



St Woolos Quarterly

The Newsletter of Newport Cathedral Newyddion Gadeirlan Casnewydd

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'Make yourself at home'

From the time of my arrival at St Woolos' Cathedral, it has been clear to me, from comments in the Visitors' Book, that people who drop-in to the church are often charmed by a sense of welcome and intimacy in the building. It was a place in which all sorts of people find it easy to feel 'at home'. The place is usually quiet and it is normally possible during opening hours to sit in silence without fear of interruption. If any of our valiant team of 'Welcomers' is on duty, they know that their role is a delicate balance between being hospitable without being intrusive. This significant, 'front-line' role captures a sensitivity needed in all ministry. We must never even seem to be indifferent to those we meet and so must show warmth and hospitality but without foisting ourselves and our priorities on others who may need space and solitude rather than a gushing or insistent person intruding upon their personal space.

Our icon of 'The Welcoming Christ' also greets those who enter here, reminding us all that Jesus awaits our arrival however we are feeling and whatever our needs. In this church we also reserve, in a special place at the far end of the church and indicated by a flickering wax lamp, the Body and Blood of Christ from the Holy Eucharist ensuring his sacramental Real Presence at all times in the Cathedral. This is a House of God not just on Sundays but all the time – and that is why *everyone belongs here*, of whatever faith or none. There is no entrance qualification and God's welcome has no conditions.

Now, with three new people joining the ministry team here, the welcome the Church seeks to offer is being consolidated. Fr. Mark Dimond, when he arrives, will be our community

pastor, as was Fr. Ray before him. Significantly, Fr. Mark will not just sit waiting for people to come to him but will have a distinctive role in our outreach beyond the walls of the place, reflecting God's decision not to wait for us to come to him but, in sending Jesus, choosing to come to where we are, to seek and find, to restore and to save.



Already among us now, are Andrea and Graham, our new Administrator and Verger. These also are both hospitality roles. An invisible presence to many of you, nevertheless, Andrea, in making all manner of arrangement and plans with those coming to use the Cathedral for one reason or another, is an immensely welcoming presence, whether in person or at the end of the phone or email trail.

Graham, who will be the most visible of our three new recruits, is a daily worshipper in the Cathedral bringing the gifts of his background in the Salvation Army (and the regular army, for that matter) will be seen about the place keeping it in order and arranging it as needed for groups using our space.

Andrea, Graham and Mark are examples of the Church's essential role of hospitality and welcome to one and all, reflecting Jesus's invitation throughout the gospels to 'make your home in me as I make mine in you' (John 15:4). Whoever you are, reading this, perhaps take a moment to sit with that invitation from the Lord and with the assurance that he makes his home ('abides' or 'stays') in you.

Lister Tonge *Dean*

Prayer Requests

Is there someone on your mind, perhaps ill or in trouble, anxious, bereaved? Through our website (www.newportcathedral.org.uk) you can request prayers to be said during weekday morning services. This will be via one of the clergy team, and in complete confidence.



Worship at St Woolos Gwasanaethau yn y Gadeirlan

Regular service times are below: on special occasions these may change
Amseroedd Arferol y Gwasanaethau; gall y rhain newid ar achlysuron arbennig

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| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Sul</u> | 8.00 | Holy Eucharist | 10.30 | Sung Eucharist (also Sunday School) | 6.30 | Choral Evensong |
| <u>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday</u> | <u>Llun, Mawrth, Mercher</u> | 8.00 | Morning Prayer | 8.15 | Holy Eucharist | 5.00 | Evening Prayer |
| <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Iau</u> | 8.00 | Morning Prayer | 8.15 | Holy Eucharist | 10.30 | Holy Eucharist |
| <u>Friday</u> | <u>Gwener</u> | 8.00 | Morning Prayer | 8.15 | Holy Eucharist | 7.00 | Choral Evensong |

Worship at St Martin-in-the-Gaer

Sunday Sul 9.30 Holy Eucharist

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'

Mae Siop y Gadeirlan yn Siop Masnach Deg ac mae ar agor:

Llun – Gwener: 2.00 – 4.00; Sadwrn:10.00 – 12.00;
Sul: cyn ac ar ôl gwasanaethau.

Mae'r siop yn gwerthu cardiau, rhoddion, tlysau a nwyddau i blant.

NEW FACES, NEW POSTS



CATHEDRAL LIVING CHURCHYARD PLAN

Two new people (one new face, one familiar) are now in post, and one very soon. We have a new Administrator in Andrea Keen; she started work just after Easter and will be learning the ropes for quite a while yet. And a Verger, a new post nicely filled by Graham Brown, well known and respected member of the Church family.

And we look forward to the arrival of Dr Mark Dimond, lately Chaplain to the Archbishop of Wales. He will be taking up the post of Residentiary Canon, with responsibilities for Pastoral matters, Education, and Outreach. We'll hope to introduce you to him, and his family, in our next edition, when they have had a chance to settle in, and get to grips with the life and times of the Cathedral.

The work of any Cathedral, large or small, is so dependant on financial support from its own Church family as well as from outsiders, visitors and well-wishers. It's now possible to make donations online. Just go to the Cathedral website and look for the prominent 'Donate' button on the Welcome page

We are grateful to BT Donate, who provide the service free of charge. If you plan an event (run a Marathon, hold a coffee morning, climb Everest?) to raise money for the Cathedral, get in touch with us as we can provide publicity and a way for sponsors to make donations via this BT Donate service.

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Philip Jones has summarised the latest actions for the Cathedral 'living churchyard' plan which include creating a grass area to the north and east of the cathedral which will be left to grow until July, when it will be cut (once) to allow for seeding of wildflowers. A path through this area will be mown regularly to allow visitors to walk there. Bird and bat boxes will be installed in the trees, and signs will explain that it is being managed as a wildlife area.

Gwent Wildlife Trust have carried out Part One of a survey of the churchyard, and will be conducting Part Two shortly. They will be presenting their detailed results to the Cathedral and local community. Once the area is established, it is hoped to organise open days, group tours and school visits.

Upcoming events at St Woolos Cathedral : Digwyddiadau nesaf y Gadeirlan

- Friday & Saturday June 16th & 17th Noye's Fludde - Benjamin Britten : his one-act opera for amateur performers and children
- Saturday July 8th at 12 noon Recital - Anne Braley (Mezzo-Soprano) - music@stwoolos
- Thursday July 20th at 7.30 pm Recital - Joseph Tong (Piano)
- Saturday August 12th at 12 noon Concert - The Paget Piano Trio - music@stwoolos
- Saturday 9th September Open Doors Event - Recital 12 noon - Fumi Otsuki & Petra Hajduchova (Violin & Piano) - music@stwoolos

*** Please check our website www.newportcathedral.org.uk for details of these and other concerts and events ***
(Enquiries re concerts and recitals at St Woolos, to: 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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Monday to Thursday 8am until 5pm

Saturday 9am until 4pm

Friday 8am until 8pm

Sunday 10am until 8pm

Mothers' Union at St Woolos.

You could be forgiven in thinking that Mothers' Union is only for mothers. Our members are not all mothers. Men are now admitted as members (Bishop Richard is a member) and youth is no barrier, either. Single, married, parents, grandparents, or young adults just beginning to express their social conscience; they all work to support children and families around the world, through prayer and practical help.

Here at St Woolos we have monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 2.30 pm and we have a range of speakers with a variety of subjects. We begin each meeting with prayer and members are updated on what is going on locally and nationally. Above all there is a time for fellowship and inspiration. You are very welcome to come to the meetings, even if you are not a member, we would love to see you; why not come and find out more about what we do.

The aim of the MU is to strengthen and preserve marriage and family life through Christianity and to help those whose family life has met with adversity. Prayer is at the heart of all we do. We continue to ensure that the branch contributes to the aims of the M.U while providing opportunities for fellowship –and fun

Barbara Marsh, Branch Leader

As we continue to go from strength to strength with our work with the hospital project, we felt that we should start a

knitting and sewing group where we could meet and chat and still get the work done. Last year we gave 22 Angel pockets; 72 Blankets; 91 ladies toilet bags; 10 men's toilets bags; 15 Twiddle muffs and 25 Syringe – driver bags to the Hospital Project, some of which were on display at the Cathedral 'Open Doors' day.



We have also donated a large supply of groceries and toiletries to Newport Women's Aid for their refuges for women, who are suffering from domestic abuse.


We also contribute to the 'Away From It All Holidays' scheme run by the Llandaff and Monmouth Mothers' Unions. Llandaff have a luxury caravan at Porthcawl for families who would not otherwise be able to have a holiday. Branches in the Monmouth Diocese are able to offer one of these holidays.

SUPER SATURDAY at St Martin-in-the-Gaer




The first Saturday of the Easter holidays saw children and their families from the Gaer enjoying a variety of Easter-themed activities at St Martin-in-the-Gaer church. As well as taking part in a traditional egg hunt, children made Easter cards, decorated biscuits, made chocolate nests complete with chicks and eggs and even constructed their own mini Easter gardens. Accompanying adults appreciated the tea, coffee and plentiful hot cross buns! Organised by Canon Jenny Mole and ably assisted by a willing band of helpers, the event was a great success.



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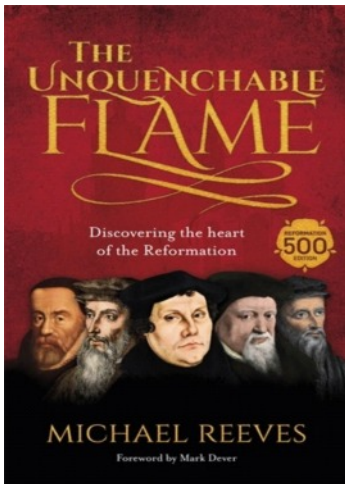
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The Book Review

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The unquenchable flame: discovering the heart of the Reformation by Michael Reeves. Inter-varsity Press, 2009. Re-issued 2016

This year, 2017, is the 500 year anniversary of the event which, in the populist eye, sparked the Reformation, for it is the year when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of a church in Wittenberg, Germany. Although this gesture of Luther's was a customary way, at that time, of stimulating theological debate, it nevertheless triggered a series of further events which, as Michael Reeves so vividly recounts, resulted, in 1520, with a papal bull of excommunication served on Luther, and an order to recant or be declared a heretic.



This readable book is an ideal way in which to learn the story of the Reformation, which is so important to understand in the context of modern Protestantism. An introduction gives an overview of the Roman Catholic church in the 16th century, followed by the extraordinary story of Luther's courageous stand against many of its practices, particularly the sale of indulgences but also many other aspects which Luther and his supporters judged to be fundamentally wrong and contrary to Biblical teaching. The author then recounts how the baton of reform was taken up by Zwingli in Switzerland, Calvin in France and, perhaps most interestingly for us in Britain, the reaction of Henry VIII and subsequent monarchs of both England and Wales, and, separately, Scotland. He reminds us that Henry simply wanted authority over the church in order to obtain freedom to re-marry, but did not fully embrace the reformed religion itself. He did, however, eventually permit the first printed Bible translation in English, carried out by William Tyndale in 1526, to be placed in every church in the land in 1538. So the

Protestant movement, which was already running strongly, in varying ways, in Germany and other regions of Europe, was finally adopted wholeheartedly as the established church in Britain by Henry's son, Edward VI; despite a rough ride ahead, and many further modifications, the reformed faith survived to become what it is today.

Reeves does not hesitate to remind us what a hugely complex picture he is trying to paint, and the dangers of over-simplification are manifest. His intention is to provide a lively, accessible story underpinned by his deeper scholarly knowledge; many of his anecdotes are entertaining but also clearly demonstrate the strength and courage of the people whose inner convictions led them to challenge the corruption of the Roman Catholic church, and, in due course, establish a new reformed religion.

Sian King

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