

*Thought for the week:*

God believes in second chances, and even third chances . . . He believes in moving past the mistake. He believes in helping us to become who he knows we can become. Emily Freeman

Tonight at 7pm in St. Michael's is a service for Wholeness and Healing. All welcome.

On Wednesday, St. Monica's will be celebrating their Harvest Festival in St. Michael's at 9.30am; Caroline will be interviewing between 11am and 1.30pm; and there is Holy Eucharist at 2pm in St. Michael's where children from St. Monica's will be joining us.

On Saturday morning in St. Michael's our very own John Morgans will be speaking at the presentation 'On Holy Ground' . It promises to be a wonderful event.

The Choir will be leading a service of Compline at 8pm in St. Teilo's next Sunday.

St. Teilo's is urgently seeking a new secretary for its committee. The next meeting is at 1pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Please see Caroline.

Thanks to all for last week's Harvest Festival. Lovely service, lovely supper, lovely surroundings, lovely people. And £225 raised for Rubicon! Thank you - they're thrilled!

**THE PARISH OF CATHAYS**

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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.*

*Readings for next Sunday, Trinity 18/Pentecost 19 are:  
Isaiah 25: 1-9; Philippians 4:1-9; Psalm 23; Matthew 22:1-14*

**Notes & Queries**

☩ **Meeting room café.** Thanks to everyone for yesterday. In November we will really need meeters and greeters. There will also be stalls. Could anyone wishing to put up a stall please tell Kate Marshall on [katesmarshall@yahoo.com](mailto:katesmarshall@yahoo.com). Both Caroline and Glynn are away for the November café. Normally Glynn and David Humphreys set up the café. We will need someone present in Church with a key from 6- 7.30 pm on the Friday evening to let in stall holders and volunteers to set up the café. Can you help? If so, please let Caroline know. Many thanks.

☩ **Our Christmas Appeal - Mary's Meals, The Backpack Project**  
Many children receiving Mary's Meals don't have basic learning tools such as pencils and notepads. You can support them to get the most out of their lessons by collecting the school equipment the children urgently need, to fill the backpacks we already have. For many children, a Mary's Meals backpack will be the first gift they have ever received. Items needed: pens, pencils, pencil crayons, rubbers, rulers, pencil sharpeners, exercise books, small ball, plastic spoon, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap. Boxes will be available in church. The special service will take place at 5.00pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November and we will need the items to sort by 19th November.

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

October 8th 2017

Trinity 17

Pentecost 18

Year A

*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, 9.30am  
Harvest Assembly in St. Michael's church

**ST. MICHAEL'S**

Tonight, 7pm  
Service for Wholeness & Healing  
Monday, 3.30pm  
Sunday on Monday  
Wednesday, 2pm  
Holy Eucharist, with children from St. Monica's attending  
Thursday, 9.30am  
Holy Eucharist  
Saturday, 10am-12.15pm  
On Holy Ground

For more detailed information on all our activities, please visit our website:  
[www.cathaysparish.org.uk](http://www.cathaysparish.org.uk)



*The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.*

*Collect of the day:*

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**AMEN.**



THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

SIT

The reader says: A reading from the Book of Isaiah

**Isaiah 5:1 - 7**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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 3: 4b - 14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Silence

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 80: 7 - 15**

STAND

Turn us again, O / God of / hosts: show the light of your countenance, / and we / shall be / saved.

You brought a vine / out of / Egypt: you drove / out the / nations • and / planted it.

† You made / room a- / round it: and when it had taken / root, it / filled the / land.

The hills were covered / with its / shadow: and the cedars of / God / by its / boughs.

It stretched out its branches / to the / Sea: and its / tendrils / to the / River.

Why then have you broken / down its / wall: so that all who pass / by pluck / off its / grapes?

The wild boar out of the wood / tears it / off: and all the / insects • of the / field de- / vour it.

Turn again, O / God of / hosts: look down from / heaven / and be- / hold;

Cherish this vine which your / right • hand has / planted: and the branch that you / made so / strong • for your- / self.

The GOSPEL

STAND

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

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

**Matthew 21: 33 - 46**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'" When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response:

**Praise to you, O Christ.**