

North Wales Event

Lunch at John and Rosie Solbé's, clothing of new Liverymen and the Advent Carol Service at St Asaph Cathedral November 28th, 2021.



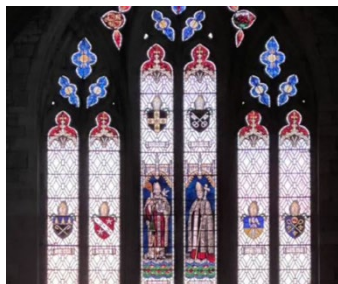
Preparations for a wonderful lunch were well underway as the main cooks Rosemary Solbé and Jean Bryson served us Venison, lamb Hotpot, Chicken and Leek Pie and a vegetarian collation. Maureen Mainland's fame as a cake maker was confirmed by a wonderful chocolate cake. John Solbé provided the very best of sherry and wines and everyone enjoyed the good fellowship of their fellow Liverymen and friends.



After lunch our hosts kindly allowed a temporary Court to be established. John provided a copy of our Royal Charter to act as a backdrop. The Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden donned their gowns, and the Clerk opened an Admissions Court for Liveryman Charles Rees and Liveryman Peter Bignold. They were clothed using the wonderful new stole created by Eurwen Hulmston and were warmly welcomed into the Company. Tim and Maureen Mainland received their certificates and medallions as they had been clothed via a ZOOM ceremony.



As the time for the Advent Carol Service approached, we made our way to the Cathedral. In the twilight the beautiful stained-glass window was illuminated. It is a wonderful setting for a very moving service. The choir were outstanding, and two Liverymen were honoured to be asked to be readers. Rosemary Solbé read the third lesson and the Master read the fourth lesson.



We were all very grateful for the hospitality we enjoyed from the Solbés and from the very welcoming Cathedral 'family' who had invited us to be part of their service.