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CATHEDRAL

Ardal Cenhadaeth Elwy Mission Area



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18th January 2026 – Epiphany 2

Today's Services:

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

The Cathedral Choir

Mass: Communion Service in F, Harold
Darke

Psalm: 40. 1-11

Hymns: **All on this sheet!**

Motet: A humble light, Paul Mealor

Preacher: The Precentor

3.30pm Choral Evensong

The Cathedral Choir

Reponses: Martin Neary

Office Hymn: **54** (t.ii)

Psalm: **96**

Setting: Evening Service in B minor, T.
Tertius Noble

Anthem: The Three Kings, Peter
Cornelius

Hymn: **239**

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:

All hail the power of Jesu's name!
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,
whom David Lord did call;
The God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthrall,
lift high the universal song,
and crown him Lord of all.

Edward Perronet 1726-92
Tune: Miles Land

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by
the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 49. 1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet
Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far
away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he
named me.

² He made my mouth like a sharp
sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, 'You are my
servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing
and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
and my reward with my God.'

⁵ And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his
servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to

him,
for I am honoured in the sight of
the Lord,
and my God has become my
strength—
⁶ he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be
my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the
end of the earth.'
⁷ Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy
One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the
nations,
the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate
themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has
chosen you.'

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

Psalm 40. 1-11

**R: Let your loving kindness be upon us,
O Lord.**

I waited patiently for the Lord; he
inclined to me and heard my cry. He
brought me out of the roaring pit, out of
the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a
rock and made my footing sure. **R:**
He has put a new song in my mouth, a
song of praise to our God; many shall
see and fear and put their trust in the
Lord. Blessed is the one who trusts in

the Lord, who does not turn to the
proud that follow a lie. **R:**
Great are the wonders you have done,
O Lord my God. How great your
designs for us! There is none that can be
compared with you. If I were to
proclaim them and tell of them they
would be more than I am able to
express. **R:**
Sacrifice and offering you do not
desire but my ears you have opened;
Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you
have not required; then said I: 'Lo, I
come. **R:**
'In the scroll of the book it is written of
me that I should do your will, O my
God; I delight to do it: your law is
within my heart.' I have declared your
righteousness in the great
congregation; behold, I did not restrain
my lips, and that, O Lord, you know. **R:**
Your righteousness I have not hidden in
my heart; I have spoken of your
faithfulness and your salvation; I have
not concealed your loving-kindness and
truth from the great congregation. **R:**

1 Corinthians 1. 1-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to
the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ
Jesus by the will of God, and our
brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in
Corinth, to those who are sanctified in
Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together
with all those who in every place call
on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of^c Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

John 1. 29-42

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!' ³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴And I

myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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

Hymn

Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah's seer;
sweet the countless tongues united
to entrance the prophet's ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated
cherubim and seraphim
filled his temple, and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.'

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, holy, holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'

With his seraph train before him,
with his holy Church below,
thus unite we to adore him,
bid we thus our anthem flow:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.'

Richard Mant 1776-1848
Tune: Redhead No.46

Prayer over the Gifts

God of life and freedom,
we celebrate the revelation of
Jesus as the Christ who makes all things
new:
renew us in him and in our lives make
him known, who is Lord for ever and
ever. **Amen.**

Motet

A humble light

*Not crown of gold but simple grace
first shone within a humble place;
so may our lives, in quiet ways,
be songs of love through winter days.*

*And when we sing this stilly night,
let deeds of mercy be our light.*

*The kindly word, the steady hand,
the neighbour's need we understand;
the pledge to serve without a claim,
let these be gifts we gladly name.
In memory of the hands we knew,
we'll carry on the good he drew.*

This humble light.

*Text adapted by: John Frederick
Hudson & Brock Andreatta
Music: Paul Mealor (b. 1975)*

Post Communion Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Daniel L. Schutte b.1947
Tune: Here I am, Lord

Post Communion

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of 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.

Epiphany Carol Service at St Asaph Cathedral on Sunday 1st February at 3.30pm. Come and enjoy some beautiful seasonal music and sing some seasonal hymn with our Cathedral Choir.

Thank you to Denbighshire County Council for the generous for the new chairs for events at the cathedral that require extra or different seating. The grant was specifically for the events which are held at the Cathedral.

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 Cathedral Church. There are various ways to do this:

1. The Collection plate near the entrance to the Cathedral
 2. Setting up a Standing Order. Contact Jackie Feak 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

19th Monday – Epiphany Weekday

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

20th Tuesday – Epiphany Weekday

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist

21st Wednesday – Agnes, Martyr

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

22nd Thursday – Epiphany Weekday

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish*

Church

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish*

Church

1pm Community Tea *at the Parish*

Church

5pm Evening Prayer

23rd Friday – Epiphany Weekday

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)

6pm Choral Evensong

24th Saturday – Francis de Sales

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

25th Sunday – The Conversion of Paul

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong & Installation
of Canons

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Today's Readings

Isaiah 49. 1-7

The identity of the servant in Isaiah's mind is a great mystery, but the message is clear: at the very time when God's people thought exile had become their shameful end, God reveals a plan far beyond their imagination.

Psalms 40. 1-11

1 Corinthians 1. 1-9

Paul's vision of the Church was huge: "all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." In this phrase we have the universal and the particular. There is no boundary but that of confessing the name of Christ.

John 1. 29-42

John's picture is astonishing: a solitary prophet points to another man who single-handedly will take away the sin of the whole world. John didn't even know how big the world was – yet he knew Christ was bigger!

