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MINSTER NEWS

Swansea Minster · News from the Board

The Minster's board met on Wednesday 22 July, chaired by Archdeacon Jonathan Davies. It was an encouraging evening, with much to celebrate across worship, welcome, music and the life of our building. Here is a round-up of the news.

A Growing and Welcoming Minster

The Minster continues to flourish. Our Diocesan Project Manager reported that the project is performing very well, with the great majority of indicators positive. The last quarter alone saw some wonderful highlights:

- Around 1,330 people welcomed and engaged through our doors
- 265 school and curriculum visits — far exceeding expectations
- Nearly 200 young music students taking part through our work in local schools
- Over 3,600 visitors to the Last Supper sculpture
- More than 3,500 covers served in the café

Alongside these, our concerts, exhibitions and services reached many hundreds more, and over 500 people were supported through funerals and life events — a reminder of the pastoral heart of everything we do.

A Word of Thanks

The board recorded its warm and heartfelt thanks to our Minster Leader, Rev Canon Justin Davies, for his tireless leadership across the Minster and our sister churches. Members also reflected joyfully on Mission Week, which welcomed students from St Padarn's and included Compline on the Beach, and looked ahead to Christian Aid's seventieth anniversary next year — an organisation with its very roots here in Swansea.

Our Café Team Goes from Strength to Strength

Following the reshaping of the café management into two new roles, the transition has been seamless — no staff were lost, standards have if

anything risen, and the café is now well covered across all six of its operating days. Café volunteer numbers have grown by around 60%. Our newest team members — Sally Sullivan, Daniella Griffiths and Ann Radford — have settled in wonderfully and are already much loved by the congregation.

Caring for Our People and Our Building

A professional fire risk assessment was completed with excellent results, requiring no remedial work. A dedicated training platform is now in place for every member of staff and volunteer, and first-aid provision is being strengthened, including a clearly located first-aid station on Sunday mornings. Work on the Trinity Chapel glazing continues to move forward, with the wider fabric-repair programme now contracted; external works are scheduled to begin in late August. The newly delivered chairs are also now in place.

Music, Prayer and Community

It has been a busy and joyful season. The Dunvant Male Voice Choir concert was a great success, and our Lunchtime Organ Series is well underway. A pop-up recital by a visiting harpist from Germany was a delightful addition, and the 24/7 Prayer Tour comes to the Minster on Friday 2 October. Our Wednesday Brunch Club continues to serve, on average, between 50 and 80 of our most vulnerable neighbours each week. Meanwhile our Community Engagement Officer, Emma Williams-Dulley, is building new connections across the city, and our Warden of Welcome, Davina Preston, continues to draw more of the congregation into the ministry of welcome.

Looking Ahead — Gaia

Excitement is building for Gaia, Luke Jerram's magnificent Earth artwork, which comes to the Minster this October. The programme is already substantially booked, much of it free, and the board is keen that the exhibition be far more than an art show — a genuine opportunity to meet visitors at the theme of creation and to point to the God who made it. Do look out for ways to get involved.

Café Development — The Next Chapter

The board was delighted to see the latest café designs from our architect, Michael Vaughan, warmly welcoming them after many months of careful discussion.

The new design keeps the majority of the cooking neatly concealed, with an enclosed cooking area and screened preparation set behind an open servery at the front. Two till points will allow the café to run smoothly day to day and to cope comfortably during larger functions. A key benefit is much-needed additional refrigeration and storage — currently the café's main constraint — allowing for more efficient ordering and stock management.

Great care has been taken to protect our historic building: the unit is set away from the church wall so there is no impact on the fabric. The layout has been refined to ensure clear, step-free flow and full wheelchair access, with new external dry-storage access added on one side.

The board also discussed the character of the café — a warm and welcoming space for everyone, balancing our care for vulnerable visitors with a broad and lively clientele.

The designs have been approved in principle. The next steps are to finalise the detailed plans and to progress the necessary faculty (with the customary 30-day public display) ahead of formal sign-off. It is an exciting step forward for a space that will serve the whole community for years to come.

We give thanks for all that God is doing in the life of the Minster.

1st – 7th August

Church Open Saturday 1st August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 09:30am – Divine Liturgy Greek Orthodox Service 10:00am – 3:00pm – Café Open 12:00pm – Said Holy Eucharist
Sunday 2nd August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 11:00am – Holy Eucharist 4:00pm – Said Evensong
Church Open Monday 3rd August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 12:00pm – 4:00pm – Music Makers, Vestry Hall 5:15pm – Bell Ringers
Church Open Tuesday 4th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 09:30am – Prayers 1:10pm – Summer Organ Recital Series, Jean-Rene Andre (Rennes' Cathedral, France)
Church Open Wednesday 5th August The Transfiguration of the Lord	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 11:00am - Said Holy Eucharist 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Bereavement Friendship Group
Church Open Thursday 6th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 12:30pm – Meditation
Church Open Friday 7th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 11:00am – Archidiaconal Mothers Union Eucharist

8th – 14th August

Church Open Saturday 8th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:00am – 3:00pm – Café Open 10:00am – NHS Hearing Aid Helpdesk 12:00pm – Said Holy Eucharist
Sunday 9th August Mary Sumner Day	Exhibition – The Last Supper 11:00am – Holy Communion 4:00pm – Sankey Hymn Sunday 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Church GPT, The Potting Shed @ Founders & Co, 24 Wind Street
Church Open Monday 10th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 12:00pm – 4:00pm – Music Makers, Vestry Hall 5:15pm – Bell Ringers
Church Open Tuesday 11th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:30am – Morning Prayer 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 1:10pm – Summer Organ Recital Series, Dr Anthony Gritten, Royal Academy of Music and Gabriel Gritten
Church Open Wednesday 12th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 08:30am – Morning Prayer (Vestry Hall) 9:00am - 11:00am – Brunch Food Club in Vestry Hall 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 10:00am – 12:30pm – Kids Holiday Club 11:00am - Said Holy Eucharist
Church Open Thursday 13th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 10:00am – 12:30pm – Kids Holiday Club 12:30pm – Meditation
Church Open Friday 14th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 10:00am – Friday Morning Meditation

10:00am – 12:30pm – Kids Holiday Club
11:00am – Holy Eucharist, Small Boat Big
Sea
1:00pm – Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament

15th – 21st August

Church Open Saturday 15th August Mary Mother of our Lord	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:00am – 3:00pm – Café Open 10:00am – Urban Village Fete 12:00pm – Said Holy Eucharist, Mary Mother of our Lord
Sunday 16th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 09:30am – Bubble Church 11:00am – Holy Communion 4:00pm – Said Evening Prayer
Church Closed Monday 17th August	Church Closed – Funeral
Church Open Tuesday 18th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:30am – Morning Prayer 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 1:10pm – Summer Organ Recital Series, The Rev'd Canon Graham Holcombe, (Canon Emeritus, Llandaff Cathedral)
Church Open Wednesday 19th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 08:30am – Morning Prayer (Vestry Hall) 9:00am - 11:00am – Brunch Food Club in Vestry Hall 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 11:00am - Said Holy Eucharist 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Bereavement Friendship Group
Church Open Thursday 20th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 12:30pm – Meditation
Church Open Friday 21st August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 10:00am – Friday Morning Meditation 11:00am – Service of Healing with Holy Communion 1:00pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

22nd – 28th August

Church Open Saturday 22 nd August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:00am – 3:00pm – Café Open 12:00pm – Said Holy Eucharist
Sunday 23 rd August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 11:00am – Holy Communion 4:00pm – Sankey Hymn Sunday 7:00pm – Contemporary Service – Haven
Church Open Monday 24 th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 12:00pm – 4:00pm – Music Makers, Vestry Hall 5:15pm – Bell Ringers
Church Open Tuesday 25 th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:30am – Morning Prayer 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 1:10pm – Summer Organ Recital Series – Dr Fiona Gannon, Capel Y Nant, Clydach, Swansea
Church Open Wednesday 26 th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 08:30am – Morning Prayer (Vestry Hall) 9:00am - 11:00am – Brunch Food Club in Vestry Hall 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 11:00am - Said Holy Eucharist
Church Open Thursday 27 th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 12:30pm – Meditation 2:00pm – Service for the Deaf Community
Church Open Friday 28 th August	Exhibition – The Last Supper 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 10:00am – Friday Morning Meditation 11:00am – Cymun yr Iaith Gymraeg / Welsh Language Eucharist 1:00pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

29th – 31st August

Church Open
Saturday 29th
August

Exhibition – The Last Supper
10:00am – 3:00pm – Café Open
12:00pm – Said Holy Eucharist

Sunday 30th
August

Exhibition – The Last Supper
11:00am – Holy Communion
7:00pm – Contemporary Service – Haven

Church Closed
Monday 31st
August

Church Closed – Bank Holiday

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Welcome to Swansea Minster, situated in the heart of the second city in Wales. We hope that you enjoy being with us today and thank you for blessing us with your presence. Enjoy our music, the stained glass, light a candle and leave a prayer.

God Bless.

Rev'd Canon Justin Davies



LUNCHTIME ORGAN SERIES: SUMMER 2026

SWANSEA MINSTER

TUESDAYS, JULY TO SEPTEMBER,

1.10PM–1.50PM

FREE ADMISSION

(Retiring Collection)

✦ 14th
JULY

Jeffrey Howard (Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral)
Including Jehan's Alain Litanies, Massenet's Meditation from Thais, and the Finale from Widor's Symphonie No.6.

✦ 21st
JULY

Abhay Prabhakar (Our Lady & St James, Bangor)
Featuring music by Bach, Howells, Karg-Elert, and Messiaen

✦ 28th
JULY

Dr William Reynolds (Director of Music, Swansea Minster)
Music of the European Baroque

✦ 4th
AUGUST

Jean-René André (Rennes' Cathedral, France)
French Organ Music, including works by de Grigny, Lefebure-Wely, Saint-Saëns, and Widor

✦ 11th
AUGUST

Dr Anthony Gritten (Royal Academy of Music) and
Gabriel Gritten
Father and son organists share a varied programme, including music by Laurence Caldecote, Huw Watkins, Léon Boëllmann, and Marcel Dupré

✦ 18th
AUGUST

The Revd Canon Graham Holcombe
(Canon Emeritus, Llandaff Cathedral)
Music by Bach, Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, and Lefebure-Wely

✦ 25th
AUGUST

Dr Fiona Gannon (Capel y Nant, Clydach, Swansea)

✦ 1st
SEPTEMBER

Dr William Reynolds (Director of Music, Swansea Minster)
Mendelssohn Sonata No.2, and music by Bach, Bossi, Caleb Jarvis, and Meirion Wynn Jones

✦ 8th
SEPTEMBER

Thomas Howell (Graduate of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire)



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12TH-
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OCTOBER

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OF PLANET EARTH, WITH DAILY EVENTS AND
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