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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Psalm Response:

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

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:
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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.



Pentecost Sunday

As we reflect on the day of Pentecost, we realize that in this first act of the Holy Spirit, the diversity of God's people is honoured. The followers do not come from the same nations or speak the same language. They don't agree on how to interpret what they have experienced or seen. But they do agree on the mighty acts of God and the power of God to transform them and their world.

Just as the power of the Holy Spirit rested upon the faithful then, so it comes to us now. The living presence of Jesus Christ continues the saving work of mending the brokenness of the world and comes to breathe courage, hope and the transformative power of love into us. (Extract from World Council of Churches' Pentecost Message, 2015)

St Catherine's - 8:00 Eucharist; 10:30 Choral Eucharist; **12:30 Baptism**

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

Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104:24-34; Rom 8:22-27; John 15:26-27;16:4-15

Psalm 104 Vv 25-36

25 O Lord how manifold / are thy / works: in wisdom hast thou made them all; * the /earth is / full of • thy / creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and / mighty / sea: wherein are things creeping innumerable, * both / small and / great / beasts:

27 There go the ships up-/on their / course: and Leviathan, * which thou hast made to / take thy / pastime • there-/with.

28 These all / look • unto / thee: that thou mayest give them / food in / due / season.

29 When thou givest it / them they / gather it: and when thou openest thy hand they are / filled with / good / things.

30 When thou hidest thy / face • they are / troubled: when thou takest away their breath they die, * and are / turned a-/gain • to their / dust.

31 When thou lettest thy breath go forth they are / made / strong; and thou re-/newest • the / face • of the / earth.

32 May the glorious majesty of the Lord en-/dure for / ever: may the / Lord re-/joice • in his / works.

33 The earth trembleth when he / looketh • up-/on it: if he do but / touch the / hills • they shall / smoke.

34 I will sing unto the Lord as / long as • I / live: I will praise my God / while I / have my / being.

35 May my medit-/ation / please him: my / joy shall / be • in the / Lord.

36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, * and the wicked / come • to an / end: praise thou the Lord O my soul. * / Praise / ye the / Lord.

Next week's readings: Isaiah 6:1-8,9,10; Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12-17; John 3:1-17

Benefice Notes:

Messy Church - is this afternoon at 4pm in St John's. Our theme will be 'The work of Christian Aid'.

Confirmation - No confirmation class today because of the half term holiday. Next one should be 28 June.

Benefice Together Service - Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday, and, as the fifth Sunday in May, there will be a benefice together service in St Catherine's at 10:30 am. Please note, there will be no other services in the benefice on this day.

PCC Meeting – The newly elected PCC meets for the first time on Sunday 7 June in St Luke's at 7:00 pm.

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

Vestry Home Group - Thursdays 7-9pm in St John's - Informal bible study exploring the Gospel readings - All are welcome!

Youth Team - Next meets on Wednesday 3 June at 5:30 pm in St Luke's. The launch of the youth club will now be in September to allow us more time to prepare and make sure we have everything in place in terms of resources, volunteers and codes of practice. There'll be regular updates on our progress leading up to the summer holidays.

Care Team - The next meeting is on Tuesday 16 June (venue TBC).

Battle of the Bands - this will be a music event for young people from year 9 upwards taking place on Saturday 4 July. Application forms available are now available (see Facebook.com/CantonBOB).

Soul Survivor August 2015 - Soul Survivor is a 5 day event for Christian Youth Groups and teenage Christians (aged 12+) in Shepton Mallet. Application forms at the back of the Church. For more info: soulsurvivor.com

Christian Aid - We have invited the local representative from CA to visit each of our Churches and explain something of their work. She'll visit St Catherine's on 7 June and St John's on 14 June. Messy Church will also look at CA's ministry.

St Catherine's Notes:

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

Gardening Club - Every Tuesday from 1:30 until 3:00 pm. All are welcome. For more details ask Hilary or Gareth.

June Messy Church - Will be in St Catherine's on 14 June and not the usual fourth Sunday. This is to avoid a near clash with **St Catherine's Summer Fair** which is on Saturday 27 June. Helpers needed for the set up at 9:00 am and throughout the day. Posters and sign up sheets will be available from next week. Please help us support this major social event.

St John's Notes:

Summer Fair - 4 June from 11:00 until 2:00 pm.

Ty Bronna - The collection this month (May) is for cereals.

St Luke's Notes:

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

High Tea and Songs of Praise - 5 July at 4pm. Tickets available next week.

Recently Departed: Paul Ley, Lynda Vella, Margaret Bryant, Stephen Shanahan.

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

Sun 24 Cardiff St Mary w St Dyfrig & St Samson, Canon Graham Francis (v); Northern Luzon - (Philippines)

Mon 25 Grangetown St Paul, David Morris (AP); Northern Malawi, Southern Malawi;

Tues 26 City Church of St John the Baptist, Canon Dr Sarah Rowlands; Northern Michigan

Weds 27 Diocesan Board for Education, Ven. Christopher Smith (Ch); Northern Philippines

Thurs 28 Parish of Cathays, Caroline Downs (PinC); Northern Territory

Fri 29 Christ Church Roath Park, Dr Trystan Hughes (Pin C); Northern Uganda

Sat 30 Gabalfa, Canon Bob Capper (V); Northwest Texas;

Sun 31 Conventional District of Tremorfa, Canon Bob Capper (V) The Anglican Centre in Rome

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ’

Acts 2.1-21

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104.25-35,37

R Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

R

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,

which you have made for the sport of it.

R

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with good things.
You hide your face and they are terrified;
you take away their breath
and they die and return to their dust. **R**

You send forth your Spirit and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke. **R**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia! **R**

R Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8.22-27

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.

Jesus spoke to his disciples: ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your

advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.