

NEWSLETTER

St Catherine's | St John's | St Luke's

Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
37	187	See
182	29	separate
428	605	sheet
605		

Collect:

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Psalm Response:

It is the Lord who builds the house.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

St Luke's: **Silent Surrendered ... (see hymn 941)**

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



Mothering Sunday has a cultural root in family reunions and a sense of holiday with a break from the usual working year. For many this is now Mother's Day when we all make a big deal of those who enjoy this calling. Yet, Mothering Sunday can have theological significance also (see our reading from John's gospel where the mother of Jesus is entrusted to the care of the beloved disciple). In particular, homecoming to our 'mother church' finds its ultimate expression in the longing of our restless hearts to rest solely in God!

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

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

St John's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 9:00 Sung Eucharist; **6:00pm 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

Exodus 2:1-10; Ps. 127:1-4; Colossians 3:12-17; John 19:25-27

Psalm 127

- 1 Except the Lord / build the / house: their labour / is but / lost that / build it.
- 2 Except the Lord / keep the / city: the watchman / waketh / but in / vain.
- 3 It is but lost labour that ye rise up early and so late take rest, * eating the / bread of • your / toil: for he blesseth his be-/loved / in their / beds;
- 4 Lo children are an heritage / from the / Lord: and the fruit of the womb is a / gift that / cometh • from / him.

Next week's readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Benefice Notes:

Messy Church - Messy Church is in St John's on Sunday 9 April at 4pm. The theme is all about Holy Week and Easter. All are welcome. The planning meeting for this will be this evening **at 7:00pm** (after Explore).

Explore - Takes place today **at 6pm** in St John's. The format will be Taize music around the labyrinth. All are welcome.

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

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.

Good Friday Walk with the Cross - Churches Together in Canton will be undertaking a simple walk with a cross to remember the final walk of Jesus to the cross on Good Friday. It starts outside the 7th Day Adventist Church and ends with St Luke's and will visit the buildings of Canton Churches Together along the way. Please join us if you can. It starts at 12 noon.

Holy Week and Easter 2017 - Schedule of Services will be available from back of each of our churches.

Canton Churches Lent Courses - Churches Together in Canton will be meeting on Monday evenings at 7pm to offer a lent course with a focus on healing and diversity. Next dates are: 27 March - St John's; 3 April Wesley Methodist.

Upping our Game - Bishop David's Lent course 'Upping our Game' is in St Isan's Church, Llanishen, Wednesdays 7:30pm.

Bishop David Wilbourne will be leaving our diocese soon (his last service will be on Easter Sunday). He will be greatly missed throughout the diocese and especially here in Canton. Please pray for him and his family at this time. His farewell service will be at during Chrism Mass on Maundy Thursday in the Cathedral at 11am to which all are welcome.

Mothers' Union - Many thanks to everyone who supported the coffee morning & Fashion show in aid of the Mothers' Union holiday caravan in Porthcawl. An amazing £442 was raised. Also on Monday 27 March Mothers' Union will be held in St John's Church at 2pm: Wiltshire Farm Foods will be demonstrating their amazing meals. Everyone is welcome.

Conway 50+ welcomes Rev Roy Jenkins to speak on 'Faith on the Frontline' Wed 12 April at 10:30am Conway Rd Church

Easter Flowers: Donations towards costs, perhaps in memory of departed loved ones, would be much appreciated.

Please hand your gift to Jean (St Catherine's), Cynthia (St John's) or Brenda (St Luke's). Thank you.

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.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist on Wednesday at 11:00am

St John's Notes:

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

The Sunday school will now only take place on the first and third Sunday of the month. We really need some new helpers who can commit to helping out once a month please see Fr Phelim, Annie or Anna if you can help.

Lent lunches at St Johns every Friday during Lent at 12 noon. Proceeds go to Christian Aid.

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

St Luke's Notes:

Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea: St Luke's will be hosting an Afternoon Tea this afternoon at 4pm. Everybody is welcome, especially those who have nobody to share this day with. Tickets £7. See Margaret for tickets

Collection - We began a collection last Sunday for the victims of the dreadful situation in East Africa. Katie has collected the money and will collect more today. Any further money collected will go towards Christian Aid Week later in the year.

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

Recently Departed: Delene Thomas

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

Sun 26 Roath St Martin, Irving Hamer (V); Mexico City (Mexico); **Lent 4**

Mon 27 Llandaff Deanery, Michael John (AD); Milwaukee

Tues 28 Caerau with Ely, Jesse Smith (V), Chris Lee (C); Minna (Nigeria);

Wed 29 Retreat houses, staff and wardens, Fr Colin Sutton; Mishamikoweesh (Canada); **St Woolos, king**

Thur 30 Fairwater, Colin Sutton (V); Oreste-Brasil & Pelotas (Brazil)

Fri 31 Glan Ely, Jan Gould (PinC); Mississippi (USA);

Sat 1 The Anglican Communion, The Most Rev'd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

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 March 2017 – Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)

Collect of the Day

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 book of Exodus.

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Exodus 2.1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 127.1-4

R It is the Lord who builds the house.

Unless the Lord builds the house,
their labour is in vain who build it.

Unless the Lord watches over the city,
in vain the guard keeps vigil. **R**

It is in vain that you rise so early
and go to bed so late;

vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

Children are a heritage from the Lord,
and the fruit of the womb is a gift. **R**

R It is the Lord who builds the house.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3.12-17

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.

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

John 19.25-27

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,

as a mother feeds her children at the breast

you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:

help us who have tasted your goodness

to grow in grace within the household of faith;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.