

NEWSLETTER

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The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity



Collect for the day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about an unjust judge and a poor widow woman. Luke tells us that the purpose of the parable is to remind the disciples about the need for persistence in prayer and in their lives. We are supposed after reading this parable to be brought to a point of asking ourselves the question, 'Am I the kind of Christian who is characterised by faithful endurance.' The story is full of the contrasts which so often leap out of the ministry of Jesus. On one side there is the judge, who has all the power on his side, on the other side we see the woman, who doesn't even have a male relative to do her pleading for her, she is at the bottom of the pecking order. However she does manage to get what she wants, by sheer persistence. The judge, whose title and position arise out of the need to administer justice, doesn't actually care about justice at all. He just wants a quiet life. The woman, on the other hand, is determined that right will be done, and she is not going to give up until it is. She ignores her own low status compared to that of the judge; she ignores all the conventions of when it is proper to approach the judge with her requests; she just goes on and on. She is convinced of the rightness of her cause and so she will not be content with a cursory brush off.

St Catherine's: 10.30 am Choral Eucharist with Baptism

Today's Hymns: 250, 149, 420, 525

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

Today's Hymns: 117, 312, 622, 409 157, 543, 638

St Luke's: 10.30 Sung Mass

Today's Hymns: 565, 144, 716

Psalm Response: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia x 4

Psalm 121

- 1 I will lift up mine eyes / unto • the / hills: from / whence / cometh • my / help?
- 2 My help cometh / from the / Lord: who hath / made / heaven • and / earth.
- 3 He will not suffer thy / foot • to be / moved: and he that / keepeth • thee / will not / sleep.
- 4 Behold he that / keepeth / Israel: shall / neither / slumber • nor / sleep.
- 5 The Lord him-/self • is thy / keeper: the Lord upon thy right / hand shall / give thee / shade;
- 6 The sun shall not / strike • thee by / day: neither / shall the / moon by / night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve thee from / all / evil: yea it is / he • that shall / keep thee / safe.
- 8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy / coming / in: from this time / forth for / ever-/more.

Next week's readings: Bible Sunday: Isaiah 45: 22-25; Psalm 119: 129-136; Romans: 15: 1-6; Luke 4: 16-24

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

A message from Rector Frances: you are invited to a housewarming get together at the Rectory on Saturday 16th November between 3 and 7 pm. Please put this date in your diary, when you can meet and get to know Rector Frances at her home.

Christmas Cards: The children of our Sunday School & Sunday Club have worked hard designing Christmas Cards which they will be selling to raise funds for the Benefice. They will be selling packs of their own cards to their friends and family and are offering mixed packs to members of the congregation. Packs will be £5 for 12 cards BUT to make maximum profit for the Benefice we have to order them by this Wednesday at the latest. If you are interested please can you order them by speaking to the Church Wardens or Sue before Wednesday Many thanks, Rev'd Emma on behalf of the Sunday School & Sunday Club leaders

Rev'd Emma is now on maternity leave. Please contact Sue this week if you need a member of the clergy. From Tuesday Rector Frances will be available on rectorofcanton@gmail.com

All Souls' Memorial Service will take place on Sunday 3rd November at 6.00pm in St Luke's. Families of those whose funerals have taken place in Canton over the past year have been invited to a special service to remember their loved ones. Please come along to support or help with refreshments.

All Souls' Mass will take place on Saturday 2nd November at 5.30pm in St Luke's. Lists are available at the back of each church for you to add names of your loved ones.

St Catherine's Notes:

Curry Night: Please save the date for the "Canton Benefice Curry Night Fundraiser" at 7.45pm for 8pm start on Saturday 9 November 2019 in the St Catherine's Hall. There will be a veritable banquet of different curries on offer. Tickets in advance only please from Dan or Fran Caunt. £15 per head to include your first alcoholic or soft drink. £10 for U14s. Strictly limited to 50 tickets. Please see Dan or Fran Caunt in church or contact any of the St Catherine's Sunday Club team. We'll get the tickets to you!

Please contact dan.caunt@admiralgroupp.co.uk if you would like to offer your help prior to or on the night - cooking, serving, set up or take down. If you cannot make the evening but can donate a raffle prize, please let us know!

Winter fair: Sat November 30th at 2pm – please keep the date free for this important event helping to boost our church fundraising.

Midweek service: Holy Eucharist Wednesday 11.00 am

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna: We are collecting washing powder throughout October. Please leave in the box in church.

Sunday School: Oct 27th half term – no Sunday School Nov 3rd half term – no Sunday School; 10th Messy Church; 17th Sunday School; 24th Sunday School; Dec 1st Sunday School; 8th Messy Church; 15th Sunday School; 22nd – 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.

Lunch: The next lunch is on Friday 25th October at 12 noon. All very welcome.

Midweek Service: Holy Eucharist Thursday 10.30 am

St Luke's Notes:

26th October: Italian Night – enjoy a 3 course Italian meal in the café. Please see Sue B, Beryl, Linda or Sue J for tickets.

Advance notice: 7th December – Advent Coffee Morning; 12th January Benefice lunch (limited to 60 people); 25th February – Shrove Tuesday Sausage, chips and pancakes.

Midweek Services: Tuesday 10.00 am; Friday 6.00pm

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun Oct 20 th	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Merthyr Tydfil, Christ Church: Mark Prevett (PinC)	<i>Church in the Province of the West Indies</i>
Mon Oct 21 st	Merthyr Tydfil, St. David and Abercanaid: Mark Prevett (PinC)	<i>Cuba</i>
Tues Oct 22 nd	Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog and Llanfabon: Gareth Coombes (PinC)	<i>Rajasthan</i>
Weds Oct 23 rd	Department for Communication	<i>Cuernavaca (Mexico); Curitiba (Brazil)</i>
Thurs Oct 24 th	Troedyrhiw w Merthy Vale: Stephen Barnes (V)	<i>Recife (Brazil); Cuttack (North India)</i>
Fri Oct 25 th	Ystrad Mynach & Llanbradach: Canon Steven Kirk (V)	<i>Rejaf (South Sudan); Cyangugu (Rwanda); Kuching</i>
Sat Oct 26 th	Rectorial Benefice of Eglwysilan and Caerphilly: Mark Greenaway-Robbins (R)	<i>Cyprus and the Gulf (Jerusalem & Middle East)</i>

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