-9

The Apostle Paul thanks God for the spiritual life of the Christians of Corinth and assures them that God will continue to strengthen them to the end.

Mark 13. 24-37

In words of a visionary, apocalyptic nature Jesus calls his disciples to keep awake and alert to the end.

Notices

Covid 19 Please use the hand sanitiser, complete the Track & Trace form, and observe social distancing regulations as we strive to keep everyone safe in church. When you have arrived in church please take your seat immediately and remain seated until the service begins as other people will be arriving and this will avoid congestion and unnecessary contact in the aisle. After the service please go outside the building to speak to friends etc. Please wear a face covering when coming to church. Thank you. If you have a SmartPhone and have downloaded the NHS Covid 19 app please check in using the QR Code. If you do this there is no need to fill in the Track and Trace form as well.

Service Booklets. Please do take this reading sheet away with you after the service but please leave the service booklet here. The booklets are

quarantined until the following Sunday. Thank you!

Prayers. Please pray for the current situation with Covid 19 and for all those who suffer especially the anxious. Please pray too for the recovery and reconstruction of the Church both now and when this crisis is over. Pray for the renewal and growth of the Church in this place.

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.

Help our Church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday Readings. At present we are having just one reading at the Sunday Eucharist. You will find above on this Sunday Sheet the references and a short sentence about today's readings. Please do look at the readings during the course of the week as part of your daily prayer and Bible reading.

Advent. Tonight there is to be a special Advent Service at 6pm in the Cathedral: "Longing for the Light". Obviously, because of the current restrictions the service will be somewhat different to the usual Advent Procession but still lovely in its own way. The service will also be livestreamed via the Cathedral website.

Advent Quiet Afternoon. The Rev'd Sally is organising a Quiet Afternoon on Sunday 6th December entitled: 'God's Invitation: Reflecting on Advent with word and image'. This will be on Zoom. More details in the weekly email.

THE WEEK AHEAD

30th **Monday – Andrew, Apostle** 9am Morning Prayer

1st Tuesday – Nicholas Ferrar,

Deacon

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist
10am to 4pm Cathedral open for private
prayer

2nd Wednesday – The Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of Asia

9am Morning Prayer 10.30am Holy Eucharist *on Zoom*

3rd Thursday – Francis Xavier, Missionary

9am Morning Prayer

4th Friday – Feria 9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Offeren 10am to 4pm Cathedral open for private prayer

6th Sunday – Advent 2 9.30am The Parish Eucharist 11am The Cathedral Eucharist 2.30pm to 5.30pm Advent Quiet Afternoon *on Zoom*

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