

# NEWSLETTER

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## The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity



### Collect for 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.

### Today's Gospel

Well it is an interesting dilemma this morning presented by Jesus. Does God really rejoice more over one sinner who repents than 99 who are righteous? As I ponder this question my first response is to say, 'I doubt it', there are two reasons, Firstly, Jesus is just making a point, it is a lesson which we all need to hear. We tend to be critical of the lost, and somewhat resentful that they can just walk back and say sorry. Secondly, even to be asking this question shows just how misguided we all can be. Let me ask the question, how many righteous people do you actually know? Where are the 99? If we are honest we have to admit that each one of us is a lost sheep, there are no self-righteous people, just people who think that they are. So today is partly a lesson in not being self-righteous. It is self-righteousness which makes us resentful of God's forgiveness, even though we desperately need it ourselves. God however is never resentful, he rejoices without any feeling of bitterness.

**St Catherine's:** 10.30 am Choral Eucharist  
**Today's Hymns:** 552, 337, 674, 649

**St John's:** 9.00 am Sung Eucharist; 6.00pm Evensong  
**Today's Hymns:** 337, 264, 646 408, 369, 491

**St Luke's:** 10.30 Sung Mass  
**Today's Hymns:** 314, 29, 539, 649  
**Psalm Response:** Hide your face from my sins, O God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia, opening our hearts to him, singing Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is our King

### Psalm 51: 1-11

- 1 Have mercy upon me O God \* after thy / great / good-ness: according to the multitude of thy mercies / do a-/way • mine of-/fences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly / from my / wickedness: and / cleanse me / from my / sin.
- 3 For I ac-/knowledge • my / faults: and my / sin is / ever • be-/fore me.
- 4 Against thee only have I sinned \* and done evil / in thy / sight: so that thou art just in thy sentence and / blameless / in thy / judgement.
- 5 Behold I was / shapen • in / wickedness: and in / sin • hath my / mother • con-/ceived me.
- 6 But lo thou hast laid up truth in the / inward / man: and hast taught me wisdom in the secret / places / of the / heart.
- 7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and / I • shall be / clean: thou shalt wash me, and / I • shall be / whiter • than / snow.
- 8 Thou shalt make me hear of / joy and / gladness: that the bones which thou hast / broken / may re-/joice.
- 9 Turn thy / face • from my / sins: and put / out all / my mis-/deeds.
- 10 Make me a clean / heart O / God: and re-/new a • right / spirit • with-/in me.
- 11 Cast me not a-/way • from thy / presence: and take not thy / holy / spirit / from me.

**Next week's readings:** Amos 8: 4-7; Psalm 113;m 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; Luke 16: 1-13

**Mothers' Union** are collecting any items of jewellery, old watches etc broken or otherwise also old & new banknotes (UK or foreign) from September until the end of October. These will be forwarded on to be sold and the money raised will go to support various Mothers' Union charities. This is a lovely way to make a contribution to family life all over the world.

**Safeguarding Training:** The Church in Wales Safeguarding Policy outlines that if you are involved in working with our young people in the Benefice eg Sunday School/Club and/ or Messy Church, you should attend a Safeguarding training session. This has been arranged for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 6 – 8pm in St John's Church. Please make every effort to attend this session. It will be led by staff from St Padarn's. Sue Jones will keep a register of those who attend so please confirm your attendance with her (email below). If you are unable to attend this session Sue will organize another at a later date.

**Sunday School/Club Fundraising event:** our children and young people will be making Christmas cards this year to fundraise for the maintenance of our heating boilers in our churches. Children will be invited to design a card when they attend either St Johns or St Catherine's Sunday clubs during September. The designs will then be sent off and each child will then receive a sample card with their design printed on it. Information on how to buy the cards will be sent out with the sample cards (I also have a generic sample bag and tea towel if parents would like to buy those). If anyone would like a template to complete at home they can email Annie c/o

[office@beneficeofcanton@gmail.com](mailto:office@beneficeofcanton@gmail.com)

**Induction of Rev'd Frances:** we will be welcoming Rev'd Frances to Canton in October. The celebration for her induction will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at St Catherine's Church at 7.30pm. Please come along and support Rev'd Frances and extend a warm welcome to her guests. Refreshments will follow the service. Following the induction of Rev'd Frances, she will celebrate her first Mass at a Benefice service at St Luke's on 27<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am.

**Benefice Together Service:** there will be a Benefice Together Service on 29<sup>th</sup> September at St Catherine's Church at 10.30 am. There will be no other services that day.

PCC meet this evening at 6.30pm in St John's.

### St Catherine's Notes:

**Midweek service: Holy Eucharist Wednesday 11.00 am**

### St John's Notes:

**Ty Bronna:** We are collecting tomato ketchup and brown sauce throughout September. Please leave in the box in church.

**Sunday School: Sept** 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday School; 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday School; 29<sup>th</sup> Benefice service – no Sunday School

**Oct** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday School; 13<sup>th</sup> Messy Church; 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday School; 27<sup>th</sup> half term – no Sunday School **Nov** 3<sup>rd</sup> half term – no Sunday School; 10<sup>th</sup> Messy Church; 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday School; 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday School; **Dec** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday School; 8<sup>th</sup> Messy Church;

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday School; 22<sup>nd</sup> – no Sunday School. Helping with Sunday school is a fun and rewarding way to help our children grow in faith. Please ask any of the Sunday school leaders if you'd like to get involved, either as a taster or on a more regular basis.

**Harvest Supper:** our annual supper will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October. 4 courses with a glass of wine for £12. Enjoy good food with good company. Tickets available from Jean or Elaine.

**Midweek Service: Holy Eucharist Thursday 10.30 am**

### St Luke's Notes:

**Social Events:** here are some dates for your diary.....details for each event will be published nearer the time.

26<sup>th</sup> October: Italian Night – tickets £10 (limited to 30 people); 7<sup>th</sup> December – Advent Coffee Morning; 12<sup>th</sup> January Benefice lunch (limited to 60 people); 25<sup>th</sup> February – Shrove Tuesday Sausage, chips and pancakes.

**Midweek Services: Tuesday 10.00 am; Friday 6.00pm**

### Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Pyle & Kenfig: Dr. Duncan Walker (V) <i>the Anglican Church of Tanzania</i>
Mon Sept 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rectorial Benefice of Aberavon: Canon Nigel Cahill (R) <i>Owerri (Nigeria); Central Ecuador (The Episcopal Church); Kita Kanto (Japan)</i>
Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	Electoral College – Monmouth. We pray for or those involved particularly the electors from this diocese.
Tues Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>	<u>DEANERY OF NEATH: Area Dean:</u> Chris Coles <i>Owo (Nigeria); Central Florida</i>
Weds Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	Department for Youth: Matthew Gibbon (Ch) <i>Oxford; Central Gulf Coast; Central Melanesia</i>
Thurs Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cilybebyll: Jayne Shaw (R) <i>Central New York</i>
Fri Sept 20 <sup>th</sup>	Dulais Valley: Liz Rees (PinC) <i>Pacong (South Sudan); Central Newfoundland (Canada); Kitale (Kenya)</i>
Sat Sept 21 <sup>st</sup>	MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST Cadoxton-juxta-Neath & Tonna: Andrew Meredith (PinC) <i>Kiteto (Tanzania); Kitgum (Uganda); Kitui (Kenya)</i>

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