

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
631	631	534
580	172	169
487	755	374
755		409

Collect:

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.

Psalm Response:

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Gospel Acclamation:

St John's: Alleluia ...

Speak Lord your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life ... Alleluia

St Luke's: **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love**

If you know of a church member, or anyone, who is unwell or would appreciate contact from our priests, please inform the clergy at the earliest opportunity.



In today's gospel the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man challenges the belief that one's material blessings and riches were evidence of God's approval and blessing. This belief is shattered when he sees Lazarus, who suffered greatly in this life, being rewarded in the next while he is punished for indifference. Our challenge is consider again the appropriate use of the blessings we have received from God and the imperative to use them justly for the common good and not just for ourselves and our families.

Trinity 18

St Catherine's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 10:30 Sung Eucharist;

St John's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist;

St Luke's - 10:30 Sung Mass;

For Weekday Services and Regular Events see the Website or Church Notice boards for times and days.

Today's Readings

Amos 6:1,4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Tim 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Psalm 146

1 Praise ye the Lord. * Praise the Lord / O my / soul: while I / live • will I / praise the / Lord; **2** Yea as long as I / have • any / being: I will sing / praises / unto • my / God. **3** O put not your trust in princes, * nor in any / child of / man: for there / is no / help in / them. **4** For when the breath of man goeth forth, * he shall turn a-/gain • to his / earth: and in that day / all his / thoughts / perish. **5** Blessèd is he that hath the God of Jacob / for his / help: and whose hope is / in the / Lord his / God, **6** Who made heaven and earth, * the sea and all that / therein / is: who / keepeth • his / promise • for / ever, **7** Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong, * and / feedeth • the / hungry: the Lord / looseth • men / out of / prison. **8** The Lord giveth / sight • to the / blind: the Lord helpeth them that are bowed down, * the / Lord / loveth • the / righteous. **9** The Lord careth for them that are strangers in the land, * he sustaineth the / fatherless • and / widow: as for the way of the ungodly, he / turneth • it / upside / down. **10** The Lord shall be King for / ever-/more: even thy God O Zion throughout all generations. * / Praise / ye the / Lord.

Next week's readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Rev. 14:14-18; John 6:25-35

Benefice Notes:

Faith Pictures: No session this coming week. Session 4 is on Wed 5 October at at 7:30pm in the Vicarage (3a Romilly Road). If you'd like to attend please contact Fr Phelim. More details on the website.

Messy Church - Messy Church is on Sunday 9 October at 4pm in St John's. The next theme is about celebrating 'Lighting up the darkness' where God lights up our way.

Confirmation Programme - The confirmation ceremony will be on Sunday 20 November at 10:30 in St John's. There's also a confirmation trip to Oakwood on Sat 8 October which is also open to those confirmed last year. Confirmation this coming Saturday is in St John's at 11:30 pm. (see website or Fr Phelim for details).

Newsletter items - any items for inclusion in the newsletter please send to Lindsay Jones lindsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com. Space is limited. If you'd like an email copy of the newsletter and readings please ask Sheila on mgsmkelly1@gmail.com

Paradise Run - We'd like to thank Siwan Mitchell for all the help and food she's given these last few years. Siwan is stepping down now and so we will only have two people who take it in turns to provide the hot food (for 45-50 people 4 times a year). Please let Diana (07754179373) know if you could help in this act of charity and service to those who are homeless.

Stewardship and Mission - The launch for our stewardship campaign will be on Sunday 16 October. Details to follow soon.

PCC and Action Teams - The next meeting of the PCC is on Sun 16 Oct at 6:30pm (St Johns).

St Catherine's Notes:

Harvest Thanksgiving. The 10.30- service on Sunday 2 October will be an All-Age Eucharist. Adults and children are asked to bring Harvest gifts which will be given to Ty Bronna.

Sunday Club From now on we ask that parents leave children going to our Sunday club at the hall before 10:30. This will allow for the children to return just after the peace and be present for more of our celebration of the Eucharist.

Thank You - A special thank you to Jane Holland who is stepping down from Sunday Club. Jane has given much time, energy and joy to St Catherine's Sunday Club down through the years and we are extremely grateful.

Bonfire, Bobbing and Bangers - Mon 31 October, the eve of All Hallows. Tickets and more details from Clive Westwood.

Gluten free wafers are available at Communion. Inform the clergy before the service if you wish to avail of this facility.

Hall Bookings - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email Bev on hall.stcatherines@gmail.com.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist this Wednesday at 11:00 am

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna - this month's collection is washing up liquid.

Harvest Supper 1 October 2016 - Help is still needed with all aspects of the evening. Tickets available from Ruth Honey (£10 each). Please note, there is no monthly lunch this September.

Church Booking - To book the church please contact the clergy. For concerts contact Gill Winton (see website).

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist this Thursday at 10:30 am

St Luke's Notes:

Hall Bookings - To book the Hall please contact Jackie Page on 029 2091 3808.

Midweek Services: Masses at 10:00 am on Wednesdays; 6:00 pm on Fridays; and 10:30 am on Saturdays.

Recently Departed: Albert Edward Lincoln, Betty Littlewood

This Week in the Benefice: (Diocesan Prayer / Anglican Prayer Cycle / Events and Services)

Sun 25	Pontllynn & Fochriw w Rhymney, Robert Lindsay (PinC); The Episcopal Church USA; Trinity 17 ;
Mon 26	Abercynon, Dr Sarah Rogers (PinC); Hereford; Lancelot Andrews, Bishop;
Tues 27	Aberdare, Robert Davies (V); Highveld, South Africa; St Vincent de Paul ;
Wed 28	Department for Parish Resources, Stephen Ryan; Ho, Ghana;
Thur 29	Aberdare, St Fagan, Richard Green (V); Honduras; St Michael and All Angels ;
Fri 30	Cwmbach, Christopher Smith (PinC); Hpa-an (Myanmar); St Jerome;
Sat 1	Hirwaun, Ceirion Rees; Huron, Canada;
Sun 2	Penrhiwceiber Mathewstown & Ynysboeth, Ben Rabjohns (PinC); Hyderabad (Pakistan) Trinity 19 and Harvest ;

25 September 2016 – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)**Collect of the Day**

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First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts:
Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria!
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Amos 6.1a,4-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

R Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Alleluia! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish. **R**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
who made heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;
who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger. **R**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow;
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia! **R**
R Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

1 Timothy 6.6-19

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Gospel

Hear the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” The man who had been rich said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Abraham said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

Luke 16.19-31

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table
where you reign with all your saints for ever.