

<p><i>Thought for the week:</i> As I have read the Gospels over the years, the belief has grown in me that Christ did not come to found an organized religion but came instead to found an unorganized one. He seems to have come to carry religion out of the temples into the fields and sheep pastures, onto the roadsides and the banks of the rivers, into the houses of sinners and publicans, into the town and the wilderness, toward the membership of all that is here.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Wendell Berry, US poet, d. 31/8/26, aged 92</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ST. MICHAEL'S, CATHAYS</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>Vicar/ Ficer: Rev'd Caroline Downs Tel: (029) 20495699</p> <p>Assistant Curate/ Curad Cynorthwyol Rev'd Meg Underdown (029) 20331988</p> </div> </div> <p>Readers/Darlleneyddion: Liz Haigh 07816 535848 Edwina Jenkins (029) 20453347 Matthew Dixon 07715 573013 Peter Swinbank (029) 20220103</p> <p>Warden/ Wardeniaid: Geraldine Payne 07947 804134</p> <p>Secretary/Ysgrifennydd: Glynn Downs (029) 20495699</p> <p>Safeguarding Officer/Swyddog Diogelu : Angela Parr 07816 209543</p> <p>Ministry Area Leader/ Arweinydd Ardal Gweinidogaeth : Rev'd Canon Stewart Lisk (029) 20487854</p> <p>Provincial Safeguarding Officers/ Swyddogion Diogelu y Dalaith Wendy Lemon 07392 319064 Sharon Ahearne 07301 041937 (Tu-Thurs) <i>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.</i></p>
<p>The Flower Fairies are in financial straits and would be grateful for any donations – large or small – to keep up their good work. Please speak to Gill or Val. Thank you if you can help, and thanks to Gill and Val for all their hard work to enhance our worship.</p>	
<p>Thanks to those who came to watch 'The Ballad of Wallis Island' on Thursday evening. The screen in the Hall is a fantastic resource for us to enjoy, so if you have any suggestions for future films, please let the Social Committee know!</p>	
<p>All are invited to a meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25th November here in St Michael's Church to look at issues of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion within the ministry area of Roath and Cathays. This is an initial meeting to discuss what is working well, what needs to change, and how we can learn from one another. Training will be arranged for early 2027. Anyone from all our churches are welcome to attend - this is <u>not</u> limited only to members of the Ministry Area Council. For more info, see Liz.</p>	<p>Thank you for the wonderful response to the appeal for bottle bags – keep 'em coming! They make such a difference to the Bottle Stall. We are also appealing for donations to the Grand Christmas Raffle Draw. If you have anything to donate, please see Gill Drake who will take our offerings and use her talents to whip them up into something spectacular with ribbons and cellophane! And please fill in the form in the Hall if you can make a cake, or help set up on Friday evening, November 27th, or man a stall on the day itself. Thank you!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Readings for next Sunday, All Saints, are:</i> <i>Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Psalm 34:1-10; Matthew 5:1-12</i></p>	



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

October 25th 2026

Bible Sunday

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



Collect of the day:
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: so help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience and the comfort of your holy word, we may ever embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

SIT

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

Nehemiah 8: 1-4a; 8-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Silence

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE

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

Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the

word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Silence

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119: 9-16

STAND

How shall young people / cleanse their / way: to keep themselves ac- / cording
/ to your / word?

With my whole heart / have I / sought you: O let me not go a- / stray from /
your com- / mandments.

Your words have I hidden with- / in my / heart: that I / should not / sin a- /
gainst you.

Blessed are / you, O / Lord: O / teach / me your / statutes.

With my lips have / I been / telling: of all the / judgements / of your / mouth.
I have taken greater delight in the / way of • your / testimonies: than in / all /
manner • of / riches.

I will meditate on / your com- / mandments: and / contem- / plate your / ways.
My delight shall be / in your / statutes: and I will / not for- / get your / word.

The GOSPEL

STAND

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

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

Matthew 24: 30-35

Jesus said "The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

After the Gospel: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**