

# NEWSLETTER

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## Today's Hymns

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## Collect:

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Psalm Response:

## Gospel Acclamation:

St John's: N/A

St Luke's: N/A

*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.*



**Models of Faith.** Mary, the mother of Jesus, is often held up as the model of faith in her acceptance totally of God's will. Today the story of Thomas, and his doubts, is presented in the gospel. Bridget Nichols describes it: "Thomas provided a model of ordinary, manageable faith. He's a figure who makes it acceptable to have doubts, to need extra help, to come gradually to the great acknowledgement of Jesus". He is enabled by the Spirit to finally say "my Lord and my God". Today, we shall say the same.

## Second Sunday of Easter

St Catherine's - 10:30 Benefice Together Choral Eucharist;

St John's - No Services today

St Luke's - No Services today

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

## Today's Readings

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Psalm 150

1 Praise ye the Lord. \* O praise God in his / holy / temple; praise him in the / firma•ment / of his / power.

2 Praise him for his / mighty / acts; praise him according to / his ex-/ceding / greatness.

3 Praise him with the / sound • of the / trumpet; praise him up-/on the / lute and / harp.

4 Praise him with the / timbrels • and / dances; praise him up-/on the / strings and / pipe.

5 Praise him upon the re-/sounding / cymbals; praise him up-/on the / loud / cymbals.

6 Let everything that hath breath / praise the / Lord; O / praise / ye the / Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son: and / to the / Holy / Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and / ever / shall be; world without / end / A-a—men.

**Next week's readings:** Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelations 5;11-14; John 21:1-19

## Benefice Notes:

**Today is Benefice Together** - Please note there is no other service in the Benefice

today apart from the 10:30 at St Catherine's. Services as normal next Sunday.

- Messy Church Planning Meeting** - This afternoon in St John's at 5:15pm. April's MC is next Sunday at 4 pm in St John's
- Benefice Magazine** - Copies of the Spring Edition of the Benefice Magazine are now available at the back of our churches.
- Llandaff Diocesan Clergy School** - Please note that the clergy of the diocese will be in Oxford from 11-14 April. There will be no week day services in the benefice from Monday to Thursday as a consequence. From Friday, services as normal.
- Mothers' Union** - Canton Benefice Mothers' Union are holding a coffee morning in St Catherine's Church Hall on Saturday 9 April 10am - 12noon to raise funds for the holiday caravan in Porthcawl. Admission £1 various stalls.
- Confirmation Programme 2016** - There will be a information and registering meeting in St John's on Sunday 24 April at 3:15. If you would like to be confirmed this year please contact the clergy for details.
- Youth Club** - The Youth Club has stopped now for the Easter break. It resumes on Friday 15 April from 7-9pm. We are still in need of leaders and helpers to help make our club sustainable and safe for the future. Please contact Fr Phelim.
- Newsletter Email** - If you'd like an email copy of the newsletter and readings please ask Sheila on [mgsmkelly1@gmail.com](mailto:mgsmkelly1@gmail.com)
- Meetings and PCC** - The next PCC meeting is on Sunday 17 April in St John's at 7pm. Pastoral Care Meeting is on Tuesday 19 April in St John's at 7:30 pm. Youth Team Meeting at the Vicarage on Thursday 21 April at 7:30 pm. The Easter Vestry will be on Wednesday 27 April at St Luke's.
- Newsletter items** - any items for inclusion in the newsletter please send to Linsay Jones [linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com). Space is always limited so keeping it brief avoids us editing your message.

## St Catherine's Notes:

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- Bookings** - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email [hall.stcatherines@gmail.com](mailto:hall.stcatherines@gmail.com).
- Brownies and Guides** - New leaders needed. For details contact Clare: 07787 225766 or [clare@teulubevan.plus.com](mailto:clare@teulubevan.plus.com) or take one of the flyers detailing what is involved from the back of the Church.
- No Midweek Eucharist** this week and next week due to clergy holidays and clergy school in Oxford
- Midweek Services:** Holy Eucharist at 11:00 am on Wednesdays

## St John's Notes:

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- Church Booking** - To book the church please contact the clergy. For concerts contact Gill Winton (see website).
- Summer Fair** - Advance notice: this year the fair is on Sat 2 July. The usual help is needed. Contact the wardens for details.
- Midweek Services:** Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am on Thursdays;

## St Luke's Notes:

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- Hall Bookings** - To book the Hall please contact Jackie or Haydn Page on 029 2091 3808 [haydnpage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:haydnpage@hotmail.co.uk)
- No Masses** on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and next week due to clergy holidays and clergy school in Oxford

**Recently Departed:** Jean Parsons, Arthur Payne, Sheila Richards, Agnes Coombs, Dorothy Brookman

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

- Sun 3** Llansantffraid Bettwys & Aberkenfig, Stephen Pare (PinC); Province of Indian Ocean; **Benefice Together (St Cat's)**
- Mon 4** Newcastle, David Lloyd (V); Bukuru, Nigeria;
- Tues 5** Troedrhigarth, Chris Reaney (PinC); Bunbury, Australia;
- Wed 6** Dept for Children and diocesan children's officers; Bungoma, Kenya;
- Thur 7** Margam Deanery, Philip Masson (AD); Bunyoro-Kitara, Uganda; **St Brynach;**
- Fri 8** RB Aberavon, Nigel Cahill (TR), Ben Rabjohns (TV), Jane Sennett (NSM), Rhun ap Robert (C); Busan, Korea;
- Sat 9** Baglan, Stephen Jenkyns (PinC), Elaine Jenkyns (C); Busogo, Uganda; **Dietrich Bonhoeffer;**
- Sun 10** Cwmafan, Elaine Jenkyns (PinC), Stephen Jenkyns (C); Church of Ireland; **Easter 3**

## 3 April 2016 – Second Sunday of Easter

### Collect of the Day

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### First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, ‘We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.’ But Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.’

*Acts 5.27-32*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Psalm 150*

**R Praise God in his holy temple.**

Alleluia!

Praise God in his holy temple;  
praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts;  
praise him for his excellent greatness. **R**

Praise him with the blast of the ram’s-horn;  
praise him with lyre and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe. **R**

Praise him with resounding cymbals;  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath  
praise the Lord. Alleluia! **R**

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### Second Reading

A reading from the book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Revelation 1.4-8*

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## **Gospel**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*John 20.19-31*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**