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October Events Diary

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October Minster Message

Some words from a recent update letter from Bishop John to the clergy.

Knowing that the pressures we have all been under these last few years, especially since covid have taken their toll, and that the world is not in an easy place, where war and rumours of war abound and where worries about the climate and the future of AI and goodness knows what else pours into our home through the media.

More than ever the proclamation that Jesus is King needs to be heard and seen through our actions and love for each other.

In the book of Acts, similarly, in a world filled with fear and uncertainty we read the remarkable story of a church in its infancy, who through the grace of God, flourishes and grows in overwhelmingly hostile conditions. Further, that a group of people who were dedicated, committed and convinced by the works of Jesus and the love that God had for humanity, by the power of His Spirit working in their lives, through their faithfulness poured out through deed and action hope and healing to a needy world. As a consequence, the church grew and through time also formed us to be disciples convinced by that very same message.

It would seem to me that in respect of what we are called to do and to be nothing has changed, God still rallies His people to, in the words of Matthew, "go out into all the world," and because of Jesus and in the power of the Spirit to proclaim His presence to the broken and despairing. In the business of our calling, if we neglect the focus of that call, we fall short as a church. My prayers and thanks go out to you for all you do and for your many sacrifices for the sake of the Gospel with which we have been entrusted.

The Minster Board met on Tuesday 22 September for its first meeting since the summer break. Here is a summary of the main items discussed.

Growing together Canon Justin reported encouraging signs of growth. Almost 100 people attended the morning service on a recent

Sunday, and the Confirmation service drew a large congregation. The annual retreat continues to grow, with half the places for 2027 already booked. Several members have joined Theology for Life, and a number are exploring a call to ministry. Janice has joined us on placement from St Padarn's until at least Christmas, and a preaching rota is in place through to Christmas. Christianity Explored begins this autumn, led by Rachel on Wednesday evenings and Canon Justin on Sunday afternoons. Everyone is warmly invited to take part.

Church Growth Fund Our Diocesan Project Manager, Ian Walsh, reported that the Minster project is performing strongly, ahead of target on almost every measure, with thousands of meaningful conversations with visitors this quarter alone. The project was very well received at recent presentations to the Representative Body.

Gaia – coming this October Preparations for Gaia are well advanced. Over twenty days the Minster will host concerts, workshops, school visits (more than ten schools already booked) and partner events, including Christian Aid and Cytûn. Prayer will be offered three times each day. Tickets for evening events are available through Eventbrite. Volunteers are still needed, particularly for the evening shift (5:30–10:00 pm), so please speak to Adam if you can help.

Finance and stewardship Our Treasurer, Helen Murray, reported that the Minster is on course to finish the year in the black. However, regular giving through Sunday collections, standing orders and donations does not yet cover our parish share to the Diocese, let alone heating, lighting and insurance. The Board will be looking at a stewardship campaign next year. If you are a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid your giving: it adds 25% at no cost to you. The new blue chairs have been warmly welcomed, and it is lovely to see so many people moving forward to sit closer to the altar.

Around the building Work continues on the café redevelopment, with works planned for the New Year, and on funding applications for essential repairs to the fabric of the building. Improvements to the lighting around the nave altar are planned, together with better storage in the Vestry Hall.

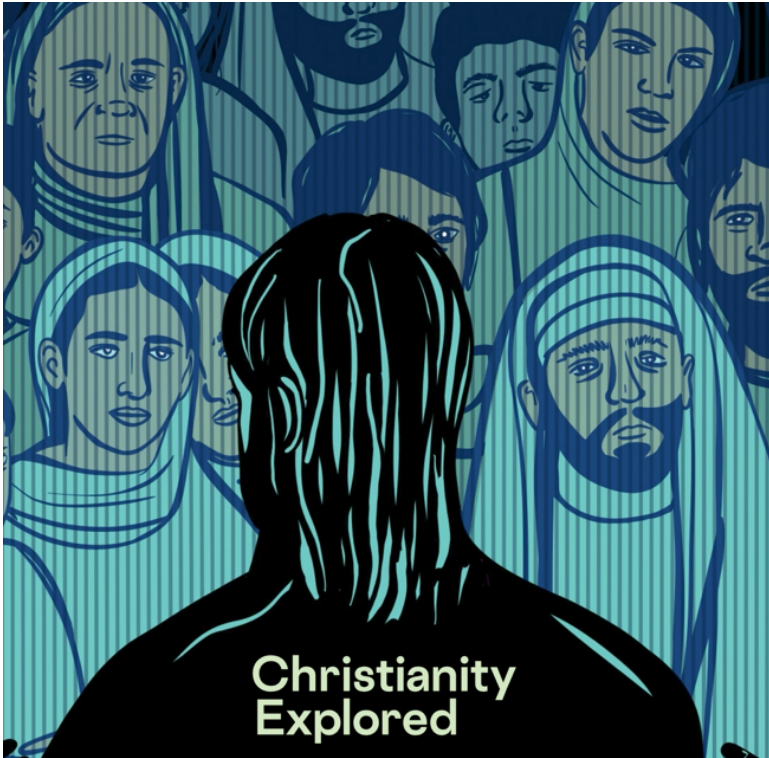
Safeguarding Good progress has been made on safeguarding training and checks, and safeguarding contact details now appear on

our weekly notice sheet. A Safeguarding Module A session for choir members and volunteers will be held in church shortly.

Anna Chaplaincy The Board welcomed Jacqui's report on her work as our Anna Chaplain, bringing worship and companionship to local care homes. We look forward to sharing it in a future diary.

Thank you The Board recorded its thanks to Canon Justin for the liturgy he prepared for Bonnie Tyler's funeral, which meant so much to so many, here and abroad.

Next meeting The Board next meets on Tuesday 10 November 2026.



Join us as we ask:

WHAT IF THERE REALLY WAS GOOD NEWS?

November	December
4th	2nd
11th	9th
18th	16th
25th	

Wednesday's 7pm
Sunday's 1:45pm

Christianity
Explored

1st – 4th October

Church Open Thursday 1 st October	10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 12:30pm – Meditation 2:00pm – Service for the Deaf Community (BSL) Harvest Themed Service
Church Open Friday 2 nd October	10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 10:00am – Friday Morning Meditation 11:00am – Archidiaconal Eucharist Mothers Union 1:00pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4:30pm – 6:00pm – Trebles Choir Practice 7:30pm – 9:00pm – Adult Choir Practice
Church Open Saturday 3 rd October	10:00am – 3:00pm – Café Open 12:00pm – Said Holy Eucharist
Sunday 4th October	11:00am – Choral Eucharist 4:00pm – Choral Evensong

5th – 11th October

Church Open Monday 5th October	10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open
Church Open Tuesday 6th October	10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 10:30am – Morning Prayer 12:45pm – Lunchtime Express Service 2:00pm – Mothers Union Meeting 5:15pm – Choral Evensong
Church Open Wednesday 7th October	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 8th October	10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 12:30pm – Meditation
Church Open Friday 9th October	10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 10:00am – Friday Morning Meditation 11:00am – Small Boat, Big Sea Eucharist 1:00pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm – Penclawd Brass Band Concert
Church Open Saturday 10th October	09:30am – Divine Liturgy, Greek Orthodox Service 10:00am – 3:00pm – Café Open 10:00am – NHS Hearing Aid, Swansea Bay Helpdesk 12:00pm – Said Holy Eucharist 2:00pm – Baptism

11th – 17th October

Sunday 11th October	11:00am – Choral Eucharist 4:00pm – Choral Evensong 7:00pm – Church GPT The Potting Shed @ Founders & Co, 24 Wind Street
Church Open Monday 12th October	Exhibition – Gaia 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open
Church Open Tuesday 13th October	Exhibition – Gaia 10:30am – Morning Prayer 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 12:30pm – Lunchtime Express Service 5:15pm – Choral Evensong
Church Open Wednesday 14th October	Exhibition – Gaia 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 15th October	Exhibition – Gaia 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 12:30pm – Meditation
Church Open Friday 16th October	Exhibition – Gaia 09:30am – Little Explorers Toddler Group 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 4:30pm – 6:00pm – Trebles Choir Practice 7:30pm – 9:00pm – Adult Choir Practice
Church Open Saturday 17th October	Exhibition – Gaia 10:00am – 3:00pm – Café Open 12:00pm – Said Holy Eucharist 2:30pm – Bell Ringing Llandaff Cathedral 5pm – 9pm – Dunvant / Morriston Aberfan Memorial Concert

18th – 24th October

Sunday 18th October Luke the Evangelist	Exhibition – Gaia 09:30am – Bubble Church 11:00am – Choral Eucharist 3:00pm – Cytun Churches Together Service in Swansea Minster with Bishop John
Church Open Monday 19th October	Exhibition – Gaia 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 5:15pm – Bell Ringers
Church Open Tuesday 20th October	Exhibition – Gaia 10:30am – Morning Prayer 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 12:30pm – Lunchtime Express Service 5:15pm – Choral Evensong
Church Open Wednesday 21st October	Exhibition – Gaia 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 22nd October	Exhibition – Gaia 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 12:30pm – Meditation
Church Open Friday 23rd October	Exhibition – Gaia 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 09:30am – Little Explorers Toddler Group 10:00am – Friday Morning Meditation 11:00am – Eucharist 1:00pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4:30pm – 6:00pm – Trebles Choir Practice 7:30pm – 9:00pm – Adult Choir Practice
Church Open Saturday 24th October British Summer Time Ends	Exhibition – Gaia 10:00am – 3:00pm – Café Open 12:00pm – Said Holy Eucharist

25th – 31st October

Sunday 25th October Bible Sunday	Exhibition – Gaia 11:00am – Choral Eucharist 4:00pm – Choral Evensong 7:00pm – Contemporary Service – Haven
Church Open Monday 26th October	Exhibition – Gaia 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 5:15pm – Bell Ringers
Church Open Tuesday 27th October	Exhibition – Gaia 10:30am – Morning Prayer 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 12:15pm – Lunchtime Express Service Concert: "The Songs of Creation" Worshipping Nation 5:15pm – Choral Evensong
Church Open Wednesday 28th October Simon & Jude Apostles	Exhibition – Gaia 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 29th October	Exhibition – Gaia 10:00am – 3:30pm – Café Open 12:30pm – Meditation 2:00pm – Service for the Deaf Community
Church Open Friday 30th October	Exhibition – Gaia 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 4:30pm – 6:00pm – Trebles Choir Practice 7:30pm – 9:00pm – Adult Choir Practice
Church Open Saturday 31st October	Exhibition – Gaia 10:00am – 3:00pm – Café Open 12:00pm – Said Holy Eucharist

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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



Safeguarding at Swansea Minster

We are committed to the safeguarding of all people.

Safeguarding means preventing harm to Children and Adults at risk by protecting them from abuse or neglect.

Everybody is responsible for safeguarding. If you have any information about a safeguarding situation where a child or adult is in immediate danger or requires urgent medical attention, please call the emergency services on 999. Do not delay.

The Provincial Safeguarding Officer is Colin Taylor who can be contacted at colintaylor@churchinwales.org.uk, telephone 07956 790330.

In Swansea Minster the safeguarding officer is Emma Hooper who can be contacted on 01792 655489.

Safeguarding is part of our core faith and an integral feature of Christian life in our church. Clear expectations of all clergy, staff and volunteers are set in line with the safeguarding policy. This can be found online at Church in Wales Safeguarding.

12TH-
31ST
OCTOBER

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GAIA

A STUNNING, ILLUMINATED SCULPTURE
OF PLANET EARTH, WITH DAILY EVENTS AND
SERVICES

 LOCATION: SWANSEA MINSTER
(SWANSEA CITY CENTRE, SA1 3LP)



DATES: 12TH – 31ST OCTOBER 2026

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.