

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Psalm Response:

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

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: Alleluia, alleluia, opening our hearts to him, singing alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is the King!

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.



The Christmas season soon gives way to a return to normality: school holidays end, we go back to work and the busyness of our routines. This week we celebrate Epiphany on Wednesday and the next stage of Christmastide continues with the Sundays of Epiphany until the 2nd Feb and the celebration of Candlemas. At the heart of all of this is the mystery of the Incarnation of God's Son in the person of Jesus Christ. This teaching is so profound it escapes our attempts at complete description. Yet, in our lives of prayer we make real the indwelling of God's Son and Spirit when we love others selflessly and make our homes and churches places of inclusive hospitality. The Word became flesh and **still** dwells amongst us.

Christmas 2

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

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

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

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Ps 147:12-21; Eph 1 3-14; John 1:10-18

Psalm 147

12 Praise the Lord / O Je-/rusalem: sing praises / to thy / God O / Zion.

13 For he hath made fast the / bars of • thy / gates: and hath / blessed thy / children • with-/in thee.

14 He maketh / peace • in thy / borders: and filleth thee / with the / flour of / wheat.

15 He sendeth forth his com-/mandment • on / earth: and his word / runneth / very / swiftly.

16 He giveth / snow like / wool: and scattereth the / hoar-/frost like / ashes.

17 He casteth forth his / ice like / grains: at his frost the / waters / cease to / flow.

18 He sendeth out his / word and / melteth them: he bloweth with his wind, and the / waters / flow a-/gain.

19 He declareth his word / unto / Jacob: his statutes and / judgements / unto / Israel.

†20 He hath not dealt so with / other / nations; neither have they knowledge of his laws
* / Praise / ye the / Lord.

Next week's readings: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17,21-22

Benefice Notes:

Forthcoming Meetings: Pastoral Care Team - Wednesday 6 Jan at 7:30 pm after the Solemn Eucharist for the Epiphany. Finance Team - Tuesday 12 Jan at 7:30 in the Rectory; PCC - Sun 17 Jan at 7:00 pm in St John's; Cardiff West Ministry Area, Church of the Resurrection on 13 Jan at 7:30.

Messy Church - Next Sunday in St John's at 4:00 pm. The planning meeting for this is this afternoon at 5:00 pm in St Luke's.

Youth Club - The launch dates for our youth club will be: Monday 11 Jan between 7-9 in Calvary Baptist for the drop in and Friday 15 Jan between 7-9 in St Catherine's hall for pool, table tennis, games etc plus a workshop on DJing and mixing music by Dave Jones. See facebook.com/cantonyouth for details or ask Fr Phelim.

2020 Vision - In December 2014 we had a series of meetings reviewing mission, buildings, pastoral care and other aspects of our Church life. Many things came from this (see the summary page on our website). We hope to revisit this and look at our progress and perhaps targets for this coming year in a meeting on Sat 16 January 2016 in St John's at 11:00 am.

Bimonthly Events Publicity - We are hoping to publish every two months a new booklet with the forthcoming events, special services, meetings, fundraisers or any other gathering. This is to take some of the pressure of the newsletter, which has very limited space. If you have something to be included in this for Jan and Feb 2016 please contact Fr Phelim.

Christian Unity - There will be a special joint service for the week of prayer for Christian Unity in Conway Road Methodist Church on Sunday 24 January at 6pm. All are welcome to help us celebrate what unites us as Christians.

Cardiff West Ministry Area - As a consequence of the recent Church in Wales review parishes throughout Wales are transitioning to Ministry Areas. The nature of each new ministry area depends largely on the ministry needs of the area. There will be a conversation about how the current CinW parishes of Cardiff West might collaborate and grow as a new ministry area in the New Year. This meeting is open to everyone to attend and we'd like to see as many from Canton there as possible. The first of these meetings will be at the Church of the Resurrection, Glan Ely on Wed 13 Jan at 7:30pm.

Volunteering in 2016 - We need help with the following: Messy Church craft activity leaders, readers, servers, choir members. If you could help support the work we do please contact the clergy or churchwardens.

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 09 2034 4641

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.

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

St Luke's Notes:

Solemn High Mass for the Epiphany - There will be a special service for Epiphany in St Luke's at 6pm on Wed 6 January.

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: Graham Rimeur;

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

Sun 3 Dowlais & Penydarren, Joyce Harman; Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; **Christmas 2;**

Mon 4 Merthyr Tydfil, Christchurch, Martyn Perry (V); Abakaliki, Nigeria;

Tues 5 Merthyr Tydfil, St David & Abercanaid, Mark Prevett, Tom Bates (C); Aberdeen and Orkney;

Wed 6 Bishop David Wilbourne and his family; The **Epiphany of our Lord**

Thur 7 Treharris, Trellis, Bedding & Llanfabon; Abuja and Province of Nigeria

Fri 8 Troedyrhiw w Merthyr Vale, Stephen Barnes (V); Aguata, Nigeria;

Sat 9 Bargoed & Deri w Brithdir, Jonathan Widdess; Accra, Ghana

3 January 2016 – Second Sunday of Christmas

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.'
See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labour, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away; say,
'He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.'
For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Jeremiah 31.7-14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147.13-21

R Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God.

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion;
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you. **R**

He has established peace on your borders;
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
He sends forth his command to the earth,
and his word runs very swiftly. **R**

He gives snow like wool;
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;
who can stand against his cold?
He sends forth his word and melts them;
he blows with his wind and the waters flow. **R**

He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and judgements to Israel.
He has not done so to any other nation;
to them he has not revealed his judgements. **R**

R Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his

counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1.3-14

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.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

John 1.10-18

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

All praise to you,
almighty God and heavenly King,
who sent your Son into the world
to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that, as we are born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,
now and for ever.