

# NEWSLETTER

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## Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
467	684	636
340	590	70
82	625	428
108		(verses 1-2, 5-8)

## Collect:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

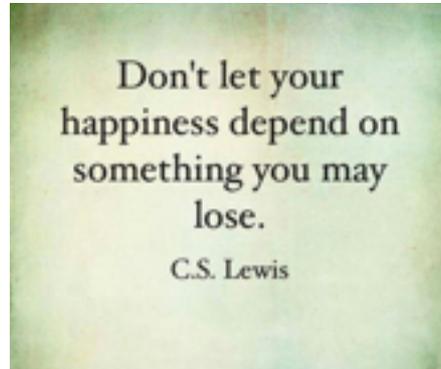
## Gospel Acclamation:

St John's: Alleluia ...

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

St Luke's: Celtic Alleluia x4

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 where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.** There are many ways of reading this line from Jesus. Despite the challenge to place God as the greatest treasure of our lives and the reminder that we often displace God with other 'things', this passage is all about the Kingdom of God. The context of this gospel story reinforces this most repeated teaching of Jesus: the Kingdom of God is close, it is not of this world, it will usher in a new way of living. As we pray and worship God this Sunday, I wonder how much we treasure the Kingdom of God alive in this place?

## Trinity II

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

Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16; Luke 12:32-40

### Psalm 33:

12 Blessèd are the people whose / God • is the / Lord: and blessèd are the folk that he hath chosen to / him to / be • his in-/heritance.

13 The Lord looketh down from heaven, \* and beholdeth all the / children • of / men: from the habitation of his dwelling \* he considereth all / them that / dwell • on the / earth.

14 He fashioneth / all the / hearts of them: and under-/standeth / all their / works.

15 There is no king that can be saved by the multitude / of an / host: neither is any mighty man de-/livered • by / much / strength.

16 A horse is counted but a vain thing to / save a / man: neither shall he deliver any man / by his / great / strength.

17 Behold, the eye of the Lord is over / them that / fear him: and over them that / put their / trust • in his / mercy,

18 To deliver their / soul from / death: and to feed them / in the / time of / dearth.

19 Our soul hath patiently tarried / for the / Lord: for he is our / help / and our / shield.

20 Our heart shall re-/joice in / him: because we have / hoped • in his / holy / name.

21 Let thy merciful kindness O Lord / be up-/on us: like as we do / put our / trust in / thee.

Next week's readings: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:20-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

## 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

**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 Lindsay Jones [lindsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mgsmkelly1@gmail.com)

**Paradise Run** - The next run is on Sat 13 August please bring your food as usual to Sylvia (114 Pencisely Rd) or Diana (23 Greenfield Avenue) between 6-7 on the day itself. More information re helping the homeless from Diana (07754179373)

**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:

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**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:

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**Thank You** - Thank you to everyone from the three Churches who supported the Strawberry Tea last week - £575 was raised to send to Breast Cancer Research. From Sylvia.

**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.

**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:

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**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 7</b>	Llanilid w Pencoed, Ian Hodges (PinC); South India; ; <b>Trinity 11</b>
<b>Mon 8</b>	Llansantffraid, Bettws adn Aberkenfig, Stephen Pare (PinC); Ely, (Canterbury); <b>St Dominic</b>
<b>Tues 9</b>	Newcastle, Peter Lloyd; Embu, Kenya; <b>Augustine Baker; Edith Stein;</b>
<b>Wed 10</b>	Ministry Area Dev. Officer, Mark Brampton; Pioneer Ministry Advisor, Wendy Taylor; Enugu; <b>St Lawrence;</b>
<b>Thur 11</b>	Troedrhiwgarth, Chris Reaney (PinC); Esan, Nigeria; <b>Clare of Assisi;</b>
<b>Fri 12</b>	Margam Deanery, Philip Masson (AD); Etche (Nigeria); <b>Ann Griffiths;</b>
<b>Sat 13</b>	RB Aberavon, Nigel Cahill (TR), Ben Rabjohns (TV), Jane Sennet (C); Rhun Ap Robert (C); Etsako (Nigeria);
<b>Sun 14</b>	Baglan, Stephen Jenkyns (PinC); Elaine Jenkyns (C); Anglican Church of Southern Africa; <b>St Maximilian Kolbe;</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)

**7 August 2016 – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 14)****Collect of the Day**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ But Abram said, ‘O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ But the word of the LORD came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Genesis 15.1-6*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 33.12-22*

Response: **Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own!**

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord!

Happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The Lord looks down from heaven,

and beholds all the people in the world.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze

on all who dwell on the earth.

**R**

He fashions all the hearts of them

and understands all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;

the strong are not delivered by great strength.

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;

for all its strength it cannot save.

**R**

Behold, the eye of the Lord

is upon those who fear him,

on those who wait upon his love,  
to pluck their lives from death,  
and to feed them in time of famine.

**R**

Our soul waits for the Lord;  
he is our help and our shield.  
Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,  
for in his holy name we put our trust.  
Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,  
as we have put our trust in you.

**R**

Response: **Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own!**

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16*

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, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

*Luke 12.32-40*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
    which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.