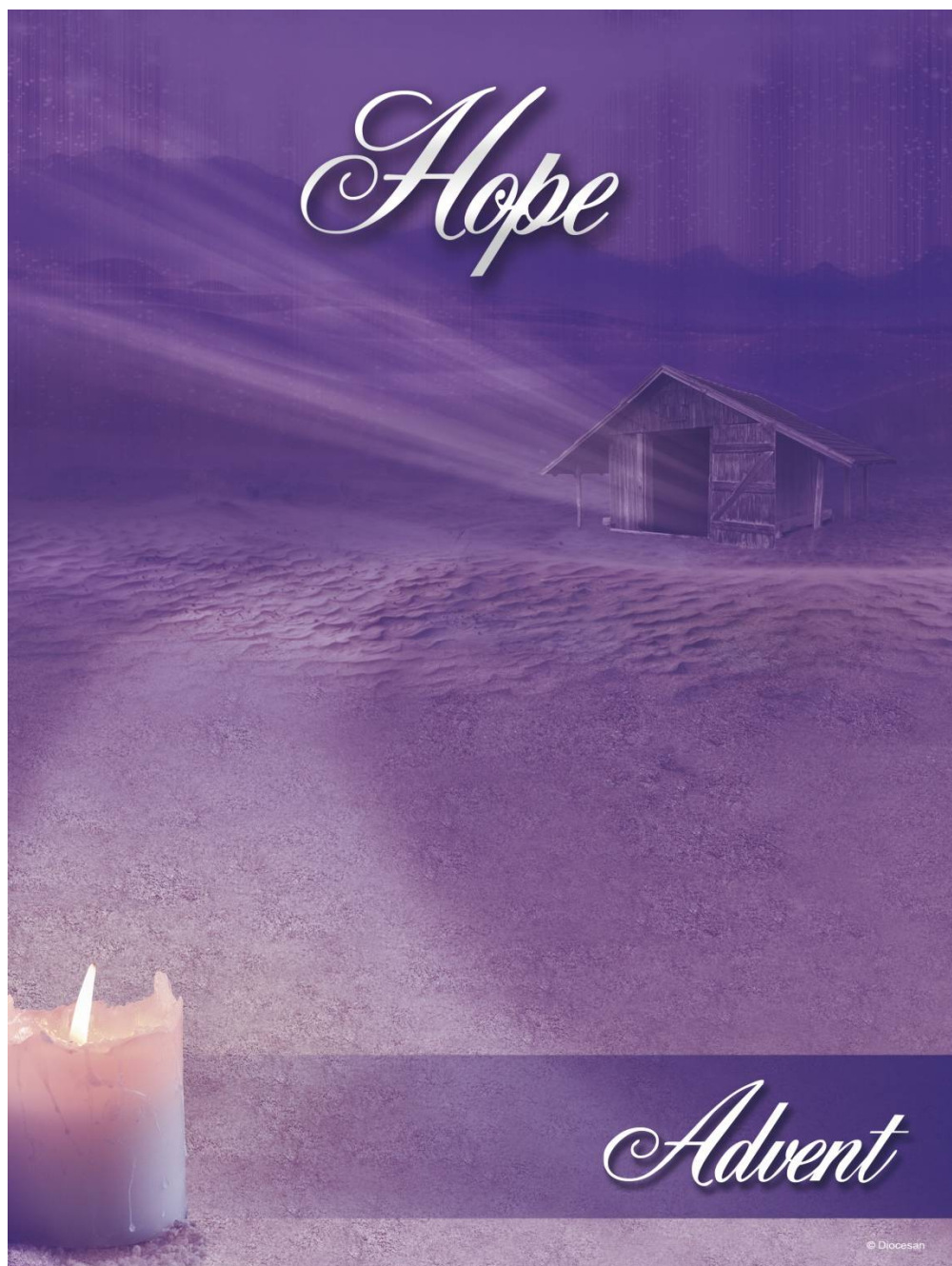


ROATH AND CATHAYS MINISTRY AREA
***News from St Edward's
& St Margaret's***



Remembrance & Advent 2022

Free but donations always welcome

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The Clergy are always available to minister to the sick and dying. Please inform the clergy of sickness. Holy Communion may be received at home by those who are unable to come to church.

Confessions and the Sacrament of Healing by arrangement.

**Copy date for the next Magazine (Christmas /
Epiphany) is December 2nd**

From the Ministry Area Leader the Reverend Canon Stewart Lisk

SERVICES OF REMEMBRANCE

Blog Posted: 28 October 2022



My dear Friends,

We are approaching that time of year when we make our annual marking of Remembrance. In some of the recent years we have been prevented from our usual commemorations because of the pandemic restrictions. However, this year we have returned to normal and so at the time of writing I am much occupied in planning and creating various services both locally and nationally.



The first of these is the opening of the Royal British Legion Field of Remembrance at Cardiff Cardiff Castle at **10.45am on Thursday 3rd November**. All are welcome to this service where individual poppy crosses will have been arranged with the names of family members and friends who have lost their lives in past conflicts.

On **Saturday 5th November at 7pm** the Wales Festival of Remembrance is at St David's Hall where tickets may be obtained.

On **Friday 11th November there will be the minute's silence at 11am**, I shall at that time be conducting a service at City Hall.

Then on Remembrance **Sunday, 13th November** we shall all in our individual churches and war memorials be making our acts of recollection and thanksgiving for those who have died in war. I shall be leading the service at the Wales National Memorial in Alexandra Gardens, a public service to which all are now welcome to attend.

It is a great privilege to be involved with all these events, large and small, and to meet many people and hear their stories as they remember their loved ones. However, one of the services that I treasure the most is our evening service on **Remembrance Sunday at 6.30pm** at our war memorial church of St Edward the Confessor. I find it particularly moving for several reasons. We recite the names of the men and boys who from the Roath area died in the First and Second World Wars. This has been done with all members of the congregation taking part. Also, our uniformed groups take part carrying their standards, with young girls and boys who have learned that they attend the schools and live in the houses that those who died did before them. We know this because our local historians and archivists have researched the personal details of those recorded on our memorials. So, throughout the year we recall the actual dates and circumstances of when those individuals fell in battle. Finally, the prayers and music from our choir reflecting different decades of our heritage lift our spirits and enhance our worship.

The presence and participation of our young people remind us that Remembrance is not just about looking back to the last century but also something we experience today. My own generation lost friends and family in the Falklands, Iraq and Afghanistan. In fact, there was only one year, 1968, since the Second World War that no British serviceman or woman lost their lives on active service. Our young people now witness the war on the Continent of Europe with the brutal invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Fortunately, our own people are

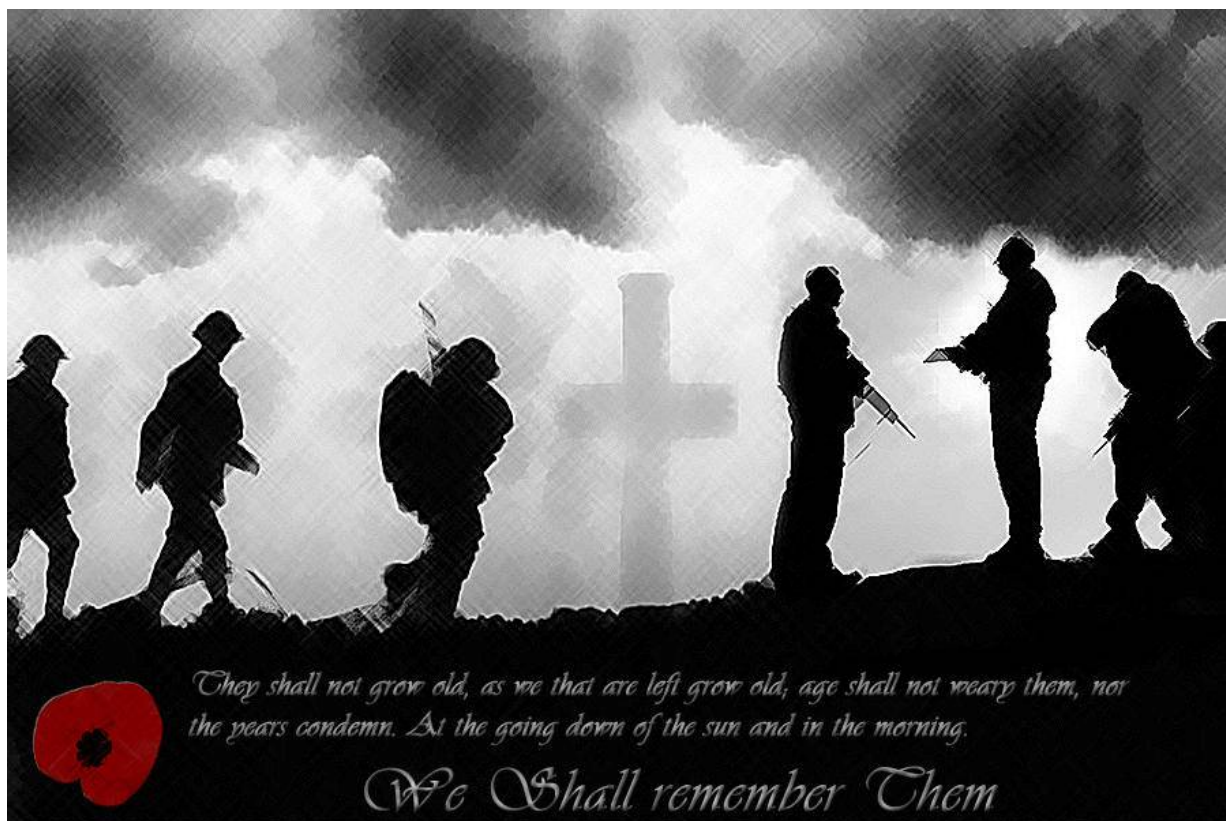
not directly involved in this present conflict though we are supporting the Ukrainian people with our weapons. We also are seeking to help their refugees in our communities and schools. The sacrifice of those who have died in the hope that war should not rage again in Europe should not be in vain. At this year's Remembrance let our prayers of thanksgiving for those who died be firmly coupled with fervent prayers for peace so that our leaders can again bring the message of the Prince of Peace to these troubled times.

With every good wish and blessing,

Stewart

[Services of Remembrance - LLandaff Diocese
\(churchinwales.org.uk\)](http://churchinwales.org.uk)





ADVENT

“The Christian year begins not with the lilies of Easter, or the poinsettias of Christmas, or the stirring winds of Pentecost – but rather with Advent, four weeks in the shadows of despair, conflict, sorrow, and hate. For it’s here, in the shadows, that the God of grace will arrive. Waiting, longing, and preparing for that arrival, we light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love”.

Extract from *Pause*, the Newsletter of the Quiet Garden Movement (www.quietgarden.org)





NEWS FROM THE LYCHGATE

Hi everyone,

Two more things have happened in our church life – coffee after the 9.30 Eucharist and offertory being collected during the hymn. It's almost normal now! How nice it is to once again be able to chat over a cup of coffee. Please let Jean Rose know if you would like to help. Thanks to Rachel Kilby who will make sure everything is 'topped up'.

Another successful Heritage Weekend has come and gone. It was lovely to see so many people visiting our church, taking the tour, climbing the tower, enjoying tea and cake, looking at the registers, etc.

We were invited by the Lord Mayor, High Sheriff of South Glamorgan and Deputy Lieutenant of South Glamorgan to host a Special Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for Her Late Majesty the Queen. It was a very moving occasion .

For the first time since Covid, our Scout group will be attending St Edward's Church for Church Parade on Remembrance Sunday, 13 November at 6.30pm.. This will be the first time for all the new members to participate.

Congratulations to Reverend Stewart on being invited to become Canon Emeritus of the Cathedral, an honour which he truly deserves!

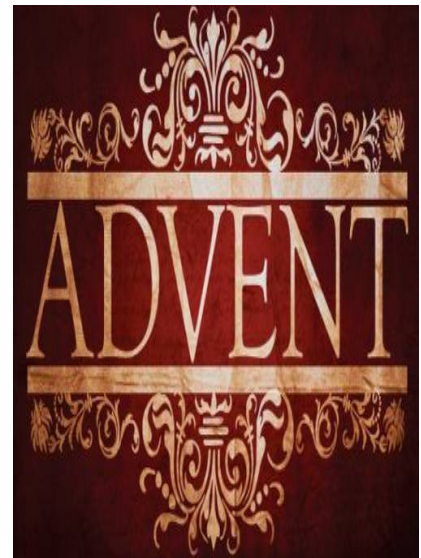
Sally Reports on Monday 17th October a Christmas Fayre Planning Meeting was held at Roath Church House over some light refreshments for all those are interested in helping out or have any new ideas for other stalls etc.

The following roles where agreed:

Stall Name	Person who Volunteered
Books	Jane Jefferson, Rachel Kilby & Steve Rowson
Toys	Dylan, Anita, Catherine & Lizzie
Bric-a-brac	Chris Webb, Keith & Jenny
Jewellery	Diane & Jean Hooper
Cakes	Sarah Harrison, Julie & Roo Harrison
Ladies Circle Colour Stall	Members of the Ladies Circle
Bottle Stall	Geoff & Jane
Gift & Toiletries Stall	Charlene
Christmas Jumper Stall	No volunteers
Raffle (50p)	Pam & Julie
Teas/Coffee	Sally & Stephen Bailey, Kerry & Margaret Thomas
Entrance	Stewart & Ashley
Help needed to set up on Friday & Clearing away on Saturday	Kerry Thomas & Paul Elliott

We are still looking for any volunteers to help out on our newly suggested stall our Christmas Jumper stall if you are willing to help out then please speak to our vicar Stewart Lisk or Pat Hyett.

Advent Blessings to each & everyone of you
Pam & Sally



Poppy Appeal 2022

In 2022 the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal will focus on how your poppy shows you care and helps the RBL to continue its vital work supporting the Armed Forces.

- > This year's Poppy Appeal launches on Thursday 27th October. Poppy Appeal collectors will be distributing poppies across Cardiff so please do look out for them and get your poppy from sellers in your local community.
- > They will be offering several ways to donate, including:
 - > Cash
 - > Contactless terminal
 - >

St. Margaret's Church

CHRISTMAS FAYRE



ROATH CHURCH HOUSE

Waterloo Road, Roath



SATURDAY 26th November

10.00am – 12.30pm

Christmas gifts, Toys, Jewellery,
Cakes, Jams, Chutneys, Fruit Tarts,
Sweets, Books, Bottles, Bric-a-brac,
Christmas colour stall, Christmas
jumper rack and of course a Raffle!

Tea/Coffee will also be served

Entrance 50p -Children Free

Proceeds to St. Margaret's Church



Visitors to St Edward's

We're used to visitors here at St Edward's, due to the vision of several members of our congregation and the formation of the Music and Arts Centre, we welcome hundreds of visitors every month. From fund-raising concerts, rehearsals, and opportunities to learn or enhance skills, to social events including our Forget me Not Café and (since Covid) online activities too.

Annually at this time of year we also hold a festival, welcoming even more visitors who perform and make up the enthusiastic audiences, our newsletter (produced weekly by Alan Mayer) is full of activities, a great source of information for local events.

Recently we have been welcoming visitors to officiate at our services too. Since we have become part of the Ministry Area of Roath and Cathays our Eucharist services have offered the opportunity to enjoy a variety of preaching and approaches to worship. Curates, Canons and Bishops have all added their particular 'flavour' to our worship, and helped us to enjoy and appreciate the variety that Gods creation can bring to our weekly praise. The gifts that we all bring to our church community are also enjoyed by the visitors, from the clean and vacuumed building, the flowers, our smiles and warm welcome, all help to make St Edward's an inspiring example. Thanks to everyone who contributes to making visitors welcome.

"show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Epistle to the Hebrews)

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthews Gospel)

Thought for the Day – A Glass of Water

“Although we are a well-travelled family, we have rarely been to places where people live on the dollar a day that a third of the world’s population try to survive on. If we ever witnessed this poverty it was fleeting and at best made an edgy authentic snap for our photo album. We didn’t dare to experience what it was like to live alongside serious deprivation. That was something for anthropologists and priests. We were busy pursuing culture and recreation. For isn’t this how we learn about the world?

Living in a community with a high prevalence of HIV/AIDS, a water shortage, no electricity, unreliable food and exceptionally bad roads, has seriously challenged our understanding about the world. We can’t help feeling that if we’d done this earlier we might have learned things that years of pursuing culture and pleasure have failed to teach us.

Not that when you come to Africa you expect to be taught something. If anything, you think, because you’ve read the economic arguments and know about the history and come from a part of the world which has surely worked out how life works, that you have something to teach it.

Then you get to this massive, red-earthed continent and away from the tourist bubble, you realise that our horizons have been utterly limited until now, and that these people you characterised as poor and sick and somehow lacking in the basics, are despite all they face, talented, funny and generous; that they live with exceptional hope and resilience and in communities so interdependent that it makes our individualistic, self-sufficient lives seem deleterious. For a while, your whole system for measuring ‘wealth’ gets turned upside down.

Then you wake up the next day and circumstances douse your naïve enthusiasm: across the road a 35 year old man dies of AIDS, leaving five more orphans for the community



to feed; then you learn that the community has inadequate water for crops because there has been a two year drought; then a tearful father asks you for funds to send a daughter to secondary school; and there is a scandal about the Government spending millions on fleets of flashy four wheel drives, a government that is already spending more on repaying debt than it does on education – and you want to push your head into the red dust and scream.

The next day the sun comes up, and you see the people walking to market to sell mangoes and goats in exchange for exercise books and tools; and in church people pledge sacks of beans for the orphans; and the widows group are using the money from their maize to buy another cow; and maybe the government are going to bore for water after all, and there's sense that, with a little support and some investment that this could all work.....

You sit down exhausted from the rollercoaster of an African day, when your 70 year old neighbour comes to check that you are okay (as if you are the one who is deprived) and you offer her a glass of water and she pauses before drinking and you wonder if you've broken some social protocol; then you see that she is actually thanking God for the glass of water, and for the gift of life, and you realise that all your wealth, travel education and privilege has never really taught you the true worth of a glass of water or been able to demonstrate how precious life is as simply and powerfully as this."

2nd February 2006

Since 2000 Rhidian Brook has been a regular contributor to Radio 4's Thought for the Day. This is one of his (2 minute 45 second) 'thoughts' from his book Godbothering published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge and reprinted here with his permission.

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Some Advent and Christmas Services 2022

Sun **13 Nov.** St Edward's 3.00pm. Piano Recital: *Chris Glynn*. All welcome.

Sat **19 Nov.** St Edward's 11.00am. Coffee Concert: *Daniel Nicholsohn (Solo Piano)*. Charity: *AngelmanUK*. All welcome

Wed **23 Nov.** St Edward's 7.25pm. Cardiff Recorded Music Society. *Rod Delamere: Members' Choice*.

Fri **25 Nov.** St Edward's 7.30pm. Violin/Piano Charity Concert: Helena Todd & Nicki Rose. Charity: *Home4u*. All welcome

Sun **27 Nov.** St Edward's 2.00pm. Cardiff Friendly Strings. All welcome

Sun **27 Nov.** St Edward's 6.30pm. Advent Carol Service. All welcome.

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Wed **30 Nov.** St Edward's 7.25pm. Cardiff Recorded Music Society. *Chris Ball: Listen briefly and intently*.

Fri **2 Dec.** St Edward's 7.30pm. Charity Concert: Cantorion Taliesin. All welcome

Sat **3 Dec.** St Edward's 7.00pm. The Telling: Secret Life of Carols. All welcome

Sun **4 Dec.** St Margaret's 3.00pm Order of St John / St John's Ambulance Cymru Carol Service. All welcome.

Mon **5 Dec.** St Edward's 7.00pm. St Edward's Orchestra Concert. All welcome

Fri **9 Dec.** St Margaret's 1.00pm Acorns Nursery Nativity for invited parents and friends.

Sun **11 Dec.** St Edward's 3.30pm. Christmas Music with Jubal's Lyre. All welcome

Mon **12 Dec.** St Margaret's 6pm Scouts, Cubs and Beavers Carol Service. All parents and friends are welcome.

Wed **14 Dec.** St Edward's 7.00pm. Roath Local History Society.
Life and Times of Charles Oswald Williams. Steve Sanders.

Thu **15 Dec.** St German's 5.30pm Ysgol Glan Morfa Carol Service.

Fri **16 Dec.** St Germans 10.00am. Tredegarville School Carol Service.

Sat **17 Dec.** St Edward's 11.00am. Coffee Concert. *Women in Harmony and Voice Male. Charity: AngelmanUK.* All welcome

Sat **17 Dec.** St Edward's 7.30pm. Serenata Christmas Concert. All welcome

Sun **18 Dec.** St Edward's 3.00pm. Christmas Carol Service: St Edward's Choir & Orchestra. All welcome

Sun **18 Dec.** St Margaret's 6.00pm. Nine lessons and carols. All welcome.

Tue **20 Dec.** St Margaret's 6.00pm. Howardian Primary School Carol Service.

Saturday 24 December, Christmas Eve

All welcome

St Edward's 4.00pm. Carols around the tree

St Margaret's 5.00pm. Crib Service

St German's 11.00pm. Midnight Mass

St Margaret's 11.30pm. Midnight Mass

St Edward's 11.45pm. Midnight Mass

Sunday 25 December, Christmas Day

All welcome

St Margaret's 8.00am. Holy Eucharist

St Margaret's 9.30am. Sung Eucharist with carols

St Edward's 11.00am. Sung Eucharist with carols

St German's 11.00am Sung Eucharist with carols.

SUNDAY AND WEEK-DAY WORSHIP

St Edward's and St Margaret's

(For Holy Day Celebrations see Weekly
Newsletter)

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH WATERLOO ROAD

Sun: 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
9.30 am Sung Eucharist
9.30 am Sunday School R.C. House
(every Sunday during school terms)
Wed: 9.30 am Holy Eucharist

ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH BLENHEIM ROAD

Sun: 11.00 am Sung Eucharist & Sunday
School
6.30 pm Choral Evensong
Wed: 10.15 am Holy Eucharist

**Check the websites/newsletter for up-to-date
information on services**

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