

# NEWSLETTER

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## Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
114	603	603
503	332	409
82	429	695
332	(v1-3, 6-7)	

## Collect:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Psalm Response:

The Lord has made known his victory in the sight of the nations.

## 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, give thanks to the risen Lord; Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name

*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.*



**Learning to Love** - It is all very well saying we should love one another yet how can we put this into practice? Over the past weeks of the Easter season Jesus is teaching the disciples how to love. Constantly reminding them of how they can only survive in God's kingdom by somehow relying on each other and moving beyond differences of personality, conflict, clashes of ego. It is a simple truth that each faith community today encounters this challenge anew. We, as much as the first disciples, need to learn over and over again how we can love each other in reality and not just in theory. Perhaps a good way to start is a simple prayer "Lord Jesus this day teach and show me how to love as you loved".

## Easter 6

St Catherine's - 8:00 Eucharist; 10:30 Choral Eucharist; **12:30 Baptism**

St John's - 8:00 Morning Prayer; 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

Acts 10: 44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15:9-17

### Psalm 98

- 1 O sing unto the Lord a / new / song; for / he hath • done / marvel•lous / things;
- 2 With his own right hand and with his / holy / arm; hath he / gotten • him-/self the / victory
- 3 The Lord hath made / known his / victory; his righteousness hath he openly / shewed • in the / sight • of the / nations.
- 4 He hath remembered his mercy and faithfulness toward the / house of / Israel; and all the ends of the world have seen the / victor•y / of our / God.
- 5 Shew yourselves joyful in the Lord, / all ye / lands; sing and re-/joyce • with the / sound of / melody.
- 6 Make melody unto the Lord up-/on the / harp; even up-/on the / harp and / psaltery.
- 7 With trumpets / also • and / horns; shout with joy be-/fore the / Lord the /King.
- 8 Let the sea roar and all that / therein / is; the world and / they that / dwell there-/in.
- 9 Let the rivers / clap their / hands; and let the hills rejoice to-/gether • be-/fore the / Lord
- 10 For he cometh to / judge the / earth; in righteousness shall he judge the world, \* and the / peoples / with / equity.

Next week's readings: Acts 1: 15-17; Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9-13; John 17:6-19

## Benefice Notes:

**Messy Church** - The May planning meeting takes place today at 5:15 pm.

**Confirmation Preparation** - Today at 4:00 pm during Explore in St John's.

**Benefice Noticeboard** - If you would like to include something in the notes please send it to [linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com).

**Vestry Home Group** - Thursdays 7-9pm in St John's - Informal bible study exploring the Gospel readings - All are welcome!

**Explore** - Today at 4:00 pm when we'll worship God via the music of Taize and walking around a labyrinth.

**Youth Team** - The youth team met last week to look at a programme for the forthcoming youth club nights we'll be hosting from the the first week of June. It was a successful meeting and included lots of new faces. If you would like to know more or get involved please contact Fr Phelim.

**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 available are now available (see Facebook.com/CantonBOB).

**Soul Survivor August 2015** - Soul Survivor is a 5 day event for Christian Youth Groups and teenage Christians (aged 12+) in Shepton Mallet. Application forms at the back of the Church. For more info: [soulsurvivor.com](http://soulsurvivor.com)

**Christian Aid Week (1)** - It begins this Sunday (May 10th). A big thank you to those who are collecting in streets. Today you will have a letter and an envelope explaining what we do. Please feel free to **take some envelopes (and a collector's badge to prove that you're authentic) to neighbours, friends, social contacts, workplace or local pub.** Collect info, materials and get information from Lynda ( 02920 214282) or Diana (02921 400367/07754169373).

**Christian Aid Week (2)** - This is one of the few occasions when we can give collectively as a church to people more unfortunate than ourselves. This year, the focus is on helping women in Ethiopia. We have invited the local representative from CA to visit each of our Churches and explain something of their work. She'll visit St Luke's on 17 May, St Catherine's on 7 June and St John's on 14 June. Messy Church in May will also look at the work of Christian Aid.

## St Catherine's Notes:

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**Hall Bookings** - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email [hall.stcatherines@gmail.com](mailto:hall.stcatherines@gmail.com).

**Gardening Club** - Every Tuesday from 1:30 until 3:00 pm. All are welcome. For more details ask Hilary or Gareth.

## St John's Notes:

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**Funeral** - This week we say farewell to Kenneth Keatley (RIP) on Wednesday 13 May at 1:45 pm in St John's.

**Table Top Sale** - On Saturday 16 May at 10:00 am. Also, the **Monthly Lunch** is on Friday 22 May at 12 noon.

**Schools' Concert** - Local primary schools will be visiting St John's for their schools' concert on Monday 18 May at 6:30 pm.

**Ty Bronna** - The collection this month (May) is for cereals.

## St Luke's Notes:

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**Ascension Thursday** - Sung Mass for the Ascension at 7:30 pm this Thursday 14 May. All are welcome.

**Christian Aid** - The Sunday school will be learning all about CA today then will be selling cakes for them on May 17.

**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:** Kenneth Keatley, Edward Haines, Ron Teagle, Irene Benson, Roy Lisle, Clifford Scantlebury, Anthony Green, Arthur Edwards & Margaret Deyton-Jones.

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

**Sun 10** Pen Rhondda Fawr, Philip Leyshon (Pin C); Nike, Nigeria;

**Mon 11** Pontrhondda, Peter Gale (V); Nnewi (Niger, Nigeria); **Rogation Day**

**Tues 12** Rhondda Fach Uchaf, David Jones (Pin C); North Central Philippines (Philippines); **Rogation Day**

**Wed 13** The staff at the Diocesan Office; North Carolina; **Rogation Day**

**Thur 14** Porth Newydd, Jeffrey Thomas (Pin C); **Ascension Day; 7:30 pm Mass in St Luke's**

**Fri 15** Tonypanyd w Clydach Vale and Williamstown; North Dakota; **St Matthew, Apostle**

**Sat 16** Tonyrefail and Gilfach Goch, Canon Ruth Moverley; (V) North East India (North India)

**Sun 17** Ynyshir, Paul Bigmore(V); North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba- (West Indies)

**The Lord has made known his victory in the sight of the nations****10 May 2015 – Sixth Sunday of Easter****First Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Acts 10. 44-48*

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

*Psalm 98*

**R     The Lord has made known his victory in the sight of the nations.**

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.

**R**

The Lord has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown  
in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.

**R**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**R**

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world,  
and the peoples with equity.

**R**

**R     The Lord has made known his victory in the sight of the nations.**

**Second Reading**

A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*1 John 5. 1-6*

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.**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*John 15. 9-17*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**