

# NEWSLETTER

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## Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
348	348	348
53	475	637
652	672	274
672		672

## Collect:

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty  
resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin  
and death to make all things  
new in him: grant that we,  
being dead to sin and alive to  
you in Jesus Christ, may  
reign with him in glory; to  
whom with you and the Holy  
Spirit be praise and honour,  
glory and might, now and in  
all eternity.

## Psalm Response:

This day was made by the  
Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

## 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.



## Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Today we celebrate the heart of our faith as Christians: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and by so doing has made it possible for us to live forever. Easter is the greatest day for Christians because it celebrates Resurrection. Yet, coming to terms with the meaning and consequences of Christ's rising often escapes our understanding. We can accept it on an intellectual level but it is hard to so on the level of the heart. We have cause for deep celebration and gratitude yet we need God's help to fully appreciate how grateful we should be.

## Easter Sunday

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

St John's - 8:00 Morning Prayer; 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

Acts 10:34-43, Ps. 118.1-2, 14-24, 1 Cor 15.1-11 John 20.1-18

### Psalm 118 Vv 1,2, 14-24

- 1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for / he is / gracious: for his / mercy · en-/dureth · for /ever.
- 2 Let Israel / now de-/clare: that his / mercy · en-/dureth · for /ever.
- 14 The Lord is my strength and / my de-/fence: and is be-/come / my sal-/vation.
- 15 The sound of joy and deliverance is in the / dwellings · of the / righteous: the right hand of the Lord bringeth / mighty / things to / pass.
- †16 The right hand of the Lord / is ex-/alted: the right hand of the Lord bringeth / mighty / things to / pass. 17 I shall not / die, but / live: and de-/clare the / works · of the / Lord.
- 18 The Lord hath chastened me a-/bove / measure: but hath not given me / over / unto / death.
- 19 Open me the / gates of / righteousness: that I may enter into them and give / thanks / unto · the / Lord.
- 20 This is the / gate · of the / Lord: the righteous shall / enter / into / it.
- 21 I will thank thee because / thou hast / answered me: and art be-/come / my sal-/vation.
- 22 The same stone which the / builders re-/fused: is be-/come the / chief / cornerstone.
- 23 This is the / Lord's / doing: and it is / marvel-/ous / in our / eyes.
- 24 This is the day which the / Lord hath / made: let us re-/joice / and be / glad in it.

**Next week's readings:** Acts 4.32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1.1 – 2.2; John 20.19-31

## Benefice Notes:

**Churches Together** - After the success of our last joint worship service in St John's, the next Ecumenical service is this evening in Calvary at 6pm. We celebrate 'Our desire for God in the Risen Christ' with others who share this faith.

**Thank You** - Thank you to all those who helped during our Holy Week celebrations. It was wonderful to see so many making the effort to worship and support each congregation during the week. A special thanks to Fr Mark Clavier for his words and inspiration during the week.

**Easter Week** - There will be no services this Tuesday or Wednesday. The rest of the week's services are as usual.

**Pastoral Care Team** - the next meeting is on 14 April in St John's at 7:00 pm.

**Messy Church** - Thank you to all those who donated or promised lego or duplo. There is a planning meeting for the April Messy Church next Sunday 12 April at 5:00 pm in St John's. Please note there is no Explore this month.

**Joint DCC Meeting and Evening Prayer** at 6:00 pm in St John's on 19 April. Refreshments to follow.

**Electoral Roll** - If you haven't already done so please fill in an electoral form (available at the back of the Church). Please note, the old Electoral Roll will no longer be valid and everyone needs to enrol on the new one to vote at the Easter Vestry.

**Easter Vestry** - The Annual Easter Vestry is on Wednesday 29 April at 7:30 pm in St Luke's Church. All are welcome.

**Piano Recital** by Elizabeth Preece w music by Beethoven, Chopin and Debussy - Sat 18 April 1.15pm at Llandaff Cathedral.

**Benefice Noticeboard** - If you would like to include something in the notes please send it to [linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com). Please try to keep contributions brief as space is often very limited.

**Youth Team** - The next meeting is on 22 April at 6:30 pm in the Vicarage. **New Initiatives: Battle of the Bands** - this will be a music event for young people from year 9 upwards taking place on Saturday 4 July - application forms will be available after the Easter holidays; **Youth Club** - launches on the week beginning 1st June beginning with two nights a week but hoping to move to three in September. We are in urgent need of a team of adult helpers who will help oversee the activities each evening. There is a sign up sheet at the back of our churches. **Soul Survivor August 2015** - Soul Survivor is a 5 day event for Christian Youth Groups and teenage Christians (aged 12+) in Shepton Mallet. It has a festival atmosphere with lots of activities, camping and worship that is designed for young people. Application forms at the back of the Church. For more info: [soulsurvivor.com](http://soulsurvivor.com) **May Half Term Sports** - Sign up sheet and information at the back of the church for a proposed sports/activities club for children to take place during the May half term. Could you give us a day (or more) during this week? Please help us.

## 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** - The collection this month (April) is Gravy granules

## St Luke's Notes:

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**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)

**Women's Group** On the afternoon of Thurs May 7 a trip to the Mansion House for a tour and a very special tea has been arranged. All are welcome. Names to Jeanie asap.

**Recently Departed:** Gillian O'Neill, Gerald Moss

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

**Sun 5** RB Caerphilly and Merthyr Tydfil Deaner, Steven Kirk (AD);

**Mon 6** Dowlais and Penydarren, Joyce Harman (R); Nagpur;

**Tues 7** Merthyr Tydfil Christ Church, Martyn Perry (V); Nairobi; **No Tuesday Mass today**

**Wed 8** The Mothers' Union; Nakuru, Kenya; **No Mass or Holy Eucharist today**

**Thur 9** Merthyr Tydfil, St David and Abercanaid, Mark Prevett (R), Tom Bates (C); Nambale, Kenya;

**Fri 10** Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog and Llanfabon, Matthew Gibbon (PinC); Namibia;

**Sat 11** Troedyrhiw w Merthyr Vale, Stephen Barnes (V); Namirembe, Uganda;

**Sun 12** Bargoed and Deri w Brithdir, Jonathan Widdess (V); Nandyal, India.

**First Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

*Acts 10.34-43*

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 118.1-2,14-24*

**R This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,  
‘His mercy endures for ever.’

**R**

The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.  
There is a sound of exultation and victory  
in the tents of the righteous:  
‘The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!’

**R**

I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.  
The Lord has punished me sorely,  
but he did not hand me over to death.  
Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

**R**

‘This is the gate of the Lord;  
whoever is righteous may enter.’  
I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief corner-stone.

**R**

This is the Lord’s doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**R**

**R This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*1 Corinthians 15.1-11*

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.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*John 20.1-18*

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**