

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm Response:

Those who trust in God will understand truth.

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.



Who were the saints? What made them stand out? Why does our church remember and value heroes of faith from the past? The answer to all of these questions, as ever, lies in how we are called by God to live lives of faith, lives of hope and lives of love. When we do this we become Christ like (or saintly) and can influence others to become like Christ - to embody true holiness. Ultimately, with God's help, we could be saints if we want it enough.

All Saints' Sunday

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

St John's - 8:00 Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist

St Luke's - 10:30 Sung Mass; **6:00 Memorial Service for All Souls**

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

Today's Readings

Revelations 7.9-17, Ps 34.1-10, 1 John 3.1-3, Matt 5.1-12

Psalm 34:1-10

1 I will always give thanks / unto • the / Lord: his praise shall / ever • be / in my / mouth.
 2 My soul shall make her / boast • in the / Lord: the humble shall / hear there-/of • and be / glad.
 3 O praise the / Lord with / me: and let us / magnify • his / name to-/gether.
 4 I sought the Lord / and he / heard me: yea he delivered me / out of / all my / fears.
 5 They looked unto him and were / made / glad: and their / faces • were / not a-/shamed.
 6 Here is a poor man who cried and the / Lord / heard him: yea and saved him / out of / all his / troubles.
 7 The angel of the Lord dwelleth round about / them that / fear him: and delivereth / them in / time of / need.
 8 O taste and see how / gracious • the / Lord is: blessed is the / man that / trusteth • in / him.
 9 O fear the Lord, * ye that / are his / servants: for / they that • fear / him lack / nothing.
 10 They who trust not in him do lack and / suffer / hunger: but they who seek the Lord shall want no / manner • of / thing • that is / good.

Next week's readings: Amos 5.18-24, Psalm 70, 1 Thess 4.13-18, Matt 25.1-13

Benefice Notes:

All Souls' Memorial Service - This evening at 6:00 pm in St Luke's there will be a special memorial service for the relatives and friends of all those who have died in the last year within the Benefice. We also invite others who are still in need of healing from the loss of a loved one. Your support and presence would be of great comfort to all who turn up for this service.

Explore - Next Sunday there will be a **Cafe Church** service at 4:00 pm in St John's. This is a relaxed form of worship with coffee, quizzes and cakes. We reflect on God's word for us this week with time to chat and ask questions. All are welcome.

Messy Church - Many thanks to all those who gave their time and energy for Messy Church last weekend. We continue to thank God for how well this is being supported and attended by people in our community. The November planning meeting is next Sunday at 4:45 after the Cafe Church service in St John's. The next Messy Church is on 23 November.

Remembrance Sunday - Next Sunday, 9 November, is Remembrance Sunday when our nation remembers those who have died during recent wars and conflicts. This is the next of our Season of Invitation dates and today we will give out cards for us to invite someone we know back to church to share our lives of faith. Our community needs your prayers, generosity of spirit and courageous invitations in this regard.

Paradise Run - The next run is on 8 November. Please bring your food to Sylvia's house (114 Pencisely Road) or to Diana (23 Greenfield Avenue) on the day itself between 6-7pm. For more details on this work of charity please see the website. We are so grateful for your support. Many thanks for the fleeces and sleeping bags donated they were greatly received.

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.

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

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

St Catherine's Notes:

Hall Bookings - To book the Hall please contact Angharad Elias 07989 747026 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. Should any more information be needed call 20553603.

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

St Luke's Notes:

St Luke's Talk - On Thur 13 Nov at 7.30pm John Prior Morris will be speaking about the Insole Family of Llandaff. This promises to be an interesting talk and visitors are welcome

Meditation Group - Are you too busy, longing for peace and quiet and in need of stillness in your life? Come to St Luke's for a time of silence and letting go and letting God. The next session will be in St. Luke's at 5.30 on 14 November.

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.

Recently Departed: Iorwerth Evans, Joan Spillane, Stephen Liversidge, Thomas Prosser.

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

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

Mon 3 - RB Neath Canon Stephen Ryan (R); Kabba (Nigeria); **St Winifred, Saints, Martyrs, Confessors of our time**

Tues 4 - Skewen Chris Coles (Pin C); Kadugli & Nuba Mountains (Sudan); **Anglican Saints and Martyrs**

Wed 5 - Chaplain Welsh Assembly Gill Dallow; Kaduna (Kaduna Nigeria); **St Cybi (abbot)**

Thur 6 - Vale of Neath Andrew Davies (Pin C) Kafanchan (Abuja, Nigeria); HE84 10:30 (StJ); **St Illtud, All Saints of Ireland**

Fri 7 - Vale of Glamorgan Area Dean: Martyn Davies; Kagera (Tanzania);

Sat 8 - Colwinston, Llandow & Llysworney Alan Kettle (PinC P/T); Kajiado (Kenya); **All Saints of Wales**

Sun 9 - RB Cowbridge, Derek Belcher (R), Edward Dowland-Owen (TV), David Boulton (C); Bermuda Province;

2 November 2014 – All Saints' Sunday

First Reading

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

Revelation 7.9-17

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34.1-10

R Those who trust in God will understand truth.

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
My soul shall glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

R

I sought the Lord and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Look upon him and be radiant,
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

R

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him
and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;
blessed is the one who trusts in him.

R

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
Lions may lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good.

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Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

1 John 3.1-3

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Hear the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Matthew 5.1-12

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.