

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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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.

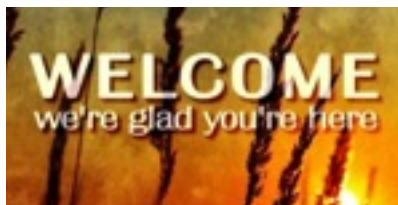
Psalm Response:

Bless the Lord, you angels of his.

Gospel Acclamation:

St John's: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name. Speak to us, Lord, your servant hear. You have the words of eternal life.

St Luke's: Alleluia, alleluia, Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, glory to the Spirit, God the Three-in-One



Welcome to our Church community. If this is the first time in a long time, or the first time ever, we are blessed and privileged that you decided to join us today. We hope you get a glimpse of what it is that makes our faith community come alive and how this nourishes our hearts and souls.

Back to Church Sunday (Trinity 15)

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

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

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 18.1-4, 25-32 ~ Psalm 25. 1-9 ~ Philippians 2.1-13 ~ Matthew 21.23-32

Psalm 25.1-9

1 Unto thee O Lord will I lift up my soul; *my God I have put my / trust in / thee: O let me not be disappointed, neither let mine / ene-mies / triumph / over me.

2 For all they that hope in thee shall / not · be a-/shamed: but such as deal untruly / shall be / put · to con-/fusion.

3 Shew me thy / ways O / Lord: and / teach me / thy / paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy / truth and / teach me for thou art the God of my salvation; *in thee hath been my / hope / all the · day / long.

5 Call to remembrance O Lord thy / tender / mercies: and thy loving-kindnesses, which / have been / ever · of / old.

6 O remember not the sins and offences / of my / youth: but according to thy mercy * think thou upon me O / Lord / in thy / goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous / is the / Lord: therefore will he teach / sinners / in the / way.

8 Them that are meek shall he guide in / right / paths: and such as are gentle, / them · shall he / teach his / way.

9 All the paths of the Lord are / mercy · and / truth: unto such as keep his / cove-nant / and his / testimonies.

Next week's readings: Deut 8.7-18 ~ Psalm 65 ~ 2 Corinthians 9.6-15 ~ Luke 12.16-30

Recently Departed: Barbara Chivers, Dorothy Colley, Ian Cairns, Baby Amelia & Ivy Laventure

Benefice Notes:

Messy Church - After a lot of work and preparation, Messy Church goes live later today at 4:00 pm in St John's. There is a meeting at 2.00 pm for all those who agreed to help followed by all hands on deck setting up the Church and getting everything ready. If you have any queries or last minute concerns contact Fr Phelim.

Living Faith - The Living Faith group resumed last Tuesday. Everyone is welcome. This term we'll look in more depth at the New Testament. If you'd like to join the group please contact Paula Yates paula.yates440@btinternet.com

eXplore The next Explore is on Sunday 12 October at 4pm in St John's. The theme is one of **Happiness and Healing**. We will express much gratitude for our blessings in life and 'explore' why happiness is so important today for young people. The session includes a special service for healing. As ever, all are welcome (esp. if you need more healing and happiness).

Benefice Noticeboard - If you would like to include something in the notes please send it to linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com,

Benefice PCC - the next meeting is 5 October at St John's at 7.00 pm.

Benefice Magazine - Articles for the Autumn edition are to be with Jean Williams by Tuesday 7th October.

Newsletter and Sunday Readings should be available to download from the website on Saturday evening from next week.

St Catherine's Notes:

Sunday Club - We are looking for Sunday Club helpers if anyone would occasionally like to lead a class or can assist someone who is leading the class we would love to hear from you. Full training and support will be given. Please see Jane Holland after service or email Linsay at linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com thank you.

Hall Bookings - To book the Hall please contact Angharad Elias 07989 747026 hall.stcatherines@gmail.com

St Catherine's DCC on Sunday 12 October at 7:00 pm - meet in the Church

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna - In September we will be collecting Pasta, Rice, sauces and Curry Powder for Ty Bronna.

St John's DCC is on Tuesday 14 October at 7:00 pm - meet in the Church.

Mothers' Union - Upcoming dates for our meetings are 6 Oct Harvest Table and 20 Oct Fr Colin Wilcox- quiet afternoon.

St Luke's Notes:

ELVIS IS BACK! Saturday 4th October at 7.00pm in St Luke's Hall. Tickets £8.00 to include ploughman's supper and a bar will be available. Tickets from Sue Bainton, Sue Jones, Beryl Cooke and Margaret Williams.

St Luke's DCC on Thursday 16 October at 7:30 pm - meet in the Hall Lounge

Paradise Run - This is our chance to help the homeless in Cardiff. Please enquire if you'd like to be involved- it doesn't involve a lot of time or effort. Contact Diana (02921 400367) to find out more or you know who might need this help

Patronal Feast Day - On Sunday 19th October we will be celebrating St Luke's Day. We will be hosting a lunch in the church hall at 12 noon. This will be a 3 course lunch for £7.50 head. Please see Sue Bainton or let the Churchwardens know if you will be attending or sign the sheet at the back of the church. Please celebrate with us - open to all across the Benefice.

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

Mon 29 - Wenvoe and St Lythans Jon Omrod (Pin C); **Ideato (Owerri Nigeria), St Michael and All Angels**

Tue 30 - Archdeaconry of Margam Archdeacon Ven. Philip Morris; **Idoani (Ondo Nigeria); 10.00 Mass (St L), St Jerome**

Wed 1 - Diocesan Advisory Committee Richard Brewer (Ch); **Ife- (Ibadan, Nigeria); 10.00 Mass (St L), 10.30 Eucharist (St C)
12.30 Funeral (St J)**

Thur 2 - Bridgend Deanery Area Dean Canon Edward Evans; **Ife East (Ibadan, Nigeria); 10.30 Eucharist (St J)**

Fri 3 - Coity, Nolton & Brackla w Coychurch Michael Komor (R); **Ifo -(Lagos, Nigeria); 18.30 Mass (St L)**

Sat 4 - Ewenny & St Brides Major Ven Phillip Morris (Pin C); **Igbomina (Kwara, Nigeria); 10.30 Mass (St L), St Francis of Assisi**

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, ‘The way of the LORD is unfair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the LORD is unfair.’ O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25.1-8

R Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame,
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **R**

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long. **R**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **R**

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Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2.1-13

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Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven,” he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin,” we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.’

Matthew 21.23-32

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.