

# NEWSLETTER

## St Catherine's | St John's | St Luke's

### Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
649	53	74
323	17	267
156	649	649
434	Blessed are They	

### Collect:

**Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

### Psalm Response:

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

St John's:

**Alleluia ...**

**Speak Lord your servant is listening; 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.*



Seeing Jesus as our good shepherd takes on extra significance at Easter time when the readings come from the New Testament and have a theme of readying the first Christians for a new kind of life and a new kind of relationship with the Risen Christ. This life and way of relating is made possible by the special help we get from God's Holy Spirit. It is most visible in the caring and loving communities dedicated to Christ throughout our world. Our task is to make God's presence visible to others through our love and care of all God's children. When we do this we hear his voice and we are truly following our Risen Lord. .

## 4th Sunday of Easter

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

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

**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 9:36-43 Psalm 23; Revelations 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Psalm 23:

- 1 The Lord / is my / shepherd: therefore / can I / lack / nothing.
- 2 He shall make me to lie down in / green / pastures: and lead me forth be-/side the / waters • of / comfort.
- 3 He shall re-/fresh my / soul: and bring me forth in the right way / for his / name's / sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the darkest valley, \* I will / fear no / evil: for thou art with me, \* thy / rod • and thy / staff / comfort me.
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me, \* in the presence of / them that / trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, \* and my / cup / shall be / full.
- 6 Yea thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me \* all the / days of • my / life: and I will dwell in the / house • of the / Lord for / ever.

**Next week's readings:** Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelations 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

### Benefice Notes:

**Confirmation Programme 2016** - There will be an 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 Youth Club is back up and running after the Easter break. It runs in term time and is open to children currently in year 6 and upwards from 7-9pm on Mondays (in Calvary Baptist Church) and Fridays (St Catherine's Hall).

**Meetings and PCC** - The next PCC meeting is on Sunday 17 April in St John's at 7pm.

Pastoral Care Meeting is on Tuesday 19 April in St John's at 7:30 pm. Youth Team at the Vicarage on Thur 21 April 7:30 pm.

**Messy Church** - The next Messy Church is in Calvary Baptist Church at 4:00 pm. Theme: story of Hannah, mother of Samuel. Planning meeting on 24 April at 5:15pm in St John's (after Explore).

**Explore** - Sun 24 April at 4:00 pm in St John's. Format: Holy Hollywood followed by refreshments. For details see website.

**Annual Vestry Meeting** - Wed 27 April 2016 at 7:30 pm in St Luke's. Nomination papers for wardens (elected by the people) and PCC membership are in each church. If you wish to nominate a person, make sure there is agreement to this nomination. Nominations close at midday on Sunday 24 April. Completed nomination forms to be handed to the clergy.

**Newsletter items** - any items for inclusion in the newsletter please send to Linsay Jones [linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mgsmkelly1@gmail.com)

**Nightshelter Thanksgiving** - volunteers from the 7 Cardiff Churches are invited to a thanksgiving and fellowship evening on Tues 26 April at Salem Chapel, Market St in Canton. This will be 7 for 7.30pm. Please bring a plate of something to share.

**Paradise Run** is this Sat April 23. Please take food on the day between 6-7pm to Sylvia (114 Pencisely Rd) or to Diana (23 Greenfield Avenue). Want to know more about this venture to help feed the homeless in Cardiff. Call Diana 07754179373

**Christian Aid Breakfast** at St John's on Saturday 7 May from 10am-12 noon. More details soon.

**Eurovision Fundraiser** for Youth Club on Saturday 14 May from 6-8pm. More details soon.

## St Catherine's Notes:

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

**Welcome** to Bishop David Wilbourne who is joining us for worship at 10:30 today.

**Brownies and Guides** - New leaders needed. For details contact Clare: 07787 225766 or [clare@teulubevan.plus.com](mailto:clare@teulubevan.plus.com) or take one of the flyers detailing what is involved from the back of the Church.

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

## St John's Notes:

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

**Summer Fete** - 2 July. Advance notice that the usual help is needed. More details soon

**Midweek Services:** Holy Eucharist on Thursdays at 10:30

## St Luke's Notes:

**Welcome and thanks** to Fr David Sheen, Chaplain of Cardiff University, who is presiding and preaching in St Luke's today.

**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)

**Midweek Services:** Masses at 10:00 am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 6:30 pm on Fridays; and 10:30 am on Saturdays.

**Recently Departed:** Dorothy Brookman, Agnes Coombs, Elvet Rees, Thomas Fay, Elsie Hook, Rita Adams, Carol Woollacott, Phyllis Winsborough

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

**Sun 17** Pyle and Kenfig, Duncan Walker (PinC); Nippon Sei Ko Kai, Japan; **Easter 4**

**Mon 18** Neath Deanery, Stephen Ryan (AD); Caledonia, Canada

**Tues 19** Cadoxton-juxta-Neath, Andrew Meredith (PinC); California;

**Weds 2** The Church Army; Cameroon, West Africa; **St Beuno, Abbot (6C)**

**Thurs 21** Cilybebyll, Helen O'Shea (R); Canberra & Goulburn, Australia; **St Anselm**

**Fri 22** Dulais Valley, (vacant); Carlisle;

**Sat 23** Llansawel, Briton Ferry Wendy Tayler (Pin C and Team Vicar in Neath); Canterbury, ABC Justin Welby;

**Sun 24** RB Neath, Stephen Ryan (R) Linda Newman (TV); Jerusalem and the Middle East; **Easter 5**

**17<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – Fourth Sunday of Easter****Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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.

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*Acts 9.36-43*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 23*

**R The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

**R**

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**R**

You spread a table before me

in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**

**R The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

## Second Reading

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

*Revelation 7.9-17*

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.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

*John 10.22-30*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father,

you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.