

NEWSLETTER

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Jesus leaves his disciples as he returns to his heavenly Father. We reflect today on what it means to live in the post-ascension world, shaped by the transforming power of the resurrection.

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 1:6-14

An account of the ascension of Jesus. We also hear the inclusive vision of Jesus for the whole world and the part to be played by the disciples once they receive the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Following Christ is not easy; it brings suffering. Peter reminds us that God cares for all people and will bring them through their trials.

Gospel John 17:1-11

As he prepares to leave the disciples, Jesus shares his own love for his followers and connects this explicitly with God's care for them.



St Catherine's: 8.00 am and 10.00 am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism. We welcome Joey Luca White into God's family

Today's Hymns: 16, 255, 413, 551

St John's: 9.00 am Sung Eucharist; 4.00 pm Café Church

Today's Hymns: 551, 436, 12

Gospel Acclamation: Speak Lord your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass with Canon Wilcox

Today's Hymns: 551, 12, 54

Psalm response: Sing to God, O kingdom of the earth, Sing praises to the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia Alleluia opening our hearts to Him, singing Alleluia Alleluia Jesus is our King.

Psalm 68. 1-10, 33 - 36

- 1 Let God arise and let his / enemies • be / scattered: let them also that / hate him / flee be-/fore him.
- 2 Like as the smoke vanisheth when the wind driveth it away, * and like as wax / melteth • in the / fire: so let the ungodly / perish • at the / presence • of / God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and re-/joice be•fore / God: let them / also • be / merry • and / joyful.
- 4 O sing unto God and sing praises / unto • his / name: magnify him that rideth upon the heavens; * be glad in the / Lord • and re-/joice be-/fore him.
- 5 He is a father of the fatherless, * and defendeth the / cause • of the / widows: even God in his / holy / habit-/ation.
- 6 He giveth the solitary a home wherein to dwell, * and bringeth forth the prisoners / into / liberty: but the rebellious / dwell • in a / desert land.
- 7 O God when thou wentest forth be-/fore thy / people: when thou / wentest / through the / wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, * and the heavens poured forth rain at the / presence • of / God: before the Lord of Sinai, * even before / God the / God of / Israel.
- 9 Thou didst send a gracious / rain O / God: and didst refresh the land of thine in-/herit • ance / when • it was / weary.
- 10 Thy flock found a / dwelling • there-/in: thou O God of thy goodness didst make pro-/vision / for the / poor.
- 33 Sing unto God O ye / kingdoms • of the / earth: O sing / praises / unto • the / Lord,
- 34 Unto God who rideth upon the heavens which have / been • from of / old: lo he doth send out his voice, * yea and / that a / mighty / voice.
- 35 Ascribe ye / power • unto / God: his majesty is over Israel, * and his / strength is / in the / clouds.
- 36 God is to be held in awe in his / holy / place: the God of Israel will give strength and power unto his people; * / blessèd / be / God.

Next week's readings: Acts 2. 1-21; Psalm 104. 25-35,37; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13; John 7.37-39

Youth Club: meets on Friday evenings in St Catherine's hall from 7.00-8:30 pm. It is open to children in school years 5 & 6. For details email Sarah on youthofficer@beneficeofcanton.org.uk.

Donations are needed of bottles(50p or more), cakes, preserves, unwanted gifts, jewellery, plants also wine and chocolates for the raffle for St. John's Summer Fair on Saturday 24th June Help is also needed to set up and man the stalls, please contact Elaine or Jean.

Newsletter: for any items to be included in this newsletter please email Sue Jones (office@beneficeofcanton.org.uk) or the Rector. For an email copy of the newsletter please contact Sheila at mgsmkelly1@gmail.com

Bible Study: The weekly Bible Study group is open to everyone. It meets in St John's Vestry on Thursdays 7-9 pm. For more details contact Andrew Sims maxsims@hotmail.com

Benefice website: with Fr Phelim leaving the Benefice, we are looking for somebody to manage the Benefice website. If you have an interest or skill in this area and you are willing to help, please speak to Fr Mark or Sue Jones

Festival of Prayer: On Saturday, July 1st, there will be a Festival of Prayer organised by the Diocese of Llandaff Spirituality Group. It lasts from 9.45-4.15 and begins with a service at Llandaff Cathedral. During the day there will be workshops and talks at St. Michael's Conference Centre. Two of the speakers will be our own students - Sam and Dominic. For contact details, go to enquiries@FestivalOfPrayer.co.uk. Diana (M) has some leaflets if you would like to see them before you commit.

Café Church: Sam will lead Café Church this afternoon in St John's 4.00 pm. This will be followed with a **Messy Church** planning session at 5.00 pm.

St Catherine's Notes:

Hall Bookings To book the Hall email Bev on hall.stcatherines@gmail.com.

Summer Fair - Advance notice that the summer fair will be on Saturday 17 June. Please keep that day free to join us.

Volunteer(s) needed to cut the grass in St Catherine's grounds. The more of you there are the less often you'll need to do it! Talk to Hilary, David Snelson or Gareth Parsons for more information.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist - Wednesday at 11am

St John's Notes:

Summer Fair - Advance notice that the summer fair will be on Saturday 24 June. Please keep that day free to join us.

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

St Luke's Notes:

Midweek Services: Masses on: Tuesday at 10am; Friday at 6:00pm; Saturday 10.30am

Recently Departed: Richard Timothy Grace, Joyce Evans, Gordon Phillips

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

May 28th	The Seventh Sunday of Easter Vale of Neath: Andrew Davies (V) The work of the Anglican Centre in Rome
May 29th	Deanery of the Vale of Glamorgan: Area Dean: Canon Martyn Davies Nnewi - (Niger, Nigeria)
May 30th	Colwinston, Llandow & Llysworney: Alan Kettle (PinC) Nord Kivu - (Congo)
May 31st	Ministry Development Officer: Mark Brampton North Ankole - (Uganda)
June 1st	Those being ordained this month
June 2nd	Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge including Llangan & St. Mary Hill: Stephen Adams (R) North Carolina USA
June 3rd	East Vale Group of Parishes: Canon Martyn Davies North Central Philippines