

# NEWSLETTER

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### Today's Hymns

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### Collect:

**Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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:

**Gracious is the Lord and Righteous.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

St John's: **Speak Lord your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.**

St Luke's: **Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the Risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia give praise to his name.**

If you know of a church member, or anyone, who is unwell or would appreciate contact from our priests, please inform the clergy.



**The Supper at Emmaus** - "When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' In many ways this image and these lines serve as a summary of much of our ministry as a community and the work of clergy in parochial contexts: breaking bread with Jesus, celebrating his presence, helping others to see and recognise Jesus in their lives and, in an imperfect way, explaining the scriptures to all we meet. It has been one of the greatest blessings of my life to do this, and more, with the diverse congregations and individuals of our benefice of Canton. My wish is that your hearts are kept burning for Christ in all that we are and do in the coming months and years. Thank you all so much for your support and kindness these past five years. Fr Phelim

## Third Sunday of Easter

**St Catherine's** - 8:00am Holy Eucharist;

**St John's** - 4:00pm Sung Eucharist and Farewell to Fr Phelim and Family

**St Luke's** - 10:00am Said Mass

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

### Today's Readings

**Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 116:1-3,10-16; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35**

### Psalm 116

1 I love the Lord because he / heard my / voice: when I made my / suppli-/cations • be-/fore him,  
2 Because he inclined his ear / unto / me: when I / called up-/on his / name.  
3 The cords of death compassed me round about, \* and the snares of the grave laid / hold up-/on me:  
I suffered / sore dis-/ tress and / sorrow.  
10 I trusted in the Lord, \* even when I said 'I am / sore / troubled': in my disquiet I said / 'Man •  
hath no / power to / help.'  
11 What shall I / give un-to the / Lord: for all the benefits that / he hath / done • unto / me?  
12 I will lift up the / cup • of sal-/vation: and call up-/on the / name • of the / Lord;  
13 I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of / all his / people: right dear in the sight of  
the Lord is the / death of / them that / serve him.  
14 O Lord I am thy servant, \* even the / son of • thine / handmaid: thou hast / broken • my / bonds  
in / sunder.  
15 I will offer unto thee the / sacrifice • of / thanksgiving: and call up-/on the / name • of the / Lord;  
16 I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of / all his / people: in the courts of the Lord's  
house, \* even in the midst of thee O Jerusalem. \* / Praise / ye the / Lord.

**Next week's readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10**

### Benefice Notes:

**Messy Church** - The next Messy Church is in Calvary Baptist Church at 4pm on 14 May. The preparation meeting is on Sunday 7 May at 5pm in St John's.

**Sunday 30 April** - Please note that there is a change to our usual service times on the last Sunday of April (8am in St Catherine's and 10am Said Mass in St Luke's). This is because last week was Benefice Together (instead of the usual 5th Sunday) plus it gives us an opportunity for a farewell Eucharist and celebration for Fr Phelim and his family in St John's at 4pm. Fr Phelim will be moving from the Benefice to go to St German's and St Saviours towards the end of May/start of June and a licensing date for will be published as soon as we know.

**Youth Club Games Night** - YC resumes this week for the new term. It usually meets on Friday evenings in St Catherine's hall from 7-8:30pm. It is open to children in school years 5 & 6. For details email Sarah on [burton-sarah@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:burton-sarah@hotmail.co.uk).

**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.

**PCC** - The next Parochial Church Council meeting is in St John's on Sunday 21 May from 6:30pm (after Evensong). The Annual Report agreed at last week's AGM is available at the back of our churches (and on the website).

**Newsletter** - for any items to be included in this newsletter please email Linsay Jones ([linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com)) or the Clergy. For an email copy of the newsletter please contact Sheila at [mgsmkelly1@gmail.com](mailto:mgsmkelly1@gmail.com)

**Bible Study** - The weekly Bible Study group has resumed and is open to everyone. They meet in St John's Vestry on Thursdays 7-9pm. For more details contact Andrew Sims [maxsims@hotmail.com](mailto:maxsims@hotmail.com)

**Youth Bible Study and Food** - Sundays at 6pm in St John's vestry. Contact Sarah on [burton-sarah@hotmail.com.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Midweek Services:** Holy Eucharist - Wednesday at 11am

## St John's Notes:

**Ty Bronna** - This month's collection for the Ty Bronna centre is for gravy granules (more details on our website).

**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 and Saturday at 10:30am

**Recently Departed:** Mildred Mabel Bowers, John Daly, Michael John O'Brien, Cyril Charles Hancock,

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

**Sun 30** Llangynwyd w Maesteg, Geraldine Blyth (V); Nandyal - (South India); **Easter III**

**Mon 1** Llanharan w Peterston-super-Montem, Barbara Wood (PinC); Nasik (North India);

**Tues 2** Llanilid w Pencoed, Ian Hodges (V); Natal (South Africa) St Athanasius;

**Wed 3** Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Trystan Hughes; Nassau & Bahamas (West Indies); Henry Vaughan, Poet;

**Thur 4** Newcastle, David Lloyd (V); Namibia (Southern Africa);

**Fri 5** Troedrhwi garth, Chris Reaney (V); National Indigenous Bishop (Ontario, Canada); **St Asaph**

**Sat 6** Coity Nolton and Brackla w Coychurch, Michael Komor (R), Pauline Smith (C); Navajoland Area Mission (USA);

**Sun 7** Deanery of Margam, Philip Masson (AD); Ndokwa (Nigeria); **Easter IV**

**30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Third Sunday of Easter****Collect of the Day**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ‘Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

*Acts 2.14a,36-41*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 116.1-3,10-17*

**R Gracious is the Lord and righteous.**

I love the Lord,  
because he has heard the voice of my supplication,  
because he has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I called upon him.

**R**

The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.  
Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
‘O Lord, I pray you, save my life.’

**R**

How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.

**R**

Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful servants.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

**R**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.

In the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia!

**R**

**R Gracious is the Lord and righteous.**

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*1 Peter 1.17-23*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ Jesus asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Luke 24.13-35*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:

open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.