

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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| 359 | 565 | 565 |
| 340 | 35 | 636 |
| 387 | 428 | 35 (v1 only) |
| 205 | | 755 |

Collect:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Psalm Response:

Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

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.



The final lines of today's gospel contain a wonderful challenge for Christians: "by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another". It is a challenge often presented to us by non-Christians "I thought you Christians were supposed to be loving?". Loving actions that are both visible and invisible, to friend or foe is how God wants us to live. Doing this on our own would be almost impossible. Thankfully, we have God to help us and show us how we can practically love.

5th Sunday of Easter

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

St John's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist; 4:00 Explore

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 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelations 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Psalm 148

- 1 Praise ye the Lord. * O praise God in his / holy / temple; praise him in the / firmament / of his / power.
- 2 Praise him for his / mighty / acts; praise him according to / his ex-/ceding / greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the / sound • of the / trumpet; praise him up-/on the / lute and / harp.
- 4 Praise him with the / timbrels • and / dances; praise him up-/on the / strings and / pipe.
- 5 Praise him upon the re-/sounding / cymbals; praise him up-/on the / loud / cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that hath breath / praise the / Lord; O / praise / ye the / Lord.

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 today at 3:15. If you would like to be confirmed this year come along to the meeting or speak to one of the clergy.

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

Messy Church - The next Messy Church is in Calvary Baptist Church at 4:00 pm on Sunday 8 May. Theme: story of Hannah, mother of Samuel. Planning meeting today at 5:15pm in St John's (after Explore)

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.

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 this Sunday. 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. Space is limited. If you'd like an email copy of the newsletter and readings please ask Sheila on 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.

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

Brownies and Guides - New leaders needed. For details contact Clare: 07787 225766 or 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:

Women's Group: On Thurs 28 April at 7.30pm Beth and Elise will be talking about the Taking Flight Company all welcome

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: Thomas Fay, Elsie Hook, Rita Adams, Carol Woollacott,

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

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

Mon 25 Skewen, Chris Coles (PinC); Cape Coast, Ghana; **St Mark, Evangelist**

Tues 26 Vale of Neath, Andrew Davies (PinC); Cape Town, SA;

Wed 27 Dept for Communication, Alison Young; Cashel and Ossory, Ireland;

Thur 28 Vale of Glamorgan Deanery, Martyn Davies (AD);

Fri 29 Colwinston, Llandow & Llysworney, Alan Kettle (PinC); Central Ecuador; **St Catherine of Siena**

Sat 30 Barry, Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Llandaff and his family; Central Gulf Coast Florida, USA;

Sun 1 RB Cowbridge, Stephen Adams (TR), Edward Dowland-Owen (TV); David Boulton (C); **Easter 6; Rogation Sunday**

24th April 2016 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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.

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

Acts 11.1-18

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

R Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you his angels of his; praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. **R**

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds. **R**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
Young men and maidens, old and young together.
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted,
his splendour is over earth and heaven. **R**

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia. **R**

R Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Revelation 21.1-6

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

John 13.31-35

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.