

# NEWSLETTER

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## Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
541	551	551
644	411	169
117	689	610
755		252

## Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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:

Arise, O God, and rule the earth.

## Gospel

### Acclamation:

St John's: Alleluia ...

Speak Lord your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life ... Alleluia

St Luke's: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

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.



*You know how to interpret the face of the earth and the sky. How is it you do not know how to interpret these times?* For Christians interpreting the signs of the times is a key way of reflecting how God wants us to live and grow in his love. Jesus is calling for us to use the same science, understanding and wisdom we bring to our life in this world and apply it to the Kingdom that has already come. Behind this is the belief that God is faithful and is present in the midst of all the crises, suffering and events of our times. In this sense not admitting God is present and faithful can be hypocritical for Christians.

## Trinity 12

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

St John's - 9:15 Sung Eucharist;

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

Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:20-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

### Psalm 82

- 1 God standeth in the / council • of / heaven: in the midst of the / gods he / giveth / judgement.
- 2 'How long will ye / judge un-/righteously: and respect the / persons / of • the un-/godly?
- 3 'Defend the / poor and / fatherless: see that such as are in need and ne-/ cessi-ty / have / right.
- 4 'Deliver the af-/flicted • and / poor: save them from the / hand / of • the un-/ godly.'
- 5 They know not neither do they understand, \* but go a-/bout in / darkness: all the foun-/dations • of the / earth are / shaken.
- 6 'I say unto you / "Though • ye be / gods: and all of you / sons • of the / Most / Highest,
- 7 "'Nevertheless ye shall / die like / men: and / fall like / one • of the / princes.'"
- 8 Arise O God and judge / thou the / earth: for thou shalt take all / nations • for / thy pos-/session

**Next week's readings:** Isaiah 58.9-14, Psalm 103.1-8, Hebrews 12.18-29, Luke 13.10-17

## Benefice Notes:

**Services during August** - weekday services will be suspended for the month of August only. Also, there will only be one 8:00 Holy Eucharist on Sundays (1st and 3rd Sundays in St John's; 2nd and 4th Sundays in St Catherine's). Nor will there be

any Sunday evening services during August. The normal weekday and Sunday services resume in September

**Ecumenical Assumptiontide Vespers, Procession, Fireworks and BBQ** - In the Church of St Mary the Virgin in Butetown this evening at 8:30 pm (Bute Street, Cardiff). The annual joyful celebration by one of our neighbouring parishes.

**Benefice Magazine** - Copies of the summer edition are available at the back of the church and on our website. Many thanks to Jean Williams for collating, printing and editing the magazine.

**Messy Church:** The next Messy Church is on Sun 18 September at 4pm in St John's.

**Confirmation Programme** - The programme will resume on Sat 17 September at 11:30 am in the vicarage.

**Newsletter items** - any items for inclusion in the newsletter please send to Linsay Jones [linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com) .

Space is limited. If you'd like an email copy of the newsletter and readings please ask Sheila on [mgsmkelly1@gmail.com](mailto:mgsmkelly1@gmail.com)

**Home Group** - bible study group, looking at the Sunday gospel readings, meets every Thurs in St John's 7-9pm. For more details contact Andrew Sims: 02920 344641 [maxsims@hotmail.com](mailto:maxsims@hotmail.com)

**TWAM - Tools With A Mission** are collecting old tools (no broken ones please) that can be refurbished to provide trade kits for communities across Africa (see poster on the website for details). If you think we should support this Christian charity or have some tools you'd like to give away please contact the either the wardens or clergy and we'll organise appropriate collection boxes if there is enough demand. (for more details see [www.twam.co.uk](http://www.twam.co.uk) )

## St Catherine's Notes:

**Sunday Club** - Will resume in September after their summer break.

**Bookings** - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email [hall.stcatherines@gmail.com](mailto:hall.stcatherines@gmail.com).

**Midweek Services:** Holy Eucharist this Wednesday at 11:00 am

## St John's Notes:

**Ty Bronna** - this month's collection is washing up liquid. Ty Bronna is a residential service for young people who are in desperate need. It is run by the Church Army and seeks to provide hope and a future for vulnerable youth aged 16-21.

**Coffee Morning** - There will be no Coffee Morning and Book Sale this month, the next one will be 17th September.

**Monthly Lunch and Harvest Supper** - There will be no monthly lunch this month or in September, but the Harvest Supper will be the end of September beginning of October, details later.

**Church Booking** - To book the church please contact the clergy. For concerts contact Gill Winton (see website).

**Midweek Services:** Holy Eucharist on Thursdays at 10:30

## St Luke's Notes:

**Mass Times:** Please note that from the 1st week of September the Friday evening mass will be at 6pm instead of 6:30pm.

**Hall Bookings** - To book the Hall please contact Jackie Page on 029 2091 3808.

**Midweek Services:** Masses at 10:00 am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 6:30 pm on Fridays; and 10:30 am on Saturdays.

**Recently Departed:** Gwynn Ap Gwilym; Mavis Pitman, Rosemary Nicholls, James Robert Done, Hayley McBride

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

<b>Sun 14</b>	Baglan, Stephen Jenkyns (PinC); Elaine Jenkyns (C); Anglican Church of Southern Africa; <b>St Maximilian Kolbe</b> ;
<b>Mon 15</b>	Cwmafan, Elaine Jenkyns (PinC) Stephen Jenkyns (C); Evo - (Nigeria); <b>Mary, Mother of Our Lord</b>
<b>Tues 16</b>	Glyncorwg & Upper Afan Valley w Caerau, Beverly Reaney (PinC); Exeter (Canterbury);
<b>Wed 17</b>	NSM Advisor, David Boulton; Lay Training Officer, Julie Davies; Ezo - (Sudan);
<b>Thur 18</b>	Kenfig Hill, Jonathan Durley C.A., (PinC), Grace Wylde (Reader); Faisalabad (Pakistan)
<b>Fri 19</b>	Margam, no incumbent at present; False Bay (Southern Africa);
<b>Sat 20</b>	Porthcawl, Philip Masson (R); Craig Vaughan (C); Bishop for Federal Ministries (USA); <b>St Bernard</b>
<b>Sun 21</b>	Port Talbot, St. Theodore, Mark Williams (V); The Anglican Church of South America; <b>Trinity 13</b>

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)

**14 August 2016 – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15)****Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

**First Reading**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back – those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

*Jeremiah 23.23-29*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 82*

**R Arise, O God, and rule the earth.**

God has taken his stand in the council of heaven;

he gives judgement in the midst of the gods:

'How long will you judge unjustly,

and show favour to the wicked?

**R**

'Save the weak and the orphan;

defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor

deliver them from the power of the wicked.

**R**

'They do not know, neither do they understand;

they go about in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**R**

'Now I say to you, "You are gods,

and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.” ’

Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

**R**

**R Arise, O God, and rule the earth.**

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do

you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,  
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

*Luke 12.49-56*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.