

THE PARISH OF CATHAYS

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

November 27th
2011
Advent Sunday
Year B
The Year of Mark

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

Today, after the morning service

Church Committee Meeting

Tonight, 7.30pm

Parish Advent Carol Service

Tuesday, 7 pm

Holy Eucharist for the Eve of the Feast of St. Andrew

ST. MICHAEL'S

Monday, 3.15pm

Sunday on Monday

Wednesday, 7.30pm

St. Michael's Committee Meeting

Thursday, 9.30am

Holy Eucharist, with members of the MU

ST. MONICA'S

Wednesdays, 9 am

Service during term-time



Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

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

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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Silence

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle.

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

Corinthians 1: 3 -9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7

STAND

Hear, O | Shepherd of | Israel, • you that led | Joseph | like a | flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned up | on the | cherubim, • before Ephraim, |
Benjamin | and Ma | nasseh.

Stir up your | mighty | strength • and | come to | our sal | vation.

Turn us a | gain, O | God; • show the light of your countenance, | and we | shall be | saved.

O Lord | God of | hosts, • how long will you be angry | at your | people's |
prayer?

You feed them with the | bread of | tears; • you give them a | bundance of | tears
to | drink.

You have made us the derision | of our | neighbours, • and our | enemies | laugh
us to | scorn.

Turn us a | gain, O | God; • show the light of your countenance, | and we | shall be | saved.

The Gospel.

STAND

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

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

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said to Peter, James, John and Andrew, 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 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 these things taking place, 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. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response:

Praise to you, O Christ.

<p><i>Thought for the week:</i> Waiting can be the most intense and poignant of all human experiences - the experience which, above all others, strips us of our needs, our values and ourselves.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">W.H.Vanstone</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE PARISH OF CATHAYS</p> <p>Priest-in-Charge: Rev'd Caroline Downs Tel: (029) 20495699</p> <p>Readers: Liz Haigh (029) 20496902 Peter Swinbank (029) 20232216</p>
<p>St. Teilo's Church Committee meets today after the morning service.</p>	<p>Parish Wardens: Paul Gregory (029) 20403954 Matthew Dixon (029) 20463499</p>
<p>Tonight at 7.30pm in St. Teilo's is our Parish Advent Carol service. Please come along to support the choir who have been working very hard for this joyous and uplifting service. There will be seasonal refreshments afterwards.</p>	<p>Sub-wardens (St. Michael's): Jeff Doidge (029) 20395050 Geraldine Payne (029) 20795405</p>
<p>Our after-school club 'Sunday on Monday' continues tomorrow in St. Michael's with refreshments served from 3.15pm.</p>	<p>Sub-wardens (St. Teilo's): David Holifield (029) 20498204 Keith Underdown 0772 7657811</p>
<p>On Tuesday there will be a Eucharist at the usual time but also with hymns to celebrate the Eve of the Feast of St. Andrew, one of the patron saints of the parish. All welcome.</p>	<p>PCC Secretary: Mike Payne (029) 20795405</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>St. Michael's Church Committee meets at 7.30pm on Wednesday in church.</p>	
<p>Caroline will be in Coychurch after the morning service on Thursday packing up the next edition of <i>croeso</i> which will be available next weekend.</p>	<p><i>Items to be included in this newsletter need to be given to Caroline by Thursday of each week before publication on Sunday. We will try our best to include everything!</i></p>

Notes & Queries

- ✦ Next Sunday is Rachel our ordinand's last Sunday before Christmas. It's been lovely to have her with us this term and she has been a real help.
- ✦ Monday December 5th will be the Christmas Party for 'Sunday on Monday'.
- ✦ Tuesday December 6th Caroline will be at a Communications meeting.
- ✦ Wednesday December 7th the PCC meets at 7.30pm in St. Michael's.
- ✦ The Grand Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday December 10th between 11.30am and 2pm. Raffle prizes, bottles are still needed, as are cakes on the day. We really need as many people to help, support and advertise as possible. Both churches in the parish desperately need the fund-raising support.
- ✦ If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of flowers for Christmas, could you please see Val Doidge in St. Michael's or Glynn in St. Teilo's.

*Readings for next Sunday, Advent 2, are:
Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Psalm 85:8-13; Mark 1:1-8*