

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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35	153	153
25	590	169
483	249	590
736		249

Collect:

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Psalm Response:

For his mercy endures for ever.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

St Luke's: **Alleluia Alleluia, alleluia, opening our hearts to him, singing Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is our King!**

If you know of a church member, or anyone, who is unwell or would appreciate contact from our priests, please inform the clergy.



Look at the lilies in the field! This line from today's gospel is a teaching about worry and anxiety and how looking to nature can help us gain perspective. Jesus is telling us: How can worry help us at all? He says "*which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to the span of one's life*" (Matt 6:27)? The answer is obvious. None of us can add even a second to our life. It's actually quite the opposite. Having anxiety and living in a state of worry will shorten your life span. Spiritually, we are called to faith, that is, really entrusting our life and all that happens to God who is with us in all things. Noticing God's creation helps us.

Second Sunday before Lent - Creation

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

St John's - 9:00 Sung Eucharist; **6:00pm 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

Genesis 1:1-2:3; Psalm 136:1-9,23-26; Rom 8:18-25; Matt 6:25-34

Psalm 136

- 1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for / he is / gracious: for his / mercy • en-/dureth • for / ever.
- 2 O give thanks unto the God of / all / gods: for his / mercy • en-/dureth • for / ever.
- †3 O give thanks unto the Lord of / all / lords: for his / mercy - en-/dureth • for / ever.
- 4 Who alone / doeth • great / wonders: for his / mercy - en-/dureth • for / ever;
- 5 Who by his excellent wisdom / made the / heavens: for his / mercy • en-/dureth • for / ever;
- 6 Who laid out the earth a-/bove the / waters: for his / mercy • en-/dureth • for / ever;
- 7 Who made the / great / lights: for his / mercy • en-/dureth • for / ever;
- 8 The sun to / rule the / day: for his / mercy • en-/dureth • for / ever;
- 9 The moon and the stars to / govern • the / night: for his / mercy • en-/dureth • for / ever.
- 23 Who remembered us when we / were in / trouble: for his / mercy • en-/dureth • for / ever;
- 24 And delivered us / from our / enemies: for his / mercy • en-/dureth • for / ever;
- 25 Who giveth food to / all / flesh: for his / mercy • en-/dureth • for / ever,
- 26 O give thanks unto the / God of / heaven: for his / mercy • en-/dureth • for / ever.

Next week's readings: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1: 16-21; Matt 17:1-9

Benefice Notes:

Messy Church - Messy Church is in Calvary Baptist next time around on Sunday 12 March at 4pm. 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 (no club this week for half term).

Explore - next Sunday 26 Feb at 4pm. Format will be Holy Hollywood - looking at faith themes in the film *Minority Report*. Sam Patterson will lead. All are welcome.

Electoral College - Please keep in your prayers over the next few weeks the members of the C. in W. Electoral College as they work together, under the guidance of God's Spirit, to discern the next Bishop for our diocese of Llandaff.

Sponsoring Syrian Families - There is a special deanery open evening in St Luke's organised by Llandaff Deanery to explore our community sponsorship of families that have fled the ongoing violence in Syria. It takes place in St Luke's Church on Tuesday 7 March at 7pm. Open to everyone within the deanery of Llandaff.

Confirmation Preparation - Our confirmation programme is now open for new candidates - we meet on Saturdays in either the Vicarage or in St John's at 11:30am for an hour. Confirmation is open to children in year 5 or above.

Visiting Clergy - thank you to the following clergy who will be helping out during February: Fr Jesse Smith, Fr Chris Lee, Fr David Sheen, Fr Mark Dimond and a continual thank you to Fr Keith who still helps us each week.

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.

Lent Courses - Churches Together in Canton will be meeting on Monday evenings to offer a lent course with a focus on healing and diversity it will be in a different church each night with different speakers. Bishop David is also offering a Lent course called 'Upping our Game' in St Isan's Church, Llanishen, on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. (see our website for details).

Paradise Run - The next run is on Saturday February 25th. Please take your food to Sylvia (114, Pencisely Rd.) or to Diana (23, Greenfield Ave.) between 6-7 on the day itself. For more info on this contact Diana (M) on 07754179373.

Celtic Spirituality day led by Esther de Waal at Llangasty on Feb 28. For details contact Diana (M) 07754179373

Youth Bible Study and Pizza - NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK Usually meets on Sundays at 6pm in St John's vestry from 6-7:30pm. It is for youth (11+). For details contact Sarah 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.

Funeral of John Thomas - St Catherine's on Tuesday 28 Feb at 11am.

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).

Monthly Lunch - There will be the monthly lunch held this Friday 24 Feb at St John's 12.00pm all welcome.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist Thursday at 10:30 am

St Luke's Notes:

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and Quiz - St Luke's hall from 7pm on 28 February. This will be a Ministry Area social event. See Margaret Williams about tickets. We urgently need some volunteers to help us host this event. Please contact Sue Jones.

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

Recently Departed: John Thomas, Gerwyn Williams, Peter John Fenner, Eileen Driscoll, Douglas Ellis, Marcia Hopkins

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

Sun 19 Ystrad Mynach & Llanbradach, Steven Kirk (V) Keith Hemmings(C); Mahajanga; **2nd Sunday before Lent**

Mon 20 RB Eglwysilan & Caerphilly, Mark Greenaway-Robbins (R), Sue Pratten (C), Andrew Highway (C), Tom Bates (C); Maiduguri (Nigeria); Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of Africa;

Tues 21 Deanery of Pontypridd, Michael Gable (AD); Maine (USA); **Electoral College for Bishop of Llandaff begins**

Wed 22 Elaine Jenkyns, Lead Children Officer; Linda Newman (asst CO Margam); Mokamba (Burundi);

Thur 23 Pontypridd Min Area, Michael Gable, David Nyirongo, Peter Lewis (TVs); Makueni; **St Polycarp**

Fri 24 Llantrisant, Viv Parkinson (V), Stephen Brett (C); Malaita (Melanesia);

Sat 25 Llantwit Fardre, Philip Gullidge (V); Malakal (Upper Nile);

Sun 26 Rhondda Deanery, Haydn England-Simon (AD); Malek (Sudan); **Sunday next before Lent**

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)

19 February 2017 – Second Sunday before Lent (*Creation Sunday*)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Genesis 1.1 – 2.3

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 136.1-9,23-26

R For his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
give thanks to the God of gods,
give thanks to the Lord of lords. **R**

Who alone does great wonders,
who by wisdom made the heavens,
who spread out the earth upon the waters. **R**

Who created great lights,
the sun to rule the day,
the moon and the stars to govern the night. **R**

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
and delivered us from our enemies,
who gives food to all creatures,
give thanks to the God of heaven. **R**

R For his mercy endures for ever.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8.18-25

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

Matthew 6.25-34

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth

be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.