

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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:

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

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 x 4 Celtic 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.



It is good and right that we say thank you to God for all the good things of our lives, especially considering a human tendency to take things for granted. Part of this thanksgiving is the desire from God that we share the good things of our planet with everyone. We have a long way to go in order to fulfil this expectation. Another side of harvest is thanksgiving for those who share their goods and talents and help make God's Kingdom real in the here and now. Yet, the challenge always remains that the workers are few. Today we pray for a spirit of generosity to inspire our hearts and our actions that we might join God's workforce.

Harvest Celebration

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;

St Luke's - 10:30 Sung Mass; **6:00 pm Benediction**

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 126

1 When the Lord restoreth the / fortunes • of / Zion: then shall we be like unto / them • that re-/new their / strength.

2 Then shall our mouth be / filled with / laughter: and our / tongue with / shouts of / joy.

3 Then will they say a-/mong the / nations: The / Lord hath • done / great things / for them.'

4 Yea the Lord will do / great things / for us: where-/of we / shall be / glad.

5 Restore our / fortunes • O / Lord: like as when streams refresh the / deserts / of the / south.

6 They that / sow in / tears: shall / reap with / cries of / joy.

† **7** He that goeth forth weeping, * and taketh the / seed / with him: shall come again with gladness, as he / bringeth / home his / sheaves.

Next week's readings: Amos 5:6-10; Ps 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Benefice Notes:

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: next Sat 10 October in St Luke's and Sat 17 October in 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.

Confirmation - October's confirmation classes are: 11 October in St Luke's at 3pm - Looking at the Sacraments; 18 October in St John's at 4pm - Considering who Jesus is for us and 25 October in St John's at 4pm when we'll pray and reflect whilst following the labyrinth. The confirmation service is in St Catherine's at 10:30 am on 22 November with Bishop David.

Messy Church - The next Messy Church is on 11 October in St John's at 4pm. Thank you to all who helped last week. The next theme is 'Loving our Neighbours'.

Explore - Has moved to the fourth Sunday of every month and the next theme is a labyrinth service.

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.

Paradise Run - The next run is on Saturday, 10th October. Please take your food to Sylvia's house (114, Pencisely Road) or to Diana's (23, Greenfield Avenue) on the day between 6-7. We are also grateful for things like old sleeping bags and warm clothes. If you want to know more about this charity to help the homeless in Cardiff, contact Diana (02921 400367 or 07754179373). Thank you so much.

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 029 2034 4641

St Catherine's Notes:

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. Donations from £5 for depending on volume.

Autumn Clean - Please see the sign up page at the back of the church for a list of jobs. All help is appreciated.

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 (October) is for washing powder.

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

St Luke's Notes:

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:

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

- Sun 4** RB of Canton, Mark Preece (TR), Phelim O'Hare (TV); Sunyani, Ghana; **St Francis of Assisi; Harvest Celebration**
Mon 5 Cardiff Dewi Sant, Dyrfrig Lloyd (V); Rhian Linecar (C); Swansea and Brecon;
Tues 6 Cardiff St Mary w Sts Dyfrig & Samson; Graham Francis (V); David Morris (AP); Swaziland, SA; **William Tyndale;**
Wed 7 Church Organists in the Diocese; Sydney, Australia;
Thur 8 Grangetown St Paul, Graham Francis (V), David Morris (AP); Tabora, Tanzania;
Fri 9 St John the Baptist City Centre; Sarah Rowlands Jones (V); Rhian Linecar (C); Taita-Taveta, Kenya; **Cynog, Abbot;**
Sat 10 Cathays Parish, Caroline Downs (PinC); Taiwan;
Sun 11 Christ Church Roath Park, Trystan Hughes (PinC), Kent Middleton (C); Trinity 20

4 October 2015 – Harvest Thanksgiving

Collect of the Day

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First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Joel 2.21-27

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

R Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

R

Then they said among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

R

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.
Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

R

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Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

1 Timothy 6.6-10

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

Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'

Matthew 6.25-33

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
 of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.