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**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

**29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019 – CHRISTMAS 1  
(THE HOLY FAMILY)**

**TODAY'S SERVICES:**

**8am Holy Eucharist**

at the Cathedral

*(The Service begins on Page 157)*

**11am Joint Cathedral & Parish Eucharist**

**Hymns:** *See Service Booklet*

*Mass:* St Garmon Mass, Paul Booth

*Psalm:* 148. 7-14

*Preacher:* The Cathedral Chaplain

**3.30pm Evening Prayer**

**COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your  
own image and yet more wonderfully  
restored us through your Son Jesus  
Christ: grant that, as he came to share  
in our humanity, so we may share the  
life of his divinity; who is alive and  
reigns with you, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. **Amen.**

**ISAIAH 63. 7-9**

A reading from the book of the  
prophet Isaiah.

I will recount the gracious deeds of the  
Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the  
Lord, because of all that the Lord has  
done for us,

and the great favour to the house of  
Israel that he has shown them  
according to his mercy,

according to the abundance of his  
steadfast love.

For he said, 'Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely';  
and he became their saviour  
in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel  
but his presence that saved them;

*Welcome to St Asaph Cathedral and St Asaph  
Parish Church today. We are a community that  
seeks 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 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.*

*If you would like to find out more about the  
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in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

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

## **PSALM 148. 7-14**

**R: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; Fire and hail, snow and mist, tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word; **R:**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and birds on the wing;

**R:**  
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; Young men and women, old and young together; let them praise the name of the Lord. **R:**

For his name only is exalted, his splendour above earth and heaven. He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia. **R:**

## **HEBREWS 2. 10-18**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to

call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

And again,  
'I will put my trust in him.'

And again,  
'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

## **MATTHEW 2. 13-23**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother

by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

'A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

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

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Heavenly Father, tender and compassionate, by this sacrament create in us your family love so true and deep, that in this broken world we may be a sign of unity;  
in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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## **NOTICES**

**Refreshments.** Please join us for refreshments after the 9.30am and 11am Eucharists.

**Italian Charity Supper** with musical entertainment from Ann Atkinson, Christopher Frost and Tesni Jones Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January in aid of the Guardians of St Asaph and St Kentigern Hospice. Tickets £45 (to include reception and dinner with wine) available from Cathedral Frames or Angela Hind. Completed booking forms and payment to: Angela Hind, Plas Clough Farm, Graig Road, Denbigh, Denbighshire, LL16 5US Cheques to be made payable to 'The Guardians of St Asaph & St. Kentigern.' Payment required to confirm booking. Any queries contact 07583480807 or email: [angela.hind@ecodek.co.uk](mailto:angela.hind@ecodek.co.uk)

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### **30<sup>th</sup> Monday – Tathan, Abbot**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

6pm Evening Prayer

### **31<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – John Wycliffe**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

6pm Evening Prayer

### **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – The Naming of Jesus**

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

6pm Evening Prayer

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist

6pm Evening Prayer

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday – Morris Williams**

9am Morning Prayer

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6pm Evening Prayer

### **4<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – The EPIPHANY**

8am Holy Eucharist

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer

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