

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
480	See	480
579	hymn	128
633	board	67
263		702

Collect:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Psalm Response:

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to God's house".

Gospel Acclamation:

St John's: Alleluia ...

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

St Luke's: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; keep watch, take heart.

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 Advent wreath is a symbol of advent, the season of preparation and anticipation for the coming of Jesus Christ. The wreath is made of a circle of evergreens with different coloured candles that symbolise the following: 1. **Candle of Hope** - that God is faithful and keeps his promises to us; 2. **Candle of Preparation** - or getting ready to welcome God made flesh in Jesus Christ; 3. **Candle of Joy** - that God is with us - our light in the darkness; 4. **Candle of Love** - God sent his only Son to earth to announce the good news of the Kingdom out of a deep and everlasting love for us. 5. **The Christ Candle** - the moment of Christ's birth at Christmas.

Advent 1 - Hope

St Catherine's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 10:30 Sung Eucharist; **6pm Advent Carols**

St John's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 9:15 All Age Eucharist;

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 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matt 24:36-44;

I was glad when they / said to / me : 'Let us / go • to the / house of the / Lord.'

And now our / feet are / standing : within your / gates, / O Je/rusalem;

Jerusalem, / built • as a / city :that is at / unity / in it/self.

Thither the tribes go up, the / tribes of the / Lord :as is decreed for Israel, to give / thanks • to the / name of the / Lord.

For there are set the / thrones of / judgement : the / thrones of the / house of / David.
O pray for the / peace of Je/rusalem : 'May they / prosper who / love / you.

Peace be with/in your / walls :and tran/quillity with/in your / palaces.'

For my kindred and com/panions' / sake : I will / pray that / peace be / with you.

For the sake of the house of the / Lord our / God : I will / seek to / do you / good.

Next week's readings: Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7,18-19; Rom. 15.4-13; Matt 3.1-12;

Benefice Notes:

Messy Christmas - On Sunday 11 Dec at 4pm we will celebrate Messy Christmas in St John's. There is a planning meeting for this today at 5pm in St John's.

Newsletter items - any items for the newsletter please send to Linsay Jones linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com . For an email copy ask Sheila on mgsmkelly1@gmail.com

Holy Communion - From the first Sunday of Advent 2016 it is permitted for those

who are baptised to receive Holy Communion. We will have a renewed focus on the meaning and practice of celebrating the Eucharist in the coming months. Part of that will be special teaching for children aged 7 and over beginning in January 2017 and culminating in a celebration of first Communion at Candlemas to take place in each of our churches (5 Feb 2017).

Cardiff Churches Night Shelter - We are looking for volunteers to help with the nightshelter for those who are homeless. It involves helping a local church host up to 20 people who have nowhere else to sleep during the winter months. If you'd like to help just turn up at the training event which is at Calvary on Mon 5 December from 6:30-8pm or ask Fr Phelim.

Advent course now running at St Johns on Thursdays from 7-9. "Someone To Believe In" is a series of reflections based around the festive film Miracle on 34th Street. All welcome! Contact Andrew Sims please note new number (02920215472).

Paradise Run - The next run is this coming Saturday December 3rd. Please take your food as usual to Sylvia (114 Pencisely Road) or to Diana (23 Greenfield avenue)) between 6-7 on the day. Further info from Diana (07754179373)

Healing and Wholeness for Advent - There'll be a special healing service next Sunday evening at St Luke's at 6pm. This is a new service when members of our neighbouring parishes will also be involved. More details next week.

Youth Club Games Night - From Jan 2017 the Canton Churches Youth Club returns to St Catherine's hall on Friday evenings from 7-8:30pm. It is open to children in school years 5 and 6. For more details ask Fr Phelim or Sarah Burton.

Youth Team Meeting - Friday 9 December at 7:30 in the vicarage. Contact Fr Phelim for details.

St Catherine's Notes:

Advent Carols - an Advent service for all will be held at St Catherine's at 6pm today with lessons and music for everyone. There'll be candles and it lasts about an hour. Seasonal refreshments afterwards in the hall.

Christmas Fair - Many thanks to all those who helped set up and support our Christmas Fair yesterday.

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:

Christmas Tree Festival - in St John's from Fri 9 to Sun 11 Dec. If you'd like to put up a tree, forms are available in church.

Prize draw ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets to be returned by Sun 4 Dec. to the wardens, Jean Williams or Elaine H.

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:

Diana's book is for sale on a table near the Lady Chapel. All profit will go to St Luke's Church.

Elizabeth Singers - an evening of Christmas music with carols and refreshments on Tuesday 20th December at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in aid of the St Luke's Centenary building projects.

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

Midweek Services: Mass at 10:00 am on Wed; Masses at 6pm on Friday; & 10:30 am on Saturday

Recently Departed: Wilf Gale, Vivienne Haggett, Jean Beaven, Rhona Hannigan

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

Sun 27 Radyr, Jenny Wigley (R); Kansas (USA); **Advent 1; 6pm Advent Carol Service in St Catherine's**

Mon 28 RB Whitchurch, John Rowlands (R), Peter Mortimer (V), Marija Flips (V), Jonathan Wright (C); Kanyakumari (India)

Tues 29 St Fagans & Michaelston -S-Ely, Peggy Jackson; Western Kansas (USA);

Wed 30 All officers of the diocese of Llandaff; Karachi (Pakistan); **ST ANDREW, APOSTLE**

Thur 1 Tongwynlais, Zoe King (PinC); Karamoia (Uganda);

Fri 2 RB Canton, Mark Preece (R), Phelim O'Hare (V); Karimnagar (India);

Sat 3 Deanery of Barry, Andrew James (AD); Karnataka (India); **St Francis Xavier;**

Sun 4 RB Barry, Ben Andrews (R), Kevin Lake (V), Robert Parrish (V), Christ Seaton (C); **Advent 2; 6pm Healing Service**

27 November 2016 – First Sunday of Advent

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 the prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Isaiah 11.1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm - Psalm 122**Response: I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to God's house'.**

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself.
To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.
For there are the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David. **R**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers. **R**

For my family and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.'

Response: I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to God's house'**Second Reading**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13.11-14

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 spoke to his disciples:

'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Matthew 24.36-44

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**