

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
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437	625	625
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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. Amen.

Psalm Response:

Satisfy us by your loving kindness;
So shall we rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation:

St John's: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name. Speak to us, Lord, your servant hear. You have the words of eternal life.

St Luke's: Alleluia, alleluia, opening our hearts to him, singing Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is our King!



Serving community, inspiring people, transforming church.

As a Church, approaching our centenary, we're taking a fresh look at our structure and ministry to see how we can best serve Wales in the 21st Century and make the most of our rich resources. Our vision is to be the prayerful heart of the community, sharing the Christian message in a way that engages, inspires and transforms.

Kingdom 3 - 2020 Vision Sunday

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

St John's - 8:00 Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist; 6:00 pm Evening Prayer

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

Zephaniah 1.7.2-18, Ps. 90.1-8.12, 1 Thess 5.1-11, Matt 25.14-30.

Psalm 90

1 Lord thou hast / been our / refuge: from one gener-/ation / to an-/other.
 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, * or ever the earth and the / world were / made: thou art God from ever-/lasting • and / world with-out / end.
 3 Thou turnest man / back • to the / dust: yea thou sayest * 'Re-/turn ye / children • of / men.'
 4 For a thousand years in thy sight / are • but as / yesterday: even as it / were a / day • that is / past.
 5 As a night-watch that cometh quickly to an end thou / scatter-est / them: they are even as a / dream and / fade a-/way.
 6 They are like the grass, which in the / morning • is / green: but in the / evening • is / dried • up and / withered.
 7 For we consume away in / thy dis-/pleasure: and are afraid at thy / wrathful / indig-/nation.
 8 Thou hast set our mis-/deeds be-/fore thee: and our secret / sins • in the / light of • thy / countenance.
 †12 So teach us to / number • our / days: that we may ap-/ply our / hearts • unto / wisdom.

Next week's readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, Ps. 95:1-7a, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matt 25: 31-46

Benefice Notes:

Advent Bible Study - Begins on Thurs 27 Nov 7-9pm in St John's vestry. The course is a weekly informal Home-Group-style exploration of the Advent readings. All are welcome! Contact Andrew Sims for details maxsims@hotmail.com 02920344641

Messy Church - is on next Sunday 23 November at 4pm. If you could help us clear the tables and food away from 6-6.30 pm on the day we'd greatly appreciate it.

Posada - In the run up to Christmas, we follow the Posada tradition where nativity sets of Joseph and Mary receive hospitality in individual homes throughout the benefice on a roster basis. It helps us reconnect with the Christmas story. Let us know if you interested and would like to sign up. Its a wonderful opportunity to prayerfully prepare for Christmas.

2020 Vision Conversations about our faith identity, our direction as a Church and our readiness for mission in the 21st century take place on the following dates: St Catherine's will be on Sat 6 December at 10:30 am in the Church; St Luke's will be on Sat 13 Dec at 11:00 am; St John's will be on Sun 14 Dec at 4:00 pm (no 'Explore' that evening).

Youth Ministry Group - We would like to invite people interested in youth ministry to become part of a new team to help us co-ordinate our provision across the benefice, e.g., youth club, holiday clubs, day trips etc. Please contact the clergy.

Reader Ministry - Readers are lay people who have been selected, trained and licensed by the Bishop to preach, teach and lead worship in a pastoral context. Most are licensed to a parish but some are chaplains in prisons, hospitals, hospices or schools. We would like to encourage individuals from our benefice to consider this wonderful ministry. For more details contact the clergy or visit: <http://llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk/ministry/reader-ministry/>

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

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. See the link for more details about the facilities and history of the Pontifical Irish College <http://www.irishcollege.org>

St Catherine's Notes:

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

Christmas Fair - Our Christmas Fair will be on 22 November in St Catherine's. Expect mulled wine, hot food, new fun stalls, cakes, games and some great gift ideas and fantastic toys. If you can help us, please see Linsay or Colin. Thank you.

Mothers Union - There is a meeting this Monday 17 November at 2pm at St Catherine's hope to see you all there.

St John's Notes:

Operation Christmas Child is now up and running. Leaflets are in all churches and shoe boxes need to be back in church by Sunday 16th November. Should any more information be needed call 20553603.

Ty Bronna - In November we will be collecting sweets and biscuits for the Ty Bronna Hostel and Shelter for Young People.

St Luke's Notes:

We extend a **warm welcome** to Fr Stephen Adams from St Michael's College for presiding at this morning's mass.

Afternoon Tea - Sparkling afternoon tea on Sat 29 November in St Luke's Church Hall tickets £6.50 for Afternoon Tea and a glass of sparkling wine. Cake sale and raffle. Tickets available from Sue B and Margaret Williams and the Churchwardens.

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

Recently Departed: Kenny Griffitt, Sylvia Murphy, Albert Wells, Percy Thornell, Mervyn Lloyd & Winifred Evans.

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

Sun 16 Prisoners' Sunday and Week; **6:00 pm Evensong in St John's**

Mon 17 Archdeaconry of Morgannwg, Ven Christopher Smith; Karimnagar (India); **Hugh, Bishop (1200)**

Tues 18 Merthyr Tydfil & Caerphilly Deanery; Karnataka N & Central (India); **Funerals: 11.00 at St J, 2.00pm at St L.**

Weds 19 Lay Eucharistic Ministers throughout the Diocese; Karnataka South (India); **Elizabeth of Hungary**

Thurs 20 Dowlais & Penydarren, Joyce Harman (R); Katakwa (Kenya); 3.00pm (St C)

Friday 21 Merthyr Tydfil, Christ Church; Martyn Perry (Pin C); **Paulinus, Abbot (5th Century)**

Sat 22 Merthyr Tydfil, St David & Abercanaid Mark Prevett (Pin C); Katsina- (Kaduna, Nigeria); **9.00 Craft Fair (St J)**

Sun 23 Treharris & Bedlinog w Llanfabon Matthew Gibbon (Pin C); Episcopal Church of Spain; **4:00 pm Messy Church**

16 November 2014 – Third Sunday of the Kingdom

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. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.'
Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Zephaniah 1.7,12-18

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90.1-8,12

R Satisfy us by your loving-kindness; so shall we rejoice and be glad.

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say,
'Go back, O child of earth.'

R

For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

R

For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

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A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."'

Matthew 25.14-30

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.