

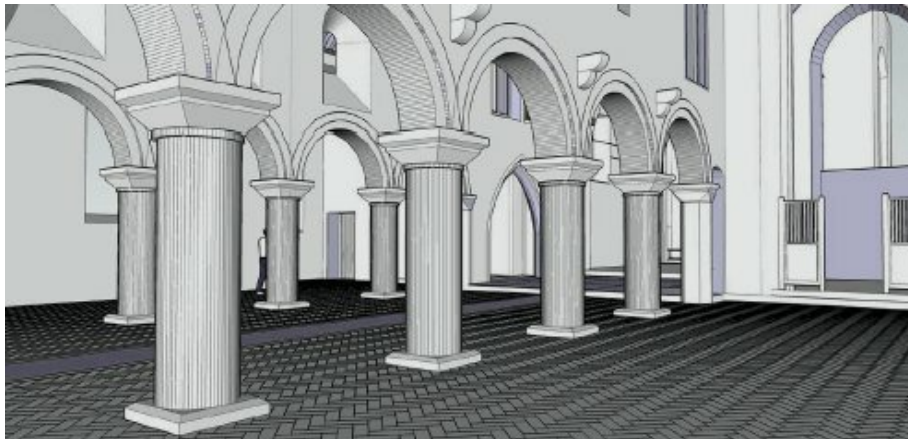
# St Woolos Quarterly

## The Newsletter of Newport Cathedral

*Llythyr Newyddion Eglwys Gadeiriol Casnewydd*

Autumn 2015

### Will you help us open up the Cathedral?



*(Artist's impression)*

#### Our 'Sponsor a Chair' Campaign

When I was Chaplain at New College, Oxford, we regularly used – as they still do – a remarkable seventeenth-century prayer. It spoke, even in those turbulent times, of making God's House open to all in need of love and fellowship. How best to do this will change with the passing decades and centuries, though there can be no debate about the **priority** of being open and available to all.

Thus, it has now been finally decided that the Cathedral will open up its interior for events other than services, like cathedrals all over the country, encouraging people to visit and experience this wonderful space which so often feels like Newport's best-kept secret.

*Fundamental to this will be the replacement of the 20<sup>th</sup>-century pews by 21<sup>st</sup>-century chairs, thus making the place both flexible and comfortable.*

**The pews** will be available for purchase by those who would like one. This will help us raise some of the cost of repairing the scars left by the pews, and also to help toward the considerable cost of the fine, new chairs.

**The chairs** are the same as those chosen by almost every cathedral that has made this change, including St Paul's, Gloucester, Worcester, Canterbury and St Davids. They will greatly

enhance the Cathedral's appearance, as well as making the main space ('nave') more flexible.

The Cathedral doesn't belong to the Sunday congregation though they often bear the burden of its maintenance and improvement. So, in common with every cathedral that has recently made this change, we hope that some of the cost will come from sponsorship by people who perhaps don't worship with us but who value the idea of making the

Cathedral more comfortable to experience and more available to be enjoyed. You might wish to sponsor a chair in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for something. Whatever the reason, we would be most grateful to you for helping us to make the Cathedral open to the city and to the diocese, to the present and to the future.

Please see our website for details of how to buy pews or how to sponsor chairs. [www.newportcathedral.org.uk](http://www.newportcathedral.org.uk)

Lister Tonge *Dean*

*O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God make the door of this house the gateway to thy divine kingdom. Amen.*



*(Artist's impression)*

## Worship at St Woolos

Regular service times are below: on special occasions these may change

### Sunday

8.00 Holy Eucharist  
10.30 Sung Eucharist (also Sunday School)  
6.30 Choral Evensong

### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

8.00 Morning Prayer 8.15 Holy Eucharist  
5.00 Evening Prayer

### Thursday

8.00 Morning Prayer 8.15 Holy Eucharist  
10.30 Holy Eucharist  
5.00 Evening Prayer

### Friday

8.00 Morning Prayer 8.15 Holy Eucharist  
7.00 Choral Evensong

## Worship at St Martin-in-the-Gaer

Sunday 9.30 Holy Eucharist

## NEWPORT CATHEDRAL CHOIRS

**Do you know a child who loves singing? Newport Cathedral is looking for boys & girls to join the Cathedral Choirs!**

We believe that the love of music that begins at the Cathedral will remain with our choristers for the rest of their lives.

**FREE** first rate musical training  
Learn to work together as a team  
Develop self-confidence in a fun and disciplined environment  
Learn skills that transfer positively to school work and other musical activities  
Opportunity to travel with the choir  
Receive choir pay

**Newport Cathedral is looking for boys to join the existing Boys' Choir and girls to be founder members of a brand new Cathedral Girls' Choir.**

We welcome any child who enjoys singing and is willing to try their best. We do not expect them to be accomplished singers when they join: all that's required is enthusiasm!

For further information, please contact the Director of Music, who would be delighted to meet with any interested children and parents:

[emmagibbins1978@gmail.com](mailto:emmagibbins1978@gmail.com)

07952 514117

P.S. The Newport Cathedral Choir plan to produce a Christmas card this year - help support the choir!

### Upcoming events at St Woolos Cathedral :

Jeremy Blasby - Organ Recital: Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm: ticket includes refreshments

Ellen Williams (Soprano): Recital - Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> 12 noon - Music@St Woolos Event - free

Junior Conservatoire (RWCMD) - Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> 12 noon

Christmas Bazaar - Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup> in the Cathedral - 10.30am till 1.30pm

St Woolos Players - Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm - their first concert since being appointed as Orchestra-in-Residence

Advent Carol Service - Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm

(Enquiries re concerts and recitals at St Woolos, to: [brian.a.cox@sky.com](mailto:brian.a.cox@sky.com))

#### Restaurant



Station  
Approach,  
Bassaleg

Junction 28 is a tastefully decorated converted railway station, with the lower part of the restaurant decked out to represent an old-fashioned railway carriage. The restaurant is tucked away in a quiet corner of picturesque Bassaleg, on the outskirts of Newport, overlooking the River Ebbw. We aim to give you an excellent dining experience.

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## The Cathedral is open to visitors:

Monday to Thursday 8am until 5pm

Friday 8am until 8pm

Saturday 9am until 4pm

Sunday 10am until 8pm

## News at St Woolos

Don't forget to visit the new(-ish) Newport Cathedral website - [www.newportcathedral.org.uk](http://www.newportcathedral.org.uk)

**The Cathedral Pews** 'Faculty has been granted' which means that permission has been given to remove the pews and replace them with chairs. The Dean has written about this on the front page of this edition of the Newsletter. As we go to press, details have not yet been finalised as to how to put your name down to buy a pew, or how to sponsor a chair. Please speak to the Churchwardens, or visit the website, where these details will be available as soon as they are known.

**CADW Open Doors Event** The Cathedral Open Doors day on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September attracted 238 visitors, 90 of whom took up the offer of a free tower tour and bell-ringing demonstration. The midday concert, given by Greater Gwent Youth Brass Ensemble, was well attended. Many volunteers contributed to this successful day, and the feedback from visitors, including a number of children, was very positive.

### *The Cathedral Shop* is open :

Mon - Fri 2pm - 4pm, Sat 10am - 12 noon, Sun -before & after services

The shop sells a wide range of greetings cards for all occasions, gifts and jewellery as well as a children's corner.

['We have signed the Fair Trade Pledge'](#)

### Did You Know ?

#### Gift Direct scheme

Do you still put money in the collection each week? If so, please consider giving instead by Direct Debit through your bank.

Why is this a good idea?

- It is easier for the giver and the cathedral
- it means no frantic search for the correct money before church

- it is reliable, as your gift arrives each month direct to your cathedral's bank account
- it means Gift Aid can be claimed and paid direct to your church if you are a tax payer
- every year you are sent a letter asking if you wish to change your instructions

**You can pick up a leaflet and application form from the table in the St. Mary Chapel**

#### Recent music events at St Woolos:

Barely eight months into her post here as Director of Music, Emma Gibbins has been busy promoting the work of the choir, finding new members, starting a Voluntary Choir to fill in on occasions, and generally broadening the scope of music activities. In July we listened, spellbound, as she gave a recital on the Cathedral Organ and showed what a versatile instrument it is, especially in such skilled hands. Record numbers attended the recital, one of the regular events organised by Music@St Woolos.

A week later, she hosted a Royal College of Church Music Festival in the Cathedral, bringing in a large number of singers from parishes all over the Diocese, and probably beyond, to rehearse a variety of hymns and anthems, with a Festival Service to round off the day.



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## Who's Who at St Woolos

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### ARCHITECTURE CORNER

Tucked away at the East end of the North Aisle, opposite the door leading to the downstairs rooms, is a large brass wall plaque in memory of Octavius Morgan. It reads:

“In memory of Charles Octavius Swinnerton Morgan of the Friars of this parish, fourth son of Sir Charles Morgan, second Baronet of Tredegar, born at Ealing, 15<sup>th</sup> September 1803, educated at Westminster School and at Christchurch, Oxford where he graduated M.A. in 1826. A fellow of the Royal Society, and of the Society of Antiquaries, a Justice of the Peace, and a Deputy Lieutenant of this county. He served in Parliament for this county from February 1841 to January 1874. He died at The Friars 5<sup>th</sup> August 1888 and was buried in the Tredegar vault at Bassaleg.”



Octavius Morgan is best remembered for his huge energy, enthusiasm and expertise in many aspects of antiquarianism in Gwent, but especially for his endeavours in excavation and preservation of Roman Caerleon and Caerwent. He was a founding member of the Monmouthshire & Caerleon Antiquarian Association, and played a major role in the setting up of the “Museum of Antiquities” at Caerleon (now know as the National Roman Legion Museum, owned by the National Museum Wales). He wrote many books, pamphlets and articles in archaeological journals regarding the castles, ancient

houses and ecclesiastical buildings of Gwent; he also had a great interest in ancient watches, astronomical instruments and church plate and the hallmarking of gold and silver. Some valuable items from his extensive personal collection were left, on his death, to the British Museum, and can still be seen there. His papers, drawings and correspondence are in the National Museum of Wales.

Adjacent to his plaque memorial is a stained glass window containing the arms of the Morgan family, of Tredegar Park. On either side can be seen the arms of the sees of Gloucester and Llandaff, both of which, in different periods, had the gift of the living of St. Woolos.

*Siân King*



Please feel free to send us items of interest that relate to the Cathedral - its past, current activities, or news. Articles should be kept short (300 words or less, as a rule) - they may need to be edited prior to publication.

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