



Civic Service for Councillor Colin Hardie In his year as Mayor of St Asaph



**Dydd Sul 1 Medi 2024
Sunday 1 September 2024**

Entrance Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

*Welsh, William Williams 1717-91
Tr. Peter Williams 1727-96 and others
Tune: Cwn Rhondda*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace and peace be with you
and keep you in the love of Christ.

The priest offers words of welcome and introduces the Eucharist and calls the people to penitence

Silence

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father.
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have given us knowledge of your truth.
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the good shepherd leading us into life.
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,
✠ forgive you and set you free from sin,
and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;
of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
you bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,
receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,
at God's right hand in majesty most high:
who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:
with all the heav'nly host we glorify.

Tune: Woodlands

The Collect

Let us pray: *(Please remain Standing)*

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in 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.**

The 1st Reading *(Isaiah 26. 1-8) – Read in Welsh by Janet Cameron*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

On that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:
We have a strong city; he sets up victory like walls and bulwarks.
Open the gates, so that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in.
Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—in peace because they trust in you.
Trust in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock.
For he has brought low the inhabitants of the height; the lofty city he lays low.
He lays it low to the ground, casts it to the dust.
The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy.
The way of the righteous is level; O Just One, you make smooth the path of the
righteous. In the path of your judgements, O Lord, we wait for you;
your name and your renown are the soul's desire.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47 – *Please join in the Response:*

R:



Clap your hands together, all you peoples;
O sing to God with shouts of joy.
For the Lord Most High is to be feared;
he is the great King over all the earth. **R:**

He subdued the peoples under us
and the nations under our feet.
He has chosen our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves. **R:**

God has gone up with a merry noise,
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
O sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises. **R:**

For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations;
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne. **R:**

The nobles of the peoples are gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.
For the powers of the earth belong to God
and he is very highly exalted. **R:**

The 2nd Reading (*Romans 13. 1-10*) – *Read by the Mayor, Councillor Colin Hardie*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due. Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

The Gospel Reading (*Matthew 22. 15-22*) - *Please STAND*

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

The Sermon *by Canon Rex Matthias* - *Please SIT*

The Affirmation of Faith - *Please STAND*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Intercession

- Please SIT or KNEEL

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our Prayer.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

- Please STAND

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body on the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of the Lord's peace.

Hymn

I bob un sydd ffyddlon
Dan Ei faner Ef
Mae gan Iesu goron
Fry yn nheyrnas nef
Lluoedd Duw a Satan
Sydd yn cwrdd yn awr:
Mae gan blant eu cyfran
Yn y rhyfel mawr.

*I bob un sydd ffyddlon,
Dan Ei faner Ef
Mae gan Iesu goron
Fry yn nheyrnas nef.*

Medd-dod fel Goliath
Heria ddyn a Duw;
Myrdd a myrdd garchara
Gan mor feiddgar yw;
Brodyr a chwiorydd
Sy'n ei gastell prudd:
Rhaid yw chwalu'i geyrydd,
Rhaid cael pawb yn rhydd.

Awn i gwrdd y gelyn,
Bawb ag arfau glân;
Uffern sydd i'n herbyn
A'i phicellau tân.
Gwasgwn yn y rhengau,
Ac edrychwn fry;
Concwrwr byd ac angau
Acw sydd o'n tu!

*I bob un sydd ffyddlon,
Dan Ei faner Ef
Mae gan Iesu goron
Fry yn nheyrnas nef.*

Tune: Rachie

The Thanksgiving

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread,
we take this wine
to follow Christ's example
and obey his command.**

Great and holy God,
accept our offering of labour and love:
may we bring you true and spiritual worship
and be one with you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer (2)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

True and living God, the source of life for all creation,
you have made us in your own image.

Always and everywhere we give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In your love for us and in the fullness of time
you sent your Son to be the Saviour;
the Word was made flesh,
he lived among us and we have seen his glory.
For our sins and the sins of all the world
he suffered death on the cross.
You raised him to life in triumph and exalted him in glory.
Through him you send your Holy Spirit upon your Church
and make us your people.

Therefore, with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we praise your glorious name:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love.
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,
Blessed is the one who comes to us
in your name.**

**And we lift our hearts before you
as we give you thanks and praise.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, almighty God,
because on the night he was betrayed
the Lord Jesus took bread,
and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks
he gave it to them and said,

Drink this, all of you;
this cup is the new covenant in my blood
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins:
do this as often as you drink it
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Risen Jesus, risen Jesus,
By your dying you destroyed our death,
O Jesus.**

**And we lift our hands before
as we wait for your return,
Risen Jesus, risen Jesus.**

Therefore, loving God,
recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son
once for all upon the cross
and the triumph of his resurrection,
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son
and be filled with your life and goodness.
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace
that we may do your work and be his body in the world.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen, amen, alleluia!

Amen, amen, alleluia!

**And we lift our hearts before you
as we give you thanks and praise.**

Amen, amen, alleluia!

Silence

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

The priest breaks the bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy;
Bearer of our sins, Lord Jesus, show us mercy;
Jesus, Lamb of God you take away
the sins of the whole world,
Give us peace, Lord,
Give us peace, Lord.**

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

All those who are baptised (Christened) are welcome to receive Holy Communion today. Baptised (Christened) children are welcome to receive holy communion at the discretion of their parents.

If you are not receiving you are welcome to come forward for a blessing but please bring this leaflet with you as a signal to the priest.

Hymn at the end of Communion

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

David Evans b.1957

After Communion Silence is kept

Post Communion Prayer

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee,
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal 1836 – 1879
Tune: Nottingham

An Act of Commitment by the Mayor of St Asaph

Please Sit

Colin, you are called to serve the Lord Jesus and follow him as his disciple.

During your year of office as Mayor of St Asaph City Council:

Will you seek in all that you do to ensure justice, equality and fairness?

I will

Will you promote and encourage good citizenship and a generosity of spirit in service to others?

I will

Will you put aside your own interests to seek the welfare and well-being of our local community?

I will

The rest of the Congregation Stand and make their commitment

Will you seek to promote and encourage good citizenship and a generosity of spirit in your dealings with your fellow men and women?

We will

Will you seek the welfare and well-being of our local community?

We will

Will you do all that you can to show the love of God to others?

We will

Almighty God, look with favour upon the Mayor, elected Members and Officers of St Asaph City Council. Give them patience, vision and courage; and strengthen us all in our calling and commitment to serve our community with compassion and understanding. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who, by his own example, has shown us the ways of justice, truth and peace. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself; the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service; the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final Hymn

Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

German, Martin Rinkart 1586-1649
Tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78
Tune: Nun Danket

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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.

Cathedral Choir Association. The Choir Association has existed for nearly 50 years supporting the work of the Cathedral Choir, although has not been fully active since COVID. As we approach the 50th year of supporting our Cathedral Choir we are re-launching the Association and invite new members. Please give this your prayerful attention and complete the form which can be found at the back of the Cathedral. If you are already a member please fill in

the form anyway so that we have an up to date record of members. New members are invited to set up a Standing Order on line or complete the Standing Order for and take to your bank. Thank you .

There will be an AGM just after the start of the new choir term in September to form a new committee and elect officers.

Pilgrimage. The 2025 pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place from 11th to 15th August 2025. If you are interested in joining the pilgrims please speak to Fr Rex.

Pilgrim. Again on the theme of life as our Christian Pilgrimage, a group looking at aspects of the journey is starting on Tuesday 10th September at 7pm in the Parish Church. Do consider joining us as we explore deepening our faith and learning together as we journey.

St. Mary's Church, Cefn. Sunday 8th September 6.00pm. Solemn High Mass for the Patronal Feast of the BVM. A warm welcome to all!

The Week Ahead

2nd Monday – Lucian Tapiedi & the Martyrs of Papus New Guinea
9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

3rd Tuesday – Gregory the Great

9am Morning Prayer

10am LYCiG Meeting *at the Parish*

Church

12.20pm Funeral of John Last

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist

4th Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

11.30am Funeral *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

7.30pm Organ Recital

5th Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish*

Church

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish*

Church

5pm Evening Prayer

6th Friday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

5pm Evening Prayer

7th Saturday – Aidan

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

8th Sunday – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11am Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

6pm Patronal Festival Eucharist *at St*

Mary's, Cefn

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