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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

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Psalm Response:

Gospel Acclamation:

St John's:

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.



Prophets of doom never go out of business - and with Brexit, wars and refugees to cope with they'll be busy for a while. They tend to be unable to see holiness in the world, or acknowledge that saints are living among us in the messiness of life. Doom merchants see holiness only within the four walls of a church. Yet, the church's role is to send us forth and not keep us enclosed and exclusive. Saints know this. They are people whose lives flow seamlessly from prayer to action. We always need to hear their stories and be inspired by their witness. 'O God, help us to support all prophets of hope'.

All Saints' Sunday - Benefice Together

St Catherine's - 10:30 Benefice Together Sung Eucharist with Baptism;

St John's - Benefice Together (no services today except for St Catherine's);

St Luke's - Benefice Together (no services today except for St Catherine's);

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

Today's Readings

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

Psalm 149

- 1 Praise ye the Lord. * O sing unto the Lord a / new / song: praise him in the as-/sembly / of his / servants.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in / him that / made him: and let the children of Zion be / joyful / in their / King.
- 3 Let them praise his / name • in the / dance: let them sing praises unto / him with / timbrel • and / harp.
- 4 For the Lord hath / pleasure • in his / people: and giveth victory to / them that / are op-/pressed.
- 5 Let the godly be / joyful • with / glory: let them re-/joice up-/on their / beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be / in their / mouth: and a / two-edged / sword • in their / hands,
- 7 To inflict vengeance / on the / nations: and / punish-ment / on the / peoples,
- 8 To bind their / kings in / chains: and their / nobles • with / links of / iron,
- 9 To execute upon them the judgement that / hath been /written: such honour have all his servants. * / Praise / ye the / Lord.

Next week's readings: Job 19:23-27; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thess 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Benefice Notes:

Newsletter items - any items for inclusion in the newsletter please send to Linsay Jones 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

All Souls - There is a sung Requiem Mass when we remember and pray for deceased members of our families and friends in St Luke's on Wed 2 November, at 7:30pm. We'll also commemorate the Holy Souls in St Catherine's on Wed at 11am.

Confirmation Ceremony - Benefice Together - The confirmation ceremony is on next Sunday 6th November at 10:30 in St John's. Consequently, this will be a united benefice celebration and there will be no other services in the benefice that morning. There is a rehearsal in St John's at 11am on Saturday 5th November.

Memorial Service - Also next Sunday 6 November at 6pm is our memorial service in St Luke's when we invite the loved ones of all those who have died in the past year (and also prior to that) to attend a service of remembrance and healing.

Messy Church - The next MC will be in Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday 13 November at 4pm. Theme is 'Remembrance'.

Stewardship Packs - Please make sure you take home a stewardship pack. It would be of great help to our work if everyone simply reviewed how much they give and/or how they can help support God's work in our benefice.

Paradise Run - The next run is on Sat, 5 November. Please take food to Sylvia (114, Pencisely Rd.) or to Diana (23, Greenfield Ave.) between 6-7 on the day. If you'd like to know more about this way of helping to feed the homeless in Cardiff, get in touch with Diana (07754179373).

Episcopal Election - We pray this week for the Electoral College of the Church in Wales as it meets in St David's Cathedral to elect a new Bishop for that Diocese. Fr Mark is a member of the College and will be in St David's for the Election.

Benefice Magazine - Copies of the latest edition are now available at the back of our churches.

St Catherine's Notes:

Thank You to Chris Moss for supplying filing cabinet for use in the priests' vestry

Churchyard Trees - Offprints of an article in this month's magazine. Thanks to those who have already given financially.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 26 November starting at 2pm. We need donations of bottles, gifts, craft items, cakes etc. Most of all we need you and as many friends that you can bring. Please keep the date free and take a poster to advertise the event.

Hall Bookings - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email Bev on hall.stcatherines@gmail.com.

Midweek Services: *Requiem Holy Eucharist for All Souls this Wednesday at 11:00 am*

St John's Notes:

Christmas Tree Festival - in St John's Church takes place from Friday 9 to Sunday 11 December. If you'd like to put up a tree, forms are now available in church.

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:

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

Midweek Services: *Requiem Mass for All Souls at 7:30 pm on Wed; Masses at 6pm on Friday; & 10:30 am on Saturday*

Recently Departed: Ralph Perkins

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

Sun 30 Tonyrefail w Gilfach Goch, Ruth Moverly (V); Bermuda; Richard Hooker; **All Saints' Benefice Together (St Cat's)**

Mon 31 Ynyshir, Paul Bigmore (V); Ilesa(Nigeria); **Catholic and Protestant Martyrs & Saints of the Reformation Era**

Tues 1 Ystradyfodwg, Haydn England-Simon (V); Ilesa South West (Nigeria);

Wed 2 Diocesan Board of Finance, Paul Marshall (chair); Indianapolis (USA); **All Souls' Day;**

Thur 3 Archdeaconry of Llandaff, Ven. Peggy Jackson; Iowa (USA); Saints, Martyrs, Confessors of our time;

Fri 4 Cardiff Deanery, Bob Capper (AD); Iran; **Saints and Martyrs of the Anglican Communion**

Sat 5 Cardiff, Dewi Sant, Dyfrig Lloyd; Irele Iskwuato, Nigeria; **St Cybi;**

Sun 6 Cardiff, St German w St Saviour; Lusitanian Church (Portugal); **Benefice Together Confirmation in St John's**

30 October 2016 – All Saints' Sunday

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 Daniel.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever – for ever and ever.'

Daniel 7.1-3,15-18

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

**R My mouth, O God, shall speak of wisdom
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

Alleluia. Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his maker;

let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

Let them praise his name in the dance;

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp. **R**

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;

let them be joyful on their beds. **R**

Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;
To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron;
to inflict on them the judgement decreed;
this is glory for all his faithful people. Alleluia. **R**

**R My mouth, O God, shall speak of wisdom
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1.11-23

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Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.’

Luke 6.20-31

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:

may we who have shared at this table

as strangers and pilgrims here on earth

be welcomed with all your saints

to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.