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WEEKLY LETTER – 7 AUGUST 2022

Luke 12.32-40

**No surprises, Jesus message is both encouraging,
inspiring and challenging!**

I wonder what you think about the main (dominant) culture that you live in? It would seem that everywhere you listen, watch or look, people are promoting success. Our culture is trying to persuade you to invest in yourself so that you 'feel' well, and that you enjoy yourself. There is a relentless drive to say to human beings that you have the wherewithal to create and enjoy the sweet smell of success. In other words, God is just a fiction, who will rob you of your personal glory and the quantum leaps you could achieve.

In every age and in the numerous dominant cultures there are always temptations, and ours is no different. This is one of the reasons that in every age why we need to pray to our Loving Father. For, once we are 'sucked' in to the treasure of any culture it is very likely we will begin to lose our true desires and our faith in God,

We pray so that we will refocus on 'treasures that do not fail', and for 'purses that do not grow old' (v.32). We pray that we will be liberated from what is false and therefore 'waiting for our master to come home from the marriage feast, so that we will be there to open to him' our treasures (v.36).

I'm sure you know the words of St Paul, "If God is for us, who is against us" (Romans 8.31-39).

Not only do you pray to be faithful but it is also vital we pray for the world, that in the midst of the world's tribulations, God will set a limit to the destructive powers that ravage God's creation and all our lives.

Stephen

Christ Well Playgroup

We would like to thank everyone who came, and also took part, in the Service of Celebration for the Playgroup on Sunday Morning, 31st July. It was lovely to see so many parents and children, and former members of staff sharing in our Worship.

We thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the children through the years, and wish them well as they look forward to their future employment.

Sunday Morning Worship in Christ Well, and on Zoom, at 10.30 am will be led by Rev Linda Woollacott. We will celebrate Communion. Bible Readings: Luke 12.32-40: Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16.

Cycle of Prayer in the Swansea Region – we will pray for Temple, Gowerton

Prayers for Every Household – Cecil Street, nos. 66-100

A Commonwealth of Love

(Lectionary Readings – Isaiah 1.1, 10-20: Psalm 50.1-8, 22-23: Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16: Luke 12.32-40)

Ever present God, we come to praise you, we thank you for your steadfast love.
We seek to be the bringers of your justice, your love and forgiveness.

Help us to be open to all people and welcome them, no matter who they are.
Give us courage to step out of our comfort zones and welcome those who may be different from ourselves.

Strengthen our faith, that we may rely on you each day for all that we need to live.
May we seek equity, so that no one is in need.

Help us to share our resources and use them to bring about your commonwealth of love.
Let us practise fairness in all we do, remembering to love as you have loved.

Lewis Reay (URC Prayer Handbook 2022)



Swansea Ageing Well

Wednesday 10th August 2022 from 12 noon-4pm

**FREE EVENT helping people
to
“Live Well & Age Well in Swansea”**

Bring your picnic and beach chair and join us on from midday on the beach by Secret Beach Bar & Kitchen for an afternoon of beach games, live music and information from a range of local organisations.

Music from Trim Bling and Steve Sax

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