

# NEWSLETTER

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## Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
413	413	
184	174	
165	217	
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## 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 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:  
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.*



Making sense of opposition and indifference is part of a disciple's lived experience. When Jesus and his disciples walked the Holy Land they encountered much of this. The first centuries of growth under the Roman Empire saw much persecution. Even today, when we tell someone about our church and faith we sometimes meet indifference, opposition and a look of literal incredulity. Yet, faith endures and sustains and continues to bring life and hope to individuals and communities even in the most hostile of climates. Remember, with God all things are possible through his Son Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## Trinity 17

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

St John's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist; **4:00pm Messy Church**

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

Numbers 11:4-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

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-/joice 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: Joel 2.21-27; Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 6.6-10; Matthew 6.25-33

## Benefice Notes:

**Season of Invitation** - If possible, we'd like a general theme of invitation and hospitality to inspire us over the next few months. The three Sundays we'll

concentrate on are: 1 November, All Saints' Day; 29 Nov, Advent Sunday; Dec 20 Advent 4.

**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 4641

**Spring Clean in Autumn** - Sat 10 October - St Luke's; Sat 17 October - St Catherine's. We are asking if you could help us on one of these days to help clean, tidy, repair, beautify our churches and halls.

**PCC and Meetings:** The next PCC is next Sunday, 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.

**Explore and Messy Church** - We are trialling a change in these services where Messy Church moves to the 2nd Sunday of the month and Explore to the 4th. The main reason is to avoid clashes with school holidays and other services. Thus October's Messy Church will be on Sunday 11th and the Explore Labyrinth service will be on 25 October both in St John's.

## St Catherine's Notes:

**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** - 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. Donations from £5 per boot full depending on volume.

**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:

**Welcome and thanks** to Canon Edward Dowding for helping this Sunday in St Luke's.

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](mailto: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** Arthur Smith, Doreen Murrell, Charles Jones

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

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

**Mon 28** Tonyrefail and Gilfach Goch, Ruth Moverly (V); Springfield, USA;

**Tues 29** Ynyshir, Paul Bigmore (V); Wed 30 Diocesan Vocations Officers; Dioceses of St Asaph and St David's; **St Jerome;**

**Thur 1** Ystradyfodwg, Haydn England-Simon (V); St Edmundsbury and Ipswich;

**Fri 2** Archedaconry of Llandaff, Peggy Jackson (ADCN); St Helena, Southern Africa;

**Sat 3** Cardiff Deanery, Bob Capper (AD); Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist, Southern Africa;

**Sun 4** RB Canton, Mark Preece (TR), Phelim O'Hare (TV); Sunyani, Ghana; **St Francis of Assisi; Harvest Thanksgiving**

Team Rector: Canon Mark Preece; 029 2056 2022 [rector@beneficeofcanton.org.uk](mailto:rector@beneficeofcanton.org.uk) (Day off - Monday)

Team Vicar: Fr Phelim O'Hare; 029 2021 0732 [vicar@beneficeofcanton.org.uk](mailto:vicar@beneficeofcanton.org.uk) (Day off - Thursday)

**27 September 2015 – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)****Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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. Amen.

**First Reading**

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The rabble among the people had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, ‘If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.’

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, ‘Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, “Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,” to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, “Give us meat to eat!” I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once – if I have found favour in your sight – and do not let me see my misery.’

So the LORD said to Moses, ‘Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.’

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, ‘Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.’ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, ‘My lord Moses, stop them!’ But Moses said to him, ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!’

*Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29*

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 letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*James 5.13-20*

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 Jesus had finished teaching the disciples, John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.'

If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

*Mark 9.38-50*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.