

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
114	114	565
684	382	221
420	409	409
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Collect:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Psalm Response:

When your word goes forth it gives light.

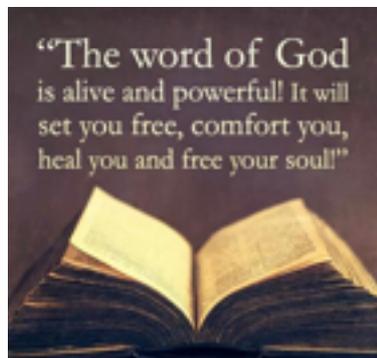
Gospel Acclamation:

St John's: Alleluia ...

Speak Lord your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life ... Alleluia

St Luke's: Celtic Alleluia x4

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.



In our gospel today Jesus gets up to read in the synagogue. He reads from the prophet Isaiah and concludes that these words are being fulfilled as people listened. This is part of our calling as Christians - to live out the words of Holy Scripture. Yet, it is down to us to pray and reflect on how God wants us to live out these words. For the Bible to make a difference it must be lived out in real situations and circumstances. We are the only ones who can do this. It all starts with a commitment and desire to live as Jesus did and to do as he did: to proclaim Good News to everyone we meet.

Bible Sunday

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

St John's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist; **4pm Cafe Church**

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

Isaiah 45: 22-25; Ps 119:129-136; Rom. 15:1-4; Luke 4:16-24

Psalm 119 Vv 129-136

129 Wonderful / are thy / testimonies: therefore / doth my / soul / keep them.

130 When thy word goeth forth it / giveth / light: it giveth under-/standing / unto • the / simple.

131 I open my mouth * and draw in my / breath for / joy: because I / long for / thy com-/mandments.

132 O look thou upon me and be merciful / unto / me: as thou art wont to do unto / those that / love thy / name.

133 Order my steps according / to thy / word: and so shall no wickedness / have do-/minion / over me.

134 O deliver me from the wrongful / dealings • of / men: and / so • shall I / keep thy / precepts.

135 Shew the light of thy countenance up-/on thy / servant: and / teach me / thy / statutes.

136 Mine eyes gush / out with / water: because men / keep not / thy / law.

Next week's readings: Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

Benefice Notes:

Newsletter items - any items for inclusion in the newsletter please send to Lindsay Jones lindsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com. Space is limited. If you'd like an email copy of the newsletter and readings please ask Sheila on mgsmkelly1@gmail.com

All Souls - There is a sung Requiem Mass when we remember and pray for deceased members of our families and friends in St Luke's on Wed 2 November, at 7:30pm.

Memorial Service - On Sunday 6 November at 6pm in St Luke's when we invite the loved ones of all those who have died in the past year (and also prior to that) to attend a special service.

Explore - This month's explore is Cafe Church - which is a more informal and relaxed worship service than normal when we'll reflect on making space for God in silence and finding God in silence. Led this month by Sam Patterson. Cakes, cookies and good coffee is normally available throughout the service. All are welcome.

Messy Church - Planning meeting after Explore today at 5pm in St John's. November's MC will be in Calvary Baptist.

Confirmation Ceremony - The confirmation ceremony will now be on Sunday 6th November (instead of 20 November) at 10:30 in St John's. The reason for this was a mix up between the dates given for deanery confirmations and the archbishop's calendar. Consequently, Sunday 6th will be a united benefice celebration and there will be no other services in the benefice that morning. There is a rehearsal in St John's at 11am on Saturday 5th November.

Stewardship Packs - Please make sure you take home a stewardship pack. It would be of great help to our work if everyone simply reviewed how much they give and/or how they can help support God's work in our benefice.

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Benefice Magazine - Copies of the latest edition are now available at the back of our churches.

St Catherine's Notes:

Bonfire, Bobbing and Bangers - Mon 31 October 6-10 pm Tickets from Clive 07931522683 and Diana 07909961256 £7.00 for adults; £3.50 for under 16's and over 65's; under 5's FREE. Today is the last day - only 5 tickets left.

Needed: We need a two drawer filing cabinet to go into the priests' vestry to organise the difference service leaflets. Any offers. Contact Clive on 07931 522683

Churchyard Trees - Offprints of an article in this month's Benefice magazine available in church

Christmas Fair - Saturday 26 November starting at 2pm. As in previous years we need help with every aspect of the fair: stalls, set up, drinks, food etc. Please support us this day as the fair is a major help to our fundraising for the year.

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

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).

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

St Luke's Notes:

Hall Bookings - To book the Hall please contact Jackie Page on 029 2091 3808.

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

Recently Departed: Duncan Grace

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

Sun 23 Dinas & Penygraig, Christopher Lewis-Jenkins (V); Episcopal Church of Cuba; **Bible Sunday**

Mon 24 Pen Rhondda Fawr, Philip Leyshon (PinC); Ikeduru (Nigeria);

Tues 25 Pontrhondda, Peter Gale (V); Ikwerre (Nigeria); **Lewis Bayley (1631) Bishop and Writer**

Wed 26 Board of Nomination, Archbishop Barry, Michael Komor; Ikwo (Nigeria); **St Alfred;**

Thur 27 Pont Newydd, Jeffrey Thomas (PinC); Ikwuano (Nigeria);

Fri 28 Rhondda Fach Uchaf, David Jones (PinC); Ilaje (Nigeria); **STS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles**

Sat 29 Tonypandy w Clydach Vale & Williamstown, Haydn England-Simon; Ile-Oluji, Nigeria;

Sun 30 Tonyrefail w Gilfach Goch, Ruth Moverly (V); Bermuda; Richard Hooker; **Benefice Together in St Catherine's**

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)

23 October 2016 – Bible Sunday

Collect of the Day

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First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!

For I am God, and there is no other.

By myself I have sworn,

from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness

a word that shall not return:

‘To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.’

Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me,

are righteousness and strength;

all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed.

In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

Isaiah 45.22-25

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119.129-136

R When your word goes forth it gives light.

Your decrees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word goes forth it gives light;

it gives understanding to the simple. **R**

I open my mouth and pant;

I long for your commandments.

Turn to me in mercy,

as you always do to those who love your name. **R**

Steady my footsteps in your word;

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me,

and I will keep your commandments. **R**

Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears,

because people do not keep your law. **R**

R When your word goes forth it gives light.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15.1-6

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.'

Luke 4.16-24

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.