

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Psalm Response:

Our God will come and will not keep silence

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:

Alleluia, alleluia, opening our hearts to him, singing Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is our King!



If you were to choose a reading to get you through Lent - a reading full of hope and promise, and yet not denying the reality of the passion and crucifixion - then the story of the transfiguration would surely be a very strong contender. Bishop Kenneth Stevenson insisted that its place in the lectionary at this point in the year is "not as a kind of pre-packaged reward in advance, in order to soften the pain". It is there to teach us that those desolating events and a vision of glory "belong together".* The transfiguration is about Jesus, and about his identity as the Messiah and Son of God. It is a foretaste of the eternal glory that is to come.

Writes Bridget Nichols in the Church Times.

Transfiguration Sunday - 1st before Lent

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

St John's - 8:00 Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist; **6:00 Evensong**

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

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Psalm 50 vv1-6

1 The Lord, even the most mighty / God, hath / spoken: and called the world, * from the rising up of the sun unto the / going / down there-/of.

2 Out of Zion, perfect / in her / beauty: hath / God shone / forth in / glory.

3 Our God shall come and shall / not keep / silence: there shall go before him a consuming fire, * and a mighty tempest shall be / stirred up / round a-/bout him.

4 He shall call to the / heaven a-/bove: and to the earth beneath, * that / he may / judge his / people.

5 Gather my faithful together / unto / me: those that have made a / covenant • with / me with / sacrifice.'

6 And the heaven shall de-/clare his / righteousness: even that God him-/self is / judge.

Next week's readings: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25.1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

Benefice Notes:

Ash Wednesday - This coming Wednesday we'll celebrate the beginning of the Season of Lent with services and distribution of ashes in each of our churches: St Catherine's at 11:00 (Holy Eucharist); St John's at 10:30 am (Holy Eucharist); St Luke's at 7:30 pm (Sung Mass).

Messy Church - The next Messy Church is next Sunday, 22 Feb, at 4pm in St John's with Archdeacon Peggy Jackson helping us lead the worship. A film crew from the

Representative Body of the Church in Wales will also be present. If you'd like to help us there are many ways to do so.

Confirmation classes - Our next meeting is next Sunday, 22 Feb, in St Luke's at 3:00 pm. Confirmation is also one of the requirements for being part of our Parochial Church Council (PCC).

Pastoral Care Action Team - The first meeting of this new group will be on Wed 25 Feb in St Luke's at 7:00 pm. There was a real desire voiced during our recent conversation days to care more for those who are vulnerable in our community. Might you be willing to help in this way? Do you have a calling to serve the least in God's Kingdom? Please join us on 25 Feb.

Electoral Roll - This is the year when the electoral roll is due to be re-created and collated. Forms are available at the back of the church and on the website. Please return completed forms to the back of one of the churches. For more details about the electoral roll and why we have one visit our website.

Christians Against Poverty - There is a course beginning in Calvary Baptist Church in Canton to help individuals budget, save and spend wisely to prevent and overcome debt and related problems. The course is on Monday evenings at 7:00pm and runs for three weeks beginning on 23 February. Contact Fr Phelim for more details or visit www.capmoney.org.

PCC Meeting - The next meeting for the Parochial Church Council is 1 March at 7:00 pm in St Catherine's.

Benefice Noticeboard - If you would like to include something in the notes please send it to linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com.

St Catherine's Notes:

Charity sale and Afternoon Tea in aid of Action Duchenne Saturday 28th Feb 12am -3pm. If anyone has any unwanted gifts good quality toys, books or clothes to donate please see **Liza Tercero**

Hall Bookings - To book the Hall please contact Angharad Elias 07989 747026 hall.stcatherines@gmail.com

St John's Notes:

Home Group - Thursday 7-9 pm in St John's vestry. All are welcome to join this informal time of bible study and prayer.

Trench Foot - is the next concert in St John's on Friday 27 Feb. A Welsh folk band that tells tales, sings songs, makes you laugh, makes you cry, but above all entertains you) Doors open at 7pm Entry £5

Lent lunches every Friday at 12 noon during Lent starting on the 20 February.

Coffee Morning and Book Sale on Saturday 21 February at 10.00am. Church records will also be available.

Ty Bronna - The collection for Ty Bronna this month (Feb) is Pasta, Rice and Sauces.

St Luke's Notes:

St David's Day Lent Lunch Sunday 1 March to be held at the café at St Luke's numbers will be limited to approx. 30. Tickets cost £5.00 lunch will be leek and potato soup, cheese and biscuits, welsh cakes or bara brith.

Hall Bookings - To book the Hall please contact Jackie or Haydn Page on 029 2091 3808 haydnpage@hotmail.co.uk

Thank You - Doreen and Sue would like to thank all who have expressed their condolences and thoughts, as well as cards and prayers received, during Bill's illness and his recent passing. Your support has been appreciated and helped us to deal with such a sad period in our lives.

Recently Departed: Bill Impey, Joan Le Good, David Hodges, Queenie Brown, Ron Tobenas-Bel, Norma Nagle, Bernard Clatworthy, William Henry Redmore, Katharine Morrissey.

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

Sun 15 Bridgend Deanery, Edward Evans (AD); Mandalay (Myanmar))

Mon 16 Coity, Nolton and Brackla with Coychurch: Michael Komor (R); Manicaland (Central Africa)

Tues 17 Ewenny & St Brides, Philip Morris (PinC); Mara- (Tanzania)

Weds 18 Board of Nomination, Archbishop Barry (Ch); Marathwada; **Ash Wednesday** (see service times above)

Thurs 19 Laleston & Merthyr w Mawr w Penyfai, Edward Evans (V); **Thomas Burgess**

Fri 20 Llandyfodwg & Cwmogwr, Julian Jenkins (PinC); Maryland; **African Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries**

Sat 21 Llangeinor and the Garw Valley, Roger Pitman (PinC); Masasi- (Tanzania); **Fra Angelico and Andrei Rublev**

Sun 22 Llangynwyd w Maesteg, Geraldine Blyth (V); Maseno North - (Kenya) Maseno South (Kenya); **Lent 1**

Team Rector: Canon Mark Preece; 029 2056 2022 rector@beneficeofcanton.org.uk (Day off - Monday)

Team Vicar: Fr Phelim O'Hare; 029 2021 0732 vicar@beneficeofcanton.org.uk (Day off - Thursday)

First Reading

A reading from the second book of Kings.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.’ But Elisha said, ‘As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, ‘Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?’ And he said, ‘Yes, I know; keep silent.’ Elijah said to him, ‘Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.’ But he said, ‘As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they came to Jericho.

The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, ‘Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?’ And he answered, ‘Yes, I know; be silent.’ Then Elijah said to him, ‘Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.’ But he said, ‘As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.’ Elisha said, ‘Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.’ He responded, ‘You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.’ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, ‘Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!’ But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2 Kings 2.1-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50.1-6

R Our God will come and will not keep silence.

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in beauty,
God reveals himself in glory. **R**

Our God will come and will not keep silence;
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
He calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgement of his people. **R**

‘Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.’

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;
for God himself is judge. **R**

R Our God will come and will not keep silence.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Mark 9.2-9

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.