

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

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.

Psalm Response:

Give praise to the Lord who lifts up the poor.

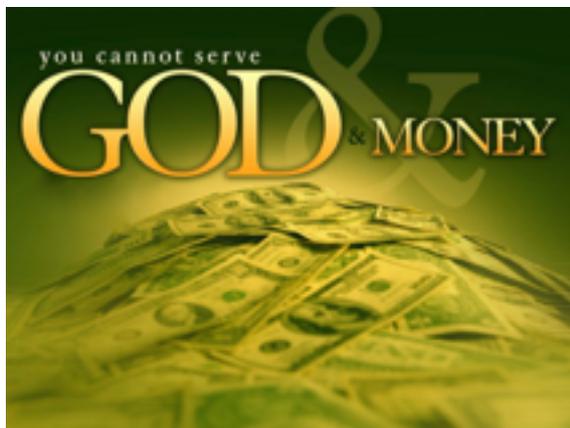
Gospel Acclamation:

St John's: Alleluia ...

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

St Luke's: Alleluia x 4 (Celtic)

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.



As we enter into the time of year devoted to harvest and thanksgiving we are challenged today with a call to serve God and not money. The story in Luke about the shrewd and corrupt steward emphasises how futile it is to pursue riches in this world whilst ignoring the spiritual riches of heaven. An ongoing challenge for the Christian to face is an honest appraisal of how much we actually serve God, and accept God's will in regard to the use of our riches, money and earthly resources.

Trinity 17 - Back to Church Sunday

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

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

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Tim 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Psalm 113:

1 Praise ye the Lord. * Sing praises O ye servants / of the / Lord: O / praise the / name • of the / Lord.
 2 Blessed be the / name • of the / Lord: from this time / forth for / ever-/more.
 3 The Lord's / name be / praised: from the rising up of the sun * unto the / going / down • of the / same.
 4 The Lord is high a-/bove all / nations: and his / glory • a-/bove the / heavens.
 5 Who is like unto the Lord our God, * that sitteth en-/throned on / high: yet looketh down to behold the things that / are in / heaven • and / earth?
 6 He taketh up the lowly / out • of the / dust: and lifteth the / poor / from the / dunghill,
 7 That he may / set him • with / princes: even with the / princes / of his / people.
 8 He giveth the barren woman a home where- / in to / dwell: and maketh her to be a joyful mother of children. * / Praise / ye the / Lord.

Next week's readings: Amos 6:1,4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Tim 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Benefice Notes:

Back to Church Sunday - if this is your first time visiting us you are more than welcome. Welcome back to those who have been before. We hope you encounter warm hospitality and engaging worship as you join our faith family this morning. If you'd like to know more about our life of faith please chat to one of the clergy.

Faith Pictures: Please let Fr Phelim know if you would like to attend. It is a course designed to help us talk naturally about our faith and beliefs. Session 3 is this Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Vicarage (3a Romilly Road) with a break next week.

Messy Church - Messy Church is on today from 4-6pm in St John's Church. We are desperately in need of volunteers to help with the difference craft activities to ensure that Messy Church continues for the year ahead. If you would like to help please contact Fr Phelim. It normally takes place on the second Sunday of every month.

Confirmation Programme - The programme for young people has resumed and meets on most Saturdays in the vicarage at 11:30 am. The confirmation ceremony will be on Sunday 20 November at 10:30 in St John's. There's also a confirmation trip to Oakwood on Sat 8 October which is also open to those confirmed last year. (see website or Fr Phelim for details).

Newsletter items - any items for inclusion in the newsletter please send to Lindsay Jones lindsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com. Space is limited. If you'd like an email copy of the newsletter and readings please ask Sheila on mgsmkelly1@gmail.com

Stewardship and Mission - The launch for our stewardship campaign will be on Sunday 16 October. Details to follow soon.

PCC and Action Teams PCC Tonight - Sun 18 Sept at 6:30pm (St Johns); Youth Team - Fri 23 Sept at 6:00pm (St Catherine's Hall); Pastoral Care - Tues 20 Sept at 7:30 pm (St John's).

St Catherine's Notes:

Sunday Club From now on we ask that parents leave children going to our Sunday club at the hall before 10:30. This will allow for the children to return just after the peace and be present for more of our celebration of the Eucharist.

Bonfire, Bobbin and Bangers - Returns this year on Mon 31 October, the eve of All Hallows. More details to follow.

Gluten free wafers are available at Communion. Inform the clergy before the service if you wish to avail of this facility.

Hall Bookings - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email Bev on 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.

Harvest Supper 1 October 2016 - Help is needed with all aspects of the evening. Tickets available from Ruth Honey (£10 each). Please note, there is no monthly lunch this September.

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

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist this Thursday at 10:30 am

St Luke's Notes:

Christian Aid Total - The total raised from St Luke's this year was £841.55. Many thanks to those who gave so generously.

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

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

Recently Departed: Albert Edward Lincoln, Betty Littlewood

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

- Sun 18** Pontlloftyn & Fochriw w Rhymney, Robert Lindsay (PinC); The Episcopal Church USA; **Trinity 17;**
Mon 19 Treharris, Trellis, Bedding & Llanfabon, Gareth Coombes (PinC); Guyana;
Tues 20 Troedyrhiw w Merthyr Vale, Stephen Barnes (V); Gwagwalada (Nigeria) **Australasian Sts, Missionaries & Martyrs;**
Wed 21 World Mission Officer, Chris Reanery; Twinned areas - Uppsala and Province of Bangladesh; **ST MATTHEW (AP)**
Thur 22 RB Eglwysilan & Caerphilly, Mark Greenaway-Robbins (TR), Sue Pratten (C), Tom Bates (C), Andrew Highway (C); Hanuato'o (Melanesia); (W. Africa); **St Adomnan, St Pius of Pietrelcina**
Fri 23 Ystrad Mynach & Llanbradach, Steven Kirk (V); Keith Hemmings (C); Harare; **Ember Day**
Sat 24 Cynon Valley Deanery, Michael Jones (AD); Hawaii (ECUSA); **Ember Day**
Sun 25 Aberamonn & Cwmaman, Matthew Gibbon (PinC); The Church in Wales; **Sergei of Radonezh; Trinity 18;**

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

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

18 September 2016 – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (*Proper 20*)**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.

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practise deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Amos 8.4-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113

R Give praise to the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Alleluia!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.
Let the name of the Lord be blessed,
from this time forth for evermore.

R

From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the Lord be praised.
The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens.

R

Who is like the Lord our God,
who sits enthroned on high,
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

He takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

R

He sets them with the princes,
with the princes of his people.
He makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children.

R

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Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

1 Timothy 2.1-7

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 the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’

So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

Luke 16.1-13

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.