

# NEWSLETTER

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## Today's Hymns

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## Collect:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Psalm Response:

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul.

## 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 x 4

*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.*



Our Sunday worship is rooted in, and sculpted by, the Word of God in the Bible. It inspires our worship and prayer because of the mysteries and truth contained within. It is often difficult to read, and harder to interpret, yet foundational for our faith. Nowadays, we can access its mysteries and treasures directly. Ultimately, we believe it is the Inspired Word of God that shapes and teaches us how to follow the Way of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## Bible Sunday - Alive and Active?

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; 4:00 pm Explore

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

Isaiah 55: 1-11; Ps 19:7-14; 2 Tim 3:14-4:5; John 5:36-47

### Psalm 19 V7-14

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, re-/freshing • the / soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, \* and giveth / wisdom / unto • the / simple.  
8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and re-/oice the / heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth / light / unto • the / eyes.  
9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and en-/dureth • for / ever: the judgements of the Lord are true, and / righteous / alto-/gether.  
10 More to be desired are they than gold, \* yea than / much fine / gold: sweeter also than / honey / and the / honeycomb.  
11 Moreover by them is thy / servant / taught: and in keeping of them / there is / great re-/ward.  
12 Who can tell how / oft • he of-/fendeth: O cleanse thou me / from my / secret / faults.  
13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, \* lest they get the do-/minion / over me: so shall I be undefiled and / innocent • of / great of-/fence.  
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart \* be acceptable / in thy / sight: O Lord my / strength and / my re-/deemer.

Next week's readings: Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 24:1-6; Rev 21:1-6; John 11:32-34

## Benefice Notes:

**Season of Invitation** - Please consider inviting someone to join us in Church next Sunday, 1 November, All Saints Day. Our usual services take place plus evensong in St Catherine's.

**Choral Evensong** is in St Catherine's at 6pm next Sunday. This service lasts just under an hour and is a beautiful and reflective way to praise and encounter God.

**Explore** - Is this afternoon at 4pm in St John's. Explore is about alternative and non-traditional worship. Today we shall transform St John's into a labyrinth with some reflective music from Taize followed by refreshments.

**Messy Church Planning** - The next MC planning meeting is this evening, 25 Oct at 5:15 (after Explore).

**All Souls** - Traditionally Christians remember their deceased family and friends on All Souls' day. We'll do this as a benefice on Monday 2 November at 7:30 pm during a Requiem Mass in St Luke's. If you have some names you'd like mentioned and prayed for that evening please give them to the clergy.

**Memorial Service** - on Sunday 8 Nov at 6pm in St Luke's when we the invite loved ones of all those who have died in the past year (and also prior to that) to attend a special service. Letters will be sent out later this week. Previously, this has been one of the most healing events and important acts of service we do as a faith community and is open to everyone.

**Night shelter** - Volunteers are still needed to help with the night shelter (for those who are homeless and sleeping rough) at Calvary this winter. For info: <http://www.cantonchurches.org.uk/night-shelter.html> Contact Fr Phelim.

**Confirmation** - the next confirmation dates are: today in St John's at 4pm; 8 Nov in St John's at 3pm - Living Faith; 15 Nov in St Luke's at 3pm - The Eucharist; 21 Nov in St John's at 5pm - confirmation rehearsal. The confirmation ceremony is in St Catherine's at 10:30 am on 22 November with Bishop David.

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

**Living Faith Study Group** - Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in St John's. For info: Andrew Sims [maxsims@hotmail.com](mailto:maxsims@hotmail.com) 029 2034 46

## St Catherine's Notes:

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**Choral Evensong** - The choir has started rehearsing yet if you'd still like to join us, no qualification required just enthusiasm, please contact Colin on 07785 922542.

**Bookings** - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email [hall.stcatherines@gmail.com](mailto: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** - Boost your fuel supplies for the winter with logs for sale from St Catherine's. Please contact Clive 07931522683 or Gareth on 07527268461 or Diana on 07909961256. Donations from £5 per boot-load (depending on volume).

## St John's Notes:

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

**Ty Bronna** - The collection this month (October) is for washing powder.

## St Luke's Notes:

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**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)

**Recently Departed:** Revd Ron Lloyd, Mrs Doris James, Miss Gwyneth Green, Hugh Taylor

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

**Sun 25 Bible Sunday**, Llandaff Cathedral Church, Gerwyn Capon (D), Graham Holcombe; **One World Week begins**

**Mon 26** Pentyrch w Capel Llanilterne, Michael John (V); Toliara, Indian Ocean;

**Tues 27** Radyr, Jenny Wigley (R); Torit, Sudan;

**Wed 28** Warden of Readers, Caroline Downs; Toronto; **St Simon and Jude, Apostles;**

**Thur 29** St Fagan's and Michaelston-super-Ely, Ven. Peggy Jackson (PinC); Toungoo, Myanmar;

**Fri 30** Tongwynlais, Zoe King (PinC); Trichy-Tanjore, S. India; **Richard Hooker;**

**Sat 31** RB Whitchurch, John Rowlands (TR), Peter Mortimer (TV), Marja Flips (TV); Jonathan Wright (C); Trinidad & Tobago;

**Sun 1** Penarth and Barry Deanery, Peter Cox (AD); Truro; **All Saints Sunday**

## 25 October 2015 – Bible Sunday

### Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this:

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

*Isaiah 55.1-11*

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

*Psalm 19.7-14*

**R The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul.**

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.  
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgements of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb. **R**

By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.  
Who can tell how often he offends?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.  
Above all, keep your servant also from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offence. **R**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

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**Second Reading**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

*2 Timothy 3.14-4.5*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

*John 5.36-47*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry

with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.