

# NEWSLETTER

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## Trinity 7

We meet to worship God, whose wisdom is beyond all understanding, whose love is without end and whose kingdom is open to all.

### Collect for the day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 Readings

#### First Reading 1 Kings 3:5-12

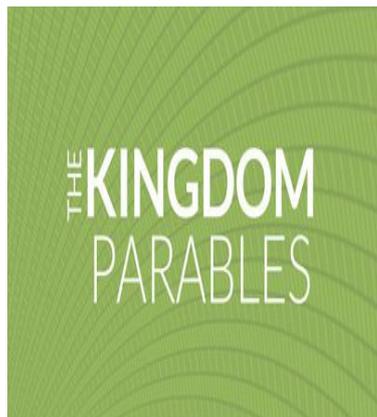
Solomon asks God for gifts of understanding and discernment so that he can rule God's people wisely. God is pleased and grants his request.

#### Second Reading Romans 8:26-end

The Holy Spirit and Jesus both intercede for us so that, even in times of great distress, nothing can separate us from God's love.

#### Gospel Matthew 13:31-33. 44-52

In a series of parables Jesus shows how the kingdom of heaven starts small and grows very big, is of great value and scoops up all sorts of people.



**St John's:** 10.30 am Benefice Together Eucharist

**Today's Hymns:** 570, 590, 695

### Psalm 119: 129-136

**R Lord, how I love your law.**

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.  
When your word goes forth it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

**R**  
I open my mouth and pant; I long for your commandments.

Turn to me in mercy, as you always do to those who love your name.

**R**  
Steady my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.  
Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.

**R**  
Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.  
My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

**R**

**Next week's readings:** Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97; 2 Peter 1: 16-19; Luke 9: 28b-36

**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)

**Messy Church** will meet on September 10<sup>th</sup> in St Luke's Church with a special service and tea for leaders and volunteers. There is a need for extra help/volunteers to be involved in planning and preparation of food and activities. If you think you might like to help talk to Dominic or Samuel who will be pleased to welcome you on board. You don't need to have children attending to help.

**Services in August**

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	St John's 9.00am; St Catherine's 10.30 am	Fr Keith Kimber
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	St John's 9.00am; St Catherine's 10.30 am	Fr Keith Kimber
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	St John's 9.00 am; St Catherine's 10.30 am	Fr David Sheen
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	St John's 9.00 am; St Catherine's 10.30 am	tbc

There will be no 8.00 am services and no evening services in the Benefice on Sundays in August.

Weekday services as usual in St Catherine's and St John's (see below)

**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 sugar, tea and coffee throughout July. Please leave in the box in church.

**Midweek Services:** Holy Eucharist - Thursday at 10:30 am

**St Luke's Notes:**

**Decorating:** St Luke's is closed for all services for approximately 6 weeks for decorating. However we've delayed the arrival of the decorators until 2<sup>nd</sup> August (after the funeral on 1<sup>st</sup> August).

**Collection:** please consider reserving your collection over the 6 weeks of closure and bringing it to St Luke's on 10<sup>th</sup> September. If you are part of the envelope scheme, you can take your collection to St John's or St Catherine's and it will be passed on to Beryl or Lynda. We rely on your regular weekly donations to cover our expenditure. Thank you.

**Hannah Parsons RIP:** it is with great sadness that we learned that Hannah had passed away last week. Hannah has been a faithful and committed member of St Luke's for over 30 years and was a Eucharistic Minister for most of these years. Hannah was dedicated to the life of our church and was a much loved member of Women's Group. In recent years, Hannah's health held her back from being as involved as she wished, but her faith remained strong and steadfast throughout her tribulations. We pray that Hannah may rest in peace in the arms of our Lord and we pray for Tony, Stephen, Julia and their families at this time. Hannah's funeral will be a Requiem Mass on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 11.30 am followed by committal at Thornhill Crematorium at 1.15pm. Hannah's body will be received into St Luke's on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 3.00 pm.

**Elizabeth Singers:** to celebrate the re-opening of St Luke's after the decorating, the Elizabeth Singers will be presenting an evening of music on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 pm. The concert is open to all and we hope you can join us.

**Midweek Services:** No services until week beginning September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Recently Departed: Hannah Parsons, Brenda Howell**

**Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle: Trinity 7**

<b>July 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Roath, St. Martin: Irving Hamer (V)	<i>Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh</i>
<b>July 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Deanery of Llandaff Area Dean: Michael John	<i>NZ &amp; Polynesia</i>
<b>Aug 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Caerau & Ely: Jessie Smith (V) Christopher Lee (NSM, C)	<i>Port Elizabeth - (Southern Africa)</i>
<b>Aug 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Diocesan Director of Ordinands: Dr. Trystan Hughes	<i>Papua New Guinea</i>
<b>Aug 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Fairwater: Colin Sutton (V)	<i>Port Sudan</i>
<b>Aug 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Glan Ely: Jan Gould (PinC)	<i>Portsmouth</i>
<b>Aug 5<sup>th</sup></b>	The Cathedral Church of Llandaff: Very Rev'd. Gerwyn Capon (Dean)	<i>Pretoria</i>