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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

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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 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.

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.



The manifestation of God's Spirit at Pentecost is evidenced by certain signs. The tongues of fire and a dove are the most common images we turn to today. Yet, the main miracle was the example of ordinary people bearing witness to the power of God in a particularly powerful and impressive way. Nowadays, just as it was in the time of the New Testament, powerful speakers are mostly people of authority and prominent status. The shock of hearing so called 'ordinary' people proclaiming like this would have been significant. Our faith, and our prayer today, helps us turn to God's Spirit to perform the same miracle or sign in us: that we too might be enabled to bear witness to the wondrous words and work of Jesus Christ who died for us.

Pentecost Sunday

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

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

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 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

Psalm 104

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-/joyce • 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** Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, * and the wicked / come to an / end: praise thou the Lord O my soul. * / Praise / ye the / Lord.

Next week's readings: Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16;12-16

Benefice Notes:

Confirmation Programme 2016 - Adult programme details will be published soon. The next meeting is Sat 21 May at 11:30 in the Vicarage. Forms available online.

Messy Church - June's Messy Church is in St John's at 4:00 pm. Theme: story of

Esther. Planning meeting is next Sunday at 5pm in St John's.

Youth Club - The Youth Club is open to children in year 6 and upwards from 7-9pm on Mondays and Fridays (see website).

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

Space is limited. If you'd like an email copy of the newsletter and readings please ask Sheila on mgsmkelly1@gmail.com

Churches Together in Canton - There will be a service for Christian Unity on Sunday 22 May at 6pm in Canton Uniting Church. Jeremy Tremeer from Cardiff Seventh Day Adventist Church will be preaching. No Explore that evening.

Home Group - bible study group, looking at the Sunday gospel readings, meets every Thurs in St John's 7-9pm. For more details contact Andrew Sims: 02920 344641 maxsimsim@hotmail.com

Mothers' Union 16 May in St Catherine's Hall at 2pm. Mr Paul Gregory a retired postman will be giving a talk about his life..

Paradise Run The next run is on Sat May 21. Please take your food as usual to Sylvia (114 Pencisely Rd) or Diana (23, Greenfield Ave) between 6-7 on the day. Want to know more about feeding the homeless? Speak to Diana 07754179373.

St Catherine's Notes:

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

Summer Fair - 25 June. Advance notice that the usual help is needed. More details soon

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

St John's Notes:

Eucharist Settings Consultation - Please see our website for the shortlist of the new musical offerings and let David Morgan or the clergy know your order of preference.

Ty Bronna - this month's collection for Ty Bronna is cereals.

Schools' Concert on Mon 16 May at 6.30pm. Please support the children from our local schools. Adults £2, Children Free.

Monthly Coffee Morning, Book and Cake Sale on Saturday 21st May 10.00am to 12noon.

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

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist on Thursdays at 10:30

St Luke's Notes:

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. If you're collecting in a street, get your envelopes badge, guide and bag today from Diana or Lynda. Please read about this year's cause and give if you possibly can. Envelopes go back to Diana, Lynda or Brenda.

Sparkling Afternoon Tea - Sat 18 June in the hall from 3:30 pm for the Queen's 90th birthday. A glass of prosecco will add to the fayre. Ticket £6.50 from Margaret Williams, Sue Bainton or the churchwardens.

Photo group with Paul Jones will start on Monday 16th May in St Luke's from 7 -9pm. £5 per session.

St Luke's Sunday School - there will be a Cake Sale after today's Mass in support of Christian Aid.

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 Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 6:30 pm on Fridays; and 10:30 am on Saturdays.

Recently Departed: Lilian Blake, Maria Lloyd, Margaret Gibbs, Gail Lewis,

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

Sun 15 RB of Eglwysilan & Caerphilly Mark Greenway-Robbins (R), Gareth Coombes (TV), Susan Pratten (C); Melanesia

Mon 16 Gelligaer, Gary Powell (Pin C); Chester;

Tues 17 Pontlottyn & Fochriw and Rhymney, Robert Lindsay (PinC); Chattisgarh - (North India);

Weds 18 The Diocesan Advisory Committee, Sarah Perons (Secretary); Chicago

Thurs 19 Ystrad Mynach & Llanbradach, Steven Kirk (V,; Keith Hemmings (C); Chichester; **St Dustan**

Fri 20 Cynon Valley Deanery, Area Dean Michael Jones; Chile; **St Chad**

Sat 21 Aberaman & Abercwmbol w Cwmaman, Matthew Gibbon (PinC); Chotanagpur (North India);

Sun 22 Abercynon: Dr Sarah Rogers (Pin C) Pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico; **Trinity Sunday**

15 May 2016 – Day of Pentecost

Collect of the Day

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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 Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'" '

Acts 2.1-21

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104.26-36,37b

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.
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 Romans.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Romans 8.14-17

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.

Philip said to Jesus, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.’

John 14.8-17

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.