

# NEWSLETTER

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## Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
114	684	684
259	286	609
574	419	419
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## Collect:

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Psalm Response:

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders.

## Gospel Acclamation:

St John's:

Alleluia ...

Speak Lord your servant is listening, you have the words, you have the words, of everlasting life.

Alleluia ...

St Luke's:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love



Even Christ, in his human journey, had to gradually grow in the knowledge of his identity and of the task, in human history, entrusted to him by the Father. The baptism in the Jordan marks this growing in awareness and launches Jesus beyond the borders of his land, Galilee, into a universal mission and into a dimension where he shares the human condition, until then unimaginable for him and for his prophets: it is God himself who "descends" to be by the side of human beings. Today, we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus who accompanies us on our journey back to the Father in heaven.

## The Baptism of Christ

St Catherine's - 8:00 Eucharist; 10:30 Sung Eucharist with Baptism

St John's - 8:00 Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist; 12:30 Baptism; 4:00 Explore

St Luke's - 10:30 Sung Mass;

*For Weekday Services and Regular Events see the Website or Church Notice boards for times and days.*

## Today's Readings

Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29 (see below), Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

1 Ascribe unto the Lord O ye / hosts of / heaven: ascribe unto the / Lord / glory • and / strength.

2 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due / unto • his / name: worship the / Lord in / raiment • of / holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is up-/on the / waters: it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder, \* even the Lord up-/on the / great / waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in / oper-/ation: the voice of the / Lord • is a / glorious / voice.

5 The voice of the Lord / breaketh • the / cedar-trees: yea the Lord / breaketh • the / cedars • of / Lebanon.

6 He maketh them also to / skip • like a / calf: Lebanon also and / Siri•on / like young / oxen.

7 The voice of the Lord di-/videth • the / lightning: "the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness, \* yea the Lord / shaketh • the / wilderness • of / Kadesh."

8 "The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to be in travail, \* and the goats to bring forth be-/ fore their / time:" in his / temple • do / all cry / ' Glory.'

9 The Lord sitteth a-/bove the / water-flood: the Lord / sitteth • as / King for / ever.

10 The Lord shall give strength / unto • his / people: the Lord shall give his / people • the / blessing • of / peace.

Next week's readings: Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

## Benefice Notes:

**Confirmation** classes for young people and adults begins soon. This year the programme will be over a longer period of time but will be less intense. As the confirmation ceremony takes place in Advent 2015 children who are now in year 5 may apply. First meeting is on 18 Jan in St John's at 4 pm. See the clergy for details.

**Explore** - Explore resumes today in St John's at 4pm. This is an alternative worship experience where we pray and respond to God in non-traditional forms. Today we'll create a labyrinth to help us reflect on how God is close to us on our journey.

**Youth Committee** - If you would like to join this group please contact Fr Phelim. We hope to meet once or twice a term.

**Messy Church** - The next one is on 25 Jan at 4pm in St John's. There's a planning meeting today at 5:15 pm in St John's.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 Jan 2015** - Churches Together in Canton has been relaunched for 2015 and to celebrate this there is an **Ecumenical Service** involving many of our local churches in St John's next Sunday at 6:00 pm. All are welcome. The theme this year is Reconciliation and is inspired by the story of the woman at the well from John 4.

**New Eucharist Booklets** - We've printed a few large print versions. If you didn't get access to one please let us know.

**Benefice Pilgrimage to Assisi, Montecasino and Rome** 6-10 July 2015. If you are interested please contact Fr Phelim for more details and likely costs. Price would include flights, transfers, transport within Italy and staying at the Irish College.

**PCC Meetings and Working Groups** - The date for the next PCC is Sunday 1 February at 7:00 in St Luke's when we'll look at how the recent conversation days and the issues, concerns and hopes raised might inform our life and mission as a faith community leading up to 2020. As agreed by the PCC at its last meeting we will also look at the formation and membership of various working parties who will report back to the PCC through the year. These groups will look specifically at: youth, finance, buildings and pastoral care. If you'd like to join these groups and are not currently on the PCC please contact the clergy for details.

**Benefice Noticeboard** - If you would like to include something in the notes please send it to [linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com).

## St Catherine's Notes:

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**Hall Bookings** - To book the Hall please contact Angharad Elias 07989 747026 [hall.stcatherines@gmail.com](mailto:hall.stcatherines@gmail.com)

## St John's Notes:

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**New Setting for the Eucharist** - The new musical setting by Tony Alonso is being introduced today and next Sunday. The new parts will be introduced at the start of the 9:15 service with a brief congregational rehearsal.

**Concerts** - 28 Jan Cardiff Symphony Orchestra and 31 Jan Canton Chorus. Both concerts begin at 7.30pm

## St Luke's Notes:

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**Welcome to Bishop David Wilbourne** - We are grateful to have Bishop David with us today to preside and preach at our 10:30 mass.

**St Luke's Lunch** is next Sun 18 Jan tickets are still available (3 COURSE MEAL £8.50)

**Shrove Tuesday Banger and Bingo** - A family fun night on Tuesday 17 Feb 2015. Tickets on sale after Christmas.

**Hall Bookings** - To book the Hall please contact Jackie or Haydn Page on 029 2091 3808 [haydnpage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:haydnpage@hotmail.co.uk)

**Recently Departed:** Doug Evans, Dorothy White, Jenny Forster-Hicks, Gordon Stapleton, Lawrence Weaver

## This Week in the Benefice: (Diocesan Prayer / Anglican Prayer Cycle / Events and Services)

**Sun 11** Christchurch, Roath Park, Trystan Hughes (PinC); Anglican Communion Sunday; **Explore at 4:00 in St John's**

**Mon 12** Gabalfa, Canon Bob Capper (V); Lebombo - (Southern Africa); **St Aelred of Rievaulx**

**Tues 13** Conventional District of Tremorfa, Canon Bob Capper (V); Leicester; **St Hilary**

**Wed 14** Department for World Mission Chris Reaney, Martyn Perry; Lesotho- (Southern Africa); **St Kentigern**

**Thur 15** Lisvane Chris Burr (V); Lexington; **St Ita**

**Fri 16** Llanishen Michael Witcombe (V); Liberia (West Africa); **St Fursa**

**Sat 17** Roath Canon Stewart Lisk (V); Lichfield - (Canterbury); **St Antony**

**Sun 18** Cardiff St German w St. Saviour, Dean Atkins; London (Canterbury); **Ecumenical Service at 6:00 pm in St John's**

## 11 January 2015 – The Baptism of the Lord

### First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Genesis 1.1-5*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Psalm 29*

**R The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **R**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour. **R**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, 'Glory!' **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

## Second Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.'

On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.

*Acts 19.1–7*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

Hear the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

*Mark 1.4–11*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**