

NEWSLETTER

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The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Let us come together to worship God with joy and wonder, and give thanks for God's blessing on our lives.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 Wisdom 1:16 – 2:1. 12-22

Life is short and full of sorrow, so why avoid sin? This was the false reasoning of some people whose wickedness made them blind to truth.

Second Reading James 3:13 – 4:3. 7-8a

The root causes of human conflict are greed and personal ambition. Sinners who are penitent, however, receive God's forgiveness.

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Jesus uses the example of a little child to remind the disciples that life in the kingdom will have very different priorities.

St Catherine's: 8.00 am Holy Eucharist; 10.30 am Choral Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 596, 314, 34, 227

St John's: 9.00 am Sung Eucharist; 12.30 pm Baptism

Today's Hymns: 314, 437, 382

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass

Today's Hymns: 314, 382, 437, 305

Psalm response: The Lord sustains my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia x4

Psalm 54

- 1 Save me O God by the / power of • thy / name: and a-/venge me / in thy / strength.
- 2 Hear my / prayer O / God: and hearken unto the / words / of my / mouth.
- 3 For arrogant men are / risen • a-/gainst me: and tyrants who have not God before their / eyes seek / after • my / life.
- 4 Behold / God • is my / helper: the Lord is / he • that up-/holdeth • my / life.
- 5 He shall render evil / unto • mine / enemies: de-/stroy thou / them • in thy / faithfulness.
- 6 An offering of a willing heart / will I / give thee: I will praise thy name O / Lord, for / it is / good.
- †7 For he hath delivered me out of / all my / trouble: and mine eye hath seen its de-/sire up-/on mine / enemies.

Next Sunday: Benefice Together at St Luke's, 10.30 am. No other services across the Benefice on this day.

Next week's readings: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19: 7-14; James 5: 13-20; Mark 9: 38-50

PCC meets this evening at 6.00pm

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

Our ordinand, Sam will be leaving Canton next week to serve the final year of his training placement in his home Diocese of Monmouth. We will all be very sorry to see Sam go and we are enormously grateful for all the work he has done in the Benefice over the last two years. We will say 'farewell' formally to Sam and his wife Katie at the Benefice service in St Luke's on the 30th September.

'Get to know our new Team Vicar' Sunday 7th October 4pm-6pm: I'd love to extend a welcome to all of the Sunday School/Club teachers and leaders to the Vicarage on Sunday afternoon to get to know you all over tea & cake. I've had lots of conversations with people in the last month but I'd love to get us all together (to help me put names to faces!) Please be aware I will not be able to send out personal invitations or emails as I do not have access to a Sunday School/Club database as yet so if you know of anyone who should be invited please can you let them know! Looking forward to seeing you all soon, Revd Emma

Messy Church: there will be a 'get together and rejuvenation session' at the Vicarage on 30th September 4 – 6pm for all people interested in being a part of Messy Church. All are welcome – including current members of the planning committee, those interested in being involved in the future and those who have been involved in the past and would like to return. Rev'd Emma will be delighted to see you.

St Catherine's Notes:

Hall Bookings: Please note a change of email contact for booking St Catherine's Hall. Bev can be contacted on hall.stcatherines@beneficeofcanton.org.uk The previous gmail address is no longer active.

Eve of All Saints Celebration. Wednesday 31 October 5.45pm - 10.00pm: You can expect a bonfire, apple bobbing, doughnut reaching, soul cakes, good food, licensed bar, disco = loads of fun. Tickets at £7.50, £4.00 concessions, children under 5 - free, will be on sale in all three churches next Sunday. Book early to avoid disappointment

Tree Improvement Project: Work will commence end of October/early November on the eight remaining trees that need attention. The project's steering group have been invited to a Coop "Join in Live" event at the **Principality Stadium** on Saturday 20 October. We shall be able to inform a wider audience about the work of the Benefice and meet other local causes which the Coop have supported during 2018

Choir: St. Catherine's has a tradition of choral music. If you are interested in joining us please speak to Colin Rossiter 07785 922542.

Christmas Fair. Saturday 24 November. 2.00pm - 5.00pm: More details to follow. Make a note in you diary.

Servers: If you would like to join the serving team please speak to Hilary Westwood (Churchwarden) or email hilary.westwood@icloud.com Duties are not onerous. Full training will be given.

Envelopes: A new supply of the yellow envelopes that some of the congregation put their collection money in will be issued soon. If you would like to join the envelope scheme please talk to Nic or either of the churchwardens. Also, if you are a tax payer and have not signed up for Gift Aid, Nic or either of the churchwardens can also explain what is involved. If you are already in the envelope scheme please collect the box with your name on from the middle of the church

Midweek service: Wednesday 11.00 am

St John's Notes:

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

Harvest Supper: Friday 28th September at St John's - 6.30 for 7.00 pm. Tickets available from St John's ladies.

Advance notice: Christmas Tree festival: Thursday 6th – Sunday 9th December. More details to follow.

St John's Sunday School meets on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month at 9am;

30th Sept No Sunday School; 7th Oct Sunday School; 14th Oct Messy church; 21st Oct Sunday School; 28th Oct No Sunday School;

4th Nov No Sunday School; 11th Nov Messy Church; 18th Nov Sunday school; 25th Nov Sunday School; 2nd Dec Sunday School;

9th Dec Messy Church; 16th Dec Sunday School; 23rd Dec - 7th Jan No Sunday School

Midweek Service: Thursday 10.30 am

St Luke's Notes:

Afternoon Tea: join us on Saturday 17th November for Afternoon Tea, from 3 – 5pm in St Luke's Hall. Tickets on sale from 30th Sept.

Midweek Mass: Tuesday 10.00 am; Friday 6.00 pm; Saturday 10.30 am

Recently Departed:

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun Sept 23 rd	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Cilybebyll: Jayne Shaw ®	<i>The Anglican Church of Tanzania</i>
Mon Sept 24 th	Dulais Valley: Liz Rees (PinC)	<i>Ibba - (South Sudan)</i>
Tues Sept 25 th	Cadoxton-juxta-Neath and Tonna: Andrew Meredith (PinC)	<i>Idah - (Nigeria)</i>
Weds Sept 26 th	The Cathedral Chapter:	<i>Idaho and Indianapolis</i>
Thurs Sept 27 th	Duffryn: {St. Matthew}.Stephen Bodycombe (V)	<i>Ideato - Nigeria</i>
Fri Sept 28 th	Skewen: Christopher Coles (PinC)	<i>Idoani -Nigeria</i>
Sat Sept 29 th	Michael & All Angels Vale of Neath: Andrew Davies (V)	<i>Ife -Nigeria</i>

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