

Thought for the week:
 Jesus Christ is confessed to be Son of the Most High God, who came down from heaven, by the Holy Ghost, for the salvation of mankind, and was born of a pure virgin, and took flesh.

Aristides of Athens

Pilgrims on a Journey concludes with session 5 on Tuesday at 7pm in St. Michael's, a course led by John Morgans, to whom we are truly grateful.

Caroline is unavailable on Tuesday during the day as she is interviewing in the morning and attending training in the afternoon.

Thank you to members of the choir, Alex the conductor and David the accompanist in St. Teilo's for an absolutely wonderful Advent Carol Service last week. What a great start to the season!

Next Sunday, December 16th, is our Parish Carol Service at 7pm in St. Michael's, with seasonal refreshments to follow. All welcome!

St. Michael's Christmas raffle tickets are still on sale, at 25p each. Any small prizes can be handed to Paul. The draw takes place next Sunday.

THE PARISH OF CATHAYS

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NOTES & QUERIES

♣ Thursday, December 20th: Quiet evening service in preparation for Christmas at 7.30pm in St. Michael's. Come away from the frantic bustle for an hour of peace – music, readings, and a chance to relax.

♣ MONDAY DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm St. Michael's Crib Service

A joyful service for adults and children, in which the Sunday School tell the Christmas story. A must for all local people! OPTIONAL: Come along in a costume if you wish! All angels, shepherds and kings welcome. There are no lines to learn – just parades! Service lasts only 40 minutes.

St. Teilo's 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist for the whole Parish

A traditional service to lead into Christmas day!

♣ TUESDAY DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am St. Michael's Christmas Morning communion service with carols for adults and children.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 27th John the Apostle 9.30am Eucharist St. Michael's

SUNDAY DECEMBER 30th please note – one service for the whole Parish 9.30am St. Michael's

♣ Any donations towards flowers for Christmas are always welcome. Please see Val in St. Michael's or Glynn in St. Teilo's.

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THE CHURCHES OF
ST. ANDREW & ST. TEILO,
 WOODVILLE RD.
ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS,
 WHITCHURCH RD.

December 9th

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Advent 2

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The Year of Luke

Everyone is welcome here. In St. Michael's you will find a Sunday School, at which all young children are very welcome. There is a family service on the first Sunday of each month. In St. Teilo's we have a choir in university term-time, and the church has traditionally been a place of worship for students, as well as the wider community. If you are new to the church please make yourself known to Caroline, the Wardens, or a member of the congregation. Please stay for tea or coffee after the service.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

ST. TEILO'S

ST. MONICA'S

Wednesday, 9am
 Assembly

ST. MICHAEL'S

Tuesday, 7pm - 8.15pm
 Pilgrims on a Journey—
 course for Advent

Thursday, 9.30am
 Holy Eucharist

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

*Readings for next Sunday, Advent 3, are:
 Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7;
 Psalm 146:5-10; Luke 3:7-18*



Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth.

Collect of the day:

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**



The reader says: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi

Malachi 3: 1 - 4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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 Philippians

Philippians 1: 3 - 11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Silence

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Benedictus

STAND

Blessed be the Lord the / God of / Israel: for he has come to his / people • and / set them / free.

He has raised up for us a / mighty / Saviour: born of the / house • of his / servant / David.

Through his holy prophets he / promised • of / old: that he would save us from our enemies * from the / hands of / all that / hate us.

He promised to show / mercy • to our / fathers: and to re- / member • his / holy / covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our / father / Abraham: to set us / free • from the / hands of • our / enemies,

Free to worship him with- / out / fear: holy and righteous in his sight / all the / days of • our / life.

You my child shall be called the prophet of the / most / high: for you will go before the / Lord • to pre- / pare his / way,

To give his people knowledge / of sal- / vation: by the for- / giveness • of / all their / sins.

In the tender compassion / of our / God: the dawn from on / high shall / break up- / on us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the / shadow • of / death: and to guide our feet / into • the / way of / peace.

Glory to the Father and / to the / Son: and / to the / Holy / Spirit;

As it was in the be- / ginning is / now: and shall be for / ever. / A- / men.

The Gospel.

STAND

Priest:

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke

Response:

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 3: 1 - 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response:

Praise to you, O Christ.