

# NEWSLETTER

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## Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
134	286	70
98	248	13
633		10
419		252

## Collect:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Psalm Response:

You Lord are my portion and cup.

## 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 know of a church member, or anyone, who is unwell or would appreciate contact from our priests, please inform the clergy at the earliest opportunity.



In our gospel today Jesus foretells the destruction of the temple. The last remaining wall of this destroyed temple is now one of the most sacred places for Jews, sometimes called the wailing wall. For Christians the idea of God's temple refers often to the community of people who gather in Jesus' name, that is, the Church. Yet, it also refers to the body of Jesus which was destroyed yet resurrected to new life. Finally, the building up of the temple could refer also to our need to focus more on what is important as disciples: faith, hope and love as we relate to each other and to the God who is always with us and less on our buildings.

## Kingdom 3 (2nd before Advent)

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

St John's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist; **4:00 pm Messy Church**

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

Daniel 12:1-3; Ps 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

1 Preserve / me O / God: for in / thee • have I / put my / trust.

2 I have said unto the Lord / 'Thou • art my / God: I have no / good a-/part from / thee.'

3 All my delight is upon the godly that are / in the / land: and upon / such • as ex-/cel in / virtue.

4 But as for them that turn back to / other / gods: their / sorrows / shall be / multiplied.

5 Their drink-offerings of blood will / I not / offer: neither make mention of their / names up-/on my / lips.

6 The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance / and my / cup: thou / dost main-/tain my / lot.

7 The lines have fallen for me in / pleasant / places: yea I / have a / goodly / heritage.

8 I will thank the Lord for / giving • me / counsel: my heart also / teacheth • me / in the / night-season.

9 I have set God / always • be-/fore me: he is on my right hand, / therefore • I / shall not / fall.

10 Wherefore my heart is glad and my / soul re-/joiceth: my flesh / also • shall / rest in / safety.

11 For thou shalt not deliver me into the / power of / death: neither shalt thou suffer thy / holy one • to / see the / pit.

12 Thou shalt shew me the path of life; \* in thy presence is the / fullness • of / joy: and in thy right hand there are / pleasures • for / ever-/more.

**Next week's readings:** Daniel 7:9-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4-8; Mark 18:33-37

## Benefice Notes:

**Next Sunday - 22 Nov:** Because of the Confirmation Ceremony at 10:30 in St Catherine's **there'll be no other service in the benefice that day.** It is, in effect, a Benefice Together day with Bishop David, the confirmands and their families.

**Messy Church** - November's MC is today in St John's at 4pm. Theme: Loving Our World and Creation. As ever, it is informal, child friendly and open to everyone.

**Confirmation** - the next dates are: this afternoon, 15 Nov in St Luke's at 3pm - The Eucharist; 21 Nov in St Catherine's at 5pm - confirmation rehearsal. The confirmation ceremony is in St Catherine's at 10:30 am on 22 November with Bishop David. **N.B. this will be a Benefice Together service** & there'll be no other services that morn.

**Night shelter** - Many thanks to all who volunteered to help with the night shelter. The next step is a training evening over the next few weeks in Calvary. <http://www.cantonchurches.org.uk/night-shelter.html> For more details ask Fr Phelim.

**Advent Group:** 4 week bible study and exploration of faith through scripture and C.S Lewis 'The Lion The Witch and the Wardrobe Advent in Narnia starts Thurs 26 Nov 7-9pm in the vestry at St Johns. Contact Andrew Sims (see next item).

**Living Faith Study Group** - Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in St John's. For info: Andrew Sims [maxsims@hotmail.com](mailto:maxsims@hotmail.com) 029 2034 4641

**Meetings** - Buildings Team meets in the Rectory on 18 Nov at 7:30pm; Finance meets on 24 Nov at 7:30pm in the Rectory.

**Newsletter Email** - If you'd like an email copy of the newsletter and readings please ask Sheila on [mgsmkelly1@gmail.com](mailto:mgsmkelly1@gmail.com)

## St Catherine's Notes:

**Christmas Fair** - Sat 21 Nov 1- 4pm posters available in church & we need products for stalls - see the Fair plan in church.

**Bookings** - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email [hall.stcatherines@gmail.com](mailto:hall.stcatherines@gmail.com).

**Gardening Club:** Please note the gardening club has now changed to Wednesdays from 10:00-12:00 instead of Tuesdays.

**Logs** - contact Clive 07931522683, Gareth 07527268461 or Diana 07909961256. From £5 per boot (depends on volume).

**Midweek Services:** Holy Eucharist at 11:00 am on Wednesday.

## St John's Notes:

**Christmas Lunch** - The last lunch this year is on 27th November at 12 noon (3 courses) £5.

**Christmas Tree Festival** - from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 December. To put up a tree forms are available from Jean Williams.

**Church Booking** - To book the Church please contact the clergy (see below for contacts).

**Ty Bronna** - The collection this month (November) is for toiletries.

**Midweek Services:** Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am on Thursday.

## St Luke's Notes:

**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)

**Sunday School** - Our young children will continue preparing for Christmas on Sun 13 Dec at 10.30 in the Church Hall.

There's a party, then an invitation to the congregation to join us after Mass for tea/coffee, mince pies, a Nativity presentation plus a singalong. Please join us if you can.

**Meditation session** on Friday 20 Nov, St Luke's at 5.30pm. It's a chance to be quiet with God and is open to everyone.

**Midweek Services:** Masses at 10:00 am on Tuesday and Wednesday; 6:30 pm on Friday; 10:30 am on Saturday.

**Recently Departed:** Robert Stanford, Audrey Woodcock, Mona Mahon

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

**Sun 15** Bridgend Deanery, Mike Komor (AD); Venezuela; **N. American Sts and Martyrs; Kingdom 3; Messy Church at 4pm**

**Mon 16** Coity, Nolton, Brackla w Coychurch, Mike Komor (R), Jane Shaw (C), Pauline Smith (C); Vermont, USA; **St Margaret**

**Tue 17** Ewenny & St Bride's Major; Victoria Nyanza, Tanzania; **St Hugh;**

**Wed 18** Mission to Seafarers, Nicholas Jones, Ben Andrews, Graham Francis; Vigin Islands, USA; **St Hilda;**

**Thur 19** Laleston and Merthyr Mawr w Penyfai, Mike Lewis (C); Virginia, USA; **St Elizabeth of Hungary;**

**Fri 20** Llandyfodwg & Cwmogwr, Julian Jenkins (PinC); Waiapu, Polynesia;

**Sat 21** Llangeinor & the Garw Valley, Roger Pitman (PinC); Taranaki and Waikato, Polynesia; **St Paulinus**

**Sun 22** Llangynwyd w Maesteg, Geraldine Blyth (V); Wangaratta, Australia; **Christ the King**

**15 November 2015 – Second Sunday before Advent****Collect of the Day**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading**

A reading from the book of Daniel.

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel. ‘At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.’

*Daniel 12.1-3*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 16*

**R You, Lord, are my portion and my cup.**

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord,  
my good above all other.’

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people. **R**

But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer,  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot. **R**

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. **R**

My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.     **R**

**R     You, Lord, are my portion and my cup.**

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, ‘he sat down at the right hand of God’, and since then has been waiting ‘until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.’ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25*

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.**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.