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**WEEKLY LETTER –25 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Luke 16.19-31**

**God ‘understands everything and  
therefore is able to forgive everything’**

This well known ‘story’ from Jesus cannot be used to say you either go to hell or heaven. For sure Jesus often uses dramatic language to cause people to think, to challenge them and awaken their hearts to greater truths of his father. In other words, to treat every sentence ‘literally’ does not reflect accurately and honestly Jesus’ message to the world.

When we read about the rich man’s disappointing choices, I sense it would be wiser not to think of his choices, but more honestly think of where we have ‘gone astray’. For we do harm through our vulnerability, carelessness, anxiety or even dare I write this – our stupidity. Often we do not act with malice intent, but sometimes we have acted deliberately. However our knowledge of the Christian faith honestly shows we are not beyond forgiveness. Why? Because God ‘understands everything and is also the One who can forgive everything’.

To acknowledge this truth. To proclaim this truth. To live within this truth is to know that Jesus continues to triumph. ‘For the Kingdom of heaven is within you’.

***Stephen***

**Sunday Morning Worship in Christ Well, and on Zoom, at 10.30 am will be led by Rev Dr Robert Pope  
Bible Reading: 1 Timothy 6.6-19**

**If you wish to attend the lunch in Christ Well after Morning Worship on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, please let us know by Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Cycle of Prayer in the Swansea Region – Christ Well**

**Prayers for Every Household – Elgin Street, nos. 1-34**

### **Thursday Children's Club**

Fifteen children came to the first meeting of the Club last week. It was a happy and busy time and pleased to welcome so many children. God Bless.

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

**URC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster**



### **Jubilate everyone!**

Do the birds sing your praises?

Do the trees of the field clap their hands?

Do the seas roar and the mountains shake in honour of you, O God?

Do the stars twinkle and planets move at your bidding?

Do the waves dance and does the rainbow arch across the sky because of you, O Lord?

What about us?

Do we sing your praises?

Do we bow in wonder before you, our maker and redeemer?

Or, are we too busy to notice the sea, the sun and the sky?

Too busy to give thanks and praise and honour your holy name?

Today, dear God, our Creator and Redeemer, we will pause,  
take notice of all that you have given, and offer you our heartfelt praise.

**Isabel Bala** (URC Prayer Handbook 2022)