



THE SUNDAY SHEET
THE 1ST SUNDAY OF THE KINGDOM
5TH NOVEMBER 2023

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the Parish Eucharist.
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*

ENTRANCE HYMN

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest: Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their refuge and their might,
thou, Lord, the vision ever in their sight;
thou in the darkness drear their one true light. Alleluia!

O may thy servants, faithful, true and bold,
strive for thy kingdom as the saints of old,
and win with them a glorious crown of gold: Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine: Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*William Walshaw How 1823-1897
Tune: Sine Nomine*

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

THE COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love
in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
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.**

I THESSALONIANS 2. 9-13

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

You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Please Stand

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

MATTHEW 24. 1-14

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

After the Sermon please turn to the Eucharist booklet for the Affirmation of Faith

OFFERTORY HYMN

'The kingdom is upon you!'
the voice of Jesus cries,
fulfilling with its message
the wisdom of the wise;
it lightens with fresh insight
the striving human mind,
creating new dimensions
of faith for all to find.

‘God’s kingdom is upon you!’
the message sounds today,
it summons every pilgrim
to take the questing way,
with eyes intent on Jesus,
our leader and our friend,
who trod faith’s road before us,
and trod it to the end.

The kingdom is upon us!
Stirred by the Spirit’s breath,
we glory in its freedom
from emptiness and death;
we celebrate its purpose,
its mission and its goal,
alive with the conviction
that Christ can make us whole.

Robert Willis b.1947
Tune: Wolvercote

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord God almighty,
you surround us with a great cloud of witnesses:
grant that as they now sit and feast in your kingdom,
we may follow them in the way of eternal life.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst. *Sing through 3 times*

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Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

Tune: Blaenwern

CCL No: 961722

NOTICES

Refreshments. Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

Foodbank. The Foodbank box is now back in the Parish Church. Donations gratefully received.

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 5-7pm 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.

Change to Services During the week beginning Monday 6th November, Morning Prayer and the Eucharists that take place in the morning (i.e. Monday, Wednesday & Friday) will take place in the Parish Church. This is because the organ builders will be in working to put

the organ back after its recent repair work.

Remembrance Sunday is next Sunday 12th November. There will not be a service at the Parish Church that day. The Civic Remembrance Service takes place at the Cathedral at 10am. On **Saturday 11th November** we will have the Parish Eucharist at **5.30pm** as the 1st Eucharist of Sunday.

Singing Group. The next meeting will take place at the Parish Church on Thursday 9th November at 7pm. All are welcome!

All Souls Requiem. This will take place at the Cathedral on Sunday 12th November at 3.30pm. The Cathedral Choir will be singing Faure's Requiem. A warm welcome to all!

THE WEEK AHEAD

6th Monday – Illtud, Abbot

9am Morning Prayer *at the Parish Church*

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer *at the Cathedral*

7th Tuesday – Richard Davies,

Bishop & Translator

9am Morning Prayer *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer *at the Cathedral*

6pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

8th Wednesday – The Saints of Wales

9am Morning Prayer *at the Parish Church*

10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish*

Church

12noon SCP Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer *at the
Cathedral*

9th Thursday – Feria

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

10th Friday – Leo, Bishop & Doctor

9am Morning Prayer *at the Parish Church*
9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*) *at the
Parish Church*
6pm Choral Evensong *at the Cathedral*

11th Saturday – Martin, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer *at the Cathedral*
11am Act of Remembrance *at the War
Memorial*
5.30pm Parish Eucharist *at the Parish
Church*

**12th Sunday – Kingdom 2 –
Remembrance Sunday**

10am Remembrance Service *at the
Cathedral*
3.30pm All Soulstide Requiem Eucharist
at the Cathedral

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TODAY'S READINGS

MICAH 3. 5-12

God's anger burns especially fiercely against those whose false leadership brings disaster on God's people

PSALM 107. 1-8

I THESSALONIANS 2. 9-13

Paul offers a model for leadership in the Christian community, one who involves faithful service and affectionate encouragement.

MATTHEW 24. 1-14

Jesus warns his followers that there is much to be endured before God finally rules on earth.