

Thought for the week:
 Brothers and sisters, it is now the season of the Lord's coming, and we must use the time to prepare ourselves by some spiritual devotion.

Hugh of St Victor

Tonight at 7.30pm in St. Teilo's is one of the highlights of the year with the Parish Advent Carol Service, with music from the choir and refreshments to follow. Please make every effort to support this important event.

Pilgrims on a Journey continues with session 4 on Tuesday at 7pm in St. Michael's, a course to help us put into words our experience of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, led by John Morgans. Tonight: the Incarnation.

Caroline is unavailable on Wednesday after St. Monica's as she is interviewing.

Thank you to all who contributed to the last Meeting room café of the year yesterday. It's been a good year and we're very happy to be up and running again. Our sacks for the Mary's Meals back pack appeal were collected last Monday from St. Michael's. I am thrilled to announce that we managed to offer over 60 back packs. Thank you so much to all who contributed in any way at all.

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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.

NOTES & QUERIES

- ✦ St. Michael's Christmas raffle tickets will be on sale from today, at 25p each. Any small prizes can be handed to Paul. The draw takes place on 16th December
- ✦ Sunday, December 9th: Evening Events Night, 6 - 7.30pm in St Michael's - 'Christmas is coming' party for our younger adults.
- ✦ Sunday, December 16th: Parish Carol Service at 7pm in St. Michael's - with refreshments!
- ✦ Thursday, December 20th: Quiet evening service in preparation for Christmas at 7.30pm in 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.
- ✦ Our prayers and best wishes go to Richard and Claire who are to be married on Friday.
- ✦ **The Foodbank.** Thank you to all who contribute. The items needed for this month are as follows: small Christmas puddings, custard, tinned veg, fruit juice (long life), gravy granules, chocolate/sweets. Many thanks!

*Readings for next Sunday, Advent 2, are:
 Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1.3-11; Benedictus; Luke 3:1-6*

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

**December 2nd
 2018
 Advent Sunday
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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

<p>ST. TEILO'S <u>Tonight, 7.30pm</u> Advent Carol Service</p> <p><u>Thursday, 6pm</u> Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p><u>Friday, 1pm</u> Wedding of Claire & Richard</p>	<p>ST. MICHAEL'S <u>Monday, 3.15pm</u> Sunday on Monday Club - last one of this term.</p> <p><u>Tuesday, 7pm - 8.15pm</u> Pilgrims on a Journey—course for Advent</p> <p><u>Thursday, 9.30am</u> Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>ST. MONICA'S <u>Wednesday, 9am</u> Assembly</p>	

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*Heaven and earth will pass away,
 but my words will not pass away.*

Collect of the day:
 Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 Jeremiah

SIT

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Silence

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle.

The reader says: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

SIT

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Silence

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 25: 1-10

STAND

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; * O my God, in / you I / trust: let me not be put to shame; * let not my / enem- • ies / triumph / over me.

Let none who look to you be / put to / shame: but let the / treacherous • be / shamed • and frus- / trated.

Make me to know your / ways, O / Lord: and / teach me / your / paths.

Lead me in your / truth and / teach me: for you are the God of my salvation; * for you have I / hoped / all the • day / long.

Remember, Lord, your com- / passion • and / love: for they / are from / ever - / lasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth * or / my trans- / gressions: but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, * according / to your / steadfast / love.

Gracious and upright / is the / Lord: therefore shall he teach / sinners / in the / way.

He will guide the humble in / doing / right: and / teach his / way • to the / lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are / mercy • and / truth: to those who keep his / coven- • ant / and his / testimonies.

For your name's / sake, O / Lord: be merciful to my / sin, for / it is / great.

The Gospel.

STAND

Priest:

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke

Response:

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 21: 25-36

Jesus said "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response:

Praise to you, O Christ.