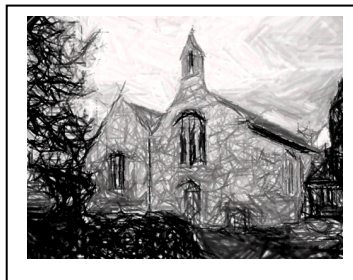




Ardal Cenhadaeth Elwy Mission Area



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

25th January 2026 – The Conversion of Paul

Today's Services:

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

The Cathedral Choir

Mass: Communion Service in B flat,
Charles Villiers Stanford

Psalm: 67

Hymns: All on this sheet!

Motet: How lovely are the messengers
(from St Paul), Felix Mendelssohn

Preacher: Canon Neil Burgess

3.30pm Choral Evensong & Installation of Canons

The Cathedral Choir

Reponses: Thomas Tomkins

Office Hymn: 377

Psalm: 119. 41-56

Setting: Evening Service in G, Charles
Villiers Stanford

Anthem: O pray for the peace of
Jerusalem, Herbert Howells

Hymn: Tell all the world of Jesus; 486

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:

We sing the glorious conquest
Before Damascus' gate,
When Saul, the Church's spoiler,
Came breathing threats and hate;
The ravening wolf rushed forward
Full early to the prey;
But lo! the Shepherd met him,
And bound him fast to-day.

O Glory most excelling
That smote across his path!
O Light that pierced and blinded
The zealot in his wrath!
O Voice that spake within him
The calm, reproving word!
O Love that sought and held him
The bondman of his Lord!

O Wisdom ordering all things
In order strong and sweet,
What nobler spoil was ever
Cast at the Victor's feet?
What wiser master-builder
E'er wrought at thine employ
Than he, till now so furious
Thy building to destroy?

Lord, teach thy Church the lesson,
Still in her darkest hour
Of weakness and of danger,
To trust thy hidden power:
Thy grace by ways mysterious
The wrath of man can bind,
And in thy boldest rival
thy chosen saint can find.

John Ellerton 1826-93
Tune: Ellacombe

Collect

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant
Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his
wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to
your truth;
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.**

Acts 9.1-22

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three

days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not

come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

R: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. **R:**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. **R:** Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **R:**

Galatians 1. 11-16a

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently

persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles.

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

Matthew 19. 27-30

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter said to Jesus, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

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

Hymn

Disposer supreme,
And judge of the earth,
Who chooseth for thine
The weak and the poor,
To frail earthen vessels,
And things of no worth,
Entrusting thy riches
Which ay shall endure.

Throughout the wide world
Their message is heard,
And swift as the wind
It circles the earth;
It echoes the voice
Of the heavenly Word,
And brings unto mortals
The hope of new birth.

Their cry thunders forth,
'Christ Jesus is Lord',
Then Satan doth fear,
His citadels fall:
As when those shrill trumpets
Were raised at thy word,
And one long blast shattered
Proud Jericho's wall.

O loud be the call,
And stirring the sound,
To rouse us, O Lord,
From sin's deadly sleep;
May lights which thou kindest
In darkness around,
The dull soul awaken,
Her vigil to keep.

All honour and praise,
Dominion and might,
To thee, Three in One,
Eternally be,
Who pouring around us

Thy glorious light,
Dost call us from darkness
Thy glory to see.

Latin, J B de Santeuil 1630-97

Tr. Isaac Williams 1802-65

Tune: Hanover

Prayer over the Gifts

Almighty God,
as we celebrate this Eucharist,
may your Spirit fill us with the light of
faith; by the grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ. **Amen.**

Motet

*How lovely are the messengers (from St
Paul), Felix Mendelssohn*

*How lovely are the messengers that
preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the
sound of their words, throughout all the
lands their glad tidings.*

Post Communion Hymn

Hail, thou Source of every blessing
Sovereign Father of mankind!
Gentiles now, thy grace possessing,
In thy courts admission find.

Once far off, but now invited,
We approach thy sacred throne;
In thy covenant united,
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.

Now revealed to eastern sages,
See the Star of mercy shine,
Mystery hid in former ages,
Mystery great of love divine.

Hail, thou universal Saviour!
Gentiles now their offerings bring,
In thy temple seek thy favour,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.

Basil Woodd 1760-1831

Tune: Redhead No.48

Post Communion

Eternal Giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all
the world to preach the gospel of his
kingdom:
confirm us in this mission, and help us
to live the good news we proclaim;
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.

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

26th Monday – Timothy & Titus

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

27th Tuesday – John Chrysostom

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

28th Wednesday – Thomas Aquinas

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

29th Thursday – Epiphany Weekday

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*
5pm Evening Prayer

30th Friday – Epiphany Weekday

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)
6pm Choral Evensong

31st Saturday – Epiphany Weekday

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer

1st Sunday – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemass)

9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist
3.30pm Epiphany Carol Service

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