

*Thought for the week:*

Without the quest, there can be no epiphany.

Constantine E. Scaros

On Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 2026, a post-Christmas Christmas lunch is being offered to the wiser members of our congregation. We need a list of interested names with options for beef/turkey/vegetarian main courses and apple pie/ Christmas pudding for dessert. A form has been posted in the hall for people to sign. Thanks to Mike Payne & David Holifield for organising and cooking for this!

St. Michael's Committee meets on Tuesday, January 20th, at 7.30pm in the church hall where we can use our lovely new projector and screen. Items for the Agenda need to be with Glynn by Monday, January 12th. Thank you!

Please remember in your prayers Meg's sister, Isma Raw, and Chris Kizza's mother, Nalongo Jane Nampiima, who both died on New Year's Day. Both Isma (81) and Nalongo (83) had been ill for some time. Remember Isma and Nalongo, and their families and friends at this difficult time.

Looking to the end of January (already!), we will be welcoming Bishop Mary back to St. Michael's on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, when we will be celebrating the Conversion of St. Paul and she will be confirming several members of our congregation. There will be a short rehearsal for our candidates on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, after the morning service. Please remember Sheila Bell; Isla Holifield; Rita, Emmanuela, Daniella & David Joseph; Leila Kermani; Jesse & Zach Kizza; Eva Kuginna-Evans; Macsen Lacey-Hughes; Amelie & Sarah McIntyre; and Solomon, David & Juliet Odiase in your prayers over the coming weeks as they prepare to take this important step in their journey of faith. It would be wonderful for a good turn-out to support these lovely people.

*Readings for next Sunday, Epiphany 1, The Baptism of Christ, are:  
Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 29; Matthew 3:13-17*

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*Please contact Rev'd Caroline to arrange baptisms, marriages, banns, and Holy Communion for the sick and housebound. Please let Caroline know if anyone wishes to be prayed for, is ill*

January 2026 marks the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Caroline's arrival in Cathays. So much has been achieved in the last 18 years by both individuals and groups too numerous to mention, all of whom have been 'doing the Lord's work' in so many various and varied ways. Thank you to you, and thank you to Caroline for the vision, leadership, love, support and the sheer fun we have all had. A Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year to everyone!

**Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!**



## THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, CATHAYS

January 4th  
2026  
Epiphany  
Year A

*All, all, all are offered a warm welcome to the church of St. Michael & All Angels in the Roath & Cathays Ministry Area. If you are new to the church please make yourself known to Caroline, our Vicar, or Gerry, our Warden, or any member of the congregation. Children are cared for at our Sunday morning service. Please join us for tea, coffee and biscuits after the service - we often have cake too!*

## THIS WEEK IN ST. MICHAEL'S

### Sunday

10am Holy Eucharist  
5pm Zoom Service

### Thursday

2pm Holy Eucharist

For more detailed information on all our activities, please visit our website:  
[www.parishofcathays.org](http://www.parishofcathays.org)



### Collect of the day:

Gracious God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

*The reader says: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah*

### Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

*Silence*

**Reader:**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Response:**

**Thanks be to God.**

*SIT*

## THE EPISTLE

*The reader says: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians*

### Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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## Psalm 72:10-15

*STAND*

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles / shall pay / tribute: the kings of Sheba and / Seba / shall bring / gifts.

All kings shall fall / down be- / fore him: all / nations shall / do him / service.

For he shall deliver the / poor • that cry / out: the needy and / those who / have no / helper.

He shall have pity on the / weak and / poor: he shall pre- / serve the / lives • of the / needy.

He shall redeem their lives from op- / pression and / violence: and dear shall their / blood be / in his / sight.

Long may he live; \* unto him may be given / gold from / Sheba: may prayer be made for him continually \* and may they / bless him / all the • day / long.

## THE GOSPEL

*STAND*

**Priest:** Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew

**Response:** **Glory to you, O Lord**

## Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*After the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Response:**

**Praise to you, O Christ.**