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ST ASAPH  
CATHEDRAL

## Ardal Cenhadaeth Elwy Mission Area



An induction loop is provided.

**Gluten free wafers are available** for those who need them. Please inform one of the stewards/sidespersons who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

### 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – The Baptism of Christ

Today's Services:

#### **11am The Cathedral Eucharist**

*The Cathedral Choir*

Mass: Missa Alma Pater, Andrew  
Millington

Psalm: 29

Hymns: **All on this sheet!**

Motet: Tomorrow shall be my dancing  
day, John Gardner

Preacher: The Canon Pastor

#### **3.30pm Choral Evensong**

*The Cathedral Choir*

Reponses: John Sanders

Office Hymn: **58** (t.128ii)

Psalm: **46**

Setting: Evening Service in F, George  
Dyson

Anthem: Let us go to Bethlehem, Will  
Todd

Hymn: **56** (omit v.4)

*Welcome to St Asaph Cathedral, which is one of the churches of the Elwy Mission Area. We are communities that seek to enfold all people in the love of God. If you wish to speak to a priest after the service, if you wish to find a corner to pray, if you wish simply to find some peace, please feel free and welcome to do so. We warmly invite all those who are baptised (Christened) to receive Holy Communion with us today. (Children at the discretion of parents). Before the service: spend some time in quiet prayer, preparing to meet the Lord in this act of worship.*

## Entrance Hymn:

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem  
drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him  
who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now His brow adorn;  
fruit of the mystic rose,  
as of that rose the stem;  
the root whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love,  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou has died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

*Matthew Bridges 1800-94*  
*Tune: Diademata*

## Collect

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant that we who are born again by  
water and the Spirit  
may rejoice to be called your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Isaiah 42. 1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet  
Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul  
delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the  
nations.  
<sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not  
quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the  
earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his  
teaching.  
<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and  
stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what  
comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> I am the Lord, I have called you in  
righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept  
you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the  
people,  
a light to the nations,  
<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the  
dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in  
darkness.  
<sup>8</sup> I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come  
to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

For the word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 29**

**R: May the Lord bless his people, bless  
his people with peace.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of  
heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and  
strength. Ascribe to the Lord the honour  
due to his name; worship the Lord in  
the beauty of holiness. **R:**

The voice of the Lord is upon the  
waters; the God of glory thunders; the  
Lord is upon the mighty waters. The  
voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

**R:**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar  
trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of  
Lebanon; He makes Lebanon skip like a  
calf and Sirion like a young wild ox. **R:**

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of  
lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes  
the wilderness; the Lord shakes the  
wilderness of Kadesh. **R:**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak  
trees writhe and strips the forests bare;  
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!' **R:**

The Lord sits enthroned above the water  
flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for  
evermore. The Lord shall give strength  
to his people; the Lord shall give his  
people the blessing of peace. **R:**

## **Acts 10. 34-43**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to the crowd: 'I  
truly understand that God shows no  
partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone  
who fears him and does what is right is  
acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the  
message he sent to the people of Israel,  
preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is  
Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread  
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee  
after the baptism that John  
announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus  
of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and  
with power; how he went about doing  
good and healing all who were  
oppressed by the devil, for God was  
with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that  
he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.  
They put him to death by hanging him  
on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the  
third day and allowed him to  
appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us  
who were chosen by God as witnesses,  
and who ate and drank with him after  
he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He  
commanded us to preach to the people  
and to testify that he is the one ordained

by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

For the word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Matthew 3. 13-17**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Hymn**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing:  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;

his name shall stand for ever,  
his changeless name of love.

*James Montgomery 1771-1854*  
*Based on Psalm 72*  
*Tune: Cruger*

## Prayer over the Gifts

Open the heavens, Lord our God,  
and send your transforming Spirit  
on us and on these gifts.  
May we who are baptized into Christ  
be ready to share his cup of suffering  
and strengthened to serve him for ever;  
we ask this through the same Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Motet

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;  
I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play,  
To call my true love to my dance;*

*Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my  
love, my love,  
This have I done for my true love*

*Then was I born of a virgin pure,  
Of her I took fleshly substance  
Thus was I knit to man's nature  
To call my true love to my dance.*

*In a manger laid, and wrapped I was  
So very poor, this was my chance  
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass  
To call my true love to my dance.*

*Then afterwards baptized I was;  
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,*

*My Father's voice heard from above,  
To call my true love to my dance.*

*Music: John Gardner*

## Post Communion Hymn

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord,  
To renew my heart and make me  
whole.

Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
Give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin,  
In each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth,  
Cause Your church to hunger for your  
ways.  
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ  
may be clear for all the world to see.

*Keith Getty b.1974*  
*Stuart Townend b.1963*

## Post Communion

Refreshed by these holy gifts, Lord God,  
we seek your mercy:  
that by listening faithfully to your only  
Son, and being obedient to the  
prompting of the Spirit,  
we may be your children in name and  
in truth  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Notices

**Refreshments.** Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

**Praying for Growth.** Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer:

*God of Mission,  
Who alone brings growth to your  
Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions,  
Joy to our worship,  
And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**The Community Fridge** takes place every Sunday from 4-5pm at the Parish Church.

**Sunday Sheet.** Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

**Start Course** – a course on Christian basics starts on 15<sup>th</sup> January 7-8pm at the Cathedral Tearoom. Further information from Canon Josh:  
[JoshuaAskwith@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:JoshuaAskwith@churchinwales.org.uk)

**Ways of Giving to the work of the Cathedral.** We are very grateful to all those who contribute financially to the life and witness of our Parish. There are various ways to do this:

1. The Collection plate near the entrance to the Church
2. Setting up a Standing Order.  
Contact Dave Bradley or Marion Hughes for the bank details
3. Gift Direct. Set up regular giving or make a one off donation.

For Gift Direct you can use the QR code below. Thank you very much.



## The Week Ahead

### 12<sup>th</sup> Monday – Epiphany Weekday

9am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Holy Eucharist  
5pm Evening Prayer

### 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Hilary, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer  
5pm Evening Prayer  
6pm Holy Eucharist

**14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Kentigern, Bishop**

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

**15<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Epiphany Weekday**

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish*

*Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish*

*Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

**16<sup>th</sup> Friday – Epiphany Weekday**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)

6pm Choral Evensong

**17<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Antony of Egypt**

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Epiphany 2**

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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**Today's Readings**

**Isaiah 42. 1-9**

God describes his servant who will bring justice in a new way to all nations, acting as a light to guide all who live in darkness.

**Psalms 29**

**Acts 10. 34-43**

Peter speaks to the people, telling them about Jesus whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit, bringing him power to do good, heal the oppressed and forgive the sins of all who believe in him.

**Matthew 3. 13-17**

Jesus is baptised in the river Jordan by John, and receive the Holy Spirit.

