



St Margaret's Parish Church Roath



The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

Weekly Newsletter: Sunday, 20th September, 2020

9.30am Holy Eucharist. St Margaret's.

Eucharist Readings:

Jonah 3.10 - 4.11; Psalm 145. 1-8; Philippians 1. 21-30; Matthew 20. 1-16.

11.00am Holy Eucharist. St Edward's. Anthem: Ave Verum (William Byrd).

3pm-4pm St Edward's open for personal Prayer.

3.15pm Evening Prayer. St Edward's. Psalm 119.121-128; Ezekiel 33. 23,30 - 34.10; Acts 26. 1, 9-25.
Anthems: Justorum Animae (Byrd); Haec Dies (Byrd).

"Virtual Church" on Facebook is updated daily – interact with it on St Edward's homepage (stedward.roath.org.uk) or go to Facebook and type in Virtual.St.Edward.

There is also a weekly 9am Saturday Morning Prayer using Zoom, led by Rev Ruth:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/944597273> Password: 1Snn1y

We keep in touch with all our ForgetMeNot friends and volunteers by phone, text and email to help alleviate loneliness and isolation. Thank you to everyone who has helped their neighbour this week, shopping, keeping in touch, praying and in many other ways, 'loving our neighbours as ourselves'.

Eucharist Readings for next Sunday: Ezekiel 18. 1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25. 1-9; Philippians 2. 1-13; Matthew 21. 23-32.

Prayer Intentions for The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity:

We pray especially at this time for those suffering from the coronavirus, those who are anxious and fearful, leaders tasked with making decisions and those working in health and social care.

This week Monday is the Feast of St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist. We pray for **Revd Edward le Brun Powell**, who will be licensed as Vicar in the Rectorial Benefice of Eglwysilan & Caerphilly on Friday at 4pm, and for the **Diocesan Conference** virtual meeting on Saturday 9am-1pm.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Archbishop Justin Badi Arama.

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Peru.

Porvoo Prayer Diary: Diocese of Sheffield, Bishop Pete Wilcox, Bishop Peter Burrows. Diocese of Sodor and Man, Bishop Peter Eagles. Church of Greenland: (Diocese of Greenland within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark), Bishop Sofie Petersen.

Llandaff Diocesan Cycle: Parish of Fairwater and Rev Colin Sutton.

The sick and those who care for them.

The repose of the souls of the departed.

THANK YOU to Cardiff County Council for providing the grant for our path and raised beds, to Kathie for persevering with the application and planning process, and to everyone who has helped to develop and plant the raised beds, the new grass, the water butt, hose and other equipment. In a difficult time, everyone was done amazingly well working together and achieved a wonderful result.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. Archdeacon Peggy now at 59 Station Rd, Llandaff North, Cardiff. CF14 2FB.

GENEROSITY MATTERS. The final webinar in the series is on Thur 1 Oct, 12.30-1.15pm with Bishop June and Bishop Andy (Bangor) looking at the future of giving in the Church in Wales, and why all parishes should have a giving strategy in place. Registration limited to 100 participants. Sign up here:
<https://llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk/en/parish-support/finance/training-development/>

COVID-SAFE COFFEE MORNING in support of Macmillan Cancer Support at Dionne's, 1a Newminster Road, socially distanced in the front garden on Friday at 10.30am. Donations/RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3mAJ3vD>

THIS WEEK

Tue 22nd 2.00pm ForgetMeNot Café. Zoom.

Fri 25th 10.30am MacMillan Coffee. 1a Newminster.

Sat 26th 9.00am Morning Prayer. Zoom.



Letter from the Vicar for The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity:

My dear Friends,

Like many of us I am a slave to my diary and have to keep a clear eye on what is coming up. At the time of writing I look forward to the weekend 19/20 September. My diary informs me that it is the annual Heritage Weekend when we join with countless buildings throughout the nation in the Open Doors project. At St Margaret's this is usually a very busy and special time. I am always impressed by the hundreds of visitors who come over the two days. Some, especially the youngsters, cannot wait to climb the tower, others are researching their ancestry, many delight in the delicious afternoon teas and people from all over are fascinated by the informative and interesting historical guided tours. These are led by Jean Rose and Diane Walker. You will not be surprised to read that sadly none of this can take place this year.

I have enjoyed over the last 15 years listening to our experts and learning new things about the Church. One feature, shared with Llandaff and other great medieval cathedrals are two very particular carved heads over the chancel. One is blindfolded and gagged the other, opposite a beautiful face looking outwards and up. They represent the Synagogue and the Church. The first symbolic of the old Jewish faith, blind and deaf to the revelation of God in the person of Jesus Christ while the other symbolises the hope and joy of Christianity. (I am indebted to Diane Walker's guide book for this). Of course, such representations would not be made today and would be insulting and offensive to our Jewish friends. However today they have an unexpected resonance for us.

We are used to coming into our church buildings and recognising old friends and delighting in the prospect of new faces and welcoming others into the community of Faith. Now however in these times we are to wear face coverings for all our attendance at worship under the current guidance. We are not fortunately to be blind folded! Some I know will find this difficult and uncomfortable, others will have medical exemption. We can remove them briefly to

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FORGETMENOT CAFÉ. Thanks to Gary and Holly for a lovely concert last week. Zoom meeting as usual this week on Tuesday at 2pm, when we hope that we may also have another concert from MUHIC. All welcome to join us. <https://zoom.us/j/6713654690?pwd=a25KeHZCR0ZUbTlJVFNGbGkyTm5CQT09>

SAYING GOODBYE Service at Llandaff Cathedral on 3 Oct at 2.30pm for people mourning the loss of a baby. Places are free, but should be booked online as they are restricted to a maximum of 40.

LIGHTEN OUR DARKNESS. An online discussion about modern slavery in our communities and the world today, how this affects us, and what we can all do to make a difference. Thur 8 Oct 2-3.30pm. Register online at <https://bit.ly/32L7XRp> – login details will be sent by email.

receive communion in the one kind, the host, the consecrated body of Christ, if we so desire. This is part of the regulations we are all under.

Many have come to church in the early part of the Summer for private prayer, over the last month or so we have had public worship. If you wish to attend St Margaret's at 9.30am or St Edward's at 11am on Sundays for our communion services, please can you let me know in advance every time by phone 07794157604 or text or email. Also on every occasion please bring a piece of paper with your name and contact details to be kept for 21 days in case of the need to follow track and trace procedures. The hand sanitizer provided is to be used on entrance and exit to the churches, a one-way system is to be followed and two metre distancing must be observed in the building. We have had good attendances at our services with longstanding and new members coming, 47 in St Margaret's last Sunday. We have not yet had to turn anyone away!

All of this might seem too much and more like traditions of old which gag and blindfold people as in the carving. Nevertheless they are necessary precautions to keep us and our loved ones safe. One thing I have noticed in taking services in Roath, Llanishen and Grangetown over the last six weeks is that 'hope and joy of Christianity' is very much alive and well. We may not be able to celebrate our heritage weekend in the usual fashion or mark our Harvest Thanksgivings with the same exuberance as normal but we can recall the resilience of past generations who saw far worse suffering and privation and kept the flame of Faith alive and handed it onto us. I know that we too will thank God for his generous love towards us and do whatever we can to share that with others.

Best wishes and prayers
Stewart

The Reverend Canon Stewart Lisk,
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