

Thought for the week:
 Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hate. It is a power that breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness.

Corrie ten Boom

Our wonderful café opens for business once more this Saturday, September 19th between 11am and 2pm. We are always grateful for offers of help to set up and/or take down at the end of the day – and home-made cakes! Please speak to Linda if you can possibly help. And don't forget to come! Thank you!

The next Church Committee Meeting is on Thursday, September 24th, at 7.30pm in the Hall. If anyone has items for the Agenda or papers they wish to circulate, please let Glynn have them by September 20th to give sufficient time to send them round to all members of the committee before the meeting.

Our fabulous Social Committee is organising a Table Top Sale on Saturday, September 26th between 11am and 1pm. Items we hope for include household and garden equipment - but please no electricals. Also toys, games, puzzles, books, CDs etc. There will be hot dogs, burgers and drinks available. There will be a charge for anyone who would like their own table. This is a great opportunity to declutter, and then buy for the Big Event in 103 days.

On Wednesday, October 7th, we are holding another Quiz Night in the Hall at 7pm prompt. There is a charge of £4, which will include entry into the draw for the Raffle. Please bring your own food and drinks. There will be prizes for both the winning and losing teams. Thanks to Paul for organising this. Please sign up on the list in the Hall if you are intending to come.

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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 Feast of the Cardiff Half-Marathon, is on Sunday morning, October 4th. The road closures around Cathays means there will be no service at 10am – many won't be able to get to church unless they joined the half-marathon. Therefore, our service for Harvest Festival will be at 4pm on the 4th, followed by a supper in the Hall with food, drink and compulsory singing! Lists will go up in the Hall very soon for people to decide which food and drink they would like to bring [I'm partial to a bit of smoked salmon and French red wine, myself. Just saying – Ed.]



THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, CATHAYS

September 13th
 2026
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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

Thursday

2pm Holy Eucharist

Saturday

11am – 2pm Café

For more detailed information on all our activities, please visit our website:
www.parishofcathays.org



Collect of the day:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**

Readings for next Sunday, Trinity 16, are:

Jonah 3:10-4:11; Philippians 1:21-30; Psalm 145:1-8; Matthew 20:1-16

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

SIT

The reader says: A reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Silence

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

THE EPISTLE

SIT

The reader says: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Silence

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:8-13

STAND

The Lord is full of com/passion and /mercy: slow to anger / and of / great / kindness.

He will not / always ac/cuse us: neither will he / keep his / anger for / ever.

He has not dealt with us according / to our / sins: nor rewarded us ac/cording / to our / wickedness.

For as the heavens are high a/bove the / earth: so great is his /mercy upon / those who / fear him.

As far as the east is / from the / west: so far has he / set our / sins / from us.

As a father has compassion / on his / children: so is the Lord merciful towards / those who / fear / him.

THE GOSPEL

STAND

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

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

Matthew 18: 21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.' For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Response:

Praise to you, O Christ.