



St Woolos Quarterly

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I saw this in a church years ago and I think it might be time to adopt it at St Woolos' Cathedral as something like our Mission Statement. I wonder how it strikes you.

Lister Tonge, Dean

BEWARE !

Here we try to practise the inclusive Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This means that here you may be mixing with seekers, searchers and those who are bruised,
those who limp and those who mourn and those wounded by war;
refugees, asylum-seekers and foreigners of all kinds,
citizens of different colour from yourself,
women bishops (yes, there are a few!) and priests who may be struggling,
leaders who are worn out, clapped out, burnt out,
lesbian and gay couples, even singles,
the wealthy who are trying to get through the eye of a needle,
and the poor who are struggling to maintain their dignity,
the emotionally deprived and harmed,
people of other faiths or of none,
fundamentalists and liberals, radicals and traditionalists;
those who have failed to love and those who are afraid to receive love;
those rejected by their ministers and their churches;
those who have broken their promises,
those bowed down with burdens,
those who teeter on the brink of breakdown;
those for whom the grip of alcohol or work, drugs or sex,
gambling or unnamed powers, is getting stronger and those for whom the grip is loosening;
those struggling with faith and doubt,
and goodness knows how many others...

.....indeed, anyone who is like those Jesus mixed with.

**This is not a private club but a public space open to all people of goodwill.
And though we are not yet strong and vulnerable enough to show the unconditional love
of God at all times, we hope we are moving in that direction.**

WELCOME!



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) | 5.00 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 | 5.00 Evening Prayer |
| <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

60th Anniversary of the Dedication and Opening of St Martin-in-the-Gaer Church

On Sunday 3rd December 2017 the congregation at St Martin’s Church welcomed Bishop Richard to lead the Eucharist to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Dedication and Opening of the Church. The service was attended by every member on the current Electoral Roll for St Martin’s as well as family, friends and present and past Gaer residents.



There was a display in words and pictures of the past history of the Church and it was lovely to see people meeting old friends and reminiscing about the good old days when the church hall was a venue for dances for the teenagers, parties for the Townswomen’s Guild and

the changing room for the Boxing Day football match between the Cathedral choristers and the Cathedral Sidesmen / men of St Martin’s.

In his sermon, Bishop Richard reflected on the overall drop in numbers of people worshipping in churches nowadays as compared to 1957. However, he also reminded us, in the words of Jesus as recorded in St Mark’s Gospel, to ‘keep awake’ because there is still a community on the Gaer with whom we can - and must - share God’s love.

Canon Jenny Mole

Upcoming events at St Woolos Cathedral : Digwyddiadau nesaf y Gadeirlan

*** Please check our website for details of these and other concerts and events ***
www.newportcathedral.org.uk
(Enquiries re concerts and recitals at St Woolos, to: brian.a.cox@sky.com)

- Recital** - 10th March at 12 noon: Fumi Otsuki (violin) & Alessandro Viale (piano)
- Choristers’ Concert** - 15th March at 6.30pm - the Choristers of Newport Cathedral
- Recital** - 22nd March at 7.30pm: Lisa Jones (Mezzo-soprano) & Emma Gibbins (piano)
- Art Exhibition in the Cathedral** - 9th to 23rd April - The Wild Goose Arts Group
- Concert** - 14th April at 7.00pm: St Woolos Sinfonia – the Cathedral’s Orchestra in Residence
- Akureyri Church Choir** - 30th April at 7.30pm
- Recital** - 21st April at 12 noon: RWCMD students
- Concert** - 12th May at 7.30pm: Newport Philharmonic Choir: Puccini ‘Messa di Gloria’ and other pieces
- Recital** - 19th May at 12 noon - RWCMD Junior Conservatoire

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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Who's Who at St Woolos

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New art exhibits in the cathedral

The ARRTDUO are two local artists, Alison Richards and Rob Taylor, whose work is being placed in the entrance chapel to the Cathedral. They will be sharing different pieces of their work with us over the course of the year. They make sculptural forms in Ceramic Wood and glass that are illustrated by poetry, and have provided this short description of their collaboration.

These four lines of poetry are the essence of their work.



Explore the hidden story
 Walk the shrouded path
 Share our wrought emotions
 The tools that shape our work

“The earliest art form was likely storytelling, a verbal tradition that recorded the cultural and spiritual inheritance and the communal knowledge of tribal groups. This developed into the very earliest examples of material art: cave and rock paintings from Europe to Aboriginal Australia and the earliest known sculptures in clay and wood that embodied the spiritual beliefs of our ancestors. These early art forms spoke to a wide cross-section



of society, recording a shared cultural and spiritual tradition. They both literally and symbolically told stories, warned against impending doom and became the first repository of a shared knowledge. They adorned and decorated important sites belonging to these ancient communities.

ARRTDUO's ambition is to emulate these ancient constructs. To produce pieces that tell stories, comment on current issues, and embody the spiritual and cultural traditions of our world. We want to speak to a wide audience, communicate clearly and present our work in a way that holds the viewer's interest. In a world that is often dominated by functionality and efficiency, they want their art to have a beauty that can adorn and enhance the spaces of today and that draws people's attention and creates an emotional dialogue with them.”

These are images of their two pieces representing 'compassion', that were exhibited until 14th February 2018. Their next display, representing 'alchemy' will be shown from 26th April.



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The Cathedral Shop is open :

Mon - Fri 2pm - 4pm, Saturdays 10am - 12 noon

Sundays - 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’



The Cathedral is open to visitors:

Monday to Thursday 8am until 5pm

Friday 8am until 8pm

Saturday 9am until 4pm

Sunday 10am until 8pm

Thoughts on an Exhibition - Canon Mark Dimond

I popped into the British Museum recently to view the exhibition 'Living with gods: peoples, places and worlds beyond'. The effect was curious: on the one hand, with many articles of various faiths being exhibited, you could be forgiven in thinking that religion was a thing of the past, a historical bygone. Only that the first thing you see displayed at the entrance of the exhibition is a fact: there are some four thousand religions around the world, with as many as eighty-



Zoroastrian tiles

certainly is not. It seems that most of us cannot do without the mystical.

At Newport Cathedral we promote the world according to Jesus Christ. It is easy just to see the cathedral as an architectural gem, a place of historic interest, which it is. Many people from all around the world visit the Romanesque pillars and arches, one of the best of their kind in Britain.



16th Century Prayer Book

But Christ's temple is not really a building, it is his body, a living thing. As beings we live in the present but we

also live in the future in Christ, in expectation, in eagerness, in hope and in the promise of eternity. Old churches over the centuries have been plastered with prayer, and our cathedral links us to the past. We know of the countless of the faithful who have preceded us. The cathedral space is an eternal place.

What links all this together, and our relationship to God, is prayer. Prayers pierce through time, through space, through the physical world and wend their way to God.

Some might ask, where is God, when we pray? What brought me to Christ in the first place was a sense of God, and that sense is inside, because God Himself became one of us. No other faith can purport this thorough incarnation. That is what gives our faith firm shoulders. God is not beyond, as the London exhibition implies, but before, behind, beneath, and beside us, to paraphrase one of St Patrick's prayers. God is with us, if we only recognise it.

That is the point of our Lent reading book, Henri Nouwen's *The Selfless Way of Christ*. God brings to our person divine attributes, not values we accumulate that conform to this world. By lessening ourselves during Lent we big up God. We can become the perfect combination of humanity and divinity. Nouwen says we can aim to be 'living Christs'.



Lion Man carving 35,000 BC

The Exhibition 'Living with gods: peoples, places and worlds beyond' is on at the British Museum until 8th April 2018 and explores the practice and expression of religious beliefs around the world and through time.

'As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you now and forever.' This is the start of Morning Prayer at the 8 o'clock Service at St Woolos.

For some of us it encourages us to rise early, witness the sunrise, the early song of birds. Also, on occasion the murmuration of starlings. Do consider joining the fellowship.

Patricia Phillips

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. Contact: Brian or Siân King - contact@newportcathedral.org.uk