

Thought for the week:

Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me a right faith, a sure hope, a perfect charity, sense and knowledge, so that I may carry out your holy and true command.

Francis of Assisi

Many will now know of the death of our lovely Margaret Jones following a stroke whilst in Llandough Hospital. Please remember Margaret, her family, and her many friends in your prayers. Funeral details to come later.

Caroline, along with the other clergy from the diocese, will be in York from Tuesday to Friday of this coming week. Every four years the diocese runs 'Clergy School'. The last time was in Santiago de Compostela, so a bit different this time! As a result, Meg will lead the only Ascension Day service for St. Michael's at 2pm on Thursday, for which we are very grateful.

The St. Michael's Café opens its doors again on Saturday, May 18th, between 11am and 2pm with a varied menu of soups, toasties, mains, cakes and puddings, all served with tea, coffee and a smile. This means, of course, an appeal to our home bakers for cakes of all descriptions. We also need (clean and empty!) small butter/ margarine tubs (e.g. Flora) which we can use to send pieces of cake home with customers. Any questions, please speak to Mike or Linda. Thank you! Posters are on the table in the foyer to take to be displayed in your locality.

Mike Payne would like to form a team of 5 or 6 people who will develop the work he has started to make our church and its surroundings even more eco-friendly. Names to Mike asap. Thank you!

Readings for next Sunday, Easter 7, Sunday after Ascension, are: Ezekiel 36:24-28; Acts 1:15-17,21-26; Psalm 1; John 17:6-19

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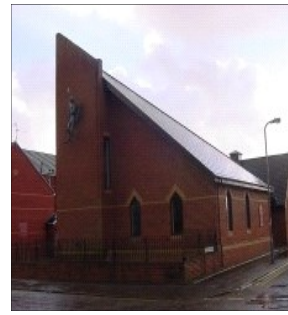
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Please contact Rev'd Caroline to arrange baptisms, marriages, banns, and Holy Communion for the sick and housebound. Please let Caroline know if anyone wishes to be prayed for, is ill or in hospital or would welcome a visit.

The charity 'One Body, One Faith' is holding a service at 5.30pm in Llandaff Cathedral on Sunday, May 26th, for those who have lost their lives as a result of LGBTQ+ exclusion or harm. Fr Jarel Robinson-Brown from St. German's is Co-Chair of this charity and would value our support as we are signed up to 'Inclusive Church' - because we know that in St. Michael's all, **all**, **ALL** are truly welcome.

Christian Aid Week is May12th - 18th and, to support the wonderful work Christian Aid does, there will be a collection box in church for donations. We know people are facing financial challenges at this time but if you can possible donate what you can, that would be fantastic!



THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, CATHAYS

**May 5th 2024
Easter 6
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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 today

Thursday

2pm Holy Eucharist for
Ascension Day

For more detailed information on all our activities, please visit our website:

www.parishofcathays.org



Collect of the day:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The reader says: A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah

Isaiah 55: 1 –11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Silence

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE

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The reader says: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Silence

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

STAND

Sing to the Lord a / new / song: for he / has done / marvell- • ous / things.
His own right hand and his / holy / arm: have / won for / him the / victory.
The Lord has made known / his sal- / vation: his deliverance has he openly
shown / in the / sight • of the / nations.

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the / house of / Israel:
and all the ends of the earth have seen the sal- / vation / of our / God.

Sound praises to the Lord, / all the / earth: break into / singing / and make /
music.

Make music to the Lord / with the / lyre: with the lyre / and the / voice of /
melody. With trumpets and the / sound • of the / horn: sound praises be- / fore
the / Lord, the / King.

Let the sea thunder and / all that / fills it: the world and / all that / dwell up- /
on it. Let the rivers / clap their / hands: and let the hills ring out together before
the Lord, * for he / comes to / judge the / earth.

In righteousness shall he / judge the / world: and the / peo- / ples with / equity.

The GOSPEL

STAND

Priest:

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John

Response:

Glory to you, O Lord

John 15: 9-17

Jesus said to the eleven, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response:

Praise to you, O Christ.