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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us
in your own image
and yet more wonderfully
restored us
through your Son Jesus
Christ:
grant that, as he came to
share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of
his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with
you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Psalm Response:

Praise, O praise the name of the
Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

St Luke's: Alleluia x4 (Celtic)



Christmas 1 : The Holy Family

We give thanks for the Holy Family of Nazareth. As we continue our prayer and wonder at how salvation entered our world, we follow the example of Jesus and his earthly family. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: to be a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, and the perfect place for bringing up children.

Later this week we'll celebrate two feasts: the Holy Innocents and the Naming of Jesus. We are reminded by these to pray for those innocents in our own world who are being killed and wounded by war and genocide. We remember the other name of Jesus 'Emmanuel' God is with us. May God be with this coming year to make our world better and more just and more loving.

St Catherine's - no services today (see the website for our usual times).

St John's - no services today. (see the website for our usual times).

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

Isaiah 61:10 -62.3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.15-21

Next week's readings: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-1

Benefice Notes:

2020 Conversation Days - The first stage is now complete. The results of these conversations are available on the website and the back of the Church. The next stage is open consultation about the ideas and comments made and how we might use this as the basis of a renewed focus on our mission as bearing witness to the gospel of Christ in Canton for the coming years leading up to 2020.

Paradise Run is taking place on the 3rd January. As usual, food will need to get to Sylvia (114, Pencisely Road) or to Diana Morgan (23, Greenfield Avenue) between 6-6 on the night.

Confirmation - Our confirmation classes for young people and adults begin in the New Year. This year the preparation programme will be over a longer period of time but will be less intense: meeting once a month to discuss the various topics and issues with the confirmation ceremony in Advent 2015. If you would like to be confirmed contact the clergy.

Messy Church - Thank you to everyone who helped make yesterday's event go so well. The next planning meeting is on Sun 11 Jan at 4:15 pm in St John's (after Explore). The next Messy Church is on Sunday 25 Jan 2015 at 4pm in St John's.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 Jan 2015 - If you think we should work and celebrate more with other local Christians during this week (and throughout the year) please let us know what you would like to see. Contact the clergy.

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.

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

Website - Over the Christmas and New Year period we'll be updating the more static pages of the website. If you have any updates on a group or activity you are involved in please send them to Fr Phelim at vicar@beneficeofcanton.org.uk

Benefice Magazine - Is now available at the back of our churches.

St Catherine's Notes:

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

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna - In December we'll be collecting toiletries for the Ty Bronna Hostel for young people, run by the Church Army.

St Luke's Notes:

St Luke's Lunch on Sun Jan 18th tickets on sale from today 3 COURSE MEAL £8.50

Shrove Tuesday Banger and Bingo - A family fun night on Tuesday 17 Feb 2015. Tickets on sale after Christmas.

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Recently Departed: Hazel Ware, Hilda Hinchey, Raymond Lovering, Violet May East, Barbara Monks

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

Sun 28 Tonypany, Williamstown Phil Leyshon (V); Kushtia- (Bangladesh); **10:30 Benefice Service at St Lukes**

Mon 29 Tonyrefail with Glifach Goch: Canon Ruth Moverley (V) Kwara- (Kwara, Nigeria) Kutigi- (Lokoja, Nigeria)

Tues 30 Ynyshir Kwoi-(Abuja, Nigeria) Paul Bigmore(V)

Weds 31 Churches & Pastoral Committee Ven. Philip Morris (Ch) Kyoto - (Japan); **Holy Innocents**

Thurs 1 Ystradyfodwg, Haydn England Simon (V); Kyushu, Japan; **Naming of Jesus**

Fri 2 Llandaff Archdeaonry, Ven. Peggy Jackson

Sat 3 Cardiff Deanery, Bob Capper (AD); Lagos, Nigeria;

Sun 4 RB Canton, Canon Mark and Fr Phelim; Lagos West; **Services as usual**