

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
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206	hymn	720
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Collect:

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Psalm Response:

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Gospel Acclamation:

St John's: Alleluia ...

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

St Luke's: Alleluia x4 (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.



In today's gospel we hear a powerful story of liberation of a woman bent double for eighteen years. The healing itself is remarkable and reveals God's loving and merciful care of those who are close to breaking point. Yet, Luke uses this to challenge a religious mindset that seeks the negative in the most charitable of acts. Our challenge is to always remember that followers of Jesus should place mercy and love above all else and especially laws and traditions that can be misused to oppress and hinder the flourishing of God's people. .

Trinity 13

St Catherine's - 10:30 Sung Eucharist;

St John's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 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

Isaiah 58.9-14, Psalm 103.1-8, Hebrews 12.18-29, Luke 13.10-17

Psalm 103 Vv 1-8

1 Praise the Lord / O my / soul: and all that is within me / praise his / holy / name.

2 Praise the Lord / O my / soul: and for-/get not / all his / benefits,

3 Who forgiveth / all thy / sin: and / healeth / all • thine in-/firmities,

4 Who saveth thy / life • from the / pit: and crowneth thee with / mercy • and / loving-/kindness,

†5 Who satisfieth thee with good things / all thy • life / long: so that thy youth is re-/newed / as the / eagle's.

6 The Lord / worketh / righteousness: and executeth judgement for all / them that / are op-/ pressed.

7 He shewed his / ways • unto / Moses: his works / unto • the / children • of / Israel.

†8 The Lord is full of com-/passion • and / mercy: long-suffering / and of / great / goodness.

Next week's readings: Sirach 10:12-18; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8,15,16; Luke 14:1,7-14

Benefice Notes:

Services during August - weekday services are suspended during 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 Sun evening services in August. The normal weekday & Sunday services resume in September.

Churches Together - Joint Worship Service hosted by Canton Salvation Army on Sun 11 September at 5pm.

Back to Church Sunday 18 September - each year we encourage each other and perhaps friends and families to accompany us as we go to church. Who might you want to invite this year? Invite cards will be available in September.

Faith Pictures is a short course designed to help us talk naturally about our faith and what we believe. The heart of the course is about helping people to identify a single picture or image that embodies something of our faith. It starts on 7 September at 7:30 pm in the vicarage (for 6 Wednesdays). See the Benefice website for more details or ask Fr Phelim.

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. Space is limited. If you'd like an email copy of the newsletter and readings please ask Sheila on 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

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 please contact the either the wardens or clergy. (for more details see www.twam.co.uk)

St Catherine's Notes:

Sunday Club - Resumes in September. Meeting about Sunday Club and family worship on Mon 12 Sept at 7pm. Contact Jane Holland.

Bookings - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email 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).

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; 6:00 pm on Fridays; and 10:30 am on Saturdays.

Recently Departed: Keith Simmons, Terence Chambers

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

- Sun 21** Port Talbot, St. Theodore, Mark Williams (V); The Anglican Church of South America; **Trinity 13**;
Mon 22 Pyle and Kenfig, Duncan Walker (V); Fianarantsoa (Indian Ocean);
Tues 23 Neath Deanery, Stephen Ryan (AD); Florida (USA); **St Tydfil, Martyr**;
Wed 24 Diocesan Spirituality Group, Sarah Rowland Jones; Fond du Lac (USA); **St Bartholomew, Apostle**
Thur 25 Cadoxton-juxta-Neath, Andrew Meredith (PinC); Fort Worth, USA;
Fri 26 Cilybebyl, Helen O'Shea (R); Fredericton, Canada;
Sat 27 Dulais Valley, no incumbent presently; Freetown, Sierra Leone; **St Monica**
Sun 28 Dyffryn, Stephen Bodycombe (V); Province of Sudan and South Sudan; **St Augustine of Hippo Trinity 14**

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)

21 August 2016 – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, 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 Isaiah.

You shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honourable;
if you honour it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Isaiah 58.9-14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103.1-8

R Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

R

He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
He redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness; **R**

He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are oppressed. **R**

He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness. **R**

R Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase, 'Yet once more,' indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12.18-29

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.

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Luke 13.10-17

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
 where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.