

ROATH AND CATHAYS MINISTRY AREA
***News from St Edward's
& St Margaret's***



Holy Week & Easter 2024

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From the Ministry Area Leader the Reverend Canon Stewart Lisk

My dear Friends,

As I write this to you, we have just marked the Fourth Sunday in Lent, known as Mothering Sunday or Refreshment Sunday. We remember well that this midpoint in Lent is a time when we can relax our fast and take a break. It is a time to give thanks for our Lady Mary, mother of our Lord and our mother Church and also our mothers, whether living or departed. For some it brings sad memories, others may feel excluded from the joys of a family life which they do not experience, which we nevertheless celebrate and thank God for in his church. Be that as it may, it was very gratifying to see so many on this day attending our services in our churches across the ministry area.

At the 9.30am Sung Eucharist in Saint Margaret's we were joined by members of our young people's uniformed organisations. We have over 100 youngsters in our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. In recent months, they have all come to church on Monday evenings to work for their Faith badges. As part of this, they learn about many of the great world religions, but also about their own church, its teachings and traditions. It was very pleasing to have the young people read the lessons so well and offer the prayers of intercession so thoughtfully and clearly. It was apparent to me, of course, that many of those who took a leading part had been brought up in our Sunday schools at Saint Margaret's and Saint Edward's and are well-known to me. These children and teenagers are very much part of our church now, as well as giving us hope for the future.

You may well be reading this, when in the church calendar we keep Holy Week and Easter. This is a time of extremes in the earthly ministry of our Lord Jesus. We will have recalled his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the moving scenes of the last supper and the garden of Gethsemane on Maundy Thursday, the horror of the Crucifixion and the apparent abandonment of Jesus on Good Friday, followed by

the astonishing events of Easter Day with the glorious Resurrection. These events have so many elements within them, which make us look at our faith and our relationships within the Church and with each other.

Those of you who have been in Church on Good Friday will recall our services when we reflect upon the words of our Lord Jesus from the cross. Amidst all his pain and suffering he does not forget his family and friends, at the foot of the Cross stands his mother, Mary and his closest disciple, John. Jesus says to Mary, 'Woman, behold your son,' and to John, 'Behold, your mother!' John's gospel tells us from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. This small part of the crucifixion narrative adds a particular dimension to the story. It shows Jesus concerned for his mother's welfare and the bereavement she would share with the disciple he loved. It also has been seen as a symbolic gesture of beginning new relationships within what would become the Church. The strength of natural blood ties can be transcended by the family of the new Christian community where people can find new hope and life even when seemingly disastrous tragedy has blighted their lives.

The first followers of Jesus supported each other in the days following the death of their Master but soon rejoiced in the miraculous Resurrection bringing him back to them as they began the worldwide family of the Church to which all may belong and makes us all sisters and brothers of Jesus and children of the same Heavenly Father.

Wishing you and your loved ones all the joy of Easter,
Every blessing and love in the Risen Christ ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart', is positioned above a horizontal line.

A sermon preached by the Reverend Canon Stewart Lisk on the Sunday following the death of Alexei Navalny

Words taken from the gospel of Saint Mark, Jesus said“. if any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Amongst the many tragic news stories, we have heard in recent days has been the announcement of the death in a Siberian prison of the Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny. Some of you will be familiar with his story and how he has used his life as a lawyer and anti-corruption activist to oppose the rule of the long-standing, Russian president, Vladimir Putin. In recent years, he was poisoned, allegedly by the Russian authorities, but was airlifted to Switzerland where he was successfully treated for his life threatening condition and was brought back to good health. Outside Russia, he was able, like many dissidents, freely to canvas support for his cause. He became well-known in the international community and exposed many of the failings of the current Russian leadership. His life was always in potential danger, as we know from other cases, that the Russian Secret Service had no qualms about attacking their opponents even when in the comparative safety of friendly foreign states.

With the support of many people in the wider, international community, Alexei could have remained away from his homeland, and continued his opposition from there. His voice would have been heard and his influence would be noticed. However, he made the momentous decision to return to Russia. His love of his country and its people called him back. It was inevitable that almost immediately on his return, he was arrested and imprisoned on a variety of trumped up charges. It appears that his treatment in jail has led to his premature death. This has resulted in international outrage from many world leaders and his countless unknown supporters. President Biden described him as "Brave, principled and dedicated to

building a Russia, where the rule of law existed, and was applied everywhere". The leadership of the Orthodox church have not commented, but it is reported that many ordinary church members, fearful of their own safety, prayed privately, and on social media for the repose of Alexei's soul. Some of those who supported him have regretted his actions, saying that he brought his fate upon himself, and should have avoided his return, imprisonment and therefore his tragic end.

Although it has not been widely reported Alexei was a practising Christian. He, like us, would have been well acquainted with the gospel and teaching of Jesus. The famous passage that we have heard today reminds us of our Lord Jesus' call to those who would wish to follow him to take up their cross. It is a reminder that the path that Jesus sets before us is one where we may have to sacrifice the things of this world, our own comforts and desires, for the greater good of others. It is a passage that inspired many early Christians, particularly in the first four centuries of the Christian era when innumerable followers of Jesus lost their lives as martyrs. If you read the small print of our prayer book and lectionaries you will see some of their names recorded, those we know about, but there were many more we will never know, but nevertheless made the ultimate sacrifice.

No single person, no matter how saintly, devout or unselfish, could match the sacrifice of our Lord, who was truly without sin yet took upon himself the sins of the whole world. I hope and pray that none of us will be called to wear the crown of martyrdom, nevertheless, there are sacrifices that we can all make in our lives which will help us follow in Christ's way. There may be lighter crosses that we can carry for the good of each other and ourselves. In our Old Testament reading today, Abraham and Sarah in their extreme old age were called upon to become parents and thus the forebears of many nations, and in doing so renewing God's covenant with his people. On a human level, this must have been incredibly challenging for an old couple nevertheless, they put their trust in God and fulfilled his will.

Some of us may think we are in our twilight years and wonder what we may have to offer, but if we look hard enough, we can still find new roles. Others at the other extreme, may just be setting out on their journeys of faith and life and feel that they don't have time amidst the busyness of work, family and leisure to make time for the tasks God sets before us. Coming to church, worshipping God and taking out with us what we learn is a start, being sacrificial and generous as best as we can to church and charity is also part of what we must do. This season of Lent gives us all an opportunity to review and renew our commitment to church and community, and to find new ways of carrying the cross that Jesus asks us to bear.



Photos of jailed Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny with flowers and candles are laid on a ground in front of the Russian embassy in Vilnius, Lithuania, Friday, Feb. 16, 2024. (AP Photo/Mindaugas Kulbis)

A sermon preached by *Lee Gonzalez – Ordinand – to be ordained Deacon in 2024* on Mothering Sunday 2024

As you know there are many different contexts in which to view Mother's Day, there's the traditional Medieval Mothering Sunday which focuses on visiting our Mother churches and the symbolic message of sending Christians out to love and serve the world and then coming home to Christ, there is the other viewpoint of making a pilgrimage home to visit your mother, which was, of course, a lot more prevalent in the days before cars and telephones and where people would not be able to visit or speak to their mothers very often.

Today though, I want to focus on another aspect of Mother's Day, that of remembering all those moments when our mothers or those who care for us have made our lives special.

I have many memories of special moments with my mum, growing up I was rather accident prone and I would always be getting myself into serious scrapes. I remember cutting my finger really badly while trying to cut the end of an arrow to put in the flight feathers, and fondly remember my mum patching it up with some lollipop sticks and medical tape. But it was that moment of reassurance, of comfort that my mum gave me as blood was pouring out of my finger that I recall with the most affection because it was the moment my mum was there for me. I was panicking and having her calm me and saying that everything would be ok was priceless.

Mums, and I am sure many here can relate to this have also given us laughter. My mum who sadly passed away 12 years ago now, like many mums had an amazing character, and what I really loved was the random things she would do, for instance, she would alternate each week between an Anglican church, a Roman Catholic church and a Methodist church, and I discovered that the reason why was that she wanted to hedge her bets.

One of my absolute favourite moments was when she somehow confused gravy granules for demerara sugar, bless her, she was quite long sighted so couldn't see things up close and obviously

got them mixed up, and she made this beautiful-looking cake that was, as you can imagine tasted rather interesting. But what made that moment special was that it brought us together as a family, we shared joint excitement at the prospect of this wonderful cake that then turned to a game of 'who can spot the flavour' and the laughter and joy we shared in those moments we have my mother to thank.

Can you recall these moments for yourself? We all have mums and grandmothers and guardians and those who look after us at home who have given us these special moments, and as we celebrate today we must bring them to mind and hold them in our hearts.

Whilst the laughter and joy may be at the top of our list of special moments our mothers are also our biggest advocates, the ones who are there to fight for us. We don't always see it, but they go above and beyond time and time again. It may be fighting to get us into the best school they can, fighting to get us to eat something nutritious when we only really want to eat chocolate and crisps, and they fight to give us the best chance to succeed in life that they can.

We will never realise the number of decisions they have to make, how they nudge us and guide us to do something that perhaps we don't want to do because we are scared, but they know it is for our own benefit and this behaviour is at the core of our mothers hearts. Sometimes they will have to be tough when they really don't want to be because it is a tough world out there and they need us to be able to deal with it.

In the Gospel of St Matthew, there is a story about a Canaanite woman which highlights everything I have said perfectly. We are told that her daughter was suffering terribly with demonic possession, and in her concern for her child she persistently came to Jesus crying out for mercy. The disciples wanted to send her away, but her persistence led Jesus to welcome her as a lost sheep, and it was her humbling before Him and her faith that then led Jesus to grant her request and free her daughter from her demons.

This story may seem a little mundane, but it perfectly shows how a mother or those who care for us will not give up on us. This

Canaanite woman who doesn't even have her name recorded knew what Jesus could do and would not be put off or turned away, and this is often what our mothers do for us without us ever knowing.

I did some work in Uganda a few years ago setting up eye care facilities in rural sub-Sahara and there were some truly amazing things that I saw, there was this mother who had come to the eye hospital where we were based with her 3-year-old child in her arms. Her child had a severe turn in the eye and the local herbalist/doctor, and I am not making this up, had smeared something (what we think might have been cow dung) into this child's eyes to help cure her, as you can imagine this obviously led to a severe infection, and this woman who had found out about the hospital had walked over 140 miles carrying her child to see if she could get treatment. This is the equivalent of walking from Cardiff to London.

Uganda is not like here, the hospitals are mostly private and so this woman walked all this way with her child with only hope that the hospital could treat her child for free, she had virtually no money, the eye treatment I believe cost about a million Schillings and she offered her last 1000 Schillings which is about 80p towards the treatment.

And I appreciate that while this is an extreme situation, certainly by our experiences, it is not unusual for mothers around the world to go to such lengths as this to help their children.

So, today is a day we give recognition to our mothers and those who look after us, who have nurtured and guided us, for it is through them that we have received God's grace. The Canaanite woman showed her love for her child and fought to save her, did her child ever really know what she had done for her? So, when we give our flowers and cards and presents today we should hold in our hearts all those special moments that our mothers have shared with us, from fixing our cut fingers or laughing over cake it is here they show their love and care for us, and it is this that we are truly thanking them for.

FROM FR JAREL:

I am absolutely thrilled and humbled to have been invited to join you all in the Roath and Cathays Ministry Area from March this year!

I thought it might be helpful to have a little introduction from me. I trained for ordination at Wesley House, Cambridge (2010-2013) and some of you will know that I lived in Cardiff from 2013 for five years whilst serving my first appointment as Methodist Minister of Rumney and Birchgrove so I know Cardiff well and had a wonderful time serving God in Wales.

After my time there I went to be Methodist Minister in South East London and Associate Chaplain at Kings College London before serving my curacy in the City of London at St Botolph's, Aldgate where I've been since 2021.

Alongside priesthood I have a foot in scholarship, currently pursuing doctoral studies on the Body and Desire with Fr John Behr at the University of Aberdeen (by distance!). I am very passionate about making theology accessible to folk in parishes and my main area of interest is the History of Christianity from St Mark to Muhammad (1st - 7th century). This often involves trips for research in North Africa and Egypt about which I'm very passionate.

I am glad to be returning to Wales after some time back in London where alongside 4 siblings I was born, and although Cardiff will be very different to the City of London I am excited to be serving in the Church in Wales, and keen to see what God has in store for us in Roath and Cathays.

These are challenging times in the life of the world but I am confident in God's Spirit continuing to be at work wherever Christians commit to love and faithful service and I still strongly believe that we have Good News for the world which transforms lives and communities.

Please keep me in your prayers as I prepare for the move! I look forward to meeting you all, to working alongside my colleagues Stewart, Caroline and Irving and to introducing you

to my wonderful “Pastoral Assistant” Seb my 9 year old Jack Russell who is ruled by his stomach but thankfully very good in Church! See you soon. In Christ, Father Jarel

As we prepare the Easter 2024 edition for printing we are looking forward to welcoming Fr Jarel at a special service at St Germans on Sat 23rd March, so by the time you read this you may well have had the opportunity to welcome Fr Jarel in person.

Sharing the peace?

Pre-Covid, in some churches, many worshippers moved around throughout the congregation, exchanging handshakes sometimes hugging one another. In other churches, people shared the words and possibly handshakes with those who sat nearby. Many churches were somewhere in between, but with an increasing tendency for people to move beyond those sitting immediately around them to share signs and words of Peace. Excerpt from <https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/29696/f-and-o-theology-and-practice-of-the-peace.pdf>

What do you Think? In St Edward's we are currently sharing the peace by smiling/body language/sign language, would you like to return to more tactile sharing of the peace? Share your thoughts with any of the committee, who are due to meet 21st April 2024.

Norman Doe King's Counsel Honoris Causa

Norman, our organist at St Edward's for the past 4 decades, was awarded an honorary KC (King's Counsel Honoris Causa) on behalf of the King, by the Lord Chancellor, Alex Chalk on Monday 18th March 2024. [New King's Counsel and Honorary King's Counsel welcomed by Lord Chancellor - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-king-s-counsel-and-honorary-king-s-counsel-welcomed-by-lord-chancellor)

Norman came to Cardiff from Porth with his family when he was aged 14 and went to Howardian High School along with his older brother Martin. A school friend, Martyn Davies asked Norman to play the organ at Saint Edward's following the illness of Mr Francis Riddett, and Norman became St Edward's organist in 1977. After a law degree and Master's degree in Cardiff University he went to London to study for the bar and was called as a barrister at Middle Temple in 1981. After that he undertook a PhD at Cambridge University with Professor Walter Ullman and then Professor Toby Milsom, during all these years returning to Cardiff on a regular basis to continue playing the organ at St Edward's.

Norman continued an academic career being appointed to a lectureship at Cardiff University in 1985. His PhD was published as a book 'Fundamental authority in late mediaeval English law' by Cambridge University Press in 1987. He continued to study, doing a Masters degree in theology, because his interest in the medieval common law turned out to be heavily influenced by the church lawyers at the time.

This interest in Canon law led to his ground breaking set up of a Masters degree in Canon law at Cardiff University, which started in 1991. This was the first time Canon law had been studied at a British university since the Reformation. Successive intakes of students have found the course entirely life changing in that it has allowed them to combine a love of the church with a clearer understanding of the sources and reasons for governance and justice in every aspect of the church's life.

There have been many illustrious students on the LLM course, including legal advisors of the Church of England and of Wales, numerous high court judges, two individuals who have been Dean of The Arches court (the most senior ecclesiastical judge in the Church of England), Bishops from countries all around the world including South Africa, Australia, England, Wales, Ireland, USA and

has also included students from the Methodist Church, the Catholic Church, and the Orthodox Church.

Norman's work has also led to significant contributions to the Anglican Covenant and 'Principles of Christian law' which was accepted at the world Council of Churches in Germany in 2022 as being a clear statement of ecumenical principles of law which would assist churches in walking together in faith.

Norman has met the past 3 popes, Francis, Benedict and John Paul, and was honoured to be invited to the 50th anniversary of ordination of the Orthodox Patriarch, His All Holiness Benedict, in Istanbul in December 2024. Norman also acts as Chancellor of the Diocese of Bangor as the senior legal adviser to the Archbishop of Wales, Andrew John.

Throughout this time Norman has continued to teach, publish and innovate on the topic of Canon Law. His most recent adventure has been focused on Lyndwood's 'Provinciale', an important mediaeval Canon law text, a copy of which is found in St David's cathedral library. Inspiration from this, and from being in this wonderful cathedral which was the home of Gerald of Wales, has led Norman to convert Gerald's own account of three trials in Rome before the Pope between 1200 and 1203 into a play 'Thrice to Rome'. This community play has already been performed to great acclaim at St David's cathedral, and at the Temple church in London and he hopes to bring it to St Edward's very soon.

Colleagues nominated Norman for the honorary KC because of his significant contribution to the study of Canon law over the past 4 decades. This great honour is only awarded to around 5 people per year. His family and friends agree that he is truly worthy although Norman says he thinks it might be a clerical error.

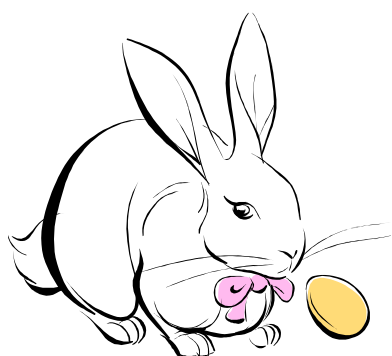
Norman is delighted that his brother Martin as well as Heather, Rachel, Elizabeth and Edward were able to witness the ceremony in Westminster Hall and join a celebration with friends and family in Chambers at the Temple afterwards. Norman is particularly pleased to be able to resume playing the organ at St Edward's following its extensive refurbishment.



Norman with his Kings Counsel Letters Patent awarded at
Westminster Hall 18th March 2024



Reverend Canon Stewart Lisk and Norman Doe at the Enthronement of the Bishop of St David's in February 2024



NEWS FROM THE LYCHGATE

It was a lovely to see over 100 in the Congregation attending our Mothering Day Service this year. We hope everyone enjoyed it. Well done to the Scout Group for Reading and leading us in Prayers as well as doing the collection. We look forward to next seeing them at Harvest.

For many years there has been a little book in the Vicars Vestry showing the dates of passing of members of our Congregation. Somehow this has disappeared however there is now a replacement. Various dates have already been entered and if you would like a loved one's name entered, please contact Pam Hall.

Our thanks go to Ruth and Dan Cornick who have been leading the Sunday evening monthly Discussion Group in Roath Church House. The next sessions will be held on 21 April and 19 May.

Results of December and January 100 Club Draws are:- :

February	Prize	Number	Winner
1	£25	38	Julia Griffiths
2	£15	1	Graham Webb
3	£10	41	Mary Sullivan

March	Prize	Number	Winner
1	£25	43	Janice Doxley
2	£15	41	Mary Sullivan
3	£10	82	Chris Webb

It's not too late to join the 100 Club if you would like to entry is £12.00 per number per year. Please see Anita White or contact her – anita@anitawhite.co.uk
Dates for your Diary

April 15 – Meeting re Spring Fayre, 7.00pm Roath Church House, all welcome.

April 21 – Discussion Group, 7.30pm Roath Church House.

May 18 - St Margaret's Spring Fayre Roath Church House from 10 to 12.30.

May 17 – Setting up Roath Church House for Fayre.

May 19 – Discussion Group. 7.30pm, Roath Church House

Now over to Sally:- My husband Stephen Bailey who works for ACT Training will be doing a sponsored silence in aid of Cerebral Palsy Cymru on 26th March 2024.



Story

ACT Trainings very own Chatter Box Stephen Bailey is going to take part in fundraising for Cerebral Palsy Cymru to mark Cerebral Palsy Month of March.

Stephen has worked for ACT for well over 30 years and is famous in ACT for chatting too much so this is going to be a MASSIVE challenge for him.

Stephen has lived with Cerebral Palsy since he was 3 days old so this is the challenge for him...

Thanks for taking the time to visit my
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/stephenbailey-sponsoredsilence>

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So, it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

GOOD LUCK STEPHEN



Happy Easter blessings to each and every one of you
Love Pam and Sally

The Perfect Church

by Mavis Williams

If you should find the perfect church
Without one fault or smear,
For goodness sake
Don't join that church
You'd spoil the atmosphere.

If you should find the perfect church
Where all anxieties cease,
Then pass it by, lest joining it
You spoil the masterpiece.

If you should find the perfect church
Then don't ever dare
To tread upon such holy ground
You'd be a misfit there.

But since no perfect church exists,
Made of perfect men,
Let's cease on looking for that church,
And love the church we're in.

Of course it's not the perfect church,
That's simple to discern,
But you and I and all of us
Could cause the tide to turn.

What fools we are to flee the past
In that unfruitful search
To find, as last, where problems loom
God proudly builds His church.

<https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermon-illustrations/13658/the-perfect-church-by-james-chandler>

BYGONES

St Edward's Notes April 2006

Welcome – to our new Vicar, Stewart, who was inducted on Thursday 23rd March, and his family. We hope they will soon feel at home in the Parish.

Good Friday – Mozart's Requiem will be performed by choir & orchestra at 7.30 in the context of a devotional service. As 2006 is the 250th anniversary of his birth it made our choice of requiem an easy one this year. We hope for a good audience for this moving occasion.

Archbishops Awards for Church Music

More than 20 people from the Parish attended Brecon Cathedral on Saturday 18th March to witness Alan Mayer receiving his medal and certificate. It was standing room only as 20 people received the award from the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, their family and friends filled the cathedral, and many had travelled from North Wales for the special evensong. It was a most joyful occasion and each received warm applause as they accepted their medals.

It is only the fourth ceremony since the award was established in the 1990's. The idea came from a musician and parishioner in North Wales and is available to be awarded to church musicians from any denomination.

St Edward's Notes 2010

MUSIC - The Coffee Concert on Sat 13th March introduced The Green Dragon String Quartet, who played a delightful variety of music, some of which was actually written for a string quartet to play!

Richard Barlow. Annette Parkes, Caroline Green and Arthur Parkes performed miniatures by Schubert alongside Haydn & Mozart. A perfect way to spend a Saturday morning.

2024 Annette and Arthur Parkes now sing at Evensong at St Edwards every week, with Arthurs' sister Dorothy.

Nostalgia

Sue Mansell 2005 (unpublished until 2024)

As I anticipate a change in the pattern of evensong in the Parish, the memories of more than 40 years come into sharp focus, and those recollections need to be expressed, if only for the sake of record.

The first evensong I recall was in St Edward's in wintertime. It was a dark, windy evening, and the nave (then corrugated tin and not the lovely brick we now know) creaked and groaned in the wind. The church felt full, and the singing lusty. Our choir at evensong then was composed of men and boys (the newly formed girl's choir was in its infancy and sang only the 11.00 am Mattins service).

Twice a year at Christmas and Easter the service of nine lessons and carols replaced evensong, and the two choirs joined together to sing a mixture of music. Those were the opportunities for solos and anthems, an early introduction to the hitherto unimagined pleasure of music other than the rather sober hymns normally sung. Hearing the men of the choir singing harmony from the back row was often a signal for laughter amongst the younger choristers. This light-heartedness was rather frowned upon by our choir mistress, Mrs Vera Morgan; a stern frown was likely to be seen on her face if we dared to look up. The choir was meant to be sedate and our exuberance saved for our singing.

As I grew older the two choirs merged, this coincided with teenage years, and evensong held a greater attraction than simply the music; afterwards we would walk to Wellfield Road and enjoy ice-cream from Thayer's, strawberry 99's were a particular favourite.

Then we began to take a greater interest in music, wanting to sing new anthems, well not necessarily newly written, but new

to us and the sort of music we heard on radio or records. Choral evensong from Cathedrals was then broadcast on Radio Three twice a week on Wednesday & Friday afternoons, and some of the anthems we heard inspired us to extend our range of music.

In the late 1970's the death of our then choirmaster, Bob Riddett and a little later his brother Francis, meant an increase in responsibility for a number of us and luckily Alan Mayer felt able to take on the duties of choirmaster. The need for a skilled musician to act as organist was equally important and Norman Doe stepped into the breach. They have both been vital to the continued success of the choir, Alan for his vision & patience with the junior choir in particular and Norman for his accomplished musicianship at both piano and organ.

There followed a long and settled period of evensong and the change of church liturgy, the pattern of the church's year, and the seasons all have their attractions as I walk or drive to church in anticipation of the privilege of offering worship through music in the church of my childhood. The first evensong after the clocks have gone forward or back is always special, in the autumn signifying the build up to Advent and Christmas, and in spring the hope of summer, with light evenings to enjoy.

As Easter 2005 approaches, I know that my life on Sunday evenings will change and I approach that change with some anxiety. Change can make us feel as if what has gone before is somehow invalid, and although that is not the case for me I do and will mourn the loss of something that has been my weekly pattern for so many years. Change too can bring opportunity and refreshment and I hope for that aspect too.

The punctuation marks of Sunday's Eucharist and evensong will begin to form a different pattern for life.

Evensong

*EASTWARD the valley of my soul was lit
This morning : now the West hath laid
Upon its fields the festal robe,
And East hath shade.
Full soon the night shall fit
Her star-besprinkled serge
On hill, and rock, and bay;
But even then behind the mounting globe
God makes a verge
Of dawn that shall be day.
TE Brown*

CHURCHES UNLOCKED is a Festival from Sat 1 June to Sun 9 June, in which Churches across South Wales will be opening their doors and inviting people to celebrate history, heritage and today's lively communities in our churches. St Edward's has been invited to take part, and we are starting to organize events to take place in those nine days, to encourage people to visit us, and participate in the large and diverse community that is based around St Edward's. If you would like to help, please have a word with Heather or Kathie. We have lots of ideas, but we can always accommodate more – and we need volunteers to make tea and coffee too!

CAL ELLIS is running the Cotswolds Way 100k (62 mile) Ultramarathon on Sat 22 June, raising money for UK Mind mental health charity. JustGiving link:
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Cal-Ellis100k

Some Holy Week and Easter Services, Roath and Cathays Ministry Area 2024.

Palm Sunday 24th March

St Margaret's

8am Holy Eucharist with blessing of the palms.

9.30am Sung Eucharist with blessing of the palms and procession

St Edward's

11am Sung Eucharist with blessing of the palms and procession.

6.30pm Choral Evensong

St German's

11am Solemn Sung Mass with blessing of the palms and procession.

Monday 25th March

St German's 6.30pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday 26th March

St Margaret's 6.30pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 27th March

St Margaret's 9.30am Holy Eucharist

St Edward's 10.15 am Holy Eucharist

St Edward's 6.30pm Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday 28th March

St Edward's 6pm Sung Eucharist with stripping of the altar.

St Margaret's 7pm Sung Eucharist with stripping of the altar.

St German's 7.30pm Solemn Sung Mass, stripping of the altar, watch of the Passion.

Good Friday 29th March

St Edward's 9.30am Liturgy of the Day with Ante Communion

St German's 10.30am Stations of the Cross

St German's 12 noon Liturgy of the Day

St Margaret's 2pm Service of Prayers, Readings and Music.

St Edward's 7pm Devotional Service with Faure Requiem with choir and orchestra.

Holy Saturday, 30th March, Easter Eve.

St Edward's 5pm Easter Vigil with Holy Baptisms

St Margaret's 7.30pm Easter Vigil with First Eucharist of Easter.

St German's 8pm Easter Vigil.

Easter Day, Sunday 31st March

St Margaret's

8am Holy Eucharist

9.30am. Sung Eucharist

St Edward's

11am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Service of Readings and Music for Easter

St German's

11am Solemn Sung Eucharist.

Forthcoming Events

Mon 1 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Community Room. Jazz Workshop (Julian Martin).

Tue 2 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Church. The Inner Voices rehearsal.

Wed 3 Apr 2024. 2.00pm. St Edward's Community Room. WI Penylan Craft Group.

Wed 3 Apr 2024. 7.25pm. St Edward's Community Room. [Cardiff Recorded Music Society](#).

Thu 4 Apr 2024. 1.30pm. St Edward's Community Room. Penylan Singers Community Choir.

Thu 4 Apr 2024. 6.00pm. St Edward's Community Room. Cardiff Baroque rehearsal.

Thu 4 Apr 2024. 8.00pm. St Edward's Church. Church Choir Practice.

Fri 5 Apr 2024. 10.00am. St Edward's Community Room. Creative Writing: Claire Syder. [Poster](#).

Sat 6 Apr 2024. 2.00pm. St Edward's Church. [Cardiff Friendly Strings](#).

Mon 8 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Community Room. Jazz Workshop (Julian Martin).

Mon 8 Apr 2024. 7.30pm. Zoom. [Chatty Crafters](#).

Tue 9 Apr 2024. 2.00pm. St Edward's Church. [Forget Me Not Cafe.](#)

Tue 9 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Church. The Inner Voices rehearsal.

Wed 10 Apr 2024. 2.00pm. St Edward's Church. U3A Recorders.

Wed 10 Apr 2024. 7.30pm. St Edward's Church. [Roath Local History Society.](#) *Anne Bell will speak on 130 years of Roath Park.*

Thu 11 Apr 2024. 1.30pm. St Edward's Community Room. Penylan Singers Community Choir.

Thu 11 Apr 2024. 6.00pm. St Edward's Community Room. Cardiff Baroque rehearsal.

Thu 11 Apr 2024. 8.00pm. St Edward's Church. Church Choir Practice.

Fri 12 Apr 2024. 1.15pm. Eglwys Dewi Sant. Free Organ Recital. *Paul Carr (Birmingham based Concert Organist).*

Fri 12 Apr 2024. 6.00pm. St Edward's Church; and Community Room. CD launch preparation.

Fri 12 Apr 2024. 7.30pm. St Edward's Church. Album launch for "Dacw Nghariad": The Julian Martin Trio.

Sat 13 Apr 2024. 10.30am. St Edward's Community Room. Pavane Early Music Consort.

Sat 13 Apr 2024. 4.00pm. St Edward's Church. Cardiff Baroque rehearsal.

Sat 13 Apr 2024. 7.30pm. St Edward's Church. Concert: Cardiff Baroque. [Poster.](#)

Sun 14 Apr 2024. 1.30pm. St Edward's Church. Wind Ensemble De Cymru.

Mon 15 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Community Room. Jazz Workshop (Julian Martin).

Mon 15 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Church. St Edward's Orchestra Practice.

Mon 15 Apr 2024. 7.30pm. Zoom. [Chatty Crafters.](#)

Tue 16 Apr 2024. 2.00pm. St Edward's Church. [Forget Me Not Cafe.](#)

Tue 16 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Church. The Inner Voices rehearsal.

Wed 17 Apr 2024. 2.00pm. St Edward's Community Room. WI Penylan Social Group.

Wed 17 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Church. South Wales Clarinet Choir.

Thu 18 Apr 2024. 1.30pm. St Edward's Community Room. Penylan Singers Community Choir.

Thu 18 Apr 2024. 2.00pm. St Michael and All Angels, Cathays. Holy Eucharist.

Thu 18 Apr 2024. 4.00pm. St Edward's Church. Olga Olen Piano Students recording.

Thu 18 Apr 2024. 8.00pm. St Edward's Church. Church Choir Practice.

Fri 19 Apr 2024. 10.00am. St Edward's Church. Angharad Davies recording session.

Fri 19 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Church. Phoenix Brass Ensemble concert.

Sat 20 Apr 2024. 11.00am. St Edward's Church. Coffee Concert: Sarah Dunbar (sop) & Scott Baker (guitar).

Sat 20 Apr 2024. 12.00pm. St Edward's Church. Pavane Early Music Consort.

Sun 21 Apr 2024. 7.30pm. Roath Church House. Discussion Group. *Theme: Hope.*

Mon 22 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Community Room. Jazz Workshop (Julian Martin).

Mon 22 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Church. St Edward's Orchestra Practice.

Mon 22 Apr 2024. 7.30pm. Zoom. [Chatty Crafters](#).

Tue 23 Apr 2024. 2.00pm. St Edward's Church. [Forget Me Not Cafe](#).

Tue 23 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Church. The Inner Voices rehearsal.

Wed 24 Apr 2024. 2.00pm. St Edward's Church. U3A Recorders.

Wed 24 Apr 2024. 2.00pm. St Edward's Community Room. WI Penylan Craft Group.

Wed 24 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Community Room. Roath Local History Society Committee.

Thu 25 Apr 2024. 1.30pm. St Edward's Community Room. Penylan Singers Community Choir.

Thu 25 Apr 2024. 8.00pm. St Edward's Church. Church Choir Practice.

Sat 27 Apr 2024. 10.30am. St Edward's Community Room. Pavane Early Music Consort.

Sun 28 Apr 2024. 10.00am. St Michael and All Angels, Cathays. Holy Eucharist.

Mon 29 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. Roath Church House. Ministry Area Annual Vestry.

Mon 29 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Community Room. Jazz Workshop (Julian Martin).

Mon 29 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Church. St Edward's Orchestra Practice.

Mon 29 Apr 2024. 7.30pm. Zoom. [Chatty Crafters](#).

Tue 30 Apr 2024. 2.00pm. St Edward's Church. [Forget Me Not Cafe](#).

Tue 30 Apr 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Church. The Inner Voices rehearsal.

Wed 1 May 2024. 2.00pm. St Edward's Community Room. WI Penylan Craft Group.

Wed 1 May 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Church. South Wales Clarinet Choir.

Thu 2 May 2024. 1.30pm. St Edward's Community Room. Penylan Singers Community Choir.

Thu 2 May 2024. 8.00pm. St Edward's Church. Church Choir Practice.

Fri 3 May 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Church. [The Poisoned Chalice: Opera concert](#). [Poster](#).

Sun 5 May 2024. 1.30pm. St Edward's Church. Wind Ensemble De Cymru.

Mon 6 May 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Community Room. Jazz Workshop (Julian Martin).

Mon 6 May 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Church. St Edward's Orchestra Practice.

Mon 6 May 2024. 7.30pm. Zoom. [Chatty Crafters](#).

Tue 7 May 2024. 2.00pm. St Edward's Church. [Forget Me Not Cafe](#).

Tue 7 May 2024. 7.00pm. St Edward's Church. The Inner Voices rehearsal.

Wed 8 May 2024. 2.00pm. St Edward's Church. U3A Recorders.

Wed 8 May 2024. 7.30pm. St Edward's Church. [Roath Local History Society](#). *Jeff Childs will speak on The Parish Churches and Parishes of the Lordship of Gower.*

Thu 9 May 2024. 1.30pm. St Edward's Community Room. Penylan Singers Community Choir.

Thu 9 May 2024. 8.00pm. St Edward's Church. Church Choir Practice.

Fri 10 May 2024. 1.15pm. St John the Baptist, Cardiff. Free Organ Recital *Organ duets by Stephen Moore and Aaron Shilson (Director and Assistant Director of Music at Llandaff Cathedral)*.

Sat 11 May 2024. 9.30am. St Edward's Church; and Community Room. Llandaff Cathedral Choral Society Workshop.

Sat 11 May 2024. 2.00pm. St Edward's Church. Cantorion Taliesin rehearsal.

When the day of **Pentecost** had come, they were all together in one place. Suddenly there was a sound from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, filling the house. And there appeared tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit.—*Acts 2:1-4*



SUNDAY AND WEEK-DAY WORSHIP

St Edward's and St Margaret's

(For Holy Day Celebrations see Weekly
Newsletter)

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH WATERLOO ROAD

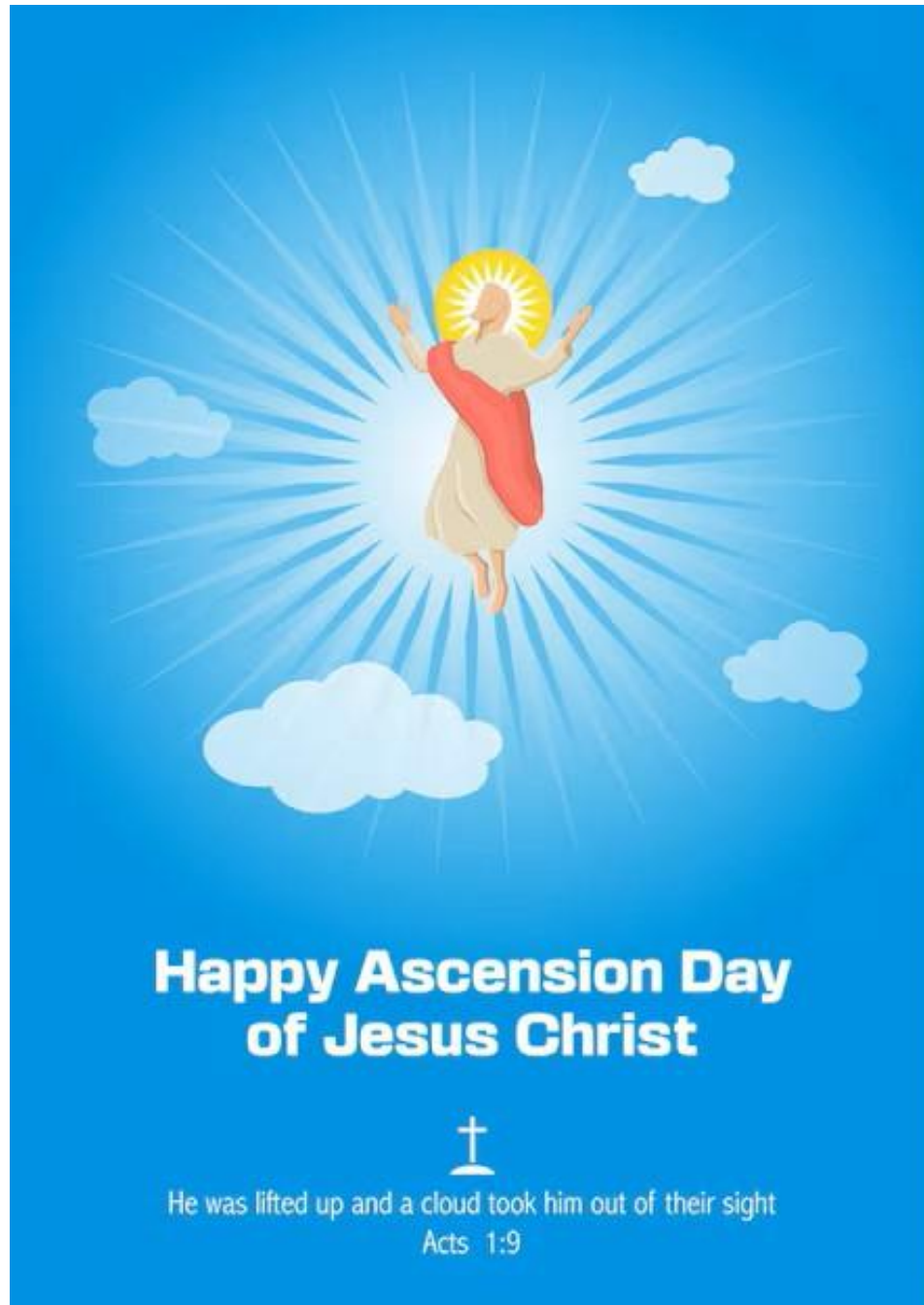
Sun: 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
9.30 am Sung Eucharist
9.30 am Sunday School R.C. House
(every Sunday during school terms)
Wed: 9.30 am Holy Eucharist

ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH BLENHEIM ROAD

Sun: 11.00 am Sung Eucharist & Sunday
School
6.30 pm Choral Evensong
Wed: 10.15 am Holy Eucharist

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information on services**

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