

Cadeirlan Y Santes Fair – Saint Mary's Cathedral



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To: Parishioners and Car Park Permit Holders

Dear All

Re: Cathedral Car Park

I am writing to you with regard to the long standing problem within the Cathedral parish, the 'thorny' issue of car parking within the Cathedral grounds, as you are a parishioner and/or an existing car park permit holder.

As some of you may know, the car park has been abused for quite a number of years, especially by non-parishioners, but by a similar token, parishioners, when no Mass or services are being held in the Cathedral. This has led to several health and safety incidents, where emergency service vehicles have been unable to access the grounds to perform their duties. This problem has been discussed extensively, and whilst there is no perfect solution, something has to be done in order to prevent further potential incidents happening.

We have decided to employ the services of 'Parking Eye' to manage the car park and its environs for the next 3 years. The ANPR system is being installed week beginning 8th June 2020, but will not go live until I have confirmation from car park users of their up to date car registration numbers which will need to be inputted into the system. **Please confirm your car registration number/s as soon as possible.** At the same time, it has been decided that there will be an increase in parking charges, to reflect the current parking charges in place in and around Wrexham and Chester. A decent price needs to be paid for parking at the Cathedral, as current parking charges are extremely low compared to other car parks. This increase will come into effect from July/August 2020. **The new tariff for a 6 monthly period for ALL car park permit holders will be £150, which works out at £25 per month, which is only £0.83 per day.**

Whilst we appreciate that this may come as a surprise to some, we hope that the majority of parishioners will understand the motives behind this very difficult decision. Not only will it resolve the parking issues in the Cathedral, but it will also go a long way to help this parish to get back on its feet financially. If you would like to discuss anything regarding this letter, please contact the clergy house office in the first instance. I have attached some further information regarding the Parking Eye system for your perusal. Further information will follow.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Canon Treloar' with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Very Reverend Simon Canon Treloar
Cathedral Dean

