

# NEWSLETTER

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## Trinity 18

Today we gather as those called and welcomed into the presence of the living God through the grace of the Son. Let us respond to this wonderful invitation by offering ourselves in worship.

### Collect of 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. Amen.

### Today's Readings

#### First Reading Isaiah 25:1-9

The prophet celebrates the faithful deliverance of God's people from their earthly oppressors and anticipates the day of the Lord that will herald ultimate judgement and blessing.

#### Second Reading Philippians 4:1-9

Paul urges Christians to direct their hearts and minds to maintaining an active faith in Christ by every means – resolving quarrels, praying, expressing trust and focusing on all that is good.

#### Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus presents God's response to Israel's refusal to honour the Son. He extends an invitation. All are now welcome at the kingdom celebrations.

"Many are called but  
few are chosen."

- Matthew 22:14

**St Catherine's:** 10.30 am Sung Eucharist with Archdeacon Peggy

**Today's Hymns:** 649, 340, 412, 565

**St John's:** 9.00 am Sung Eucharist with Fr David Sheen

**Today's Hymns:** 649, 411, 565

**St Luke's:** 10:30 am Sung Mass with Fr David Sheen

**Today's Hymns:** 12, 411, 610, 332

**Psalm response:** I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia (x4)

## Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord / is my / shepherd: therefore / can I / lack / nothing.
- 2 He shall make me to lie down in / green / pastures: and lead me forth be-/side the / waters • of / comfort.
- 3 He shall re-/fresh my / soul: and bring me forth in the right way / for his / name's / sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the darkest valley, \* I will / fear no / evil: for thou art with me, \* thy / rod • and thy / staff / comfort me.
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me, \* in the presence of / them that / trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, \* and my / cup / shall be/full.
- 6 Yea thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me \* all the / days of • my / life: and I will dwell in the / house • of the / Lord for / ever.

**Newsletter:** for any items to be included in this newsletter please email Sue Jones ([office@beneficeofcanton.org.uk](mailto:office@beneficeofcanton.org.uk)) Deadline is 12 noon on Fridays. For an email copy of the newsletter please contact Sheila at [mgsmkelly1@gmail.com](mailto:mgsmkelly1@gmail.com)

**Friday Youth Club** at St Catherine's Church Hall 7pm-8:30pm Youth club is back. This activity and games based group is for all young people in year 5 and above. It is free to attend and the only money 'needed' is for the tuck shop! We are also in urgent need of volunteers to help on Friday evenings. Can you commit to one Friday evening a term to help? For more information contact Sarah Burton at [youthofficer@beneficeofcanton.org.uk](mailto:youthofficer@beneficeofcanton.org.uk)

**Shoebbox Appeal:** leaflets are now available for the Samaritan Purse shoebbox appeal. Please bring your shoeboxes to church by 14<sup>th</sup> November. More details from Ruth Honey 20553603.

**Promise of Christmas:** Cambrensis will be presenting this event at St David's Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm. More details from Monica Green (organist at St John's).

**Benefice Confirmation:** if you are interested in being confirmed this year please speak to Fr Mark, Dominic or Sam for more information. Bishop June will be confirming candidates on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30 am at St Luke's Church.

## St Catherine's Notes:

**Hall Bookings:** To book the Hall email Bev on [hall.stcatherines@gmail.com](mailto:hall.stcatherines@gmail.com).

**Midweek Services:** Holy Eucharist - Wednesday at 11am

## St John's Notes:

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

**Midweek Services:** Holy Eucharist Thursday 10.30 am.

## St Luke's Notes:

**Midweek services:** Said Mass Saturday 10.30am. There will be no Mass on a Tuesday and Friday throughout October. Services will resume as normal in November.

**Recently Departed:** Gillian Iles

## Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	TRINITY 18 Aberdare, St. Fagan: Richard Green (V)	<i>Swaziland - (Southern Africa)</i>
Mon Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	Cwmbach Ven. Christopher Smith (PinC)	<i>Sydney - (New South Wales, Australia)</i>
Tues Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	Hirwaun: Ceirion Rees (PinC)	<i>Tabora - (Tanzania)</i>
Weds Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	LUKE, EVANGELIST Director of Ministry & Discipleship: Canon Richard Lowndes.	<i>Taita-Taveta - (Kenya)</i>
Thurs Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mountain Ash & Miskin: Michael Jones (V)	<i>Taiwan</i>
Fri Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>	Penrhiwceiber, Matthewstown and Ynysboeth: Ben Rabjohns (V)	<i>Tanga - (Tanzania)</i>
Sat Oct 21 <sup>st</sup>	Deanery of Merthr Tydfil and Caerphilly: Area Dean Canon Steven Kirk	<i>Tasmania</i>