

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty, whose
beloved Son was this day
presented in the Temple, in
substance of our flesh: grant
that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts, by
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Psalm Response:

The Lord of hosts, he is the king of
Glory.

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:
Glory to the Father, Glory to the
Son, Glory to the Spirit, God the
Three in One.

*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.*



Traditionally this feast day is known as **Candlemas** which was a special day when the church candles were blessed for the coming year by the parish priest. Candles are still important symbols of Christ's enduring light to Christians. The custom of visiting a church and lighting a candle is very often the only prayer that someone can make. Yet, our feast day goes back to that special moment when Jesus was presented in the temple. Simeon exclaims with great joy the Nunc Dimittis sung at every evensong. For us Jesus is 'the light that will enlighten all nations'. He is the light that illumines our darkness and shows us God's way for us.

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

St Catherine's - Benefice Together (no services today except in St Luke's)

St John's - Benefice Together (no services today except in St Luke's);

St Luke's - 10:30 Benefice Together Sung Mass;

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

Today's Readings

Malachi 3:1-5; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2: 22-40

Next week's readings: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

Benefice Notes:

Sunday Schools / Club - Last Sunday we met with the Sunday school/club parents and leaders about making sure every adult who attends has been through our safeguarding procedure and been cleared by the DBS and Church in Wales. This is to ensure we do all we can to make our children's services safe. If you couldn't make last Sunday's meeting and would still like to attend or assist at Sunday School or Club please contact the clergy or download an application form from the website.

Messy Church - Next Messy Church is on Sunday 14 Feb at 4:00pm in St John's. The next theme will be 'Lent'.

Benefice Together - Today is the 5th Sunday of the month and our custom is to have one service only in the benefice that day. Please note, there will be no other service apart from this one at St Luke's.

Confirmation Programme 2016 - This year's confirmation programme of classes, discussion groups and worship services will be launched soon. If you would like to be confirmed this year please contact the clergy for details.

Canton Churches - After last week's joint service in Conway Road many people expressed interest about what we do and hope to do as Christians in Canton. To read more see joint website: www.cantonchurches.org.uk

Youth Club - Next week and the week after we have taster sessions on Fridays in St Catherine's for young people in year 6 to enjoy and find out about our Youth Club. Year 6 young people can attend the regular Youth Club sessions after the half term break. Usual times are: Mondays 7-9 in Calvary Baptist for the Cafe drop in and Fridays 7-9 in St Catherine's hall.

Youth Team Meeting - Meeting at St Catherine's Hall next Friday 5 Feb at 7pm.

Night shelter - If you would like to get involved in helping homeless people this winter please contact Fr Phelim.

Living Faith Study Group - Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in St John's. For info: Andrew Sims maxsims@hotmail.com 029 2034 4641

Bible Study Thursdays 7-9 St Johns Vestry: All welcome to our informal group discussion about the gospel reading for this coming Sunday. For more info contact Andrew (see above note)

Newsletter Email - If you'd like an email copy of the newsletter and readings please ask Sheila on mgsmkelly1@gmail.com

St Catherine's Notes:

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

Logs - contact Clive 07931522683, Gareth 07527268461 or Diana 07909961256. From £5 per boot (depends on volume).

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist at 11:00 am on Wednesday.

St John's Notes:

Church Booking - To book the church please contact the clergy. For concerts contact Gill Winton.

Lent Lunches in St John's begin on Friday 12th February at 12noon for the duration of the season of Lent.

Thank You - £100 (from the Christmas Greetings in the magazine) and £70 (from the Christmas Messy Church) was raised for the Night Shelter.

Fundraising - There is an open meeting of the fundraising committee on Monday 1st February at 6.30pm in the vestry. All are very welcome.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am on Thursday.

St Luke's Notes:

Supper - Thursday 4 February Ham and Chip Supper in the Parkview Café at 7.30pm

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

Midweek Services: Masses at 10:00 am on Tuesday and Wednesday; Friday at 6:30 pm; and 10:30 am on Saturday.

Recently Departed: Pat Rowlands, Iris Manley, Martin Sheppard

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

Sun 31 Dinas and Penygraig, Christopher Lewis Jenkins (V); Burundi; **World Leprosy and Homeless Sunday;**

Mon 1 Pen Rhondda Fawr Philip Leyshon (Pin C); Angola Southern Africa; **St Bridget**

Tues 2 Pontrhondda, Peter Gale (V); Ankole- Uganda; **St Blaise**

Wed 3 The Archbishops Chaplain; Antananarivo - Tulear; **Saints Martys, Missionaries of Europe**

Thurs 4 Pont Newydd, Jeffrey Thomas (Pin C); Antsiranana- (Indian Ocean); **Manche Masemola, Martyr**

Fri 5 Rhondda Fach Uchaf, David Jones (Pin C); Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; **St Agatha**

Sat 6 Tonypanydy w Clydach Vale w Williamstown, Revd Hadyn England-Simon; Argentina- (South America)

Sun 7 Tonyrefail with Gilfach Goch, Canon Ruth Moverley (V); Canada

Wed 10 February is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent

Team Rector: Canon Mark Preece; 029 2056 2022 rector@beneficeofcanton.org.uk (Day off - Monday)

Team Vicar: Fr Phelim O'Hare; 029 2021 0732 vicar@beneficeofcanton.org.uk (Day off - Thursday)

31 January 2016 – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Collect of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God:

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me,
and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming,
says the LORD of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3.1–5

PSALM Psalm 24 : 7–10

R The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is this King of glory?’
‘The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.’ **R**

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lift them high, O everlasting doors;

and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is he, this King of glory?’

‘The Lord of hosts,

he is the King of glory.’ **R**

The Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2.14-18

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Luke 2.22-40

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.