

# 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; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.. Amen.**

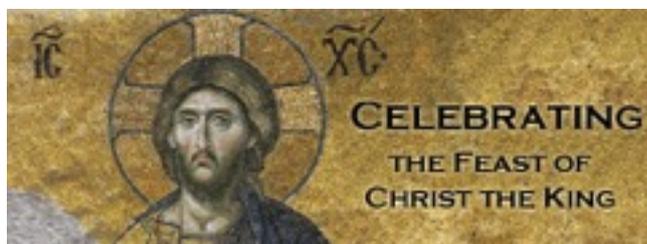
## Psalm Response:

**The Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.**

## 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!**



Today we worship Jesus Christ, the universal king and saviour of humanity. We call him Lord and place ourselves under his sovereignty. We work to make his kingdom come and a reality in the communities to which we belong.

Rejoice the Lord is King!

## Kingdom 4 - Christ the King

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

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

**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

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

### Psalm 95

- 1 O come let us / sing un•to the / Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the /Rock of / our sal-/vation.
- 2 Let us come before his / presence • with / thanksgiving; and sing / loudly • unto / him with / psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a / great / God; and a great / King a-/bove all / gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the deep / places • of the / earth; and the heights of the / mountains • are / his / also.
- 5 The sea is his and / he / made it; and his hands pre-/pared the / dry / land.
- 6 O come let us worship and / bow / down: and kneel before the / Lord our / maker;
- 7(a) For /He is • our / God: and we are his / people • and the / sheep of • his / pasture;

**Next week's readings:** Isaiah 64:1-9, Ps 80:1-7 17-19, 1 Cor 1:2-9, Mark 13:24-37

## Benefice Notes:

**Messy Church** - takes place this afternoon at 4pm. We welcome Bishop David Wilbourne who will be leading the worship. It is a time for families to explore the gospel using craft activities, then we pray and worship God. Finally, we celebrate our community in God with a sit down meal. Come and see what it's all about.

**Advent Bible Study** - Begins this Thursday 27 Nov from 7-9pm in St John's vestry. The course is a weekly informal exploration of the Advent readings. All are welcome! Contact Andrew Sims for details [maxsims@hotmail.com](mailto:maxsims@hotmail.com) 02920344641

**Advent Year B** - Next week is **BENEFICE SUNDAY in St John's** and is also the first Sunday of Advent, a season to help us prepare for the birth of Jesus. To celebrate

this there'll be an **Advent Carol Service** in St Catherine's at **4.30 pm**. This year we have changed the format of the Carol Service. Jesus, as the light shining in the darkness, will be our theme and so there will be lots of candles alight.

**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.

**Benefice Noticeboard** - If you would like to include something in the notes please send it to [linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com](mailto: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>

**Benefice Magazine** - Articles for the Winter Edition must be in by Tuesday 15 Dec. If you would like to put a greeting in this edition please fill in the forms on display in the churches. It costs £5 which will be donated to charity.

## St Catherine's Notes:

**Hall Bookings** - To book the Hall please contact Angharad Elias 07989 747026 [hall.stcatherines@gmail.com](mailto:hall.stcatherines@gmail.com)

**Christmas Fair** - Thank you to everyone who helped make yesterday's event such a success; a good time was had by all.

**Advent Service** - There is a special service to celebrate the beginning of Advent in St Catherine's next Sunday evening at 4:30 pm. We hope to see you all there.

## St John's Notes:

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

**Pre-Christmas Lunch** in St John's this Friday 28 November at 12:00 noon. Last lunch of the year.

**Christmas Tree Festival** - There'll be a craft and homemade stall during the festival. Cakes needed please for this throughout the weekend if you can. Preview: 4 Dec 7-9pm, £3 entry, which includes mulled wine and mice pies. Open for Viewing on: Friday 5 Dec from 10-4pm. Sat 6 Dec from 10-12 when there'll be a coffee morning. Sun 7 Dec from 2-4pm.

## St Luke's Notes:

**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.

**Women's Group Christmas Dinner** - minibus pick up times are displayed on the table at the back of the church. We will be leaving the Glamorgan Suite for home at 9.30.

**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)

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

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

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

**Mon 24** Troedyrhiw w Merthyr Vale, Stephen Barnes (V); Kebbi- Kaduna, Nigeria

**Tues 25** Bargoed & Deri w Brithdir, Jonathan Widdess (PinC); Keewatin (Canada); **John Donne**

**Wed 26** Clergy with Permission to Officiate; Kentucky, Episcopal Church

**Thur 27** Caerphilly, Gareth Coombs (AP), Susan Pratten (C); Kericho- (Kenya); **Advent Bible Study 7-9 pm (St J)**

**Fri 28** Eglwysilan, Area Dean; Khartoum- (Sudan)

**Sat 29** Pontlottyn w Fochriw, Area Dean; Kibondo- (Tanzania); **12.30 pm Wedding (St J)**

**Sun 30** Gelligaer, Gary Powell (PinC); Falkland Islands; **Benefice Sunday; Advent Carol Service 4.30 pm (St C)**

## 23 November 2014 – Christ the King

### Collect of the Day

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; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 90.1-8,12*

**R The Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**R**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**R**

O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand. **R**

## Second Reading

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

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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.**

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

