



St Edward's Church in the Parish of Roath

The First Sunday of Christmas



Weekly Newsletter No.2222

Sunday, 30th December, 2018

11.00 am Sung Eucharist & Sermon.

Hymns: **68, 67, Anthems: Infant Holy (Willcocks), Coventry Carol (Shaw), 78.**
Settings: *Thomas Mass (David Thorne).*

7.00 pm Choral Evensong. Introit: **What Sweeter Music (Rutter).** Preces & Responses: *William Smith.*

Psalm 132. Hymns: **Love came down at Christmas, Anthem: Deck the Hall, Carol Sweetly Carol.**
Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis: *Orlando Gibbons Short Service.*
Readings: **Isaiah 61. Galatians 3,27 - 4,7.**

In the world-wide Church we pray today for the **Diocese of Kyushu in the Province of Japan (Nippon Sei Ko Kai) and Bishop Luke Ken-ichi Muto** and in the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle we pray for **The Middle East: Egypt, Israel and Palestine, Jordan and Lebanon.** We pray for **peace in the world,** and for all **migrants and refugees** fleeing places of war and persecution. We pray for the victims of the **tsunami in Indonesia.** In this diocese we pray for the **Archdeaconry of Margam and Archdeacon Michael Komor.** We pray for the sick and those who care for them, especially **Tricia & Glyn Osman, Julie Romanelli, Bill Berry, John Matthias, Ron Rowles, Doreen Balley, Miriam Burnell, Alan Morgan, Joan & Ivor Gough, Suzanne Parry and Jane Vincent.** We pray for the repose of the souls of the departed, especially **David Vernon Edmunds and Margaret Shepherd,** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THIS WEEK

Wed 9.30am Holy Eucharist. *St Margaret's.*

2nd 10.15am Holy Eucharist. *St Edward's.*

Thur 6.30pm Junior Choir Practice. *St Edward's.*

3rd 7.15pm Evening Prayer. *St Edward's.*

7.30pm Choir Practice. *St Edward's.*

Sat 9.00am Morning Prayer. *St Edward's.*

5th 10.30am Epiphany Coffee. *Roath Church House.*

EVENING PRAYER will be said Thursday at 7.15pm this week. Morning Prayer at 9am on Saturday.

ANTHEMS. The anthem at the Eucharist is "Coventry Carol" arranged by Martin Shaw (1876-1958). The Introit at Evensong is "What Sweeter Music" by John Rutter (b.1945), and the anthem is the Welsh traditional carol "Deck the hall with boughs of holly" arranged by Sir David Valentine Willcocks (1919-2015).

COFFEE will be served in the vestry after the Eucharist next Sunday, and the 100 Club Draw will take place.

Next Sunday is the **Feast of the Epiphany.** The **Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated in St Margaret's at 8am and 9.30am, and at St Edward's at 11am, with **Sung Evensong and Eucharist** at St Margaret's at 6pm and **Choral Evensong** at St Edward's at 7pm. Eucharist readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12.

POPPY COLLECTION raised £319.69 for the Royal British Legion.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the beauty of our Christmas worship. Between Sunday 23rd & Christmas Day around 500 people took part in a variety of services. Thanks to everyone who cleaned, contributed & decorated, with cribs, tree and flowers & the latest Roath News. Special thanks to Frances who arranged the flower vases & has attended regularly to keep them watered.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES. If you would like envelopes to make your weekly collection please speak to Sue Mansell, who distributes envelopes on behalf of our Treasurer, Geoff Smith. Tax-payers can Gift Aid, meaning the church can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. Gift Aid forms are also available. Weekly envelopes enable you to put aside your regular collection, even when you can't attend church, helping us meet our weekly costs of £800 per week.

FURTHER UN ACCREDITATION FOR ACC. The United Nations has granted the Anglican Consultative Council accreditation to the UN Environment Assembly. The Anglican Communion already has Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, giving it access to the Human Rights Council. Now they have observer status to the Environment Assembly and can participate in consultations and preparation of statements for the Environment Assembly. The Archbishop of Canterbury is also a member of the Secretary General's High-Level Advisory Board on Mediation and recently became the first ever Archbishop of Canterbury to address a meeting of the UN Security Council.

AN ALTERNATIVE VALENTINE'S OPERA. Walton's *The Bear* will be performed at St Edward's on Sat 16 Feb 2019 at 6pm, by Rebecca Chellappah (Mezzosoprano), Brendan Casey (Baritone) and William Stevens (Bass-Baritone) accompanied by Phil Blandford (piano). Tickets £12 (students & seniors £10) on the door.

CONCERTS BY TOURING CHOIRS at St Edward's. Tue 19 Feb 7.30pm: Senior Youth Choir of St Peter's Community Arts Academy, New York. Sat 13 Apr 11.30am: Conservatoire de Rouen & Spectrum Singers.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN.

Because they are still familiar to many of us, the words of some better-known traditional Christmas carols don't always have the impact which they might. Let me, then, encourage you to reflect on just one word and a couple of short sentences from two of them. The first is "It came upon the midnight clear"; the second, "O little town of Bethlehem".

From the first, that one word is "hush"; from the second the sentences are "O holy child of Bethlehem . . . be born in us today".

One of the things that surely must impact on all of us in the preparations for Christmas and the New Year is noise: noise in places like the streets, the shops, the school, the pub, and just about everywhere else. So please reflect on just how beautifully refreshing stillness can be when the noise stops. There are times when we all need a bit of hush! Find those times to be still; try to get your bit of hush. And, when you succeed, use the stillness and use the hush to remember what lies at the heart of the Christmas story: the birth of Jesus, a child born into poverty and need, soon to become a refugee, and later to be rejected for doing nothing more sinister and nothing more challenging than teaching about the vital importance of things like justice and truth, generosity and compassion, love and forgiveness.

Then, having remembered, move on and, in the stillness, in your hush time, reflect on the words, "O holy child of Bethlehem, be born in us today", and remember, whether you are religious or not, your own personal capacity to be the agents of and ambassadors for those lovely things about which Jesus taught. They are things which many cry out for, things which millions long for, and things which we all need, both for our own individual good and for the good of the world and its communities. Allow his universal teaching and his generous example to be born in you today, and to become real in your own words and deeds every day.

None of us should underestimate the power we have to make a difference – every act of compassion, every deed of generosity, every loving and forgiving act changes the world for someone and for the better.

So, find some hush time, and let the holy child be born in you. I wish you the peace and hope of Christmas and the strength to make a difference in 2019.

NO CHORAL EVENSONG at the Cathedral today. Evening Prayer at 3.30pm.

TAKING A CHRISTMAS BREAK. St Edward's Orchestra & Jazz Workshop (resume 7 Jan); Forget Me Not Café (8 Jan); Lunch Club (9 Jan); Recorded Music Society (9 Jan); Penylan Singers (10 Jan); Rock Choir (17 Jan); Creative Writing (18 Jan).

NO PARISH SURGERY until Mon 7 Jan.

PARISH KNITTING & CROCHET GROUP meets on Mon 7 Jan, 7.30-9.30pm in Room 2, Church House.

LADIES CIRCLE AGM and annual Chinese Auction on Tue 8 Jan at 7.15pm in room 2 Roath Church House. Subs for the year are due. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our Christmas collections for the homeless.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION at City Hall on Fri 25 Jan at 11am. Followed by refreshments in the Marble Hall. All welcome.

WELCOME THE NEW YEAR at the Ladies Circle Epiphany Coffee Morning on Saturday at 10.30am in Roath Church House. Tickets £2. There will be a raffle, book stall and bring and buy stall. The charities we are supporting in 2019 are Wales Air Ambulance and SANDS (Sudden infant and neonatal death society).

COME AND SING Brahms' Requiem with Cantemus at Eglwys Dewi Sant on Sat 12 Jan, 9.30am-3.30pm. Tickets £12 (u-18 £6) from Ticketsource. Price includes hired scores. Registration and coffee from 9.30 for a 10am start. The day will end at 3.30pm. Singers are advised to bring a packed lunch.

CARDIFF FRIENDLY STRINGS the string ensemble for adults grade 1-5, on Sun 13 Jan, 3-5pm at St Edward's.

PARISH DISCUSSION GROUP meets on Sun 13 Jan, 7.45-9pm in Roath Church House. Mal will lead us in a discussion on St Augustine of Hippo. All welcome to join us for a cuppa; just listen or join in. More info from Mal Rowson ☎20-633184 or discussiongroup@roath.org.uk

CYTÛN MEETING at St Edward's on Tue 15 Jan at 7.30pm.

CREATIVE WRITING. The next 10 week course is a Short Story and Monologue Creative Writing Class starting Fri 18 Jan, 10.30am - 12.30pm until 29 March. Break for Feb half term. If you are interested, please contact Claire Syder ☎07810-435403 or email ✉clairesyder@yahoo.co.uk

PLYGAIN CAROL SERVICE at St Peter's on Fri 18 Jan at 8pm. This interdenominational, traditional Welsh service is for unaccompanied carols and prayer. Groups who would like to participate please email Christine on plygainstpetersroath@gmail.com

COFFEE CONCERTS. The next concert is by Nori Hirano (Violin) and Alison Dite (Piano) on Sat 19 Jan at 11am.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Cytûn United Service at St Edward's on Tue 22 Jan at 7pm.

NO HEALING SERVICE in January. Next: Tue 5 Feb.

FOR YOUR DIARY.

7 Jan. Knitting & Crochet Group. Church House.

13 Jan. Parish Discussion Group.

14 Jan. 7.30pm. St Margaret's Committee.

16 Jan. Paradise Run.

5 Feb. 7.30pm. Service of Wholeness & Healing.

ST EDWARD'S MUSIC & ARTS CENTRE DIARY.

13 Jan. 3pm. Cardiff Friendly Strings.

19 Jan. Coffee Concert: Nori Hirano (violin) & Alison Dite.

19 Jan. 7pm. Constanza Ladies Choir Concert.

3 Feb. 3pm. Cardiff Friendly Strings.

GENERAL MUSIC DIARY.

12 Jan. 9.30am. Sing Brahms' Requiem. Eglwys Dewi Sant.

30 Jan. 1.05pm. RWCMD Opera students. Beulah URC.

WELCOME. We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers. Please make yourself known to one of the sidesmen if you are new with us.

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