



St Woolos Quarterly

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What's the Cathedral for?

The Cathedral's governance and organisation is going to change over the next year (though you'll hardly notice) which affords an opportunity to consider what the place is here *for*. Now and in later articles, I shall quote parts from the new Cathedral Constitution and add some brief commentary by way of explanation. The *Vision Statement* opens the new Constitution with the following words:

*The ancient church of St Woolos in Newport has stood for over fifteen centuries on Stow Hill. As the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Monmouth since 1949 **it exists to welcome and to witness in the name of Jesus Christ.** It responds to this vocation from God **in cooperation with all people – of whatever faith or of none – and in every circumstance,** across the City, the Diocese and the County.*



If you have heard Bishop Michael Curry's Address at the Royal Wedding, you know that what God is about is showing love, to each and to all, through the human face, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. No church has any other purpose than this: showing God's love to a world in need of it. No exceptions or exclusions, no conditions or requirements, 'no *ifs* or *buts*'. (Those of us who come to church each week come to learn how to do this because we are often not very good at it, as you may have noticed.)

If you are someone who thinks Bishop Curry was on to something – whether or not you buy into his faith (and ours) – you are welcome to come and join with us in any

way to help us all explore and practice this kind of life to the best of our ability amongst all those who are part of our life and circumstances.

*Daily worship is the priority underpinning all that happens at the Cathedral, witnessing to the love of God revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus, **the Cathedral stands, above all else, as a place of encounter with the holy** in which the needs and concerns, hopes and fears, joys and sorrows of those amongst whom it is set are daily presented to God.*

The touch of that love is recognised in the human heart by (amongst other things) peace, joy, tranquillity, acceptance, a sense of harmony, of being 'at-one' with life. Sometimes there is a sense of awe or inspiration when, perhaps, words give way to silence. These are signs of what we mean by 'encounter with the holy' and the Cathedral is in business not only to name this but to foster it, through silence, music and the arts and by our daily offerings of religious worship of the Source of that Love.

None of us understands that greatest of all realities but we do recognise it when we encounter it, by whatever name and in whatever form. Perhaps just drop in here, from time to time, sit and soak up the imprint of centuries of this reality on this spot. Light a candle, maybe. Count your blessings or shed your tears. It is what this place is for.

Here for you to help you be here for others.

Lister Tonge
Dean of Newport



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

<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

New Rehearsal Stalls for the Choir



Until very recently, the young choristers of the Newport Cathedral Choir have had to put up with less than ideal conditions for their weekly rehearsals. They sat or hunched on wobbly benches, with a collection of old tables for their music. So it was very welcome news when Derek Fisher, longstanding Gentleman of the choir, told us he would like to commission some Choir Rehearsal Stalls in memory of his late wife. This very generous, and appropriate, gift was duly 'dedicated' recently during a Sunday morning Service, when the stalls were moved up to the Cathedral for the occasion.

Here you can see the stalls, in their normal location in the Song Room, during rehearsals for the Girls' Choir, conducted by Emma Gibbins, our Musical Director. The stalls enable the choristers to stand, as they do during services, and rest their music at

the correct angle. The Music Team tell us this can do wonders for the quality of the singing, and I must say we are bound to agree!

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)

- Midday Recital** - Saturday 9th June - see the website for details as they become available
- Recital** - Thursday 28th June 7.30pm - The Burgundy Piano Trio with Thomas and Richard McMahon
- Festival of Welcome** - Monday July 2nd to Saturday July 7th
- ARRT DUO Exhibition** - 12th July to 13th August - 'Moving' (ARRT Duo are our Artists-in-Residence)
- Midday Recital** - Saturday 14th July - Kamil Mika (Organ)
- Midday Recital** - Saturday 11th August - The Divertimenti Consort (recorder group)
- ARRT DUO Exhibition** - 13th August to 15th November - 'Tom' - Remembering the sacrifice
- CADW Open Doors Event** - Saturday 8th September 9.30am - 4.00pm and including the **Midday Recital** - The West Midland Bell Ensemble
- Piano Recital** - Thursday 27th September 7.30pm - Mackenzie Paget + Obelisk Piano Trio
- Midday Recital** - Saturday 13th October - Junior Conservatoire RWCMD

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

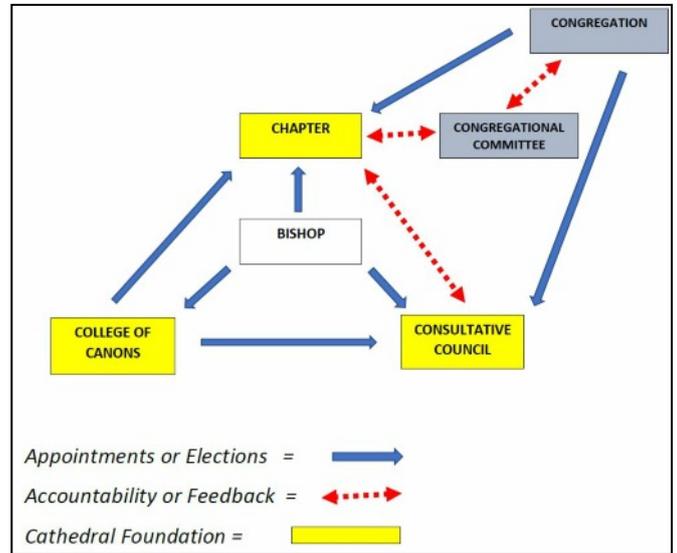
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The new Cathedral Constitution: A brief look at how it is put together

In April the Governing Body of the Church in Wales gave their approval to a new style of Constitution, to be adopted and trialled here at Newport Cathedral. The Constitution document is prefaced by the Vision Statement already referred to by the Dean in his regular front-page message. Based to a considerable extent on the Constitutions used in English Cathedrals, it aims, in the words of the Dean, to "bring the way we run our Cathedral into the Twenty-First Century", with more accountability and community-wide representation, to match our vision of being an outward-facing church.

The diagram opposite, which has been helpfully put together by the architects of the Constitution, aims to show how a single body, Chapter, will replace the older 'Dean & Chapter' and 'Parochial Church Council' at the centre of Cathedral administration. The congregation will continue to have their say, through an advisory committee chosen from their number. The whole will be overseen by the Consultative Committee which, along with Chapter, will have a significant membership of lay representatives chosen in part for their expertise in management, finance, legal matters and so on. In addition, there will be ecumenical input, as we hope to share and enjoy all that is in common with other denominations and faiths.

The College of Canons, not a body that 'meets' in a formal sense but a resource of chosen or nominated clergy and lay members, will contribute representatives and expertise to both Chapter and Consultative Committee. The hope is that this new Constitution will be in place at the start of next year, and will doubtless be watched critically by all members of the Cathedral family, by which time the Twenty-First Century will already be nearly a fifth of the way through!



The text of the new Constitution can be seen by visiting the Cathedral website - www.newportcathedral.org.uk

Newport Cathedral - Festival of Welcome



The Cathedral will be open for its Festival of Welcome from the evening of Monday July 2nd, to the afternoon of Saturday July 7th. Features and activities will include the Newport Floral Table, coin-stamping by our 'Mediaeval Merchant', a book stall, talks, various musical recitals and performances, poetry, tours of the Cathedral and more.



For further details and times, please see the Cathedral website www.newportcathedral.org.uk where information will be posted as it becomes available.

Newport Cathedral Night Shelter 2019: Please, between now and Autumn, give some thought to whether you could be a volunteer for some shifts during our Night Shelter months of February and March. Contact the Administrator, or see details in our next Newsletter.

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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

Maurice Barnes : an Exhibition

Newport Art Gallery has a small exhibition, ending on July 14th , of paintings by Maurice Barnes [1910 -1961]. Apart from war service, Barnes lived most of his life in Newport, and this is very much reflected in the Exhibition, which features paintings of the locality from the Art Gallery's own collection. These are rightly prized, as recording changes within the city. Mr Oliver Blackmore, the curator, at this time of limited resources, is rightly to be thanked for putting the exhibition together. The last Barnes exhibition, a more comprehensive one, was in 1997. That too centred on Newport.

For most of his working life, Barnes was an accountant with the railway authorities, working in the offices at Newport Station. He combined this job with his vocation as a Christian artist. His family originally lived in Maindee, but moved to a house on Oakfield Road, when he was still quite small. Though the family lived close to the Church of St John the Baptist and indeed worshipped there occasionally, their stronger connection was with St Woolos. There, Maurice died in harness as Churchwarden. When I became Cathedral Chaplain in 1974, both Maurice's widow, Peggy, and his sister Joan, were among a congregation which held his memory in great esteem.



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His life as a serious artist began as an engraver. Examples of his work are to be found in Cathedral guidebooks since 1946, with some in the current edition. The engravings are extremely fine. In 1936, he became an Associate of the British Watercolour Society: he also exhibited at the Royal Academy. With Charlotte Porter and George Phillis, he founded the Newport and Monmouthshire Arts and Crafts Society, becoming its first Chairman. Archbishop Morris, too, was to join as a member. The Cathedral also features in a wide range of Maurice's paintings.

As one who worked for the railway, he had much reduced fares for holidays abroad, where he painted numerous watercolours. Whatever he painted, he always avoided a strictly photographic interpretation. That does not mean, however, that subjects cannot be identified. From plain watercolour, he developed a more linear style with black inks and went on to produce interesting fantasies. He was nothing if not versatile.

The full scope of Maurice's work is explored in a video produced in 1998 and which Dean Richard liked so much that he ordered copies as DVDs for the Cathedral shop, where it is still obtainable at £7.50. Canon David Neale edited it on behalf of the Diocesan Audio Visual Committee. Get to see it, if you are able, and above all, go and see the Exhibition.

Andrew Willie

The exhibition is on at Newport Museum and Art Gallery until July 14th - entry is free

Handel's Messiah



On 20th October this year, the Newport Philharmonic Choir will be performing this ever-popular choral work in the Cathedral, accompanied by the Welsh Baroque Orchestra. If you have sung this before, or would love to join the performance, you'd be very welcome to join the NPC for rehearsals, which take place in Liswerry High School on Tuesday evenings at 7.15. Please visit the NPC website www.nptphil.org.uk

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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