

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
655	see	314
689	separate	195
34	sheet	305
727		

Collect:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Psalm Response:

The Lord sustains my life.

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:

Alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord, give praise to his name.

Alleluia.

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.



Back to Church Sunday is always an opportunity for Church going members of our community to tell others about what attending church does for them. Church growth has always been relational in nature and, at some stage, involves one person inviting another. Another aspect of inviting others is to reflect on how attending church benefits me and, more importantly, how my attendance may well give someone else hope and encouragement. The desire of God that we all enjoy fullness of life is mediated in different ways and certainly through the choices we make to be hospitable and inviting. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nation". **Matt 28:20**

Trinity 16 - Back to Church Sunday

St Catherine's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 10:30 Sung Eucharist; 12:30 Baptism

St John's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist; **6:00 Evening Prayer**

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

Wisdom 1:16-2:1, 12-22; Ps 54; James 3:13-4:3,7,8; Mark 9: 30-37

- 1 Save me O God by the / power of · thy / name: and a-/venge me / in thy / strength.
- 2 Hear my / prayer O / God: and hearken unto the / words / of my / mouth.
- 3 For arrogant men are / risen · a-/gainst me: and tyrants who have not God before their / eyes seek / after · my / life.
- 4 Behold / God · is my / helper: the Lord is / he · that up-/holdeth · my / life.
- 5 He shall render evil / unto · mine / enemies: de-/stroy thou / them · in thy / faithfulness.
- 6 An offering of a willing heart / will I / give thee: I will praise thy name O / Lord, for / it is / good.
- 7 For he hath delivered me out of / all my / trouble: and mine eye hath seen its de-/sire up-/on mine / enemies.

Next week's readings: Numbers 11:4-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Benefice Notes:

Messy Church AGM - There is an AGM and Social for all those involved with Messy Church this last year on Sunday 20 Sept at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be available.

Churches Together - Our next joint service will be in Ecumenical Evening Prayer in St John's this evening beginning at 6pm. The purpose of this service is to pray for each other and celebrate what we have in common. The service will be a joint offering of Evening prayer. Refreshments will follow.

Back to Church Sunday. Last year this kicked off a 'Season of Invitation' when we set out 5 days to invite someone to join us on a Sunday or weekday. We'll focus on three dates this year in the build up to Christmas. More details soon.

Living Faith Study Group - Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in St John's. For info: Andrew Sims maxsims@hotmail.com 029 2034 4641

Spring Clean in Autumn - Many thanks to those who helped clean and tidy St John's yesterday. If you missed this one we have two days left: Sat 10 October - St Luke's; Sat 17 October - St Catherine's. We are asking if you could give us one of these days to help clean, tidy, repair, beautify our churches and halls.

PCC and Meetings: Youth: 18 Sept at St Catherine's, 7:00 pm. The next PCC is on 4 October in St Luke's at 7:00 pm.

Choral Evensong - We hope to recruit singers to join us for a choral evensong in St Catherine's for All Saints' day, 1 November. If you have never been in a choir and would like to try it contact Colin Rossiter or the clergy.

Vestry Home Group Bible Study - Thursdays 7-9pm in St John's. All are welcome to this informal gathering.

St Catherine's Notes:

Macmillan Coffee Morning: On Sat 26 Sept at 10:00am Jean Pritchard and daughter Louise will be hosting a coffee morning in St Catherine's Church Hall. Please come along to support this worthy cause by buying cakes and raffle tickets.

Bookings - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email hall.stcatherines@gmail.com.

Gardening Club: Please note the gardening club has now changed to Wednesdays from 10:00-12:00 instead of Tuesdays.

Logs - There are a number of logs for sale at St Catherine's as a result of the recent culling of dangerous and damaging trees. Please see Hilary or Gareth for details. £5 for a boot-full (more if larger vehicle). Logs are going fast!!

Autumn Clean - If there is something the Church or Hall that you'd like addressed, please let Hilary or the clergy know.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist at 11:00 am on Wednesday.

St John's Notes:

Church Booking - To book the Church please contact the clergy (see below for contacts).

Ty Bronna - The collection this month (September) is for tomato and brown sauces.

Harvest Supper - No lunch in September but there'll be a Harvest Supper on 2 October. 4 courses plus a glass of wine £10.00. Tickets available from Ruth Honey

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am on Thursday.

St Luke's Notes:

Women's Group: On Thursday September 24th at 7.30 in Park View Café Paul Jones will give a talk to Women's Group entitled 'Killer Whales and Northern Lights Not'... All are welcome.

Some Like it Hot' **St Luke's Curry Night.** Sat Oct 3 @ 7.30 3 courses for £8.50 . Please bring your own drinks. Tickets available this week from Kath Picton, Sue B, Mgt W and the churchwardens, numbers are limited to approx. 35.

St Luke's Patronal Feast Day Lunch: We are celebrating our Patronal Feast day with a 3 course lunch in the church hall at 12 noon on 18 October. Tickets £8.50 available from Sue B and Margaret Williams. Bring your own drinks.

Hall Bookings - To book the Hall please contact Jackie or Haydn Page on 029 2091 3808 haydnpage@hotmail.co.uk

Midweek Services: Masses at 10:00 am on Tuesday and Wednesday; 6:30 pm on Friday; 10:30 am on Saturday.

Recently Departed Barbara McKay, Dorothy Evans.

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

Sun 20 Rhondda Deanery, Haydn England-Simons, Area Dean; Southern Brazil; **Trinity 16**

Mon 21 Dinas and Penygraig, Christopher Lewis-Jenkins (V); Southern Highlands, Tanzania; **St Matthew, Apostle;**

Tues 22 Pen Rhondda Fawr, Philip Leyshon (PinC); Southern Nyanza, Kenya;

Wed 23 Clergy with Permission to Officiate; Southern Philippines;

Thur 24 Pontrhondda, Peter Gale (V); Southwark;

Fri 25 Rhondda Fach Uchaf, David Jones (PinC); Southwell & Nottingham; **Sergei of Raonezh, Abbot;**

Sat 26 Porth Newydd, Jeffrey Thomas (PinC); SW Florida; **Lancelot Andrews, Bishop;**

Sun 27 Tonypanydy w Clydach Vale and Williamstown; Spokane, USA; **St Vincent de Paul; Trinity 17**

20 September 2015 – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)**Collect of the Day**

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First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.
But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!'
But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Jeremiah 11.18-20

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54

R The Lord sustains my life.

Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth. **R**

For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.
Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life. **R**

Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes. **R**
R The Lord sustains my life.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

James 3.13-4.3,7-8a

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.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Mark 9.30-37

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.