

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

Almighty God,
 you show to those who are in
 error the light of your truth,
 that they may return to the way
 of righteousness:
 grant to all those who are
 admitted
 into the fellowship of Christ's
 religion,
 that they may reject those things
 that are contrary to their
 profession,
 and follow all such things as are
 agreeable to the same;
 through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Psalm Response:

My help comes for the Lord, the
 maker of heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

St John's: **Speak Lord your
 servant is listening, you have
 the words of everlasting life.**

St Luke's: **Silent, surrendered,
 calm and still,
 Open to the word of God,
 Heart humbled to his will,
 Offered is the servant of God.**



Salvation | Out of inexpressible love for the world, God sends his only Son to seek us out and to save us. In English the verbs to save, to salvage and to salve come from the same etymological root. Jesus has come to save us, to salvage our lives and to salve our wounds.

Thanks be to God!

Second Sunday of Lent

St Catherine's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist and 10.30 Sung Eucharist

St John's - 9:00 Sung Eucharist

St Luke's - 10:30 Sung Mass

Messy Church is at 4pm in Calvary Baptist Church.

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

Today's Readings

Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes / to the / hills :
 from / where is my / help to / come?
 My help comes / from the / Lord :
 the / maker of / heaven and / earth.
 He will not suffer your / foot to / stumble :
 he who watches / over you / will not / sleep.
 Behold, he who keeps watch / over / Israel :
 shall / neither / slumber nor / sleep.
 The Lord himself / watches / over you :
 the Lord is your shade / at your / right / hand,
 So that the sun shall not / strike you by / day :
 nei/ther the / moon by / night.
 The Lord shall keep you / from all / evil :
 it is / he who shall / keep your / soul.
 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
 and your / coming / in :
 from this time / forth for / ever/more.

Next week: Genesis 2.15-17,3.1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5.12-19 & Matthew 4.1-11

Benefice Notes:

Messy Church - Messy Church is in Calvary Baptist this Sunday at 4pm. If you're interested in getting involved, there's a planning meeting on Sunday 26 Feb at 5:15pm in St John's.

Youth Club Games Night - St Catherine's hall on Friday evenings from 7-8:30pm. It is open to children in school years 5 & 6. For details see the website or email Sarah on burton-sarah@hotmail.co.uk

Confirmation Preparation - Our confirmation programme meets on Saturdays in either the Vicarage or in St John's at 11:30am for an hour. This week we're in St. John's. See website for details.

Service Times Change - Please note the new times: only one 8am Holy Eucharist each Sunday alternating between St John's (1st and 3rd Sundays) and St Catherine's (2nd and 4th Sundays). St John's Sung Eucharist now starts at 9:00 am.

Canton Churches Lent Courses - Churches Together in Canton will be meeting on Monday evenings at 7pm to offer a lent course with a focus on healing and diversity. Dates are: 13 March - Calvary Baptist (led by our ordinand, Dominic); 20 March - Canton Uniting; 27 March - St John's (led by our ordinand, Samuel); 3 April Wesley Methodist. See poster in Church or website for details.

Upping our Game - Bishop David's Lent course 'Upping our Game' is in St Isan's Church, Llanishen, Wednesdays 7:30pm.

Bishop for Llandaff Diocese - Following their consultation of the Church in Wales, the Bench of Bishops meet this week to elect a new bishop for Llandaff Diocese, please keep them in your prayers.

Conway 50+ welcomes Rev Roy Jenkins to speak on 'Faith on the Frontline' Wed 12 April at 10:30am Conway Rd Church

Youth Bible Study - Resumes this week on Sundays at 6pm in St John's vestry. Contact burton-sarah@hotmail.co.uk.

St Catherine's Notes:

Hall Bookings - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email Bev on hall.stcatherines@gmail.com.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist this Wednesday at 11:00am

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna - This month's collection for the Ty Bronna centre is for pasta and sauces (more details on our website).

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist Thursday at 10:30 am

St Luke's Notes:

Midweek Services: Masses at 10:00 am on Tuesdays; 6:00 pm on Fridays; and 10:30 am on Saturday

Recently Departed: Deborah Carol Hopkins and Douglas Briggs

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

Sun 12th Mar - Cardiff, Dewi Sant: Dyfrig Lloyd (V) Rhian Linecar (C) Maseno South - (Kenya)

Mon 13th Mar - Cardiff St. German with St. Saviour. Massachusetts - (I, The Episcopal Church)

Tues 14th Mar - Cardiff St. Mary: Dean Atkins (PinC). Masvingo - (Central Africa) Tawonezwi

Weds 15th Mar - The Department for Communications: Communications Officer and Croeso Editor: Alison Young Matabeleland - (Central Africa)

Thurs 16th Mar - Grangetown, St. Paul with St. Dyfrig & St. Samson: David Morris (PinC): Matlosane (formerly Klerksdorp) - (Southern Africa)

Fri 17th Mar - City Church of St. John the Baptist: Canon Dr. Sarah Rowland-Jones, (PinC) Meath & Kildare - (Dublin, Ireland)

Sat 18th Mar - Cathays: Caroline Downs (PinC) Meg Underdown (C) Mbaise - (Nigeria)

Sun 19th Mar - Christchurch, Roath Park, Cardiff: Dr. Trystan Hughes (PinC) Mbale - (Uganda)

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

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

12 March 2017 – Second Sunday of Lent**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant that all who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion, may reject those things
that are contrary to their baptism,
and follow in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord;
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'
So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

**R. My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R.**

2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R.**

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon at night. **R.**

4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

**R. My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these

things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?’

‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.