



A welcoming Christian community serving the people of Caerleon.

Sunday 28th September 2025 - TRINITY 15

'Happy are those that have the God of Jacob for their help; Who made heaven and earth and all that is in them who keeps his promise for ever; Who gives justice to those who suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger' (Part of Psalm 146)

Many of us will be familiar with the John Keats Poem 'To Autumn' and it's familiar first sentence 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'. In that one sentence the poet reminds us of the ceaseless round of the seasons. Summer may now be behind us. The days get shorter, temperatures start to drop, the trees begin to shed their leaves and the central heating 'kicks in'.

It's also Harvest Time and the church too acknowledges the season's change. No doubt we in St Cadoc's will soon be singing those familiar words- 'He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain' an acknowledgement that the harvest would not be possible without the rationality of a created order. Autumn follows Summer which follows Spring which follows Winter. *'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease'* (Genesis Chapt. 8 v 22)

We are able to observe the seasons much as we observe the natural world generally. The world is observable, rational and intelligible. Isaac Newton, as well as being the great scientist also studied Theology. He stated that when he was discovering the laws of nature, he was actually 'reading the book of nature which God, the rational author of nature had written'.

So Autumn is here, as it is, this and every year but we in our generation are seeing changes. The beginnings and ends of seasons are now, more than ever merging into each other. Farmers will tell you that it was quite common in days gone by to experience late September frosts but that phenomenon has not been seen for many years! For the world is warming! The USA, Spain, India, Greece are just some of the countries that experienced terrifying natural disasters over the last year.

The rationality of a Divine Creator and the laws of nature are being stretched to a degree never before seen. In the Book of Genesis God promises that the flood which resulted in the destruction of all life will never occur again. He is a preserver not a destroyer! As my text says 'Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose



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hope is in the Lord their God, who made the heaven and earth the sea and all that is in them'

We might though have forgotten one crucial element from the creation stories in the first two chapters of Genesis - '*The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it*' (Genesis Chapt2 v15).

The stewardship of His created order is in our hands. 'How...do we live as humans in a way that honours rather than endangers the life of our planet.....How do we live in a way that shows an understanding that we genuinely live in a shared world , not one that simply belongs to us (Rowan Williams-Faith in the Public Square). A question that surely must be answered whether a believer or not?

As our church moves toward obtaining the Gold award from **A Rocha** (The Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world) It maybe worthwhile reading the words of Dr Ruth Valerio, now Director of Tearfund but previously the churches and theology director at **A Rocha UK**. 'Whatever our Christian heritage in terms of denomination, local culture or worship style, we are disciples of the same creator God and share the same earthly home'.

Creation, Harvest, 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' whatever this time of the year means to you, always keep in your prayers-us-humankind, the stewards of the created order and pray especially for all working to protect this planet. We must ignore the shrill siren calls of those nationalistic governments around the world who are only interested in their own narrow self-interests. It is a biblical entreaty to ensure That '*seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, shall not cease*' (Genesis 8. V 22)

Amen.

Graham Davies.

READINGS

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET AMOS

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria! Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing

idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Amos 6.1a, 4–7

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

VERSES FROM PSALM 146

Response: I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

Alleluia. Praise the Lord, O my soul:

while I live will I praise the Lord:

as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power:

for there is no help in them. **R**

When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth:

on that day all their thoughts perish.

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help:

whose hope is in the Lord their God; **R**

Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them:

who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong:

and bread to those who hunger. **R**

The Lord looses those that are bound:

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down:

the Lord loves the righteous. **R**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the

commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

1 Timothy 6.6–19

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The Lord has filled the hungry with good things
and send the rich away empty. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” The man who had been rich said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Abraham said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’

Luke 16.19–31

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**



ST CADOC'S
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Welcomes you to our

Rededication Service

Friday 3rd October 2025
7.00pm
St Cadoc's Church

With The Most Reverend
Cherry Vann, Archbishop of
Wales and Bishop of
Monmouth leading and
preaching



Harvest Festival

Sunday 5th Oct

10.30am Sung Eucharist, followed by
12.30pm Harvest Lunch



Everyone welcome
Please sign list at the back of
church if you wish to come along.



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Thank you to all who worked so hard and gave generously to raise £1,000 for the refurbishment fund and £485 to support the work of the Multiple Systems Atrophy Trust.



Raise Up Conference

Saturday 18th October 2025

Venue: St Marks Church, Cardiff, CF14 3BL

**Easyfundraising total for
St Cadoc's Refurbishment Fund
has now reached £3166.87**

Please support us today at <http://efraising.org/XW7a62zaYB>.

Thank you for your continuing support.

SERVICES

You are all invited to join us in our worship in person or watch via livestream on Sunday mornings from St Cadoc's.

Sunday 28th September

- 10.30am Sung Eucharist Service, St Cadoc's Church
Rev'd Sue Pratten presiding, Janis Davies LLM preaching
- 12.30am Holy Baptism, Nova Florence Morris, St Cadoc's

Tuesday 30th September

- 1.00 - 1.30pm Charles Williams Church in Wales Primary School, FP and KS2 worship
- 5.30 - 6.30pm Church Action Meeting, St Cadoc's

Wednesday 1st October

- 10.30am Said Eucharist at St Cadoc's church. Led by Rev'd Sue Pratten
- 10.30am Churches Together Memory Café, Lodge Farm Church
- 7.00pm Bellringing practice

Thursday 2nd October

- 10.00am Funeral, Margaret Issac, Gwent Crematorium followed by service of Thanksgiving at St Cadoc's at 11.00am. Reception at St. Cadoc's
- 12.00am Churches Together Fellowship Lunch, 12:00 – 1:30pm
Lodge Farm Church
- 7.00pm St Cadoc's choir practice, St Cadoc's

Friday 3rd October

- 7.00pm Service of Rededication St Cadoc's

Sunday 5th October - Harvest Festival

- 10.30am Sung Eucharist Service, St Cadoc's, led by Rev'd Sue Pratten
- 12.00 to 2.00pm Harvest Lunch, St Cadoc's

Monday 6th October

- 10.30am Holy Communion at Caerleon House Nursing Home
- 11.00am Harvest Service at Caerleon House Nursing Home
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Eleanor Hodson House

Tuesday 7th October

- 1.00 - 1.30pm Charles Williams Church in Wales Primary School, FP and KS2 worship
- 2.00 - 3.00pm Charles Williams Church in Wales Primary School, Harvest Service

Caerleon and District Branch of The Royal British Legion
proudly present a fund raising concert featuring

BLAENAVON MALE VOICE CHOIR
FILTON CONCERT BRASS

Saturday 11th October 2025 7pm

St Cadoc's Church, High Street, Caerleon
Doors open 6pm £10 per person

Tickets can be purchased from
Monique Quinn Flowers, The Goldcroft, Caerleon Post Office or on the door

Bar & Refreshments available
Contactless payment accepted
Raffle with great selection of prizes






Supporting the Work of St Cadoc's Church

If you would like to make a donation, we warmly invite you to use the contactless "tap and go" machine located by the south door of the church. Alternatively, you can also give by scanning this QR code.

Thank you for your generous support.

CONTACT

If you have anything you'd like to communicate to the people of St Cadoc's, please let Rev'd Sue know
Also, if Rev'd Sue can be of help to you at any time, please get in touch!

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