Eglwys Sant Asa
Llanelwy
Saint Asaph
Parish Church



The Sunday Sheet *for* Kingdom 3 (Safeguarding Sunday) Sunday 15th November 2026

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

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
now fulfil thy Church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways;
from the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces

in the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not earth or thee.

Harry Emerson Fosdick 1878-1969

✠ 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.

On our complacency that assumes your kingdom's time will wait upon our convenience:
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

On our slowness to reflect your kingdom life by using gifts you have us to bless others:
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

On our rejecting your kingdom rule to rely on the false security of our own small empires:
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

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Lord, God, heavenly King,
peace you bring to us,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we sing our song of praise.

Jesus, Saviour of all,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away our sins, Oh Lord,
have mercy on us all.

At the Father's right hand,
Lord receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One,
and you alone are Lord.

Glory, Father and Son,
Glory Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands up high,
we glorify your name.

Mike Anderson

The Collect

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please Sit

1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11

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

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to
have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves know very well that the day of the
Lord will come like a thief in the night.[3]When they say, 'There is peace and security',
then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant
woman, and there will be no escape! [4]But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that
day to surprise you like a thief; [5]for you are all children of light and children of the
day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6]So then, let us not fall asleep as others do,
but let us keep awake and be sober; [7]for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who
are drunk get drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put
on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God
has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus
Christ, [10]who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with

him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 25. 14-30

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

Jesus said to his disciple: 'The kingdom heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15]to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.[16]The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. [17]In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18]But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20]Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents."[21]His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." [22]And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." [23]His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." [24]Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;[25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." [26]But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did

you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29]For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30]As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

The Homily

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,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
and he will come 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 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

Our gracious king died for us that we might have, a peace that this world can neither give nor take away. Let us build each other up by sharing this gift.

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

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith 1824-1908
Tune: St Denio

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

Eternal God,
you called your Saints to witness that you were in Christ
reconciling the world to yourself;
receive these gifts which you invite us to share in love.
Through your risen power and healing presence,
may we come to the eternal joys promised to all your faithful people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

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.

Filled with the power of your Spirit,
he preached your coming kingdom,
proclaiming good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
recovery of sight to the blind,
and freedom to the oppressed.
We praise you for the blessings of your eternal kingdom,
which belong to the poor in spirit;
for there the mourners are comforted,
the meek inherit the earth,
the hungry are satisfied in righteousness,
the merciful receive mercy,
and the pure in heart see your face.

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.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be for us the body and blood of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ;
because on the night he was betrayed he 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:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come in glory.

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
that we may be filled with your life and goodness
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom
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.**

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

Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earthborn passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me
with many a care opprest;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.

Synesius of Cyrene 365-414
Tr. Allen William Chatfield 1808-1896
Tune: Southwell

Silence is kept

The Sending Out

Please Stand

Post Communion Prayer

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

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Christ the King make you faithful and strong to do your will, and bring you to reign with him in glory. 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

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world his glorious praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all,
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts – let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.

James Seddon 1915-1983
Tune: Woodlands

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Notices

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

Safeguarding. Children, young people and vulnerable adults are an important part of the community of the Church in Wales and St Asaph Parish Church. They are respected and cherished for their own sake. The Parish Church is committed to take seriously its responsibilities to protect children, young children and vulnerable adults and safeguard their welfare. The Parish Church adopts the Church in Wales Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and upholds its Code of Good Practice.
For more information, visit:
www.churchinwales.org.uk/safeguarding

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.

Cake & Chat Café takes place at the Parish Church at 2pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. The next dates are:
Thursday 19th November
Thursday 3rd December
All welcome!

St Mary's Cefn has a celebration of the Eucharist in the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. The next services are as follows:
6th December at 9.30am

Mission Giving. We are reviving our custom of Mission Giving. It was decided in the Church Committee that our first project would be 'Toilet Twinning" through Tearfund. We have 3 toilets in church and we would like to twin all 3 – the cost to us is £60 each so we are hoping to raise £180. Please give as generously as you can via the extra plate that will be out each Sunday on the table at the back of the church. Further information at:
http://toilettwinning.org/
Thank you.

Bible Study Wednesdays at 11am after the Eucharist. The group will be looking at Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Please see Elin for further details. During Advent the Group will be doing an Advent Course – Light in the Darkness.

Mothers Union next meets on Wednesday 18th November at 2pm at the Parish Church. The speaker will be

Mary Steele: 'Adventures in the Media' all welcome.

Ways of Giving to the work of the Parish Church. We are very grateful to all those who contribute financially to the life and witness of our Parish Church. There are various ways to do this:

1. The Collection plate near the entrance to the Church
2. Setting up a Standing Order. Contact Dave Bradley for the bank details
3. Gift Direct. Set up regular giving or make a one off donation.

For Gift Direct you can use the QR code below. Thank you very much.

The Week Ahead

16th Monday – Margaret of Scotland
9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

17th Tuesday – Hugh, Bishop
9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer
6pm Holy Eucharist

18th Wednesday – Hilda, Abbess
9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

19th Thursday – Elizabeth of Hungary
9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*
2pm Cake & Chat Café *at the Parish Church*
5.30pm North Wales Police Awards evening

20th Friday – Feria
9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)
6pm Choral Evensong

21st Saturday – Paulinus of Wales
9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer

22nd Sunday – Christ the King
9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist
3.30pm Choral Evensong

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Today's Readings

Zephaniah 1. 7, 12-18
The prophet warns of the Lord's imminent and cataclysmic day of judgement on a people who have broken faith with him. Those who have presumed upon God's indifference will find their material securities powerless to save them.

Psalm 90. 1-8

1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11
Paul reminds the Thessalonians that, since no one knows the exact time and date of the Lord's return, they are to encourage one another in consistent Christian living as children of the light, always prepared for God's coming.

Matthew 25. 14-30
Jesus compares his ultimate return to an absent master coming back to settle accounts with the servants to whom he has entrusted his wealth. Those who have used their Lord's resources fruitfully are rewarded; the one who does nothing is cast out.

