

Advent Sunday in North Wales 2022

From 2014 onward, excepting the Covid epidemic, Liverymen have gathered for the Advent Procession with carols by candlelight at St Asaph Cathedral. At first, we used to meet after the service for sherry and mince pies, but this evolved into an Advent lunch at Dol Hyfryd before the evening service. The catering is provided by members in North Wales. This year the Master, Immediate Past Master and Senior Warden joined us. The North Wales



Committee Chairman Andrew Richards provided the wines, John Solbé the sherry, Jean Bryson and Rosie Solbé the main course and both Jean and Rosie with Maureen Mainland the desserts. It was an amazing feast, enjoyed by 14 of us (with apologies for absence from 6 others, who nevertheless contributed, so that at least £300 was raised for the Charitable Trust). There can be few more pleasant ways of adding to the Trust funds.

It was a great pleasure to clothe Avril Robarts (Aldie's widow) after the lunch. Aldie was a founder member in 2008 of the North Wales Awards Group, which developed into the NWC.



In the Cathedral we were joined by Liverymen Lord Barry and Lady Janet Jones. Not shown are Tim and Maureen Mainland and Avril Robarts. The candle-lit service itself was beautiful, with Advent Carols interspersed with ancient and modern music appropriate to the occasion, sung by 27 of the choristers. The service was led by the Canon Precentor and the Dean. Rosie read the second lesson and the Master the third. One of the Lay Canons and the Dean read the fourth lesson and the Gospel in Welsh. The rain arrived as we left the Cathedral, but it could not mar a wonderful start to the Church's year.

