



## The Sunday Sheet *for* the Feast of Peter & Paul, Apostles Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025

*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  
welcomers who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

### Entrance Hymn

The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy Bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,

and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

*Samuel John Stone 1832-1900*

*Tune: Aurelia*

✠ 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 gives an introduction to the Eucharist and calls the people to penitence.*

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:  
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

You are loving to all:  
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Your faithful servants bless your name  
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:  
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:

Almighty God,  
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul  
glorified you in their death as in their life:  
grant that your Church,  
inspired by their teaching and example,  
and made one by your Spirit,  
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,  
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.**

*Please Sit*

## **Acts 12. 1-11**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup> He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. <sup>3</sup> After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the Festival of Unleavened Bread.) <sup>4</sup> When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. <sup>5</sup> While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. <sup>6</sup> The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. <sup>7</sup> Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up

quickly.” And the chains fell off his wrists.<sup>8</sup> The angel said to him, “Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.” He did so. Then he said to him, “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.”<sup>9</sup> Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel’s help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision.<sup>10</sup> After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him.<sup>11</sup> Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.”

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.*

Spread the good news o’er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen.

*Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
give praise to his name.*

*Donald Fishel b.1950  
Tune: Alleluia No. 1*

## **Matthew 16. 13-19**

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

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom

of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

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

## **The Homily**

*Please Sit*

## **The Affirmation of Faith**

*Please Stand*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Intercessions**

*Please Sit*

*Appropriate responses may be used, for example*

Lord, in your mercy:  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us:  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The Intercession ends with a suitable collect said by the priest, or the following*

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

## **The Peace**

*Please Stand*

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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.

## Offertory Hymn

Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing:  
Christ over all, our undivided aim;  
fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,  
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!  
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,  
the will that lacks the courage to be free,  
the weary labours, all but unavailing,  
to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the Church, we seek a Father's blessing,  
a true repentance and a faith restored,  
a swift obedience and a new possessing,  
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!  
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,  
unnumbered voices with a single prayer –  
the living water for our souls' reviving,  
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the Church, we long for our uniting,  
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;  
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,  
one in the truth of Jesus and his word!  
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,  
one Church triumphant one new song shall sing,  
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,  
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926 – 2024*  
*Tune: Londonderry Air*

## 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.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep,  
you know that we love you:  
feed us your flock and help us always to follow you,  
who are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

Who called his apostles and sent them out  
to preach the good news,  
to heal the sick, to restore the lost  
and to announce the coming of your kingdom,  
that all may know the redeeming power  
of his death and resurrection.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may become for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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 and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed 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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,  
Peter and Paul and all the apostles, and of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

*Please Sit*

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Communion**

*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.**

*We sing*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

## **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.**

*The sacrament is administered with these words:*

The body of Christ. **Amen.**      The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

*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 known to us in breaking bread,  
but do not then depart;  
Saviour, abide with us, and spread,  
thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine,  
thy body and thy blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine,  
be our immortal food.

*James Montgomery 1771-1854  
Tune: Billing*

*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.**

### The Blessing

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love. 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

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;  
brothers and sisters with one voice  
make all men know he is your choice. Alleluia!

O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days. Alleluia!

They with a faith for ever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful hearts and true. Alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the Way disciples followed then. Alleluia!

Christ through all ages is the same;  
place the same hope in his great name,  
with the same faith his word proclaim. Alleluia!

Let Love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light. Alleluia!

So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole Church at last be one. Alleluia!

*George Kennedy Allen Bell 1883-1958*  
*Tune: Vulpius (Gelobt Sei Gott)*

## 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.

**Bibles for School.** Again we are planning to give a Bible to all those leaving Year 6 at Ysgol Esgob Morgan. If you would like to give a donation towards this please see Fr Rex or Marion Hughes.

**Cathedral Choir Concert.** The Cathedral Choir will give a concert of music sung on their recent tour to Finland on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. Please do join us for some lovely music and for a chance to hear the choir sing in Finnish!

Refreshments will be served. Retiring collection, no tickets required.

**Kentigern Guild.** An open meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Wednesday 2nd July at the Parish Church to plan the next season's programme of events - all are welcome.

Visit to Rhyl Lifeboat Station at 3.30pm on Thursday 3rd July. Please contact Richard Parry (07785 760317) to confirm participation and for further details and directions.

## The Week Ahead

### 30<sup>th</sup> Monday – The Martyrdom of Paul

9am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Holy Eucharist  
5pm Evening Prayer

### 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – Euddogwy

9am Morning Prayer  
5pm Evening Prayer  
6pm Holy Eucharist

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer  
10.30am Holy Eucharist  
5pm Evening Prayer  
7.30pm Organ Recital by Martin Brown,  
Bangor Cathedral

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – Thomas, Apostle

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

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Friday – Peblig**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)

6pm Choral Evensong

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

9am Morning Prayer

12noon Wedding *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

7pm Cathedral Choir Concert

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Trinity 3**

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

1.30pm Baptism *at the Parish Church*

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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