

# NEWSLETTER

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## Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
36	552	552
49	724	152
326	49	40
724		49

## Collect:

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

## Psalm Response:

Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

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



## The Epiphany of Our Lord

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; **Benediction 6:00 pm**

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

## Today's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-11

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14

- 1 Give the king thy / judgements · O / God:  
and thy righteousness / unto · the / king's / son.
- 2 May he judge thy people according / unto / right:  
and up-/hold the / poor with / justice.
- 3 May the mountains / bring pros-/perity:  
and the little hills / righteous-ness / unto · the / people.
- 4 May he defend the poor a-/mong the / people:  
deliver the children of the needy, \* and / bring the / tyrant · to / nought.
- 5 May he live as long as the / sun en-/dureth:  
as the moon also, \* from one gener-/ation / to an-/other.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon grass be-/fore · it is / cut:  
even as / showers that / water · the / earth.
- 7 In his time may / righteous-ness / flourish:  
yea and abundance of peace, so / long · as the / moon en-/dureth.
- 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the / isles give / presents:  
the kings of Sheba and / Seba / bring their / gifts.
- 11 May all kings fall / down be-/fore him:  
and all / nations / do him / service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the / poor · when he / crieth:  
the needy also and / him that / hath no / helper.
- 13 He shall have pity upon the / lowly · and / poor:  
and shall pre-/serve the / lives · of the / needy.
- 14 He shall deliver them from op-/pression · and / violence:  
and dear shall their / blood be / in his / sight.

**Next week's readings:** Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

## Benefice Notes:

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**Thank You** - A huge thank you to everyone who made the many services over Advent and Christmas go so well.

**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 or twice a month to discuss the various topics and issues of what it means to be an active member of the Church in Wales. As the confirmation ceremony takes place in Advent 2015 children who are now in year 5 may apply. If you would like to be confirmed contact the clergy. The first meeting will take place on 18 January 2015 in St John's at 4:00 pm.

**Explore** - Explore resumes next Sunday in St John's at 4:00pm. This is an alternative worship experience where we pray and respond to God in non-traditional forms. This month we'll create another labyrinth to help us in our reflections on how God is close to us on our journey.

**Youth Committee** - we are due to have our first meeting and there is still one or two places left for anyone to join this group who will look again at our provision for young people throughout the Benefice. If you would like to join this group please contact Fr Phelim. We hope to meet once or twice a term.

**Website Updating** - Please send any updates for your group/activity to Fr Phelim by Friday 9 January.

**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](mailto:linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com).

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

## St Catherine's Notes:

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

## St John's Notes:

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**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:

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**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.

**Hall Bookings** - To book the Hall please contact Jackie or Haydn Page on 029 2091 3808 [haydnpage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:haydnpage@hotmail.co.uk)

**Recently Departed:** Hazel Ware, Hilda Hinchey, Raymond Lovering, Violet May East, Dorothy White, Jenny Forster-Hicks, Gordon Stapleton, Lawrence Weaver

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

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

**Mon 5** Cardiff, Dewi Sant, Dyfrig Lloyd (V); Lahore

**Tues 6** Cardiff, St Mary w St Dyfrig & St Samson, Graham Francis (V), David Morris (AP)

**Wed 7** Readers in the Diocese, Caroline Downs

**Thur 8** Grangetown, St Paul, Grahahm Francis and David Morris; Lake Malawi

**Fri 9** Cardiff, St John the Baptist, Sarah Rowlands (PinC)

**Sat 10** Cathays, Caroline Downs; Lango (Uganda)

**Sun 11** Christchurch, Roath Park, Trystan Hughes (PinC); Anglican Communion Sunday; **Explore at 4:00 in St John's**

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

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

## 4 January 2015 – The Epiphany of the Lord

### Collect of the Day

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

### First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*Isaiah 60.1-6*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 72.1-7,10-14*

**R Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.**

Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;  
That he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;  
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**R**

He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another. **R**

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.  
In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace  
till the moon shall be no more. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.  
All kings shall bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service. **R**

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,  
and the oppressed who has no helper.  
He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight. **R**

**R Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.**

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*Ephesians 3.1-12*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Matthew 2.1-12*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.