

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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:

With you is the well of life and in your light we see light.

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: Celtic Alleluia x4.

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.



The issue of Christian Unity takes centre stage this week. It is also topical as the Anglican 'Primates 2016' meeting discussed whether to unite or 'walk separately' because of serious divisions that have grown in recent years. Yet, we must always remember that we are sent out by Jesus to bring his word and loving presence to dark places. Part of this mission is to model how Christ want's us to live, witness and worship by valuing unity. Our gospel today is a foretaste of how a group of diverse people from Cana are unified by the presence and action of Jesus. Our challenge: to look again at our calling as Christians to become one with each other and those God has called us to serve.

Epiphany 2 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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

St John's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist; 12:30 Baptism;
6:00 pm 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

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 35:5-10; 1 Cor 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Psalm 36 Vv 5-10

5 Thy mercy O Lord reacheth / unto • the / heavens: and thy / faithful-ness / unto • the / clouds.
6 Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains, * thy judgements are / like the • great / deep: thou Lord dost / save both / man and / beast.
7 How excellent is thy / mercy • O / God: The children of men shall take refuge under the / shadow / of thy / wings.
8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness / of thy / house: and thou shalt give them drink of thy / pleasures • as / out • of a / river.
9 For with thee is the / well of / life: and in thy / light do / we see / light.
10 O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto / them that / know thee: and thy righteousness unto / them • that are / true of / heart.

Next week's readings: Nehemiah 8:1-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4: 14-21

Benefice Notes:

Christian Unity - There will be a special joint service for the week of prayer for Christian Unity in Conway Road Methodist Church next Sunday 24 January at 6pm. All are welcome to help us celebrate what unites as Christians.

Forthcoming Meetings: PCC - this evening at 7:00 pm in St John's.

Hilary Morgan RIP - Please join us in praying for the family of Archbishop Barry at this time as they grieve quietly and prepare for her funeral in Llandaff Cathedral this coming Friday afternoon.

Messy Church - Next planning meeting is next Sunday at 4:45pm in St John's. The next theme will be 'Lent'.

Youth Club - At last our youth club has begun: Mondays 7-9 in Calvary Baptist for the Cafe drop in and Fridays 7-9 in St Catherine's hall for pool, table tennis, games etc. This is for young people in secondary education.

Junior Youth Club - Many young people and parents of children in years 5 and 6 of primary school have asked if we could have a junior youth club. As ever, the issue is recruiting enough volunteers to make this viable. If you think you could help us make a junior youth club a reality please contact Fr Phelim. It would take place from 5:30 - 7pm on Fridays.

2020 Vision - Thank you to all those who turned up yesterday to support our 2020 vision review day. The results of the conversation will be published soon on the website.

Cardiff West Ministry Area - Last week's meeting was positive and a good beginning. One issue of common concern was provision for young people in parish life throughout the four parishes of Cardiff West and the need for a youth worker.

Night shelter - If you would like to get involved in helping homeless people this winter please contact Fr Phelim.

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

Bible Study is Thurs 7-9 St Johns Vestry: All welcome to our informal group discussion about the gospel reading for this coming Sunday. For more info contact Andrew (see above note)

Newsletter Email - If you'd like an email copy of the newsletter and readings please ask Sheila on mgsmkelly1@gmail.com

St Catherine's Notes:

Bookings - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email hall.stcatherines@gmail.com.

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:

Church Booking - To book the church please contact the clergy. For concerts contact Gill Winton.

Monthly Lunch - The next lunch is on Friday 22nd January at 12noon

Lent Lunches in St John's begin on Friday 12th February at 12noon for the duration of the season of Lent.

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

St Luke's Notes:

Women's Group - Bring and Buy evening on Thursday 21 January in the Parkview Café. Everyone welcome.

Benefice Lunch - Sunday 24 January 12 noon - Benefice Lunch at St Luke's. £8.50

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

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

Recently Departed: Ernest Parry, Isobel Gardner, William Lane, Hilary Morgan

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

Sun 17 Abercynon, Dr Sarah Rogers (PinC); Church of Bangladesh; **St Anthony; Epiphany 2** (Christian Unity Week begins)

Mon 18 - Aberdare, Robert Davies; Confession of St Peter, Apostle; Akoko, Nigeria;

Tues 19 Aberdare, St Fagan, Richard Green (V); Akot, Sudan;

Wed 20 St Michael's College, Jeremy Duff, the staff and those in ministry training; Akure, Nigeria;

Thur 21 Cwmbach, Ven. Christopher Smith (PinC); Alabama; **St Agnes**

Fri 22 Hirwaun, Ceirion Rees (PinC); Alaska;

Sat 23 Mountain Ash & Miskin, Michael Jones (V); Algoma, Canada; **Francis de Sales;**

Sun 24 Penrhiwceiber, Matthewstown and Ynysboeth, Andrew Holmes; Church of Brazil; **St Cadog; Epiphany 3**

17 January 2016 – Second Sunday of Epiphany

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Isaiah 62.1-5

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36.5-10

R With you is the well of life and in your light we see light.

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save both human and beast, O Lord. **R**
How priceless is your love, O God!
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights. **R**

For with you is the well of life,
and in your light shall we see light.
Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,
and your favour to those who are true of heart. **R**
R With you is the well of life and in your light we see light.

Second Reading

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

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

1 Corinthians 12.1-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. He said

to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 2.1-11

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.