

# NEWSLETTER

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## Today's Hymns

St Catherine's	St John's	St Luke's
450	719	534
184	625	169
133	249	374
566		409

## Collect:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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:

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

## Gospel Acclamation:

St John's: Alleluia ...

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

St Luke's:

*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.*



## Harvest Thanksgiving

This festival of harvest (or thanksgiving for the harvest) is an opportunity for disciples of Jesus to deepen their commitment and awareness of good stewardship practices. Schools and churches will be full of donated food this week which is a wonderful sign of how good God is to us. Yet, perhaps we might also consider giving something more precious than food, money or other goods such as our time or using our talent to help others. In our prayer today we consider the extent of God's love for us which can lead us to be generous in return by making a response of love, for example, being generous with our time, getting more involved with what our Church is doing, spending a minute or two extra with someone who needs us and our attention. Ask God how you can give?

**St Catherine's** - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 10:30 Sung Eucharist;

**St John's** - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist;

**St Luke's** - 10:30 Sung Mass; **6:00 pm Benediction**

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

## Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Rev. 14:14-18; John 6:25-35

### Psalm 100

1 O be joyful in the Lord / all ye / lands: serve the Lord with gladness, \* and come before his / presence / with a / song.

2 Be ye sure that the Lord / he is / God: it is he that hath made us and we are his; \* we are his people and the / sheep of / his / pasture.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, \* and into his / courts with / praise: be thankful unto him and / bless his / holy / name.

4 For the Lord is gracious, \* his mercy is / ever-/lasting: and his faithfulness endureth from gener-/ation • to / gener-/ation

**Next week's readings:** 2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

## Benefice Notes:

**Faith Pictures:** Session 4 is on Wed 5 October at 7:30pm in the Vicarage (3a Romilly Road). More details on website or ask Fr Phelim.

**Messy Church** - Messy Church is on Sunday 9 October at 4pm in St John's. The next theme is about 'Lighting up the darkness' where God lights up our way.

**Confirmation Programme** - The confirmation ceremony will be on Sunday 20 November at 10:30 in St John's. This coming Saturday we go to Oakwood which is also open to those confirmed last year. (see website or Fr Phelim for details).

**Newsletter items** - any items for inclusion in the newsletter please send to Linsay Jones [linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com). Space is limited. If you'd like an email copy of the newsletter and readings please ask Sheila on [mgsmkelly1@gmail.com](mailto:mgsmkelly1@gmail.com)

**Stewardship and Mission** - The launch for our stewardship campaign will be on Sunday 16 October. Details to follow soon.

**Holy Communion** - The Bishops of the Church in Wales have announced that from Advent 2016 those who are baptised are now entitled to receive Holy Communion. There will no longer be a requirement to have been confirmed. We will be putting together in the next few weeks some guidelines as to how this change might affect the different congregations and families within our own benefice. The bishops' documents can be seen on our website. For more details see the clergy.

**PCC and Action Teams** - The next meeting of the PCC is on Sun 16 Oct at 6:30pm (St Johns).

## St Catherine's Notes:

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**Harvest Thanksgiving.** The 10.30 service today will be an All-Age Eucharist. Adults and children are asked to bring Harvest gifts which will be given to Ty Bronna.

**Sunday Club** From now on we ask that parents leave children going to our Sunday club at the hall before 10:30. This will allow for the children to return just after the peace and be present for more of our celebration of the Eucharist.

**Bonfire, Bobbing and Bangers** - Mon 31 October, the eve of All Hallows. Tickets and more details from Clive Westwood.

**Gluten free wafers** are available at Communion. Inform the clergy before the service if you wish to avail of this facility.

**Hall Bookings** - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email Bev on [hall.stcatherines@gmail.com](mailto:hall.stcatherines@gmail.com).

**Midweek Services:** Holy Eucharist this Wednesday at 11:00 am

## St John's Notes:

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**Ty Bronna** - this month's collection is washing powder.

**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:

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**Benediction** - We welcome Fr Colin Sutton and parishioners from St Peter's Church in Fairwater who will be joining us for Benediction this evening. St Peter's is one of the local parishes working with us as to set up a Ministry Area for West Cardiff.

**Thank You** - Many thanks to Fr David Sheen for presiding and preaching at today's mass. Fr David is our chaplain to Cardiff University.

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

**Midweek Services:** Masses at 10:00 am on Wednesdays; 6:00 pm on Fridays; and 10:30 am on Saturdays.

**Recently Departed: Heather Botwood**

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

**Sun 2** Mountain Ash & Miskin, Michael Jones (V); Province of West Africa; **Trinity 19 and Harvest;**

**Mon 3** Penrhwi-ceiber Mathewstown & Ynysboeth, Ben Rabjohns (PinC); Hyderabad (Pakistan);

**Tues 4** Deanery of Merthyr Tydfil & Caerphilly, Steven Kirk (AD); Ibadan, Nigeria; **St Francis of Assisi;**

**Wed 5** The Mission to Seafarers, Nicholas Jones (chaplain); Ibadan North, Nigeria;

**Thur 6** Bargoed & Deri w Brithdir, Jonathan Widdess (PinC); Ibadan South; **William Tyndall, Translator & Martyr;**

**Fri 7** Dewlaps & Penydarren, Caroline Owen (PinC); Ibbah & Idah, Nigeria;

**Sat 8** Gelligaer, Gary Powell (PinC); Idaho, USA;

**Sun 9** Merthyr Tydfil Christ Church, Martyn Perry (PinC); Church in the West Indies; **Trinity 20 and St Cynog;**

Team Rector: Canon Mark Preece; 029 2056 2022 [rector@beneficeofcanton.org.uk](mailto:rector@beneficeofcanton.org.uk) (Day off - Monday)

Team Vicar: Fr Phelim O'Hare; 029 2021 0732 [vicar@beneficeofcanton.org.uk](mailto:vicar@beneficeofcanton.org.uk) (Day off - Thursday)

## 2 October 2016 – Harvest Thanksgiving

### Collect of the Day

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

*Deuteronomy 26.1-11*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Psalm 100*

**R Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: the Lord himself is God;  
he himself has made us and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

**R**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his name.  
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.     **R**

**R     Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.**

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand! Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, 'Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.' So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, 'Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.'

*Revelation 14.14-18*

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.**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, the crowd said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

*John 6.25-35*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us  
and make us generous and wise stewards  
    of the good things we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.