

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

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 x 4 (Celtic)



Traditionally this feast day was time when candles were blessed and especially the candles that would be used in worship for the coming year. We take for granted bright lights in our homes and workplaces yet it is not that long ago that candles were essential to homes and people everywhere. For Christians, the idea of Jesus as the light of the world is rich in meaning and is celebrated in many ways during the year. Today we celebrate the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, a light that would enlighten the gentiles and bring glory to God's people. To help us celebrate we have the symbolism of the Christingle that will take prominence in each of our Churches today.

Presentation of Christ - Candlemas

St Catherine's - 8:00 Eucharist; 10:30 Sung Eucharist w All Age Christingle

St John's - 8:00 Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist w All Age Christingle

St Luke's - 10:30 Sung Mass w All Age Christingle; **6:00 pm Benediction**

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

Today's Readings

Malachi 3:1-5, Psalm 24:7-10, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2.22-40 Psalm 67:

7 Lift up your heads O ye gates, * and be ye lift up ye ever-/ lasting / doors: that the King of / glory / may come in.

8 'Who is the / King of / glory?':

'It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the / Lord mighty - in / battle.'

9 Lift up your heads O ye gates, * and be ye lift up ye ever-/lasting / doors: that the King of / glory / may come / in.

10 'Who is the / King of / glory?':

'Even the Lord of hosts, * / he - is the / King of / glory.'

Next week's readings: Creation Sunday Prov 8:1, 22-31; Ps 104:24-35; Col 1:15-20; Jn 1:1-14

Benefice Notes:

Youth Committee - Thank you to all who turned up for the first youth committee meeting. It was a very positive and helpful meeting which will inform our mission in the months and years to come. The next meeting will be on 4 March at 6:30 pm.

Confirmation classes - The next meeting is on 8 February during Explore. If you couldn't make this meeting there is still time to register. Please download a form from the website and give it to the clergy. The meeting after that is on 22 Feb 2015.

PCC Meetings and Working Groups - The next PCC meeting is this evening 7:00 in

St Luke's when we'll look at how the recent conversation days and at the formation and membership of various working parties who will report back to the PCC through the year. If you'd like to join these groups contact the clergy for details.

Buildings and Fabric Committee - The first meeting for the new buildings committee will be on Wednesday 11 February in St Catherine's Church at 7:30 pm. This group and meeting will focus in detail on issues concerning all of the buildings in the Benefice and how these will support our mission leading up to the year 2020.

Pastoral Care in the Benefice - The first meeting of this new group will be on Wednesday 25 February 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. The challenge of Jesus 'in so far as you do this to the least of my brothers and sisters you do it to me' is always before us who call ourselves Christian. To be true to this we need people willing to help and care for each other in many different ways. Might that be you? Do you have a calling to serve the least in God's Kingdom? Please join us on 25 Feb.

Explore - 'Explore' is all about exploring different and alternative ways of worshipping and encountering God. Next Sunday's 'Explore' will celebrate 'Church in A Circle' at 4:00 pm in St John's followed by refreshments.

Messy Church - The next planning meeting for Messy Church is next Sunday 8 Feb in St John's at 5:15 pm (after explore). The next Messy Church is on 22 Feb at 4pm in St John's with Archdeacon Peggy Jackson helping us lead the worship.

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.

St Monica's Church in Wales Primary School in Cathays is looking for a new Foundation Governor. If you are interested or would like more information about this thriving and successful school please contact current Governor Dan Caunt (dan.caunt@admiralgroup.co.uk or 07968 098848)."

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.

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

St Catherine's Notes:

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

St John's Notes:

Booking the Church - Please contact the clergy (see below).

St Luke's Notes:

Women's Group - Ham and Chip Supper in the Hall Lounge on Thurs 12 Feb at 7:30 pm.

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

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

Recently Departed: Sally Ann Smith, Kenneth Duddridge, Laurance Ash, Anita Jean Williams, Bill Impey, Joan Le Good, David Hodges.

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

Sun 1 Penarth and Barry Deanery area dean: Peter Cox; Luwero - (Uganda); **6:00 pm Benediction; 7:00 pm PCC Meeting**

Mon 2 Barry All Saints, Kevin Lake (Pin C), Emma Rees (C); Lweru, Tanzania;

Tues 3 Cadoxton-Juxta-Barry, Ben Andrews (R); Machakos, Kenya; **St Blaise**

Wed 4 Prison Chaplains, Mark John, Dawn Tilt; Madhya Kerala; **St Bridget**

Thur 5 Merthyr Dyfan, Robert Parrish (R); Madi and West Nile (Uganda); **St Agatha**

Fri 6 Penarth w Llandough, Roger Williams (R); Madurai-Ramnad, S. India

Sat 7 Penarth All Saints, Peter Cox (V); Mahajanga (Indian Ocean)

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)

1 February 2015 – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3.1-5

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24.7-10

R The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
'Who is the King of glory?'
'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.'

R

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
'Who is he, this King of glory?'
'The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.'

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Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2.14-18

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Luke 2.22-40

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.