

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

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Psalm Response:

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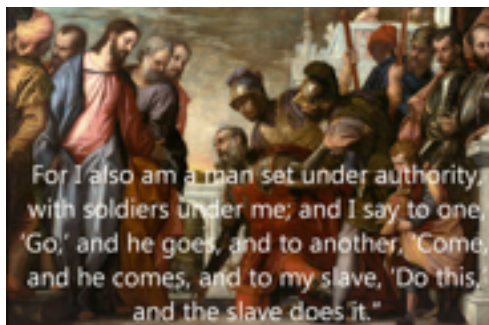
Gospel Acclamation:

St John's: Alleluia ...

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

St Luke's:

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.



For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it."

The healing of the centurion's servant is remarkable not so much because of the miracle itself but because of the centurion's response of faith in the person of Jesus Christ. We are shown an example of how inclusive and accessible the way of Jesus is because of faith. It is not just for those who were brought up in faith or those who are signed up and committed members of a church or synagogue. It is open to everyone regardless of career, status, background or culture.

Trinity I - Benefice Together

St Catherine's - Benefice Together Sunday - no services in this church today;

St John's - 10:30 Sung Eucharist with Baptism;

St Luke's - Benefice Together Sunday - no services in this church today;

For Weekday Services and Regular Events see the Website or Church Notice boards for times and days.

Today's Readings

1 Kings 8:22,23,41-43; Ps 96:1-19; Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10

**Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.**

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**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
O the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
O the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!**

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**Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and power.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.**

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Next week's readings: 1 Kings 17:17-24; Psalm 30; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

Benefice Notes:

Benefice Together - Today is the 5th Sunday of May and our tradition is to have one

service only on months with a 5th Sunday to allow the benefice to worship together as a parish community. Next week the services return to normal times.

PCC and Action Team Meetings: The next meeting of the PCC is on Sunday 5 June at 7pm; Pastoral Care team meets on Tuesday 7 June at 7:30 pm in St John's.

Confirmation Programme 2016 - The next meeting is Sat 11 June at 11:30 in the Vicarage. Forms available online.

Messy Church - June's Messy Church is in St John's at 4:00 pm on 12 June. Theme: story of Esther.

Youth Club - The Youth Club is closed this week for the half term holiday. It resumes on Friday 10 June and will continue to the end of June. The club will be closed during July and August and will resume in September. It is open to children in year 6 and upwards from 7-9pm on Mondays and Fridays (see website).

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 maxsimsim@hotmail.com

St Catherine's Notes:

The St Catherine's Summer Bake Off will take place at the Summer Fair this year Sat 25 June from 2pm. Please bring along your best baked cakes there will be separate judging for children and adult entries.

Bookings - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email hall.stcatherines@gmail.com.

Summer Fair - 25 June. Advance notice that the usual help is needed. More details soon

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

St John's Notes:

Eucharist Settings Consultation - Please see our website for the shortlist of the new musical offerings and let David Morgan or the clergy know your order of preference.

Ty Bronna - this month's collection for Ty Bronna is cereals.

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:

Sparkling Afternoon Tea - Sat 18 June in the hall from 3:30 pm for the Queen's 90th birthday. A glass of prosecco will add to the fayre. Ticket £6.50 from Margaret Williams, Sue Bainton or the churchwardens.

Photo group with Paul Jones on Mondays in St Luke's from 7 -9pm. £5 per session.

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

Recently Departed: Eileen Price, William Snowdon, Thomas Davis, Gwen Lewis

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

Sun 29 Penrhiwceiber, Matthewstown and Ynysboeth; Anglican Centre in Rome; **Trinity 1**

Mon 30 Pontypridd Deanery, Area Dean Michael Gable; Colorado;

Tues 31 Llantrisant: Canon Viv Parkinson (V); Connecticut; **Visitation of BVM to Elizabeth**

Weds 1 Chaplains to the Armed Forces & Cadet Forces in the Diocese; Connor (Ireland); **St Justin, Martyr**

Thurs 2 Llantwit Fadre: Philip Gulidge (V); Costa Rica (Central America); **Blandina & her companions**

Fri 3 Pontypridd, St Catherine: Michael Gable (TV) Peter Lewis (TV) David Nyirongo (TV); Coventry; **Ugandan Martyrs**

Sat 4 Rhondda Deanery: Area Dean: Hadyn England Simon Cueibet - (Sudan)

Sun 5 Dinas & Penygraig Christopher Lewis-Jenkins (V) Pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

29th May 2016 – First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 4)**Collect of the Day**

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First Reading

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, ‘O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart.

When a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name – for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm – when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.’

1 Kings 8.22-23,41-43

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Psalm 96.1-9

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Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

From Paul an apostle – sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead – and all the members of God’s family who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel – not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!

Am I now seeking human approval, or God’s approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ. For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1.1-12

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Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus entered the town of Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, ‘He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.’ And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, ‘Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you

come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go," and he goes, and to another, "Come," and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this," and the slave does it.' When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, 'I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.' When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

Luke 7.1-10

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.