

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
205	205	225
580	67	436
117	419	67
419		428

Collect:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Psalm Response:

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

St Luke's: **Alleluia x 4 (Celtic)**

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



The Transfiguration was a special event in which God allowed certain apostles to have a privileged spiritual experience that was meant to strengthen their faith for the challenges they would later endure. Yet, like many religious experiences, it was only a temporary event. It was not meant to be permanent. In the same way, at certain times in this life, God may give some of us, special experiences of his grace and presence that might also serve to encourage and strengthen our faith.

Sunday next before Lent - Transfiguration

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

St John's - 9:00 Sung Eucharist; **4:00pm Explore: Holy Hollywood**

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

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1: 16-21; Matt 17:1-9

Psalm 99

- 1 The Lord is King, * and the / peoples / tremble: he sitteth enthroned upon the cherubim, * / and the / earth is / shaken.
- 2 The Lord is / great in / Zion: he is exalted / over / all the / peoples.
- 3 They give thanks unto his name, which is / great and / terrible: holy is he and mighty, * a / King who / loveth / justice.
- 4 Thou hast e-/stablished / equity: thou hast executed justice and / righteous-/ness in / Jacob.
- †5 O magnify the / Lord our / God: and bow down before his / footstool, • for / he is / holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, * and Samuel among such as call up-/on his / name: these cried unto the / Lord / and he / answered them.
- 7 He spake unto them out of the / pillar • of / cloud: they kept his testimonies * and the / law / that he / gave them.
- 8 Thou didst answer them O / Lord our / God: thou wast a God who forgave them, * yet / punished • their / evil / doings.
- 9 O magnify the / Lord our / God: and bow down toward his holy hill, * for the / Lord our / God is / holy.

Next week's readings: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Ps 32; Romans 5: 12-19; Matt 4:1-11

Benefice Notes:

Messy Church - Messy Church is in Calvary Baptist next time around on Sunday 12 March at 4pm. There's a planning meeting today 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 Resumes this week after the half term break.

Explore - today 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.

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.

Ash Wednesday - and the beginning of Lent is this Wednesday 1 March. Eucharist with Ashes at St John's at 10:30am; St Catherine's at 11am and a Sung Mass with Ashes at St Luke's at 7:30 pm. St David's Day will be celebrated on Saturday.

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).

Mothers' Union - Coffee Morning bring & buy & Bon Marche fashion show on 11 March in St Catherine's Church Hall. It starts at 9:30am; admission is £3 and the proceeds to support the MU Holiday caravan in Porthcawl

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

Women's World Day of Prayer Service Friday 3rd March 2:30pm at Canton Uniting Church all welcome

Youth Bible Study - Resumes this week - 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.

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:

Bible Study - No Thursday Bible study in Lent to allow people to attend Churches Together or Bishop David's.

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

Lent lunches at St Johns will start this Friday and every Friday during Lent at 12 noon

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist Wednesday at 10:30 am (with Ashes) and Thursday at 10:30 am

St Luke's Notes:

Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea: Do you want to share the special day with special people? St Luke's will be hosting an Afternoon Tea on Sunday 26 March 4pm. Everybody is welcome, especially those who have nobody to share this day with. Tickets £7 to include sandwiches, savouries, cakes and trifle, glass of something bubbly. See Margaret for tickets

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; 10am Tuesday; 7:30pm Mass with Ashes on Wednesday; 6pm Friday; and 10:30am 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 26 Rhondda Deanery, Haydn England-Simon (AD); Malek (Sudan); **Sunday next before Lent**

Mon 27 Dinas & Penygraig, Christopher Lewis-Jenkins (V); Malindi (Kenya); George Herbert

Tues 28 Pen Rhondda Fawr, Philip Leyshon (PinC); Manchester (York); Shrove Tuesday

Wed 1 Board for Social Responsibility, Jonathan Durley; Mandalay (Myanmar); **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Thur 2 Pontrhondda, Peter Gale (V); Manicaland (Central Africa);

Fri 3 North Newydd, Jeff Thomas (PinC); Aotearoa (NZ); **Women's World Day of Prayer;**

Sat 4 Rhondda Fach Uchaf, David Jones (PinC); Mara (Tanzania); **ST DAVID'S DAY**

Sun 5 Tonypandy w Clydach Vale & Williamstown (Vacant); Marathwada (North India); **Lent 1**

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)

26 February 2017 – Sunday next before Lent

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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 book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Exodus 24.12-18

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

R He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud.

The Lord is king: let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim: let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion;
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One. **R**

‘O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.’

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One. **R**

Moses and Aaron among his priests
and Samuel among those who call upon his name,
they called upon the Lord and he answered them.
He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. **R**

‘O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.’
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One. **R**

R He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Peter 1.16-21

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 took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground

and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Matthew 17.1-9

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.