Eglwys Sant Asa
Llanelwy
Saint Asaph
Parish Church



The Sunday Sheet *for*
CHRIST THE KING
Sunday 22nd 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

O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
it breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Robert Grant 1779-1838 based on Psalm 104
Tune: Hannover

✠ 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.

Christ is the head over all things.
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ understands our weakness.
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Christ has called us to an inheritance with the saints.
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 heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heavenly 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 victory won,
receive our prayer, 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:

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended
to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over
all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to
worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please Sit

Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

The Gospel

Please Stand

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.
the heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly:
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.
The Church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but above all the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

George Herbert 1593-1633
Tune: Luckington

Matthew 25. 31§-46

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick

and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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

We have an inheritance with the saints as citizens of the kingdom of Christ, who calls us into fellowship with one another.

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

From heav'n you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn.
"Yet not my will but yours," he said.

Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space,
to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.

Graham Kendrick b.1950

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 have given your Son authority
in heaven and on earth:
grant that through this eucharist
we may share in the banquet of his kingdom
and serve him with hope and joy;
who is alive and reigns, 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.

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

Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.

Taize Community

Silence is kept

The Sending Out

Please Stand

Post Communion Prayer

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

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Pow'r and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Michael Saward 1932-2015
Tune: Guiting Power

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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 3rd December
Thursday 17th 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.

Advent begins on Sunday 29th November. As well as the usual morning Eucharist there will be the

Advent Procession at the Cathedral at 3.30pm. This is a beautiful service of music and readings to mark the beginning of this special season.

Forget me not teas for those living with dementia occur on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 2-4pm at the Parish Church. The next teas will be on November 26th and December 10th. For further information, contact Janet Cameron.

Tuesday Eucharist. On 24th November this will take place at the Parish Church at 6pm. From Tuesday 1st December the time will change to 12.30pm in the Cathedral.

Kentigern Guild will meet next at 2.30pm on Wednesday 2nd December in the Parish Church. Mrs. Chris Jones will deliver her talk: A Tale of two Gardens. All welcome!

Faith-related fiction book group
The next get-together will be on Wednesday November 25th, 2.00 at the parish church. We are a small informal group who are not eggheads but are interested in novels that involve faith and spirituality. Our next book is The Big Fisherman by Lloyd C Douglas. An easy-read journey into the world of the gospels from a surprising direction. If you've read it, why not just turn up and see what others make of it?
More details: Dave Bradley 07876732922

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

23rd Monday – Clement, Bishop
9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

24th Tuesday – Feria
9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer
6pm Holy Eucharist

25th Wednesday – John Donne
9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

26th Thursday – Feria
9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*
11am Retired Clergy Association Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

27th Friday – Feria
9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)
5pm Winter Fair

28th Saturday – Feria
9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer

29th Sunday – Advent 1
9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist
3.30pm The Advent Procession

Today's Readings

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Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24
God never gives up on his people, but promises to bring them into his kingdom of justice and peace.

Psalm 95. 1-7

Ephesians 1. 15-23
The risen Christ rules in heaven, and we have an inheritance in his kingdom with all the saints.

Matthew 25. 31-46
We will, in the end, be judged by our attitude towards people in need of our help.



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Carols by 1000 Candles
An evening of Music with the Cathedral Choir on Friday 18th December at 7pm at the Cathedral

Adults £10
Children Free

