

NEWSLETTER

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The Nineth Sunday after Trinity

Collect for the day

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

Today's Gospel

Those who like to think of Jesus as being always mild and calm should re-read this morning's passage from the Gospel according to St Luke. Jesus sounds cross and impatient with the blindness of His contemporaries. He lambasts them for focusing on superficial matters, such as forecasting the weather. But the attention and intelligence being used in this task should be applied to something far more significant: their rightness with God. People tend to see what they want to see and ignore things they would prefer not to know. We see aimless spiritual hunger manifested in our times. It is not that people do not believe – it is that some people would believe in just about anything! Money and time is thrown away on false predictions and superstitious methods of “foretelling the future”. It is as if some people are looking for a spirituality that you can buy (crystals, earth worship, numerology, white witchcraft, dream catchers etc.) and then put in a drawer and forget, forming a belief system which is so vague that it requires no effort. The Christian faith, rooted in the Jewish tradition, offers a way of living which has been tried and tested over millennia by wise and good people. It has transformed lives, inspired great acts of courage and self-sacrifice. Jesus' teachings offer the two great precepts for living “love God and love your neighbour as yourself”. But the simplicity of the faith belies the great effort it requires on the part of the faithful. The more we learn about our Faith and the women and men who have followed it, the richer and more profoundly satisfying it becomes. It is both simple enough for a child to understand and intellectually challenging enough to absorb the wisest minds in history.

St Catherine's: 10.30 am Choral Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 649, 644, 387, 551

St John's: 9.00 am Sung Eucharist ; 6.00pm Evensong

Today's Hymns: 655, 204, 238 364, 491, 208

St Luke's: No morning service at St Lukes

Psalm 82

- 1 God standeth in the / council • of / heaven: in the midst of the / gods he / giveth / judgement.
- 2 'How long will ye / judge un-/righteously: and respect the / persons / of • the un-/godly?
- 3 'Defend the / poor and / fatherless: see that such as are in need and ne-/cessi•ty / have / right.
- 4 'Deliver the af-/flicted • and / poor: save them from the / hand / of • the un-/godly.'
- 5 They know not neither do they understand, * but go a-/bout in / darkness: all the foun-/dations • of the / earth are / shaken.
- 6 'I say unto you / "Though • ye be / gods: and all of you / sons • of the / Most / Highest,
- 7 "Nevertheless ye shall / die like / men: and / fall like / one • of the / princes."
- 8 Arise O God and judge / thou the / earth: for thou shalt take all / nations • for / thy pos-/session.

Next week's readings: Isaiah 58: 9-14; Psalm 103: 1-8; Hebrews 12: 18-29; Luke 13: 10-17

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 9th-18th May 2020 Led by The Revd Vicki Burrows (Vicar of Radyr) if anyone is interested in finding more information, Revd Emma has a limited number of colour brochures detailing the exact itinerary and costs included.

Fundraising Afternoon Tea and Bingo: tickets are now available for the first event organized by our Benefice Fundraising Group. Come along to the Prosecco and Bingo Afternoon on September 14th at 3.00pm in St Catherine's Hall. Tickets £15 available from churchwardens, Annie or Lindsay.

Appointment; we are pleased to be able to announce that Bishop June has appointed the Rev'd Frances Wilson as the new Rector of Canton.

Benefice Administrator: Sue will not be working until 1st September. If you need to contact anybody regarding church business, please talk to your churchwardens on the number below.

Services in August: as in previous years the midweek services across the Benefice will be cancelled in August. There will be no Mass on Sunday mornings at St Luke's until 1st September.

St Catherine's Notes:

Sunday school - last Sunday school is 21st July. We will be back on the 8th September after school holidays.

Good home wanted for a basic drum kit. Free to take but must be collected. Please talk to Colin.

No Midweek service

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna: We are collecting washing up liquid throughout August. Please leave in the box in church.

Sunday School: will resume at the start of September

No Midweek Service

St Luke's Notes:

No services in August

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Aug 18 th	NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Penarth, All Saints: Canon Peter Cox (V)	<i>Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa</i>
Aug 19 th	Penarth & Llandough: Canon Peter Cox (V)	<i>Okinawa (Japan); Keewatin (Canada)</i>
Aug 20 th	Penmark w Llandarfan w Llantrithyd: Canon Derek Belcher	<i>Oklahoma; Bunbury (Australia)</i>
Aug 21 st	The Staff of the Church in Wales @ Callaghan Square:	<i>Bungoma (Kenya)</i>
Aug 22 nd	Porthkerry & Roose: Melanie Prince (PinC)	<i>Oleh (Nigeria); Bunyoro-Kitara (Uganda)</i>
Aug 23 rd	St. Andrews Major & Michaelston-le-Pit: Andrew James (PinC)	<i>Kentucky; Kericho (Kenya); Khartoum (Sudan)</i>
Aug 24 th	Sully: Jonathan Ormrod (PinC)	<i>Kibondo (Tanzania); Kigali (Rwanda); Kigeme (Rwanda)</i>

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