

Thought for the week:

When wine - used liberally on merry -making occasions - gave out, it was Mary's presence that saved the situation. She turned to Jesus instinctively for help. When he seemed to refuse to do anything about it, she told the servants just to obey him. Thus through the miracle of water, he revealed his glory and his disciples believed in him.

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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.

The refreshments rota for 2025 is (usually!):

1st Sunday of the month - Daniel and Grace
2nd Sunday - Joan Stevens & Gill Drake
3rd Sunday - Sheila Bell & Jonathan Bird
4th Sunday - Sarah McIntyre & David Holifield
5th Sunday - Pat Lauwerys & Jane Poole
Many thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!

And please don't worry if you can't make a particular date, the cavalry will step in as and when required.

And a plea for any redundant/unwanted biscuits you may have at home. Our cupboard is starting to rival old Mrs Hubbard's!

Readings for next Sunday, Epiphany 3, are:

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Psalm 19:1-6; Luke 4:14-21



THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, CATHAYS

January 19th 2025

Epiphany 2

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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:

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 62: 1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Silence

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36:5-10

STAND

Your love, O Lord, reaches / to the / heavens: and your / faithful- • ness / to the / clouds.

Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains, * your justice like the / great / deep: you, Lord, shall / save both / man and / beast.

How precious is your loving / mercy, O / God: All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the / shadow / of your / wings.

They shall be satisfied with the abundance / of your / house: they shall drink from the / river of / your de- / lights.

For with you is the / well of / life: and in your / light shall / we see / light.

O continue your loving-kindness to / those who / know you: and your righteousness to / those • who are / true of / heart.

THE GOSPEL

STAND

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

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

John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

After the Gospel:

Response:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.