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## The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### **The Collect and Readings for today**

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.

### **A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.**

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.

*Ezekiel 18.1–4, 25–32*

## **Psalm 25.1–9 - Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love.**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.  
Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me 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;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.  
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.  
He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.  
All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.**

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.

*Philippians 2.1–13*

## **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew**

When Jesus 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.’

*Matthew 21.23–32*

### **Prayers of Intercession for this week**

Let us come to the God who is always more ready to hear than we are to pray, bringing our own desires and the needs of the whole world.

Let us give thanks for the faith we share,  
and for Christians across the world, united in exalting the name of Jesus.

Let us pray for those who suffer injustice and oppression,  
and all whose lives are blighted by poverty, hunger or disease.

Let us give thanks for those who campaign for justice, fairness and equality.  
Let us pray for courage to challenge and speak out when we encounter injustice.

Let us pray for all in positions of power and authority, whose decisions affect the lives of many.  
May they be guided by compassion and wisdom.

Let us pray for all in need; who are sick, anxious or grieving,  
that they might find the strength and healing that they need.

God of justice, who puts down the mighty from their seat and exalts the humble and meek, hear our prayers, which we offer for all your people, that the world may be filled with your righteousness and resound to your praise. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **THE WEEKLY PRAYER INTENTIONS and PRAYER RESOURCES**

### **Those who have asked for prayer:**

Roger Rathbone, Catherine Hughes, Archie Conway-Gardner, Ray Edwards, Alan Robinson, David Barron, Ashley Reed, Jane Craig, Alison Lewis, Lynne Davies Jones, Alyson Grant, Gerwyn Capon, *the Dean*.

### **The long-term sick and housebound, among them:**

John Brewster, Mary Wines, Sid Baldwin, Tom Bailey, Dafydd Hughes, Fred Mudge, Marjorie Mudge.

**Those who have died recently:** Jane Guttridge, Hélène Impey

**Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:**

**27<sup>th</sup> September** Sarah Jean Buckley, John Paterson Excell

**28<sup>th</sup> September** Ivy Merrett, Stuart Davies,

**29<sup>th</sup> September** Rebecca Louise Clark

**30<sup>th</sup> September** Lewis Charles Samuel, David Jenkins

**1<sup>st</sup> October** William John Loyns, Eleanor Tranter Lewis, Alan Charles Hayward,  
Margaret Verona Clayton, Norman Harvey, Carole Irene Simmonds

**2<sup>nd</sup> October** Ernest Barton Plumb, Elsie Roberts

**3<sup>rd</sup> October** Tom Cottrell, Leslie Davies

**The Cycle of Prayer for this week in the Anglican Communion and in this Diocese:**

**Sunday:** The Episcopal Church of Sudan  
The Parish of St Fagan's & Michaelston-super-Ely: The Rev'd Vicki Burrows

**Monday:** The Dioceses of Patna and Chandigarh (both in North India)  
The Parish of Tongwynlais: The Rev'd Zoë King

**Tuesday:** The Dioceses of Pelotas (Brazil), Chelmsford (England)  
The Rectorial Benefice of Canton: The Rev'd Frances Wilson

**Wednesday:** The Dioceses of Pennsylvania (USA), Chester (England)  
Lay Eucharistic Ministers throughout the Diocese

**Thursday:** The Dioceses of Panyana (South Sudan), Central Solomons (Melanesia), Central Tanganyika  
(Tanzania)  
The Parish of Pentyrch & Capel Llanilltern: The Rev'd Michael John

**Friday:** The Diocese of Central Zambia (Central Africa)  
The Parish of Radyr: The Rev'd Vicki Burrows

**Saturday:** The Dioceses of Paraguay (S.America), Central Zimbabwe (Central Africa), Kobe (Japan)  
The Rectorial Benefice of Whitchurch: The Rev'd John Davis

***Some Cathedral News.....***

**Orders of Service** – you can now access the Orders of Service for the 9.00 am and 11.00 am services very easily by scanning the QR codes on display at the entrance to the Cathedral. Although the website is being re-designed, we acknowledge that the current site is not very 'mobile-phone-friendly'. To overcome this we have created the QR codes which will take you immediately to the relevant order of service document. Please ask if you have any difficulty with this. The other easy way of accessing the Service sheets is from our electronic newsletter – do sign up if you haven't already done so [here](#).



From this week we are displaying the QR code that links with the **NHS Tracing App**. If you have the app on your mobile device you can scan the code through the app. This means that if people visit the building and later test positive for coronavirus, other app users who were there at the same time may be sent an alert, if local public health teams think this is necessary.

**Prayers for the Sick:** we hope to refresh the prayer list over the next few weeks. If you have personal knowledge of those whose names appear on the list and know whether they would still like to be prayed for, please let us know.

### **Walking the Penrhys Pilgrimage Way - a request for sponsorship.**

To celebrate David Smith entering his 80th year, he and his wife Sue plan to walk the 21 miles of the newly recreated **Penrhys Pilgrimage Way** [www.penrhyspilgrimageway.wales](http://www.penrhyspilgrimageway.wales) during September 2020. They would like to raise at least **£4,200** (£200 per mile) to be divided equally between two charities doing humanitarian work with local partners:

**Christian Aid** <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/> and

**Embrace the Middle East** <https://www.embraceme.org/>

David and Sue would be very grateful for contributions via

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DavidandSueSmithPenrhysWalk> or if you would prefer to pay by cheque please contact them on 029 2056 9234 or at [dlsmsmith@msn.com](mailto:dlsmsmith@msn.com). They are very grateful for everyone's support.

**The Annual Vestry Meeting:** this week the Church in Wales issued new guidance about the Annual Vestry and has removed the requirement to hold a Vestry meeting this calendar year. Nevertheless we hope to continue with our plans to hold our Annual Vestry on Thursday 22nd October at 4.00 pm in the Cathedral nave. Churchwardens and PCC members are elected at the meeting, and the accounts will be presented by Canon Treasurer Richard Bacon. He will be able to speak about the current financial situation as well as presenting the 2019 accounts. Lockdown may present a difficulty in this respect but we will keep the plans under review.

**The Electoral Roll:** this week the Church in Wales issued new advice about the Electoral Roll and the Annual Vestry. The pressure is off to collate a completely new Electoral Roll but we can continue to update the roll as best we can. The existing roll will continue to be legal until 2022. If you have not already done so, please fill in an electoral roll application form, available at the back of the Cathedral. To be eligible you must be over 16, a communicant member of the Church in Wales, and a regular member of our congregation.

**The challenges of opening up again.....** it is likely that none of us fully appreciated the challenges of opening the Cathedral again under the 'pandemic restrictions'. We all probably thought things would return to normal fairly quickly and the regulations would not present too much of a problem, especially in a big building like ours. The reality is proving to be quite different. While we are delighted that the congregations are beginning to return to their pre-lockdown numbers we find ourselves having to give messages that are not just counter-intuitive but are almost contrary in spirit to the messages we usually give

about Church. “We want people to come to worship as often as possible and we want everyone to feel welcome.....” There are a number of things we need to think about as a Cathedral community in relation to both services, if the restrictions continue: please.....

- fill up the seats from the front of the Cathedral first
- when you enter a row – take the end seats first
- think about the seating arrangements and choose the seats as efficiently as possible
- do not be offended if you cannot sit in your ‘usual’ seat or row
- do not be offended if you are asked to move to make best use of the seats available

A number of local Parishes are asking people to think about not coming to Church every Sunday. This is clearly something we really do not like saying but while the capacity is limited it may help us to accommodate more people in the long run.

It was once thought that an easy solution to the problem of reaching our capacity attendance would simply be to offer additional services: re-instate the 8 o’clock or the 12.30 pm services or even offer an additional service at 10.00 am. On further examination however, Chapter has concluded that this is not the solution it appears to be. The Guidelines require thorough cleaning between services and a period of airing and ventilation for the building. At the moment we cannot do these things for more than the services we are offering now. We may however be able to offer worship on a Sunday afternoon, later in the Autumn. Please be assured that the Cathedral Chapter and clergy are constantly reviewing the provision of worship and the guidelines and will aim to offer as much as possible, as soon as possible.

### **Sunday Worship guidelines – a reminder....**

Here are some of the key things to note:

- There are currently two services: 9.00 am and 11.00 am
- Both services are celebrations of the Holy Eucharist with the 9.00 am service catering particularly for children and families.
- Social distancing guidelines must be maintained at all times – especially before and after the services. Given that the usable rows are 2 metres apart, they can act as a useful guide when standing in the Nave.
- Hand sanitiser must be used on entry.
- Face-coverings: Welsh Government regulations now make the wearing of face coverings compulsory in public buildings. This includes the Cathedral.
- Everyone attending will be invited to complete a ‘track and trace’ card - please bring a pen!
- Communion will be administered standing and in one kind only.
- There will be no congregational singing.
- Ritual and ceremony will be kept to a minimum.
- No service sheets will be used – the order of service will be available online to print in advance and bring with you or to follow on a phone or other mobile device.
- The ‘2-metre distance’ rule means that the capacity of the Cathedral will be between 70 and 80 individuals although family groups sitting together will legitimately increase the number.
- 5 cathedral chairs must be left clear *between* households.

- The box of children's toys has been removed from the David Chapel so please bring your own toys for now.

Please note that there will be a legal maximum capacity number and it may be necessary to impose restrictions on entry to ensure that number is not exceeded.

The Welsh Government, the Church in Wales and the Diocese have all produced and issued protocols and detailed instructions to clergy and parishes. We will be following them all.

**Parish Stewards** - Please see the Churchwardens or the clergy if you would like to help as a steward.

## Llandaff Cathedral online

If you haven't already signed up for the Cathedral e-newsletter you can subscribe [here](#).

**Foodbank news** – If you would like to donate please leave donations in the large crate, during Cathedral opening hours.

## Giving to the Cathedral

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We are very grateful for all the donations we receive, and it is heartening to read the messages that come with them.

Those of you who have studied the terms and conditions of the Donate website will know that, like all online giving platforms, *Donate* (which is itself a registered charity) takes a small commission from the donations to fund its own systems and organisation. The Cathedral Chapter carefully researched the whole issue of online giving and settled on *Donate* as one of the most recommended and trusted organisations in the field. All donations are eligible for Gift Aid and the gift aid administration is carried out for us by *Donate*.

As always, the Church encourages regular giving and the most effective and efficient way to give regularly to the Cathedral, remains the Church in Wales *Gift Direct* scheme. This continues to be a vital part of our stewardship and we would encourage everyone to consider regularly giving to the Cathedral through this scheme. You can find more details about *Gift Direct* [here](#).

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