



Letter from the Bishop of St Davids

Ascension Day 2026

To the Clergy and People of the Diocese

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen and ascended Lord.

As we celebrate the great Feast of the Ascension, we are invited to lift our eyes anew to Christ, who is “lifted up” and seated at the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19). Yet the Ascension is not an ending; it is a beginning. The same Jesus who departs from the sight of his disciples entrusts them—and us—with a mission:

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

This is our calling. This is our moment.

I write to you with a deep sense of hope and enthusiasm as we look ahead to two significant gatherings in our diocesan life:

- Our Diocesan Event OPEN TO GOD/AGORED I DDUW at the Carmarthen Showground
23 May, 10:00am–4:30pm
- Our Ecumenical Pentecost Service
24 May, 6:00pm at St Peter’s Civic Hall, Carmarthen

These are not simply dates in the diary. They are opportunities—graced moments—in which we can come together as the Body of Christ, prayerful, expectant, and united in purpose.

At the Ascension, the disciples stood together, gazing heavenward. Yet they were soon called to move forward together in faith and purpose. So too are we called not to stand still, but to journey as one people—seeking a common vision for the life and mission of the Church in this place.

As the Apostle Paul reminds us:

“There is one body and one Spirit... one Lord, one faith, one baptism.” (Ephesians 4:4–5)

Our diocesan gathering on 23 May is an opportunity to listen to God and to one another. It is a time to encourage, to discern, and to imagine what God is calling us to be in the years ahead. I warmly encourage everyone clergy and laity alike to attend and participate. Your presence matters. Your voice matters.

The Ascension reminds us that Christ's work continues—through us. We are called not only to nurture our own congregations, but to reflect the love of Jesus far beyond our church walls.

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21)

In a world facing many challenges, social, economic, and spiritual, this is a time not for retreat, but for engagement. Together, we can meet these challenges with courage, compassion, and faith.

Let us be known as a people who love generously, who serve faithfully, and who bear witness to hope. Our unity and our shared commitment can make a real difference in the life of our communities.

The following day, on Pentecost Sunday, we gather ecumenically at St Peter's Civic Hall. This is a powerful sign of our shared identity in Christ and our desire to work together across traditions.

Pentecost is the birth of the Church—when barriers were broken down and all heard the Gospel in their own language (Acts 2). In that same spirit, we come together as brothers and sisters from different traditions, united by the Holy Spirit.

"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)

This service will be a moment of celebration, thanksgiving, and renewed commitment to our shared mission. I urge you to come, to pray, and to stand alongside fellow Christians as a visible sign of unity in Christ.

The Ascension assures us that Christ reigns. Pentecost assures us that the Spirit empowers. Therefore, we need not be afraid.

This is our opportunity—to renew our faith, to strengthen our bonds, and to step forward together with a shared vision. Let us embrace it wholeheartedly.

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine..." (Ephesians 3:20).



With confidence in God's grace, let us move forward together — faithful in witness, joyful in hope, and united in love.

With every blessing,



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