

WEEKLY CATHEDRAL NOTICES

3 DECEMBER 2023

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

CROESO – WELCOME

A warm welcome to the Cathedral on behalf of the Dean and Chapter and the Cathedral Community. If you would like to learn more about us, please fill out a visitor card and give it to a steward. You're very welcome to join us for refreshments after the main service. Please refrain from taking photos or videos during the service.

You are welcome to stay for refreshments after the service today.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer

5.30pm Evening Prayer

6.00pm Vigil for peace

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer

12.00 noon Holy Eucharist

9.00am Morning Prayer

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer

6.00pm Choral Evensong

It is helpful for clergy and the Lay Pastoral Visitor to be made aware of anyone who is ill or in need of visiting or pastoral care. If you would like us to include anyone who is sick or has died in the prayers, please let the clergy know or email Fr Steven at precentor@breconcathedral.org.uk

NOTICES

READERS

Today: 8.00am Ailsa Dunn, 11.00am Sally Davies & Rodney Ashwood

Next Week: 8.00am Janet Bodily, 11.00am Nigel Clubb & Sophie Clubb

NEW MINOR CANON AND BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN

We are delighted to announce that the Bishop has appointed the Rev'd Dr Emma L. Whittick as Minor Canon of the Cathedral and Bishop's Chaplain. Emma will divide her time equally between the two posts. She will begin her new ministry with us after Christmas. Below you will find her short biography and we wish her well with her move.



Emma grew up in Oxfordshire and moved to Wales to study Mathematics at Aberystwyth where she became a Christian having previously had no contact with church. Following a brief career as a teacher, Emma returned to academia to complete a Masters and PhD. She then worked as a Deanery Evangelist, helping the 25 Anglican Churches in the Aberystwyth area share the Gospel in their communities. This led to exploring a call to ordained ministry. Emma was ordained in 2015, serving her Curacy in Dafen and Felinfoel (near Llanelli) in the Diocese of St Davids and then working as Chaplain to the University of Wales, Trinity Saint David at the Lampeter and Carmarthen Campuses.

In addition to her work at the University, Emma contributes regularly to religious broadcasting on BBC radio, she enjoys a variety of sports and plays the viola and guitar. She's a member of the Society of Contemporary Evangelists, the Fellowship for Parish Evangelism and is a Trustee for a Christian Healing Charity. Emma is delighted to be appointed to this new role and is very much looking forward to getting to know the Cathedral community in the coming months.

200 CLUB DRAW

Who needs Santa when you can join the 200 Club at Brecon Cathedral. For an annual membership of £48, you get put into two draws a year for big money prizes. So, whilst Santa is still preparing for his busy evening, you could be sitting at home with a 200 Club prize; no stocking required. You don't even have to leave out a mince pie and carrot. To those sensible individuals who have already joined the Club, the next two draws will be on Sunday 10 December after the 11:00 o'clock service. That's the day of the Advent Procession. For those who still want to join (you know that's you), fill out a Standing Order form at the back of the Cathedral and hand it to the Chapter Clerk. Get in quick and he'll put you in the draws on the 10th. Naughty or nice, you're all welcome.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE

In the light of the war in Ukraine and the violence we are witnessing in the Holy Land, there will be a Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Cathedral every Tuesday at 6pm for the foreseeable future. The service will take no more than half an hour.

CHOIR TRUST TREASURER

The Choir trust exists to provide funding for our Cathedral choir, helping to pay for the Director of Music salary, music lessons for the choristers and much more. The investments are in excess of £1.2 million. The investments are looked after by an equity firm. Our present treasurer is due to retire at the end of the year and we are looking for someone to replace him. This is not a big job as the trust only meets twice a year. The present treasurer estimates that it takes around 50 hours a year of his time. Please speak to Fr Steven or the Dean if you have a suggestion of who might be prepared to take on this role.

COLLECTION PLATE CARD READERS

It has come to our attention that the card readers contained in the collection plates have not been transmitting any payments since October 2022 when the Cathedral router was changed, and a new password established. This was not immediately evident, but it seems the payments have been stored in the units but not transmitted for payment. We intend to reconnect the units, but this will mean stored payments will be processed. If you have given regularly by card reader during the period affected it may be that several payments are taken at once. If this causes a problem, do speak to the clergy or Chapter Treasurer and we will arrange a refund. The card reader near the entrance is not affected. We do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

ADVENT PROCESSION

This year the Advent Procession will be held on the Second Sunday in Advent, the **10 December at 5.00pm.**

LAST SUNDAY'S SET-UP

The arrangement of the choir singing in the chancel and administration of communion standing at the nave, was a 'one off' experiment for the choir and conductor to have a sense of how it would feel with new choir stalls particularly designed for choirs. These were brought from the Cathedral song room, but have now been returned. Be assured this was for one week only to help us gauge the sound. The feedback from some members of the congregation was also most helpful. Firstly, the choir was too far away from the congregation. Secondly, the sound was weaker. From the choir perspective, they were too close to the organ pipes. They couldn't hear themselves singing. Thank you for your patient understanding. Back to normal this Sunday.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Church: The ministry and mission of our Cathedral. Lay Pastoral Visitors in the St Catwg Ministry Area. The Church of North India.

Brecon & The World: For our nation and those struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. For the work of Brecon Foodbank and Faith in Families. For our world and those suffering because of war, oppression, and poverty, especially those victims of the war in Ukraine and the Holy Land.