

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Psalm Response:

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

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:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love



Creation Sunday draws our attention to the beauty, fragility and mystery of God's activity in the universe. We are reminded too that, as creatures made in God's image and likeness, we have a special responsibility to care and ensure that our world is treated with care and respect. However, this idea of stewardship for the natural world is often neglected in favour of our own concerns. We have a history of putting ourselves before other species and seeing them as ours to abuse and exploit. Today we have a chance to repent for our failings as stewards and recommit to living again in a right and sustainable relationship with God, with God's world and with God's people, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Creation Sunday - 2nd before Lent

St Catherine's - 8:00 Eucharist; 10:30 Sung Eucharist; 12:30 pm Baptism

St John's - 8:00 Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist; 4:00 pm Explore

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

Proverbs 8:1, 22-31; Psalm 104:24-35; Colossians 1:15-20; John 1:1-14:

Psalm 104.25-36

- 25 O Lord how manifold / are thy / works:
in wisdom hast thou made them all; * the /earth is / full of · thy / creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and / mighty / sea:
wherein are things creeping innumerable, * both / small and / great / beasts;
- 27 There go the ships up-on their / course:
and Leviathan, * which thou hast made to / take thy / pastime · there-/with.
- 28 These all / look · unto / thee: that thou mayest give them / food in / due / season.
- 29 When thou givest it / them they / gather it:
and when thou openest thy hand they are / filled with / good / things.
- 30 When thou hidest thy / face · they are / troubled:
when thou takest away their breath they die, * and are / turned a-/gain · to their / dust.
- 31 When thou lettest thy breath go forth they are / made / strong;
and thou re-/newest · the / face · of the / earth.
- 32 May the glorious majesty of the Lord en-/dure for / ever: may the / Lord re-/joice · in his / works.
- 33 The earth trembleth when he / looketh · up-/on it:
if he do but / touch the / hills · they shall / smoke.
- 34 I will sing unto the Lord as / long as · I / live: I will praise my God / while I / have my / being.
- 35 May my medit-/ation / please him: my / joy shall / be · in the / Lord.
- 36 Praise thou the Lord / O my / soul. O / praise / ye the / Lord.

Next week's readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Benefice Notes:

Explore - this afternoon at 4pm in St John's. 'Explore' is all about exploring different and alternative ways of worshipping and encountering God. Today's 'Explore' will celebrate being 'Church in A Circle' with time to pray, discuss and reflect.

Messy Church - The next planning meeting for Messy Church is this afternoon in St John's at 5:15 pm (after explore). The next Messy Church is on 22 Feb at 4pm in St John's with Archdeacon Peggy Jackson helping us lead the worship.

Confirmation classes - The next meeting is today during Explore. There is still time to register if you haven't made the first meeting. Please download a form from the website and give it to the clergy. The meeting after that is on 22 Feb 2015.

Confirmation is also one of the requirements for being part of our Parochial Church Council (PCC).

Buildings Action Team- The first meeting for the new buildings committee will be on Wednesday 11 February in St Catherine's Church at 7:30 pm. This group and meeting will focus in detail on issues concerning all of the buildings in the Benefice and how these will support our mission leading up to the year 2020.

Pastoral Care Action Team - The first meeting of this new group will be on Wed 25 Feb in St Luke's at 7:00 pm. There was a real desire voiced during our recent conversation days to care more for those who are vulnerable in our community. Might you be willing to help in this way? Do you have a calling to serve the least in God's Kingdom? Please join us on 25 Feb.

Christians Against Poverty - There is a course beginning in Calvary Baptist Church in Canton to help individuals budget, save and spend wisely to prevent and overcome debt and related problems. The course is on Monday evenings at 7:00pm and runs for three weeks beginning on 23 February. Contact Fr Phelim for more details or visit www.capmoney.org.

St Monica's Church in Wales Primary School in Cathays is looking for a new Foundation Governor (a diocesan appointment for communicant Anglicans). For more information about what is involved in being a governor please see the flyer or poster at the back or contact current Governor Dan Caunt (dan.caunt@admiralgroup.co.uk or 07968 098848).

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

St John's Notes:

Home Group - Thursday 7-9 pm in St John's vestry. All are welcome to join this informal time of bible study and prayer.

Lent lunches every Friday at 12 noon during Lent starting on the 20 February.

Coffee Morning and Book Sale on Saturday 21 February at 10.00am

Ty Bronna - The collection for Ty Bronna this month (Feb) is Pasta, Rice and Sauces.

St Luke's Notes:

Women's Group - Ham and Chip Supper in the Hall Lounge on Thurs 12 Feb at 7:30 pm.

Shrove Tuesday Banger and Bingo - A family fun night on Tuesday 17 Feb 2015. Tickets on sale now.

St David's Day Lent Lunch Sunday 1 March to be held at the café at St Luke's numbers will be limited to approx. 30. Tickets cost £5.00 lunch will be leek and potato soup, cheese and biscuits, welsh cakes or bara brith.

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

Recently Departed: Kenneth Duddridge, Bill Impey, Joan Le Good, David Hodges, Queenie Brown, Ron Tobenas-Bel, Norma Nagle.

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

Sun 8 Penmark w Llancafán w Llantrithyd; Maiduguri (Nigeria)

Mon 9 Porthkerry and Rhoose, Melanie Prince (PinC) Maine; **St Teilo**

Tue 10 St Andrews Major w Michaelston, Andrew James; Makamba, Burundi; **St Scholastica; 1:45pm Funeral in St Luke's**

Wed 11 Provincial Safeguarding Team; Makurdi - (Nigeria)

Thur 12 Sully, Jonathan Ormrod (PinC); Malaita (Melanesia); **1:00pm Funeral in St Luke's**

Fri 13 Wenvoe & St Lythan, Jonathan Ormrod (PinC); Malakal (Sudan)

Sat 14 Archdeaconry of Margam, Ven. Philip Morris; Manchester; **Sts Cyril and Methodius**

Sun 15 Bridgend Deanery, Edward Evans (AD); Mandalay (Myanmar)

8 February 2015 – Second Sunday before Lent

First Reading

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth –
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Proverbs 8.1,22-31

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104.25-37

R Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

R

Yonder is the great and wide sea

with its living things too many to number,

creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,

which you have made for the sport of it.

R

All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them, they gather it;

you open your hand and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face and they are terrified;

you take away their breath

and they die and return to their dust.

R

You send forth your Spirit and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

R

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.
Let sinners be consumed out of the earth,
and the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

R

R Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1.15-20

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Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He 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 1.1-14

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.