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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

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Psalm Response:

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad!

Gospel Acclamation:

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

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.



Many of us can identify with the apostle Thomas who struggled to believe on the basis of someone else's word. He needed to see and experience the risen Christ differently from everyone else - seeing and touching. Perhaps this remains true today in that we all encounter God in similar but different ways (perhaps even unique ways according to the circumstances and events of our lives and upbringing). Nevertheless, Easter is about faith in the ongoing presence and activity of the Risen Christ in our midst.

Second Sunday of Easter - Benefice Together

St Catherine's - 10:30 Sung Eucharist and Baptism ;

St John's - No services ;

St Luke's - No services

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

Today's Readings

Acts 2:14,22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Psalm 16

- 1 Preserve / me O / God: for in / thee • have I / put my / trust.
- 2 I have said unto the Lord / "Thou • art my / God: I have no / good a-/part from / thee."
- 3 All my delight is upon the godly that are / in the / land: and upon / such • as ex-/cel in / virtue.
- 4 But as for them that turn back to / other / gods: their / sorrows / shall be / multiplied.
- 5 Their drink-offerings of blood will / I not / offer: neither make mention of their / names up-/on my / lips.
- 6 The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance / and my / cup: thou / dost main-/tain my / lot.
- 7 The lines have fallen for me in / pleasant / places: yea I / have a / goodly / heritage.
- 8 I will thank the Lord for / giving • me / counsel: my heart also / teacheth • me / in the / night-season.
- 9 I have set God / always -be-/fore me: he is on my right hand, / therefore • I / shall not / fall.
- 10 Wherefore my heart is glad and my / soul re-/joiceth: my flesh / also • shall / rest in / safety.
- 11 For thou shalt not deliver me into the / power of / death: neither shalt thou suffer thy / holy one • to / see the / pit.
- 12 Thou shalt shew me the path of life; * in thy presence is the / fulness • of / joy: and in thy right hand there are / pleasures • for / ever-/ more.

Next week's readings: Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 116; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Benefice Notes:

Messy Church - The next Messy Church is in Calvary Baptist Church at 4pm on 14 May. The preparation meeting is on Sunday 7 May at 5pm in St John's.

Sunday 30 April - Please note that there is a change to our usual service times on the last Sunday of April (8am in St Catherine's and 10am Said Mass in St Luke's). This is because next week is Benefice Together (instead of the 5th Sunday) plus it gives us an opportunity for a farewell Eucharist and celebration for Fr Phelim and his family in St John's at 4pm. Fr Phelim will be moving from the Benefice to go to St German's and St Saviours towards the end of May/start of June.

Youth Club Games Night - YC resumes this week for the new term. It usually meets on Friday evenings in St Catherine's hall from 7-8:30pm. It is open to children in school years 5 & 6. For details email Sarah on burton-sarah@hotmail.co.uk.

Weekday Services - Back to normal this week for the new term.

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.

PCC and AGM - If you're on the electoral roll and would like to be on the Parochial Church Council please complete a nomination form at the back of the Churches. The Annual Vestry meeting is this Wednesday 26 April at 7:30pm in St Luke's.

Newsletter - for any items to be included in this newsletter please email Linsay Jones (linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com) or the Clergy. For an email copy of the newsletter please contact Sheila at mgsmkelly1@gmail.com

Youth Bible Study and Food - Sundays at 6pm in St John's vestry. Contact 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.

Summer Fair - Advance notice that the summer fair will be on Saturday 17 June. Please keep that day free to join us.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist - Wednesday at 11am

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna - This month's collection for the Ty Bronna centre is for gravy granules (more details on our website).

Summer Fair - Advance notice that the summer fair will be on Saturday 24 June. Please keep that day free to join us.

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

St Luke's Notes:

Midweek Services: Masses on: Tuesday at 10am; Friday at 6:00pm and Saturday at 10:30am

Recently Departed: Mildred Mabel Bowers, John Daly, Michael John O'Brien

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

Sun 23 Deanery of Bridgend, Michael Komor (AD); Muranga South (Kenya); **Easter II**

Mon 24 Ewenny & St Brides Major, vacant; Muyinga - (Burundi);

Tues 25 Laleston & Merthyr Mawr w Penyfai, Anthony Beer (PinC) Mytikiyina (Myanmar);

Wed 26 Tourism & Pilgrimage Advisor, John Winton; Nagpur - (North India);

Thur 27 Llandyfodwg & Cwm Ogwr, Julian Jenkins (PinC); Nairobi - (Kenya);

Fri 28 Llangeinor and the Garw Valley, Roger Pitman (PinC); Nambale - (Kenya);

Sat 29 Llansantffraid, Bettws and Aberkenfig, Stephen Pare (PinC); Namirembe - (Uganda);

Sun 30 Llangynwyd w Maesteg, Geraldine Blyth (V); Nandyal - (South India); **Easter III**

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)

23rd April 2017 – Second Sunday of Easter

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

Acts 2.14a,22-32

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

R O Lord, you are my portion and my cup.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
 I have said to the Lord, 'You are my Lord, my good above all other.'
 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
 upon those who are noble among the people. **R**

But those who run after other gods
 shall have their troubles multiplied.
 Their libations of blood I will not offer,
 nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. **R**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
 it is you who uphold my lot.
 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
 indeed, I have a goodly heritage. **R**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
 my heart teaches me, night after night.
 I have set the Lord always before me;
 because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. **R**

My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices;
 my body also shall rest in hope.
 For you will not abandon me to the grave,
 nor let your holy one see the Pit.
 You will show me the path of life;
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,
 and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **R**
R O Lord, you are my portion and my cup.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1.3-9

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.

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20.19-31

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.