

# NEWSLETTER

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## Today's Hymns

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## Collect:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Psalm Response:

## 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.*



The feast of Christ the King is a reminder that we owe our allegiance and gratitude to Jesus Christ. He teaches us about God's way to fullness of life and that this is radically different from other values and other kingdoms. Our confirmation candidates will express their commitment and choice to live out their faith as citizens of God's Kingdom. Jesus says today: "You say that I am a King. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice". We pray today for the grace of listening to God's voice.

## Christ the King - Confirmation Ceremony

**St Catherine's** -10:30 Benefice Together Eucharist and Confirmation Ceremony;

**St John's** - (No services today because of Benefice Together Sunday)

**St Luke's** - (No services today because of Benefice Together Sunday)

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

## Today's Readings

Daniel 7:9-14; Psalm 93; Mark 18:33-37

Psalm 93 22 Nov

1 The Lord is King, \* and hath put on / glorious • ap-/parel: the Lord hath put on his apparel and / girded • him-/self with / strength.

2 He hath made the / world so / sure: that it cannot be / moved at / any / time.

3 Ever since the world began hath thy / throne • been pre-/pared: thou / art from / ever-/lasting.

4 The floods lift up O Lord, \* the floods lift /up their / voice: yea the floods lift / up the / noise of • their / waves.

5 " Mightier than the sound of many waters, \* mightier than the / waves • of the / sea": the Lord who / dwelleth • on / high is / mighty. 6 Thy testimonies are / very / sure:

holiness becometh thine / house O / Lord for / ever.

**Next week's readings:** Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thess 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

## Benefice Notes:

**Confirmation** - Welcome to Bishop David and the parishioners and confirmation candidates from the parishes of St Saviours in Splott and Cearau with Ely. Congratulations also to those who are celebrating their confirmation today. We pray that God's Spirit of truth will sustain them as Christians and God's citizens.

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

**Messy Christmas** - December's MC will be a Messy celebration of Christmas themes. It is in St John's on 13 December at 4pm. It is a bring and share occasion where people bring either a savoury or sweet dish of food to share.

**Season of Advent** - Next Sunday begins a 4 week season of preparing ourselves for Christmas. We enter again an experience of waiting and longing for God's presence. We consider the stories and experiences of the prophets and the people close to the birth story of Jesus and learn from them about the mystery of Christ's Incarnation.

**Advent Carols** - Please join us in St Catherine's next Sunday at 6:00 pm to celebrate prayerfully the beginning of Advent. Refreshments will be available afterwards. It is a wonderful occasion of choral music and reflective passages from scripture.

**Night shelter** - Many thanks to all who volunteered to help with the night shelter. The next step is a training evening at Calvary Baptist on 7 December at 7pm. For more details: <http://www.cantonchurches.org.uk/night-shelter.html>.

**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 this 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

**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** - thank you to all who helped and supported our fair yesterday.

**Advent Carols** - Please join us next Sunday at 6pm for our Advent Carol Service.

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

**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.

**Thank You** - Sylvia would to thank all who bought knitted hats and gloves for the shoe boxes. £60 was raised which is being donated to Breast Cancer Research

**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.

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

**Recently Departed:** Audrey Woodcock, Patricia Hinchey, Brian John, Pilar Bermudez

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

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

**Mon 23** Llanhara w Brynne, Barbara Woods (PinC); Warri, Nigeria; **St Clement**

**Tues 24** Llanilid w Pencoed, Ian Hodges (V); Washington, USA

**Wed 25** Prison Chaplains, Mark John, Dawn Tilt; Wau, Sudan; **St Catherine of Alexandria, John Donne, priest and poet;**

**Thurs 26** Llansantffraid, Bettws and Aberkenfig, Stephen Pare (R); Wellington, New Zealand;

**Fri 27** Newcastle, David Lloyd (V); West Ankole, Uganda;

**Sat 28** Troedrhigarth, Chris Reaney (PinC); West Buganda, Uganda;

**Sun 29** Margam Deanery, Philip Masson (AD); West Malaysia; **Advent Sunday**

**22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 – Christ the King****Collect of the Day**

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**First Reading**

A reading from the book of Daniel.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne;  
his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.  
A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousand served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.  
To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

*Daniel 7.9-10,13-14*

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.**

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

*John 18.33-37*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.