

# NEWSLETTER

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### Today's Hymns

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### Collect:

**Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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:

**I love to do your will, O God, your law is in my heart.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

St John's: **Alleluia ...**

**Speak Lord your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life ... Alleluia**

St Luke's: **Alleluia x 4 (Celtic)**

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.



At this time of year it is appropriate to witness the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry among the towns and villages of Palestine. Today we hear Jesus invite people to join him, to come and see what is happening and bear witness to the unique way God's Spirit is alive in him and his work. This invitation is not just historical but is alive and well in God's church and inspires much of our service and outreach. Our invite and challenge is 'Come and See the work of God in this place, and amongst us, Christ's followers'.

### Epiphany 2:

**St Catherine's** - 8:00 am Holy Eucharist; 10:30 am Sung Eucharist;

**St John's** - 8:00 am Holy Eucharist; 9:15 am Sung Eucharist; 6:00pm Evensong

**St Luke's** - 10:30 am Sung Mass;

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

### Today's Readings

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Cor 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

#### Psalm 40

**1** I waited patiently / for the / Lord: and he inclined unto / me and / heard my / calling.  
**2** He brought me also out of the miry pit, \* out of the / slime and / clay: and set my feet upon a / rock and / ordered • my / goings. **3** And he hath put a new / song • in my / mouth: even a / thanks-giving / unto • our / God. **4** Many shall / see it • and / fear: and shall / put their / trust • in the / Lord. **5** Blessèd is the man that hath set his / hope • in the / Lord: and turned not unto the proud \* and to such as / go a-/bout with / lies. **6** O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, \* and thy thoughts which / are to / us-ward: there is none that can / be com-/pared • unto / thee.† **7** If I should de-/clare • them and / speak of them: they would be more than I am / able / to ex-/press. **8** Sacrifice and offering thou desirest not, \* but mine / ears • hast thou / opened: burnt-offering and sacrifice for / sin • hast thou / not re-/quired. **9** Then said I / 'Lo I / come: as in the volume of the / book • it is / written / for me; **10** 'I delight to do thy will / O my / God: yea thy / law • is with-/in my / heart.' **11** I have declared thy righteousness in the / great • congre-/gation: lo I will not refrain my lips O / Lord, and / that thou / knowest.

**Next week's readings:** Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:4-9; 1 Cor 1:10-18; Matt 4:12-23

### Benefice Notes:

**Messy Church** - Messy Church will resume on the second Sunday of February (no Messy Church this month). Next prep meeting is on 29 Jan at 5:15pm

**Fr Mark** - Fr Mark is very grateful for the messages and cards he has received and says a big 'thank you' for the prayers and good wishes. He is well, but unfortunately his hospital stay did not go as planned or expected and he will need to return to hospital fairly soon for further treatment. He may be back at work - albeit briefly - sooner than expected!.

**Welcome and thank you** to clergy who will be helping and visiting us this coming month: Fr Mark Dimond (**St Catherine's, today**), Archdeacon Peggy Jackson (St John's and St Luke's next week 22 Jan 2017).

**Week of Prayer for Unity** - The next week of prayer for Christian unity begins this week from 18-25 Jan. Canton Churches Together will have a joint ecumenical service to take place in St Mary's RC Church next Sunday 22 Jan at 4pm.

**Explore** - The next explore will be on Sunday 29 Jan **at 6pm** in St John's and will be a labyrinth service with Taize music.

**Youth Club Games Night** - This Friday 20 Jan the Canton Churches Youth Club returns to St Catherine's hall on Friday evenings from 7-8:30pm. It is open to children in school years 5 & 6. For details ask Sarah [burton-sarah@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:burton-sarah@hotmail.co.uk)

**Confirmation Preparation** - Our confirmation programme begins again on 4 February **in St John's** at 11:30am. If you would like to be confirmed please contact the clergy or complete an application form available on the website. Confirmation is open to children currently in year 5 or above. Adult confirmation starts in Sept 2017.

**PCC and Action Teams** - The next PCC meeting is on this evening at 6:30pm at St John's. The dates and times for the action teams (finance, buildings, pastoral care, youth) will be sent out this coming week.

**Service Times** - Considering recent news we will trial some changes to Sunday morning service times beginning in February: only one 8am Eucharist each Sunday alternating between St John's and St Catherine's. Also, St John's 9:15 service to begin at 9:00 am to allow more time and an opportunity for the clergy to meet people at the end of the service.

**New appointment for Fr Phelim** - Congratulations to Fr Phelim who has been appointed as the next Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Cardiff: St German's with Saviours. He and his family will be with us until Easter. (More detail on website)

**Youth Bible Study and Pizza** - Sarah Burton is starting a youth bible study group this coming Sunday 22 Jan at 6pm in St John's vestry from 6-7:30pm. It is open to those in secondary or further education and is an informal and friendly exploration of faith issues. For details please contact Sarah [burton-sarah@hotmail.com.uk](mailto:burton-sarah@hotmail.com.uk).

## St Catherine's Notes:

**Hall Bookings** - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email Bev on [hall.stcatherines@gmail.com](mailto: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 tins or packets of soup (more details on our website).

**Coffee Morning and Book Sales** at St John's next Saturday 21 January 10.30 to 12 noon. Occurs monthly.

**Midweek Services:** Holy Eucharist Thursday at 10:30 am

## St Luke's Notes:

**Church Heating** - Unfortunately, the heating is still out of action. Consequently, the hall will be used on Sundays instead of the church until it is fixed. Weekday services THIS WEEK ONLY will be in St John's instead of St Luke's.

**Thank You to an anonymous donor** who has kindly agreed to pay over £4000 to pay for the heating repairs.

**Midweek Services: (IN ST JOHN'S)** Masses at 10:00 am on Tuesdays; 6:00 pm on Fridays; and 10:30 am on Saturday

**Recently Departed:** Geoffrey Morgan, Anthony Spettie, David Anthony, Boulton, Carol Bachelor, Robert Victor Powell

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

**Sun 15** Dyffryn, Stephen Bodycombe (V); Kyoto (Japan); **Epiphany 2**

**Mon 16** **Llansawel, Briton Ferry**, vacant; Lagos (Lagos, Nigeria)

**Tues 17** **RB Neath:** Stephen Ryan (R), Lynda Newman (V), Wendy Taylor (V); Lagos Mainland; **St Anthony, Abbot**

**Wed 18** Staff of the Diocesan Office, Rowena Small (Dioc. Sec); Lagos West; **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins**

**Thur 19** Skewen, Christopher Coles; Lahore and Peshawar - (Pakistan);

**Fri 20** Vale of Neath, Andrew Davies (V); Lainya (Sudan);

**Sat 21** Deanery of the Vale of Glamorgan, Martyn Davies (AD); Lake Malawi; St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr;

**Sun 22** Colwinston, Llandow & Llysworney, Alan Kettle (PinC); Lake Rukwa, (Tanzania); **Epiphany 3**

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

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

## 15 January 2017 – Second Sunday of Epiphany

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,  
in whom I will be glorified.'  
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God.'  
And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength.  
The LORD says,  
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'  
Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,  
'Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 40.1-11*

**R I love to do your will, O God.**

I waited patiently upon the Lord;  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the desolate pit,  
out of the mire and clay;

he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure. **R**

He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see and stand in awe  
and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are they who trust in the Lord!

They do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods. **R**

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!

How great your wonders and your plans for us!

There is none who can be compared with you.

O that I could make them known and tell them!

But they are more than I can count. **R**

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure  
you have given me ears to hear you;  
burnt offering and sin-offering you have not required,  
and so I said, 'Behold, I come.

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:

"I love to do your will, O my God;

your law is deep in my heart." ' **R**

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;

behold, I did not restrain my lips;

and that, O Lord, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness

from the great congregation. **R**

**R I love to do your will, O God.**

## **Second Reading**

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

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*1 Corinthians 1.1-9*

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.**

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

*John 1.29-42*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory

may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.