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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

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Psalm Response:

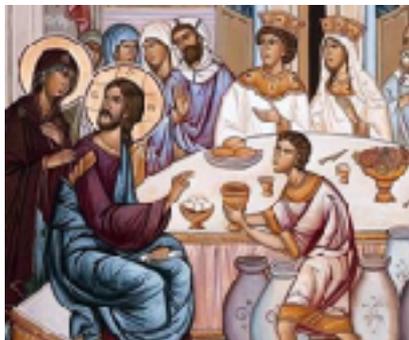
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Gospel Acclamation:

St John's:

St Luke's: **Alleluia Alleluia, alleluia, opening our hearts to him, singing Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is our King!**

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 wedding at Cana - The servants at the wedding feast knew little or nothing about Jesus and yet something about him commanded assent to an instruction with the potential to make all parties look immensely foolish. Yet the folly of God triumphs over worldly wisdom because our standards are no longer those of the world. In beginning to make himself known to the world, Jesus had inaugurated the new measures and standards that would challenge everyone he encountered as his ministry unfolded. (Bridget Nichols).

Epiphany 4: Benefice Together

St Catherine's - (no morning services - except in St Luke's);

St John's - (no morning services) **6:00pm Explore: Labyrinth**

St Luke's - 10:30 am Benefice Together Sung Mass

For Weekday Services and Regular Events see the Website or Church Notice boards for times and days.

Today's Readings

1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Cor 1:18-31; John 2:1-11

Psalm 36:5-10 **Response: With you is the well of life and in your light we see light.** Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. **R/**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. **R/**

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart **R/**

Next week's readings: Malachi 3:1-5; Psalm 84; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Benefice Notes:

Messy Church - Messy Church will resume on the second Sunday of February (no Messy Church this month). Next prep meeting is today at 5:15pm in St John's. y.

Youth Club Games Night - Canton Churches Together Youth Club has resumed: St Catherine's hall on Friday evenings from 7-8:30pm. It is open to children in school years 5 & 6. For details ask Sarah burton-sarah@hotmail.co.uk

Explore - The next explore will be this evening, Sunday 29 Jan at 6pm in St John's and will be a labyrinth service with Taize music.

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. If you would like to be confirmed please contact the clergy or complete an application form available on the website. Confirmation is open to children currently in year 5 or above. Adult confirmation starts in Sept 2017.

Candlemas and Communion - Next Sunday is Candlemas, when candles for the coming year will be blessed. It is also the day when some children and adults will receive Holy Communion for the first time (after a time of preparation during January). This will be in St Catherine's at 10:30 and St John's at 9am. St Luke's will celebrate this on 12 February at 10:30.

Visiting Clergy - thank you to the following clergy who will be helping out during February: Fr Jesse Smith, Fr Chris Lee, Fr David Sheen, Fr Mark Dimond and a continual thank you to Fr Keith who still helps us each week.

PCC and Action Teams - Last Sunday's PCC meeting agreed a list of targets and goals for 2017. See website for details.

Service Times Change Next Week - Considering recent news we will trial some changes to Sunday morning service times beginning next Sunday: only one 8am Eucharist each Sunday alternating between St John's (1st and 3rd Sundays) and St Catherine's (2nd and 4th Sundays). Also, St John's 9:15 service will begin at 9:00 am next week to allow more time for the service and to give an opportunity for the clergy to meet people at the end of the service.

Lent Courses - We have a few additional options for Lent this year. Churches Together in Canton will be meeting on Monday evenings to offer a lent course with a focus on healing and diversity (details of church venues and leaders will follow soon) - 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, CF14 5JX on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. (see our website for details).

New appointment for Fr Phelim - Congratulations to Fr Phelim who has been appointed as the next Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Cardiff: St German's with Saviours. He and his family will be with us until Easter. (More detail on website)

Youth Bible Study and Pizza - Every Sunday evening at 6pm in St John's vestry from 6-7:30pm. It is for youth (11+) and is an informal and friendly exploration of faith issues. For details contact Sarah 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 this Wednesday at 11:00am

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna - This month's collection for the Ty Bronna centre is for tins or packets of soup (more details on our website).

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist Thursday at 10:30 am

St Luke's Notes:

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and Quiz - St Luke's hall from 7pm on 28 February. This will be a Ministry Area social event.

Mothers' Union Mass - Tuesday at 10:00 and induction of new members in St Luke's Church. All are welcome.

Midweek Services: Masses at 10:00 am on Tuesdays; 6:00 pm on Fridays; and 10:30 am on Saturday

Recently Departed: Carol & James Bachelor, Miriam Williams, Chardonnay Lee (14), Vernon Couch, Patricia Lewis, Jean Sanger, David Andrews.

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

Sun 29 Deanery of Cynon Valley, Michael Jones (AD); Lichfield; ; **Epiphany 4; World Leprosy & Homeless Sunday**

Mon 30 Aberaman & Abercwmboi w Cwmaman, Matthew Gibbon (PinC); Limerick & Killaloe;

Tues 31 Abercynon, Sarah Rogers (PinC) Graham Howells(Reader) Lincoln - (Canterbury); **St John Bosco**

Wed 1 Diocesan Board for Statutory Education, Chris Smith, Angela Atkinson; Litoral Ecuador; **St Bridget;**

Thur 2 Aberdare, Robert Davies (V); Liverpool;

Fri 3 Aberdare, St Fagan: Richard Green (V); **Saint Blaise; Saints, Martyrs and Missionaries of Europe;**

Sat 4 Cwmbach, Christopher Smith (PinC); Lokoja - (Nigeria); **Manche Massemola, Martyr;**

Sun 5 Hirwaun, Ceirion Rees (PinC); Lomega - (Sudan); **PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas)**

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)

29 January 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Collect of the Day

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First Reading

A reading from the first book of Kings.

The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, ‘Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.’ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.’ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.’ But she said, ‘As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.’ Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.’ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

1 Kings 17.8-16

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Psalm 36:5-10

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Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’

1 Corinthians 1.18-31

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Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they

took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 2.1-11

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Generous Lord,

in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:

help us so to live out our days

that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour.