



The Sunday Sheet

The 2nd Sunday before Lent: Creation Sunday

4th February 2024

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the Parish Eucharist.
An induction loop is provided.*

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

Entrance Hymn

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

William Henry Draper 1855-1933
Tune: Lass tuns Erfreuen

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Colossians 1. 15-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

The Gospel

Please Stand

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth:
he is the King of creation:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Donald Fishel b.1950
Tune: Alleluia No. 1

John 1. 1-14

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

After the Sermon please turn to the Eucharist booklet for the Affirmation of Faith

Offertory Hymn

Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light.

John Marriott 1780-1825

Tune: Moscow

Prayer over the Gifts

Source of all life,
the heaven and the earth are yours,
yet you have given us dominion over all things:
receive these gifts of your creation
which we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer

Hymn at the end of Communion

Christ bids us break the bread
and share the cup he gave,
in token of the blood he shed
for those he died to save.

O Christ, once lifted up
that we might be forgiven,
we take the bread and drink the cup
and share the life of heaven.

Timothy Dudley-Smith b.1926

Tune: Franconia

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn

Christ is the world's true light,
its Captain of salvation,
the Daystar clear and bright
of every land and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
all shall forsake their fear,
to plough-share beat the sword,
to pruning hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

George Wallace Briggs 1875-1959
Tune: Nun Danket

CCL No: 961722

Notices

Refreshments. Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

Praying for Growth. Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer:

*God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your
Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
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.*

The Community Fridge takes place every Sunday from 4-6pm at the Parish Church. Please note the new time!

Sunday Sheet. Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

Food4Thought is a lunch with a Christian message, which is part of our outreach and takes place on Thursdays at 12noon. All welcome!

Kentigern Guild. The meeting scheduled for Wednesday 7th February has been cancelled as Kate will be unavailable for that day and the rest of the month. The next meeting will be on 6th March.

Lent 2024. Leaflets with details of all

worship and activity during Lent are available. Also, the Bishop's Lent Prayer Cards are available. Bishop Gregory invites us to join him in praying this prayer every day through Lent. Both can be found on the table at the back of church.

Easter Flowers. Donations for Easter Flowers are now being invited in memory of departed loved ones. Please use the envelopes which can be found on the table at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Springing into Lent: Growing into Greater Faith and Freedom

A day of rich input and quiet space for reflection on the Saturday before Ash Wednesday. This preached retreat will be led by Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ, Canon of St Asaph Cathedral.

Saturday 10 February 2024, 10.30am to 4pm at St Beuno's Spirituality Centre, Tremeichion, St Asaph. LL17 0AS. Admission: £20 (bursaries available). Please bring a packed lunch. Book through stasaphspirituality@cinw.org.uk or call 01745 582245

Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) is an initiative to support children in need and their families in our local Church Schools. Further information or expressions of interest in this please speak to Fr. Rex.

The Week Ahead

5th Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer

6th Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

7th Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

8th Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*

12noon Food4Thought *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

9th Friday – Teilo, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*) *at the Cathedral*

6pm Choral Eucharist

10th Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

11th Sunday – The Sunday before Lent

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer

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Today's Readings

Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31

The passage speaks of wisdom, created by God 'at the beginning of his work' and present 'like a master worker' when he made the world.

Psalm 104. 24-35

Colossians 1. 15-20

The author describes Christ as God's invisible image, and his agent in the creation of the heavens and the earth. It is in Christ that all things hold together, and through him, God reconciled all things to himself.

John 1. 1-14

The 4th Gospel begins with the cosmic origins of God's Word, through whom all things were created. And this Word became human in Jesus Christ and lived among us, making it possible for people to live in loving relationship with God.

