

**Next Sunday – 4th November**

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 – JW  
10am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's –CS  
10.45am Holy Eucharist at St John's – JW  
1pm Holy Baptism at St. Basil's - CS

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Anniversaries:

**St Basil's:** Hugh Jenkins, Geoffrey Morgan, Jill Harmston,  
Bill Richards, Ann Brown, Alice Davies, Sheila Watkins, Ray Thorn,  
Bill Morris, Jack Griffiths, Mary Griffiths,

**St John's,** Lawrence Leslie, Vera Hayes, John Adams, Phyllis Challicion,  
Mary Pearson, William Martin, Eilir Edwards, Doris Kitt,

**St Anne's:** Susie Damordan, Wilfred Leadbetter,

**Messy Church and Youth Ministry**

If you are able to help with Messy Church please contact Paula Bartlett -  
email: [pjbartlett24@gmail.com](mailto:pjbartlett24@gmail.com) or see Chris Stone to pass on your contact  
details and interest.

**Benefice Quiz night and prize draw.**

To be held on Friday 23rd Nov at St Basil's church hall.

Entrance tickets are available from Jenny Turner, price £5.

All donations for the hampers to be given to Kay Rogers.(no toiletries)

Prize draw tickets are available from Jeff Taylor.

Draw tickets at St John's

When you have purchased or sold your Benefice draw tickets  
please hand your tickets stubs and money to Rose Pugh.

**Chris** will be away Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. If you need to  
speak to a priest please contact Fr John Connell – 02922 415848

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

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**28th October – Bible Sunday**

8.30am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's – Alan Tyler  
9.25am *Choir Rehearsal at St Basil's*  
9.30am Holy Eucharist at St Anne's – CS  
10am Holy Eucharist at St Basil's –Alan Tyler  
10.45am Holy Eucharist at St John's – CS  
1pm Holy Baptism at St. John's - CS

**This Week in the Benefice**

No midweek services during half term

## **BIBLE SUNDAY – 28<sup>th</sup> October**

### ***The Collect***

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### ***The First Reading***

***Isaiah 55:1–11 (NJB)***

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy and eat; come, buy wine and milk without money, free! Why spend money on what cannot nourish, and your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and you will have good things to eat, and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen and you will live. I shall make an everlasting covenant with you in fulfilment of the favours promised to David. Look, I have made him a witness to peoples, a leader and lawgiver to nations. Look, you will summon a nation unknown to you, a people that you do not know will hurry to you, for the sake of the LORD your God, because the Holy One of Israel has glorified you. Seek out the LORD while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near, let the wicked abandon their way, and the evil their thoughts. Let them turn back to the LORD who will take pity on them, to our God, for he is rich in forgiveness; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD. For the heavens are as high above the earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from the sky, and do not return before having watered the earth, fertilising it and making it germinate, to provide seed for the sower and food to eat, so it is with the word that goes from my mouth: it will not return unfulfilled, or before having carried out my good pleasure, and having achieved what it was sent to do. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### ***The Psalm***

***19:7-11, 14***

**The perfect law of God revives the soul of all;  
his statutes which are sure make wise the simple one.  
The precepts of the Lord are right and fill the heart with great delight.**

**God's radiant commands shed light on what we see;  
the fear of God is pure and lasts eternally.  
The standards of the Lord. express his perfect truth and righteousness.**

**Of far more worth than gold - than much pure gold - they are;  
than honey from the comb, than honey sweeter far.  
They warn the servant of the Lord; in keeping them is great reward.**

**Lord, let the words I speak be pleasing in your sight,  
and may my inmost thoughts be in your judgement right.  
O Lord, you are a Rock to me; you have redeemed and set me free.**

### ***The Second Reading***

***2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (NJB)***

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and useful for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be righteous. This is how someone who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I charge you, in the name of his appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, give encouragement - but do all this with patience and with care to instruct. The time is sure to come when people will not accept sound teaching, but their ears will be itching for anything new and they will collect themselves a whole series of teachers according to their own tastes; and then they will shut their ears to the truth and will turn to myths. But you must keep steady all the time; put up with suffering; do the work of preaching the gospel; fulfil the service asked of you.

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

### ***The Gospel Acclamation***

Alleluia! **Alleluia!** The word of the Lord endures for / ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to / you. **Alleluia!**

### ***The Gospel Reading***

***John 5:36–47 (TNIV)***

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Jews: "I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish — the very works that I am doing — testify that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you possess eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings, but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?"

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