

Next Sunday –30th Seotember

9.25am Choir Rehearsal at St Basil's

10am Benefice Eucharist at St Basil's –CS

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries:

St Basil's: Trevor Morgan, Ruth Olwen Roberts, Robert Davies, Sue Fletcher, Arthur Taylor, Doris Hunt, Michael Arthur Peach Ron Smith, Janice Davies,, Gerald Hum,Cecil Bailey, Nol McConnell, Royston Jones, Gordon Jones,

St John's, Doris Wallace, Irene Brookes, John Peters, Violet Jenkins,

St Anne's: Edward Wheeler, John Tetley, Christopher Colclough,

PCC Meeting – has been postponed to the 1st October 8pm St Basil's

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Thursday 27th September 10.30 -12. Coffee and homemade cakes. Adults £3, children free.

Benefice Eucharist – 30th September 10am at St. Basil's – This will be the only service in the parish.

Messy Church and Youth Ministry

We would now like to re-energise our efforts to serve the young people and children in our benefice who may or may not be attending church. Ideally we would like a youth team of volunteers who are happy to meet and greet, run craft activities, help with music or singing, or in fact just help behind the scenes with preparation and organisation.

Anyone with a commitment to help, who likes to work with others and who would enjoy providing a safe, nurturing fun activity for children and families is welcome. Please get in touch with Paula Bartlett to express your interest.

The more helpers we have, the lesser the commitment and the more fun we can have as a benefice!

We hope to run a whole benefice event, open to the wider community, every 8 weeks or so. We would like to have a planning meeting in the first week in October, so please get in touch as soon as you can.

Paula Bartlett - email: pjbartlett24@gmail.com or see Chris Stone to pass on your contact details and interest.

St Basil BASSALEG St John the Baptist ROGERSTONE St Anne HIGH CROSS

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23rd Seotember

8.30am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's – CS

9.25am Choir Rehearsal at St Basil's

9.30am Holy Eucharist at St Anne's – CS

10am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's –Fr Ross Maidment

10.45am Holy Eucharist at St John's - CS

1pm Holy Baptism at St Basil's -CS

This Week in the Benefice

Monday	6.30pm	Diary Night
	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist at St Basil's
Tuesday	10.00am	Holy Eucharist at St. John's
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Eucharist at St. Anne's
	10.30am	Community Coffee Morning
	3.15pm	Coffee and Video games
Friday	8.00am	Holy Eucharist at St Basil's

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 23RD SEPTEMBER

The 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.**

The First Reading

Wisdom 1:16-2:1, 12-22 (REB/NJB)

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The godless by their deeds and words have asked death for his company. Thinking him their friend and pining for him, they have made a pact with him because they are worthy to belong to him. The false argument they use is this: "Our life is short and full of trouble, and when our end comes there is no remedy; no one has been known to return from the grave. Let us set a trap for the righteous; they stand in our way, annoy us at every turn; they reproach us as breakers of the law, and call us traitors to our upbringing. They know God, so they say, and call themselves children of the Lord. They are a reproof to our whole way of thinking. The very sight of them weighs down our spirits, because their kind of life is not like other people's; their ways are quite different. They reject us like counterfeit coin, and avoid us and our ways like filth; they say that the righteous die happy, and boast that God is their Father. Let us test the truth of their claim; let us see what will happen to them at the end; for if the righteous man is God's son, God will stretch out his hand to him and save him from the clutch of his enemies. Let us test him with insult and torture, to measure this gentleness of his, and put his patience to the test. Let us condemn him to a shameful death: if what he says is true, he will have his protector." So they argue, but they are misled, their malice makes them blind, they fail to understand God's hidden plan; they do not expect that holiness of life has its reward, or think that blameless souls have their recompense.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

54:1-4, 6-7

I will praise your name, for it is gracious.

Response: I will praise your name, for it is gracious.

Save me, O God, / by your / name:

and vindicate me / by your / power.

Hear my / prayer, O / God:

give heed to the words / of my / mouth. **Response**

For strangers have risen up against me, *

and the ruthless seek af/ter my / life:

they have not set / God be/fore them.

Behold, God / is my / helper:

it is the Lord who up/holds my / life. **Response**

An offering of a free heart / will I / give you:

and praise your name, O Lord, for / it is / gracious.

For he has delivered me out of / all my / trouble:

and my eye has seen the downfall / of my / enemies. **Response**

The Second Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (CEV)

A reading from the letter of James.

Are any of you wise or sensible? Then show it by living a good life and by being humble and wise in everything you do. But if your heart is full of bitter jealousy and selfishness, don't boast or lie to cover up the truth. That kind of wisdom doesn't come from above. It is earthly and selfish and comes from the devil himself. Whenever people are jealous or selfish, they cause trouble and do all sorts of cruel things. But the wisdom that comes from above leads us to be pure, friendly, gentle, sensible, kind, helpful, genuine, and sincere. When peacemakers plant seeds of peace, they will harvest justice. Why do you fight and argue with each other? Isn't it because you are full of selfish desires that fight to control your body? You want something you don't have, and you will do anything to get it. You will even kill! But you still cannot get what you want, and you won't get it by fighting and arguing. You should pray for it. Yet even when you do pray, your prayers are not answered, because you pray just for selfish reasons. Surrender to God! Resist the devil, and he will run from you. Come near to God, and he will come near to you.

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The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

We do not live by / bread a/lone,

but by every word that comes from the / mouth of / God. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37 (TNIV)

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered over to human hands. He will be killed, and after three days he will rise." But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

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