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## **WEEKLY LETTER – 19 DECEMBER 2021**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF**



**Luke 1.39-45**

### **The Celebrations have begun**

Mary fully accepts the word she received from the angel Gabriel (1.36), and so goes to see Elizabeth to share in a dream that they both knew was 'coming home'.

Like all Jews, Mary and Elizabeth knew about the central dream that for centuries Jesus had spoken about, and now it was time to start the celebrations. The fullest celebration is expressed through Mary's song (1.46-55), but the celebrations have already begun, for they know that John's life will bring to an end the constant searching for a new age, and Jesus' life will usher in a new age. The unborn John joins in the celebrations by leaping in the womb of his mother, Elizabeth. Elizabeth also celebrates because she is face to face with the mother of the Lord. She knows that the child which Mary carries in her womb is the One that will bring about a revolution, will score a stunning victory over the power of evil, and will reveal the face of God. No wonder Mary and Elizabeth are full of the joys of Spring!

Let us pray, therefore, that we can continue to be inspired by the examples of Elizabeth and Mary, and seek an encounter with the Lord Jesus, the only one who saves us, purifies us, and gives us true joy because He gives us true life.

**Stephen**

**Sunday Morning Worship in Christ Well and on Zoom at 10.30 am will be led by Rev Dr Jason Askew**  
**Bible Reading: Luke 1.39-45**

**Cycle of Prayer in the Swansea Region – Hall Street, Llanelli**

**Advent Bible Study – Wednesday, 22<sup>ND</sup> December – 7.30pm – led by Mrs Adella Pritchard**

**Christmas Eve – Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Mount Calvary has invited us to attend their Service at 6 pm. No booking is required.

**Christmas Day**

There will be a service on Christmas Day at 10.30 am in person and on Zoom. To attend in person you will need to book by **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

Christmas Day Worship will be led by Mrs Adella Pritchard. **Please bring your Order of Service sheet with you.**

**There will be no service on Boxing Day, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December.**

As usual our Christmas Day offertory will be for Christian Aid. Please make any cheques payable to Christ Well Manselton URC, making it clear that it is for Christian Aid and bring to church or send to **Wynford Bevan.**

**Please pray for -**

Please remember Members and Friends of Christ Well who may be in Residential Care, ill at home, or who have reasons to be concerned for themselves or their Family at this Christmas time.

**Best wishes** for a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year to all our readers from the Weekly letter Production Team