

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
657	657	297
463	195	531
535	674	
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Collect:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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:

O Lord, how I love your law.

Gospel Acclamation:

St John's:

Glory to you word of God Lord Jesus Christ. If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

St Luke's:

Silent, surrendered calm and still, Open to the word of God, Heart humbled to his will, Offered is the servant of God.



Passion Sunday (Lent 5)

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

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

St Luke's - 10:30 Sung Mass; **3:00 pm Confirmation Preparation**

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

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34; 1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

Ps119 Vv9-16

9 How shall a young man keep himself / unde-/filed: even by ruling him-/self / after • thy / word. **10** With my whole heart / have I / sought thee: O let me not go a-/stray from / thy com-/mandments.

11 Thy words have I hid with-/in my / heart: that I / should not / sin a-/gainst thee.

12 Blessed art / thou O / Lord: O / teach me / thy / statutes.

13 With my lips have / I been / telling: of all the / judgements / of thy / mouth.

14 I have had greater delight in the / way of • thy / testi-monies: than in / all / manner • of / riches.

15 I will meditate / on thy / precepts: and I will give / heed / unto • thy / ways.

16 My delight shall be / in thy / statutes: and I will / not for-/get thy / word.

Next week's readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 31.9-16, Philippians 2.5-11, Mark 15.1-39

Benefice Notes:

Palm Sunday - Next Sunday is a 'benefice together' Sunday in St Luke's beginning at 10:30. There will be no other morning service in the benefice. As this marks the start of Holy Week, there will be an evening celebration of the Passion in St Catherine's at 6:00 pm. Please join us.

PCC Meeting - The next meeting for the Parochial Church Council is this Wednesday 25 March at 7:30 pm in St John's.

Messy Church - Is this afternoon in St John's at 4pm. We are hoping to set up two new activities: a Lego play space and a Duplo Corner for much younger children to play. If you have any lego or duplo you'd be happy to donate to Messy Church please contact Fr Phelim sometime today if possible. A film crew will be in attendance from the Church in Wales.

Confirmation Class - There will be a class for our confirmation candidates (children only) today at 3pm in St Luke's.

Holy Week Devotions - Our holy week devotions and services will include reflections from Fr Mark Clavier, acting principal of St Michael's College. Please take a copy of the schedule of services for Holy Week.

Churches Together - After the success of our last joint worship service in St John's, the next Ecumenical service will be on Easter Sunday in Calvary at 6pm. We celebrate 'Our desire for God in the Risen Christ' with others who share this faith.

Benefice Noticeboard - If you would like to include something in the notes please send it to linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com. Please try to keep contributions brief as space is often very limited.

Youth Team Initiatives - We will focus on the following priorities in the coming months: **Battle of the Bands** - this will be a music event for young people from year 9 upwards taking place on a Saturday in July - application forms will be available after Easter; **Youth Club** - We are launching the youth club on the week beginning 1st June beginning with two nights a week but hoping to move to three in September. We have much of the resources in place yet we need a team of adult helpers who will help oversee the activities each evening. There is an information page and sign up sheet at the back of our churches. **Soul Survivor August 2015** - Soul Survivor is a 5 day event for Christian Youth Groups and teenage Christians (aged 12+) in Shepton Mallet. It has a festival atmosphere with lots of activities, camping and worship that is designed for young people. Application forms are available at the back of the Church. For more info: soulsurvivor.com and on our website. **May Half Term Sports** - Sign up sheet and information at the back of the church for a proposed sports/activities club for children to take place during the May half term. It is hoped to be as low cost as possible to allow families struggling financially to participate. However, could you give us a day (or more) during this week? Please help us.

Electoral Roll - If you haven't already done so please fill in an electoral form (available at the back of the Church). Please note, the old Electoral Roll will no longer be valid and everyone needs to enrol on the new one to vote at the Easter Vestry.

St Catherine's Notes:

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

St John's Notes:

Lent Bible Study Group - Thursdays 7-9 pm in St John's vestry. All are welcome to join this informal time of bible study.

Lent lunches every Friday at 12 noon during Lent. **Ty Bronna** - The collection this month (March) is Sweets and Chocolate

St Luke's Notes:

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

Women's Group - David James will give a talk about Queen Victoria on 26 March. On the afternoon of Thurs May 7 a trip to the Mansion House for a tour and a very special tea has been arranged. All are welcome. Names to Jeanie asap.

Recently Departed: Rose Carpin, Verley Power, Henrietta Rawlinson

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

Sun 22 Vale of Neath, Andrew Davies (V); Morogoro- (Tanzania)

Mon 23 Vale of Glamorgan Deanery: AD Martyn Davies; Mount Kenya Central and West;

Tues 24 Colwinston, Llandow & Llysworney: Alan Kettle (Pin C); Mount Kenya South; **Oscar Romero**

Wed 25 All Officers of the Diocese of Llandaff; Mount Kilimanjaro - (Tanzania); **Annunciation of the Lord to Mary**

Thur 26 Llangan & St. Mary Hill; Mpumalanga- (Southern Africa)

Fri 27 Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge: Canon Derek Belcher (R); Mthatha (formerly St John's) - (Southern Africa)

Sat 28 Llangan & St Mary Hill; Muhbura- (Uganda) Mukono

Sun 29 RB Llantwit Major: Huw Butler (R); Jerusalem;

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31.31–34

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm - 119.9–16

O Lord, how I love your law.

How shall the young cleanse their way? By keeping to your words.

With my whole heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commandments. **R**

I treasure your promise in my heart, that I may not sin against you.

Blessèd are you, O Lord; instruct me in your statutes. **R**

With my lips will I recite all the judgements of your mouth.

I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees than in all manner of riches. **R**

I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways.

My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word. **R**

O Lord, how I love your law.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of

eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 5.5–10

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.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’

Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’

Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

John 12.20–33

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