

Sunday 26th September | 17th Sunday after Trinity
Proper 21 (Green)

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The Rectorial Benefice of Eglwysilan & Caerphilly

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The rabble among the people had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.' Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child," to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once – if I have found favour in your sight – and do not let me see my misery.' So the LORD said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.' So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!'

(Numbers 11. 4-6, 10-16, 24-29)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Verses from Psalm 19

R: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The law of the Lord is perfect.
It revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R.**

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From the hidden faults acquit me. **R.**

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **R.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had finished teaching the disciples, John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

(Mark 9. 38-50)

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

This Week

MONDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

7pm Let's Talk Creation Care: discussion group on Zoom

TUESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

12 noon Funeral at St. Martin's: *Ray Richards + RIP*

7pm Youth listening meeting at St. Martin's – with Sam Robinson

WEDNESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

7pm Eucharist at St. Andrew's

THURSDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

5pm Baptism and Marriage surgery at St. Martin's

FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER

3pm Choir rehearsal in St. Martin's carpark

SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER

10am Gardening party at St. Martin's

Next Sunday: 3rd October

9am Sunday service on Zoom

10.30am Eucharist at St. Martin's

11am Eucharist at St. Eglwysilan

11am Eucharist at St. Andrew's

6pm United Evensong at St. Martin's

Notices

BIBLE BOOK CLUB – our monthly Bible book club restarts on Monday 4th October at 7pm on Zoom. This month we will focus on the Gospel of John, chapters 1 – 12. Contact us for details to join or see the study groups page on our website, under the "Faith" menu.

Further Notices

CONCERT WITH NERYYS – join us for an evening of song with our very own Nerys Beckett. On Friday 15th October at 6pm in St. Martin's. Tickets cost £10 and include a glass of wine and nibbles. Pay on the door, but please contact us to book your seats in advance.

HEALING SERVICE – we will be offering a healing service on Sunday 17th October at 6pm in St. Martin's, anticipating the feast of St. Luke.

QUIZ SOCIAL NIGHT – why not join our next monthly quiz night on Thursday 21st October at 7pm on Zoom? Contact us for details to join or see the social page on our website, under the "News & Social" menu.

ECO BRICK WORKSHOP – thanks to everyone who supports our recycling schemes, we now have everything in place to make Eco bricks (plastic bottles filled with clean waste plastic). Why not join us on Saturday 23rd September from 10am at St. Martin's to help make the bricks or to learn more?

Good News

FR MARK'S SPONSORED CYCLE – thanks to your support, Fr Mark completed his cycle challenge last month – almost 200 miles in 4 days! The final total raised was £1768 for our mission and ministry. With our sincere thanks to everyone for their generosity, support and prayers.

GARDEN AWARDS – this year both St. Andrew's and St. Martin's gardens have yet again gained the Green Flag Community Award. In addition, St. Martin's also received the RHS 'Wales in Bloom' award at level 4: Thriving. Huge congratulations to all those who have worked hard to keep our grounds looking beautiful to obtain these awards.

Please book to attend any of our physical services.

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