

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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:

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

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.



Missionary Journeys - Our exploration of the Book of Acts continues today with the story of Paul's vision to come to Macedonia. The Easter season always brings us to that time in the history of the Church when the first Apostles went to the people's of the Roman world bringing the good news of Jesus Christ. Missionary journeys are still possible for us to make within and beyond our parochial boundaries. Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ that motivates and inspires much of our work and energy as a parish community can be deeply missional. It takes, what some evangelists call, a missional intention.

6th Sunday of Easter - Rogation Sunday

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

St John's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist;

St Luke's - 10:30 Sung Mass; **6:00 pm Benediction**

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

Today's Readings

Acts 16: 9-15; Psalm 67; Rev 21:10-22:5; John 14:23-29

Psalm 67

God be gracious to / us and / bless us :

and make his / face to / shine up/on us,

That your way may be / known upon / earth :

your saving / power a/mong all / nations.

Let the peoples / praise you, O / God :

let / all the / peoples / praise you.

O let the nations re/joyce and be / glad :

for you will judge the peoples righteously

and govern the / nations / upon / earth.

Let the peoples / praise you, O / God :

let / all the / peoples / praise you.

Then shall the earth bring / forth her / increase :

and God, our / own / God, will / bless us.

God / will / bless us :

and all the / ends of the / earth shall / fear him.

Next week's readings: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Rev 22:12-21; John 17:20-26

Benefice Notes:

Messy Church - May's Messy Church is in Calvary Baptist Church at 4:00 pm next

Sunday 8 May. Theme: story of Hannah, mother of Samuel.

Confirmation Programme 2016 - The confirmation ceremony is on 20 November and preparation classes have begun for children and young people meeting on most Saturdays in the vicarage at 11:30. Adult programme details will be published soon. The next confirmation meeting is on Sat 14 May at 11:30 in the Vicarage. Forms available online.

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).

Youth Club Disco - 20 May from 7-9 pm in St Catherine's Hall. Young people from school year 6 plus are welcome.

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

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

Eurovision Party 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.

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 - We soon hope to complete the introduction of new musical settings to the 9:15 Sunday Eucharist. Since 2014 we've added the Alonso and Rizza settings and we would like to add one more. 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.

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:

Ascension Day - There will be a Sung Mass in St Luke's this Thursday at 7:30 pm to celebrate the feast of Christ's Ascension.

St Luke's Sunday School - there will be a Cake Sale after the Mass in support of Christian Aid on Sunday 15 May.

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: Alex Baker

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

- Sun 1** RB Cowbridge, Stephen Adams (TR), Edward Dowland-Owen (TV); David Boulton (C); **Easter 6; Rogation Sunday**
Mon 2 RB Llantwit Major, Anthony Beer (TV), Rachel Simpson (C); Central New York; **Rogation Day; St Athanasius**
Tues 3 East Vale; Martyn Davies, Edwin Counsell; Central Newfoundland; **Rogation Day; Sts Philip & James (apostles)**
Wed 4 Retired Clergy Society, Bill Thomas (chaplain); Central Pennsylvania; **Rogation Day;**
Thur 5 Pontyclun, Talygarn w Llanharry, Sue Rees (PinC); **ASCENSION DAY;**
Fri 6 Archdeaconry of Morgannwg, Ven. Christopher Smith; Central Philippines;
Sat 7 Caerphilly and Merthyr Tydfil Deanery, Steven Kirk (AD);
Sun 8 Dewlaps & Penydarren; Anglican Church of Korea; **Easter 7 (Sunday after Ascension)**

1 May 2016 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Collect of the Day

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.’ And she prevailed upon us.

Acts 16.9-15

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

R Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations. **R**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth. **R**

The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **R**

R **Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.**

Second Reading

A reading from the book of Revelation.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 21.10,22-22.5

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Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the

Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

John 14.23-29

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.