

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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:

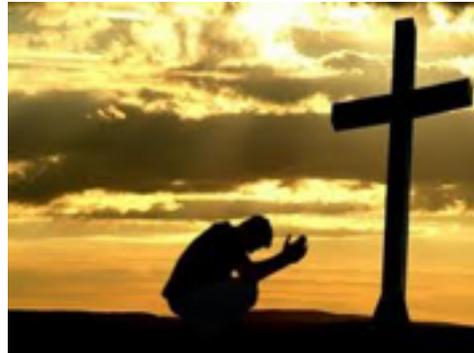
The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad indeed.

Gospel Acclamation:

St John's:
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory, praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

St Luke's:
Silent Surrendered Calm and Still
(see hymn 941)

If you know of a church member, or anyone, who is unwell or would appreciate contact from our priests,



Passiontide begins - Lent is almost over and now our focus turns very soon to Holy Week and the pivotal festivals of the Triduum: Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Our calling as disciples of Jesus means actively engaging with his cross and the significance of the cross for us as individuals and as a community. As we pray today we ask God to help us deepen our understanding and appreciation of all that the Cross of Christ signifies - tragedy and triumph.

5th Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday

St Catherine's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 10:30 Choral Eucharist;

St John's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist; **4:00 pm Messy Church**

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

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4-14; John 12:1-8

Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord restoreth the / fortunes • of / Zion: then shall we be like unto / them • that re-/new their / strength.
- 2 Then shall our mouth be / filled with / laughter: and our / tongue with / shouts of / joy.
- 3 Then will they say a-/mong the / nations: The / Lord hath • done / great things / for them.'
- 4 Yea the Lord will do / great things / for us: where-/of we / shall be / glad.
- 5 Restore our / fortunes • O / Lord: like as when streams refresh the / deserts / of the / south.
- 6 They that / sow in / tears: shall / reap with / cries of / joy.
- † 7 He that goeth forth weeping, * and taketh the / seed / with him: shall come again with gladness, as he / bringeth / home his / sheaves

Next week's readings: Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-18; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 23:1-49

Benefice Notes:

Messy Church - The next Messy Church is today at 4:00pm in St John's. The theme will look at 'Easter and Springtime'.

Choral Evensong -in St Catherine's next Sunday beginning at 6:00 pm. This will begin our Holy Week devotions as we focus deeply on the Passion of Jesus.

Holy Week is not far away and we will have our usual evening devotions to help us enter this important time of prayer.

Please take a pink leaflet at the back of the church outlining the different services, times and venues.

Articles for the Spring Edition of the Benefice Magazine must be with Jean Williams jeanwilliams63@hotmail.com by Tuesday 15 March

Confirmation Programme 2016 - There will be a information and registering meeting in St John's on Sunday 24 April at 3:15. If you would like to be confirmed this year please contact the clergy for details.

Youth Club - The programme of activities and trips up until the May half term is now available to see on our website. We are still in need of leaders and helpers to help make our club sustainable and safe for the future. Please contact Fr Phelim.

Living Faith Study Group - Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in St John's. For info: Andrew Sims maxsims@hotmail.com 029 2034 4641

Lent Course Thursdays 7-9pm. Theme: Life Balance- a 5 week course in rest, work & play. These rich, practical explorations of new Sabbath principles can help us re-order our time, refocus our priorities and refresh our spirits.

Newsletter Email - If you'd like an email copy of the newsletter and readings please ask Sheila on mgsmkelly1@gmail.com

Newsletter items - any items for inclusion in the newsletter please send to Linsay Jones linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com .

Space is always limited so keeping it brief avoids us editing your message.

St Catherine's Notes:

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

Brownies and Guides - New leaders needed. For details contact Clare: 07787 225766 or clare@teulubevan.plus.com

Pre Easter Church Clean Volunteers needed to help clean St Catherine's on Friday 18 March between 6pm and 7.30pm or Saturday 19 March between 9.30am and 11am. All welcome even if you can only spare half an hour.

Choir Members Needed - 'We are in need of some new members to join the choir - adults and children. If you like singing then come and join us - no musical knowledge needed just an in-tune voice; help/training will be given. Our church has a long history of choral singing and we would like to maintain this for the future. Contact Colin, the choir master.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist at 11:00 am on Wednesday.

St John's Notes:

Church Booking - To book the church please contact the clergy. For concerts contact Gill Winton (see website).

Lent Lunches in St John's have now begun and will continue for the duration of the season of Lent.

Coffee Morning and Book Sale on Saturday 19 March 10.00 to 12noon at St John's.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am on Thursday.

St Luke's Notes:

Women's Group This Thursday 17 March in the Park View Café Ruth Honey will be speaking to the Group about Japan

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

Midweek Services: Masses at 10:00 am on Tues and Wed; Fri at 6:30 pm; and 10:30 am on Saturday.

Recently Departed: Baby James Edgar Jones, Betty Dobson

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

Sun 13 Barry All Saints, Kevin Lake (PinC); Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; Lent V, Passion Sunday;

Mon 14 Penarth and Llandough, Mark Jones (PinC), Peter Cox (AP); Bida- (Nigeria)

Tues 15 Cadoxton-Juxta-Barry, Ben Andrews (PinC); Blackburn-Lancaster;

Weds 16 Diocesan Board of Education, Bishop David, Edward Counsell; Bo (Sierra Leone)

Thurs 17 Merthyr Dyfan Robert Parish (R) Boga (Congo); **St Patrick**

Fri 18 Penmark w Llandcardfan w Llantrithyd, Derek Belcher; Melanie Prince (AP); Bolivia; **Cyril of Jerusalem**

Sat 19 Porthkerry and Rhoose Melanie Prince (AP) Bolivia; **Joseph of Nazareth**

Sun 20 St Andrews Major & Michaelston-Le-Pit, Andrew James (PinC); Jerusalem and the Middle East; **Palm Sunday**

13 March 2016 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Collect of the Day

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Isaiah 43.16-21

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

R The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad indeed.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy. **R**

Then they said among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed. **R**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **R**

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Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3.4b-14

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Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

John 12.1-8

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.