

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
207	738	84
738	84	47
165	624	570
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Collect:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

Psalm Response:

With the Lord there is mercy and plenteous redemption.

Gospel Acclamation:

St John's: **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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.



Seven Signs - Today's gospel describes the seventh and last 'sign' (or miracle) as described in John's gospel. Of course the greatest sign of all is the death and resurrection, not of Lazarus, but of Jesus himself. This story prepares us to receive with faith the great sign of Jesus' glorification. As Holy Week gets closer we are called to prepare our hearts and minds to ponder deeply all that Jesus is for us - a response of faith. To appreciate what is to come calls more for faith not logical analysis.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday

St Catherine's - 10:30 Sung Eucharist;

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

St Luke's - 10:30 Sung Mass; **6:00 pm Stations of the Cross**

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

Today's Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the deep have I called unto / thee O / Lord: Lord / hearken / unto • my / voice.
- 2 O let thine ears con-/sider / well: the / voice of • my / suppli-/cations.
- 3 If thou Lord shouldest mark what is / done a-/miss: O / Lord who / could a-/bide it?
- 4 But there is / mercy • with / thee: that / so thou / mayest • be / feared.
- 5 I wait for the Lord, * my / soul doth / wait for him: and in his / word / is my / trust.
- 6 My soul doth / wait • for the / Lord: more than watchmen for the morning, * yea more than / watchmen / for the / morning.
- 7 O Israel trust in the Lord, * for with the / Lord • there is / mercy: and with / him is / plenteous • re-/demption,
- 8 And he shall re-/deem / Israel: from the / multi-tude / of his / sins.

Next week's readings: Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-18; Philippians 2:5-11; Matt 27:11-54

Benefice Notes:

Messy Church - Messy Church is in St John's next Sunday 9 April at 4pm. The theme is all about Holy Week and Easter. 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. This Friday is the last meeting of the term.

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 re-member 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 at 12 noon.

Holy Week and Easter 2017- Schedule of Services now available from back of each of our churches and on the website.

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 date is: 3 April at 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 - Monday 3 April Mothers' Union will be held in St John's Church at 2pm: Wiltshire Farm Foods will be demonstrating their amazing meals. Everyone is welcome.

Confirmation Group/Youth Group Outing - we are hoping to take our current confirmation group and those who were confirmed in the last few years on an outing on Saturday 22 April (brothers and sisters are also included). If you are interested please let Fr Phelim or Sarah Burton know. Once we know numbers we can give more details next week.

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.

Spring Clean - Please join us this coming Saturday 8 April from 9:30 -11:30am to clean and tidy the church for Holy Week and Easter. All are welcome. See Hilary or David for more information, or just turn up.

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 gravy granules (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:

Bishop of Llandaff High School - will be visiting the church this Thursday 6 April at 7pm for a Lenten Reflection Evening.

Bishop David Wilbourne - will preside and preach at next Sunday's 10:30 am Mass.

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

Recently Departed: Delene Thomas, Ron Doheny

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

Sun 2 Pentyrch & Chapel Llanilterne, Michael John (V); Mityana (Uganda); **Lent 5**

Mon 3 Radyr, Jenny Wigley (R); Mombasa (Kenya);

Tues 4 RB Whitchurch, John Rowlands (R), Peter Mortimer (V), Marija Flipse (V), Jonathan Wright(C); Monmouth; **St Isidore**

Wed 5 Diocesan Advisory Committee, Sarah Perons; Montana (USA); **St Vincent Ferrer**

Thur 6 St Fagan's & Michaelston-Super-Ely, Peggy Jackson (PinC); Montreal (Canada)

Fri 7 Tongwynlais, Zoe King (PinC); Moosonee (Canada); **St Brynach (Abbot);**

Sat 8 RB Canton, Mark Preece (R), Phelim O'Hare (V); Moray, Ross & Caithness (Scotland); **Griffith Jones**

Sun 9 Deanery of Penarth & Barry, Andrew James (AD); Jerusalem (Jeusalem & Middle East); **Lent 6 Palm Sunday**

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)

2 April 2017 – Fifth Sunday of Lent**Collect of the Day**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 the prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord GOD, you know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.’

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.’

Ezekiel 37.1-14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

R With the Lord there is mercy and plenteous redemption.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?
For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared. **R**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord,
more than the night watch for the morning,
more than the night watch for the morning. **R**

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;
With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **R**

R With the Lord there is mercy and plenteous redemption.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Romans 8.6-11

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear

me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

John 11.1-45

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.