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Weekly Letter – 21 September 2025





## Luke 16.1-13 - Giving an account of our stewardship

Isaiah 32:14-18

We all know we are not perfect human beings, for we are all tremendously flawed. That means, we are aware that to be faithful stewards in God's world we have to toil and strive. For, "when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne". (Matt.25.31). This is the solemn introduction to the Last Judgement, in which as we all know, we will be summoned before Christ the Lord.

Giving an account of our lives is a common message from Jesus to all his disciples, and we are perfectly well aware that this summons is intertwined with Jesus' message of showing concern to the needs of others. Will we have shown sufficient solidarity with those who suffer? Will we have revealed in our hearts compassion and mercy to our neighbour? The well known statement at the end of this reading, 'You cannot serve God and mammon' makes it abundantly clear that at the end of our lives we will be judged on love, that is, in our concrete commitment to love and serve Jesus in our neighbour.

Does this awareness enliven our consciences to set things right with God and others?

#### Stephen

Sunday Morning Worship in Christ Well, and on Zoom at 10.30 am will be led by Mrs Judy Harris.

Bible Readings: Luke 16.1-13: 1 Timothy 2.1-7

Cycle of Prayer in the Region - Uniting Church, Sketty

Prayers for every household – Manselton Road nos. 1-47

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER-5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

#### **Macmillan Cancer Charity**

Dear Friends,

Please come to our Tea and Chat event for Macmillan on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 2-4pm. If you could bring a cake we would be very grateful.

# Wednesday 24th September 2025 - 7.00pm gathering for a 7.30pm start, on Zoom

The United Reformed Church National Synod of Wales invites you to A More Able Church Webinar on the theme of: Autism

### Wednesday 1st October at 2.00 pm at Christ Well

You are invited to listen to John Morgans talk about his new book - Penrhys - A Village on a Hill. It records how God encouraged the creation of Llanfair, a church community to come into being in 1992. Copies of the book will be available at £10.

## Harvest Sunday - 5th October.

Gifts of food will be donated to the local food banks and envelopes will be available for the usual Christian Aid collection, which this year is supporting Sierra Leone.

**PRAISE THE LORD; HALLELUJAH!** Joseph Amoah (URC Prayer Handbook 2025) (Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 8.18-9.1 and Psalm 79.1-9: Amos 8.4-7 and Psalm 113: 1 Timothy 2.1-7: Luke 1.13)

Holy God, we bow before you, recognising that You alone are worthy of our praise.

Your word reminds us that nothing is impossible for You.

So we praise You as the Everlasting One who spoke the world into existence.

Your ways are higher than ours, and Your wisdom surpasses our finite minds.

Almighty God, You are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

You remain constant throughout all ages. You are the same yesterday, today, and forever.

In the world of shifting sands, we find stability in You. Our Rock, our Fortress, and our Rescuer.

From the smallest ant to the biggest elephant. Let everything that has breath 'Praise the Lord!

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### Reflections from the Awareness Walk held in Manselton Park

A small group from the church enjoyed an Awareness Walk round the park on 17th August. The weather was glorious enabling us to enjoy the marvellous views that can be seen from the park across Manselton over to the Bay. We reflected on the words: *Commune with nature, listen to nature in its quietness and you will find its heart. It will sound forth of the Glory of its Creator.* We could hear birds singing, a young family making use of the play area and enjoyed meeting a resident who hadn't long attended an Alpha Course at his church. Lots of juicy blackberries were available to be picked! Connecting into this experience was learning about the initiative 'Have Your Say on Local Green Spaces'. (An important survey about green spaces around Swansea.) You may have seen posters about this. Manselton Park is one such green space featured in the Survey and the organisers (Swansea Council and Urban Foundry) are asking for our opinions about the future of these important places.

Please read the attached flier and respond if you can. On October 25th, there will be a chance to meet a member of staff from Urban Foundry who will be a guest speaker at the next Green Coffee Morning.

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Swansea Council wants to hear what you think about key green spaces and important wildlife sites across the county – how people use them and how they can be protected and improved in the future.

We're speaking to people at the selected sites, door to door, and at events – and this is your chance to have your say.













# Scan the QR code or visit:

www.greenthecity.co.uk/ have-your-say-on-local-green-spaces

# For more information:

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