

# NEWSLETTER

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## Today's Hymns

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## Collect:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast to the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Psalm Response:

Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

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



And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

## My words will endure (Bible Sunday)

St Catherine's - 8:00 Eucharist; 10:30 Sung Eucharist; **12:30 Baptisms**

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

Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12, Ps 119.9-16, Col 3.12-17, Matt 24.30-35

### Psalm 119:9-16

How shall young people / cleanse their / way : to keep themselves ac/cording / to your / word? With my whole heart / have I / sought you : O let me not go a/stray from / your com/mandments.

Your words have I hidden with/in my / heart : that I / should not / sin a/gainst you.

Blessed are / you, O / Lord : O / teach / me your / statutes.

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

I have taken greater delight in the / way of your / testimonies : than in / all / manner of / riches.

I will meditate on / your com/mandments : and / contem/plate your / ways.

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

**Next week's readings:** Revelations 7.9-17, Ps 34.1-10, 1 John 3.1-3, Matt 5.1-12

## Benefice Notes:

**Messy Church** - The next Messy Church is today **at 4pm** in St John's. For those helping in any way please arrive by 2:45 for a brief meeting and setting up. The theme is 'I am the light of the world'. We still need helpers for the Activities for Children, Hospitality and Catering. Please contact Fr Phelim for details.

**All Souls' Day** - On 1 Nov we will have a Mass at 10:30 am in St Luke's for All Souls' Day. Please let us know the names of any deceased family or friends to be prayed for and remembered on that day or add a name to the list at the back of the Church.

**2020 Vision Conversations**- At the recent DCC meetings there was agreement that each of our congregations be invited to a 'Conversation' event about our faith identity, our direction as a Church and our readiness for mission in the 21st century. This links with the Church in Wales plan for Church renewal called '2020 Vision'. The 'conversations' will be relaxed and informal with refreshments provided and they are open to everyone. Please see the website for more information. [St Catherine's Conversation](#) will take place on Saturday 6 December at 10:30 am in the Church. [St Luke's Conversation](#) will be on Saturday 13 Dec at 11:00 am. [St John's Conversation](#) will be on Sunday 14 Dec at 4:00 pm (no 'Explore' that evening).

**All Saints' Sunday** - Sunday 2 November in St Luke's at 6:00 pm - There is a memorial service for the relatives and friends of all those who have died in the last year within the Benefice. Your support and presence would be of great comfort to all who turn up for this service.

**Remembrance Sunday** - 9 November - This is also the 3rd of our Season of Invitation dates.

**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.

**Cardiff Deanery Conference** - St Mark's Church in Gabalfa at 7:30 pm on 13 November.

**Croeso** - The latest of the diocesan newspaper, Croeso, is now available for collection at the back of our churches.

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

## St Catherine's Notes:

**'Bonfire, Bangers & Bobbing'** - A Celebration for All Saints Day (The Eve of All Hallows) please note is this Friday 7-10 pm not Saturday as previously printed. As of going to press we were completely sold out if anyone is really keen to go please see Clive who may have a few extra tickets in reserve costing £3 each.

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

**Christmas Fair** - St Catherine's Christmas Fair will be on 22 November.

## St John's Notes:

**Operation Christmas Child** is now up and running. Leaflets are in all churches and shoe boxes need to be back in church by Sunday 16th November. I can collect if required. Should any more information be needed call 20553603.

**Ty Bronna** - In October we will be collecting cereals for Ty Bronna.

## St Luke's Notes:

**St Luke's Patronal Lunch** - The Clergy, the Churchwardens and Sue Bainton would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved with the lunch last Sunday, those who bought tickets donated raffle prizes/food etc. We only started planning this lunch 4 weeks ago, you all helped make it a success. Thank you again.

**Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars:** This year to raise funds for the benefice (15% of sales), we have cards, calendars and gift wrap available. Return your orders by 26 October to Annie Harding or Jean Williams at St John's, Sue Jones at St Luke's and Linsay Jones at St Catherine's. Orders will be ready by 16 November. For more info: [www.anniehardingcards.co.uk](http://www.anniehardingcards.co.uk).

**Recently Departed:** Iorwerth Evans, Diane Morgan, Andre St Clair, Morali Kagbo and Doris Harkett.

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

**Sun 26** - Pyle & Kenfig, Dr Duncan Walker (PinC); The Church of Ceylon

**Mon 27** - Neath Deanery Area Dean Zoe King; Jaffna (South India)

**Tues 28** - Cadoxton-Juxta-Neath & Tonna Andrew Meredith (PinC); Jalingo (Jos, Nigeria); **Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles**

**Wed 29** - Tourism & Pilgrimage Advisor John Winton; Jamaica & The Cayman Islands; Mass 10:00am (St L), HE84 11:00am (St C);

**Thur 30** - CilybeU Helen O'Shea (R); Jebba (Kwara, Nigeria); HE84 10:30 (StJ)

**Fri 31** - Dulais Valley; Johannesburg (Southern Africa); **Reformation Era Saints and Martyrs**

**Sat 1** - Dyffryn Stephen Bodycombe (V); Jos- (Jos, Nigeria); **All Souls' Day Mass 10:30 (St L)**

**Sun 2** - Llansawel, Briton Ferry Zoe King (V); Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba; **Memorial Service 6:00pm in St Luke's**

## 26 October 2014 – Bible Sunday

**First Reading** A reading from the book of Nehemiah 8. 1-4a, [5, 6,] 8-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Colossians 3. 12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading: - Hear the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**