

# NEWSLETTER

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## Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
428	565	565
259	636	636
200	590	428
392		(omit v. 3,4)

## Collect:

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Psalm Response:

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation:

St John's:  
Alleluia ...  
Speak Lord your servant is listening, you have the words, you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia ...

St Luke's:  
Celtic Alleluia x4

*If you know of a church member, or anyone, who is unwell or would appreciate contact from our priests, please inform the clergy at the earliest opportunity.*



The parable of the sower (unique to Mark) teaches two things: judging by appearances is often a mistake; and that important things can grow from humble and insignificant beginnings. This story teaches about the harvest and that the crop is grown to be used, not just admired in the field. There will come a time, in the proper order of growth, when it is ready to be gathered. This parable takes us back to small beginnings. The unstoppable process of the Kingdom, as it develops into something strong and sheltering, is out of all proportion to its modest origins. **(Bridget Nichols, Church Times)**

## Trinity 2

**St Catherine's** - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 10:30 Choral Eucharist; **4:00 Messy Church**

**St John's** - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist;

**St Luke's** - 10:30 Sung Mass;

*For Weekday Services and Regular Events see the Website or Church Notice boards for times and days.*

## Today's Readings

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4,12-15; 2 Cor 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34

Psalm 92 Vv 1-8 (14 June)

1 It is a good thing to give thanks / unto · the / Lord: and to sing praises unto thy / name / O Most / Highest,

2 To tell of thy loving-kindness early / in the / morning: and of thy / faithful-ness / in the / night-season.

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings and up-/on the / lute: with the sound of / melody · up-/on the / harp.

4 For thou Lord hast made me glad / through thy / works: and I will shout for / joy be-/cause of · thy / handy-work.

5 O Lord how glorious / are thy / works: thy / thoughts are / very / deep.

6 The dull of heart doth / not con-/sider this: and the / fool doth / not · under-/stand it,

7 That, though the ungodly are / green · as the / grass: And all the / workers · of / wickedness · do / flourish,

8 Yet shall they be de-/stroyed for / ever: but thou Lord art the Most / Highest · for / ever-/more.

**Next week's readings:** Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

## Benefice Notes:

**Messy Church** - June's Messy Church is this afternoon in St Catherine's at 4:00 pm; theme is 'The Holy Spirit'. Weather permitting, activities will be outdoors.

**Confirmation** - The next confirmation class is on 28 June at 3:00 pm in St Luke's followed by Explore at 4:00 pm.

**PCC Meeting** – The next PCC meeting is Tuesday 7 July at 7:30 pm in St Catherine's.

**Noticeboard** - If you would like to include something in the notes please send it to [linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com).

**Vestry Home Group** - Thursdays 7-9pm in St John's - Informal bible study exploring the Gospel readings - All are welcome!

**Youth Team** - Next meets in Calvary Baptist Church this Tuesday 16 June at 6:00 pm. We are on track, making good progress and currently collating forms and references from the volunteers whilst also looking at programme details and activities for September - December.

**Care Team** - The next meeting is this Tuesday 16 June in St Luke's at 7:00 pm. Among other issues, this meeting will look at a care questionnaire which will be given out during a Sunday in June.

**Llangasty Retreat** - Rejoicing in the Presence of the Lord - Friday 19 June until Monday 22. Contact Fr Colin Sutton in St Peter's, Fairwater for details: 02920562551 [frcolinstpeters@btinternet.com](mailto:frcolinstpeters@btinternet.com). Transport available. Cost - £60 per full day.

**Battle of the Bands** - this will be a music event for young people from year 9 upwards taking place on Saturday 4 July. Application forms available are now available (see [Facebook.com/CantonBOB](https://www.facebook.com/CantonBOB)).

## St Catherine's Notes:

**Hall Bookings** - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email [hall.stcatherines@gmail.com](mailto:hall.stcatherines@gmail.com).

**Gardening Club** - Every Tuesday from 1:30 until 3:00 pm. All are welcome. For more details ask Hilary or Gareth.

**June Messy Church** - Will be in St Catherine's on 14 June and not the usual fourth Sunday. This is to avoid a near clash with

**St Catherine's Summer Fair** which is on Saturday 27 June 1-4 pm. Great music, great food and lots of fun stalls. Please tell your friends and take a poster to advertise thank you. If you can help in anyway please see Linsay or Colin

## St John's Notes:

**Coffee Morning and Book Sale** - St John's Saturday 20th June at 10.30.am

**Summer Fair** - 4 July from 11:00 until 2:00 pm.

**Ty Bronna** - The collection this month (June) is for biscuits.

## St Luke's Notes:

**Hall Bookings** - To book the Hall please contact Jackie or Haydn Page on 029 2091 3808 [haydnpage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:haydnpage@hotmail.co.uk)

**High Tea and Songs of Praise** - 5 July at 4pm. Tickets now available.

**Recently Departed:** Mike Hayes, Pauline Lewis.

## This Week in the Benefice: (Diocesan Prayer / Anglican Prayer Cycle / Events and Services)

**Sun 14** Radyr, Canon Jenny Wigley(R); Okiwe (Nigeria)

**Mon 15** St Fagans and Michaelston -super-Ely, Ven Peggy Jackson (Pin C); Okigwe North

**Tues 16** Tongwynlais, Zoe King (PinC); Okigwe South (Nigeria)

**Weds 17** Department for Children: Okinawa- Japan; **Basil the Great**

**Thurs 18** RB of Whitchurch, John Rowlands (R), Peter Mortimer (TV), Marja Flipse (TV); Oklahoma

**Fri 19** Penarth and Barry Deanery, Area Dean Peter Cox; Okrika (Nigeria)

**Sat 20** Barry All Saints, Kevin Lake (PinC), Emma Rees (C); Oleh Aruakpor (Nigeria) ; **Alban, Julius and Aaron, Martyrs**

**Sun 21** Cadoxton-Juxta-Barry, Ben Andrews (R); Olympia, USA

**First Reading**

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know

that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,

I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;

I will accomplish it.

*Ezekiel 17.22-24*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 92.1-4,11-14*

**R It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord.**

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,  
and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
To tell of your loving-kindnesses early in the morning  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;

**R**

On the psaltery and on the lyre  
and to the melody of the harp.

For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord;  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

**R**

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
Those who are planted in the house of the Lord  
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

**R**

They shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be green and succulent;  
That they may show how upright the Lord is,  
my rock, in whom there is no fault.

**R**

**R It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord.**

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*2 Corinthians 5.6-10,14-17*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

Hear the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.’

Jesus also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on

earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*Mark 4.26-34*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**