

NEWSLETTER

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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Psalm Response:

In his time shall the righteous flourish".

Gospel Acclamation:

St John's: **Alleluia ...**

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

St Luke's: **Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; keep watch, take heart.**

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.



Our readings this Sunday encourage us to look towards the future with hope and joy. Yet, there are always obstacles that prevent us from this true celebration of joy. Thus, we need to take time in prayer to consider again the importance of the events we celebrate during Advent and Christmas. Sometimes illness is what prevents us from approaching God with Joy. Likewise, Sin holds us back. Spiritual preparation is the reason for our healing service this evening in St Luke's. If you are able and willing please join us this evening at 6pm.

Advent 2 -

Preparing Spiritually

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; **6pm Advent Healing Service**

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

Today's Readings

Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7,18-19; Rom. 15.4-13; Matt 3.1-12;

1 Give the king your / judgements, O / God : and your righteousness / to the / son of a / king. 2 Then shall he judge your / people / righteously : and your / poor / with / justice. 3 May the mountains / bring forth / peace : and the little hills / righteousness / for the / people. 4 May he defend the poor a/mong the / people : deliver the children of the / needy and / crush • the op/pressor. 5 May he live as long as the sun and / moon endure : from one gene/ration / to an/other. 6 May he come down like rain upon the / mown / grass : like the / showers that / water the / earth. 7 In his time shall / righteousness / flourish : and abundance of peace till the / moon shall / be no / more. 18 Blessed be the Lord, the / God of / Israel : who a/lone does / wonderful / things. 19 And blessed be his glorious / name for / ever : may all the earth be filled with his glory. / Amen. / A-men.

Next week's readings: Isaiah 25:1-1-; Luke 1:47-55; James 5:7-10; Matt 11: 2-11

Benefice Notes:

Messy Christmas - Next Sunday 11 Dec at 4pm we will celebrate Messy Christmas in St John's. Please consider becoming a volunteer to help with our Messy Church.

Newsletter items - any items for the newsletter please send to Linsay Jones linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com. For an email copy ask Sheila on mgsmkelly1@gmail.com

Holy Communion - From the first Sunday of Advent 2016 it is permitted for those who are baptised to receive Holy Communion. We will have a renewed focus on the meaning and practice of celebrating the Eucharist in the coming months. Part of that will be special teaching for children aged 7 and over beginning in January 2017 and culminating in a celebration of first Communion at Candlemas to take place in

each of our churches (5 Feb 2017).

Cardiff Churches Night Shelter - If you'd like to exercise practical Christianity in helping the homeless please come along to our nightshelter training and induction talk at Calvary Baptist Church tomorrow evening Mon 5 December 6:30-8pm.

Advent course now running at St Johns on Thursdays from 7-9. "Someone To Believe In" is a series of reflections based around the festive film Miracle on 34th Street. All welcome! Contact Andrew Sims please note new number (02920215472).

Healing and Wholeness for Advent - There'll be a special healing service this evening at St Luke's at 6pm. This is a new service when members of our neighbouring parishes will also be involved. All are welcome and in need of healing.

Flowers for Christmas: Donations towards the cost of flowers for Christmas 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 Club Games Night - From Jan 2017 the Canton Churches Youth Club returns to St Catherine's hall on Friday evenings from 7-8:30pm. It is open to children in school years 5 and 6. For more details ask Fr Phelim or Sarah Burton.

Youth Team Meeting - Friday 9 December at 7:30 in the vicarage. Contact Fr Phelim for details.

St Catherine's Notes:

Vestments - Some of our vestments are in need of renewal and we are hoping to do this in the new year. If you would like to make a contribution towards new vestments for the clergy and servers please contact the wardens or clergy.

Christmas Lessons and Carols - Please join us on Sunday 18 December at 4:30 pm in St Catherine's for a service of 9 lessons and carols. The lessons are short Bible readings that tell the story of our salvation from the fall of humanity to the birth of Jesus our Saviour. Carols are sung between the readings. Refreshments will follow afterwards in the hall.

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

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

St John's Notes:

Christmas Tree Festival - in St John's from Fri 9 to Sun 11 Dec. If you'd like to put up a tree, forms are available in church.

Prize draw ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets to be returned by today to the wardens, Jean Williams or Elaine H.

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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:

Elizabeth Singers - an evening of Christmas music with carols and refreshments on Tuesday 20 December at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in aid of the St Luke's Centenary building projects.

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

Midweek Services: Mass at 10:00 am on Wed; Masses at 6pm on Friday; & 10:30 am on Saturday

Recently Departed: Rhona Hannigan, Gethin Abraham Williams, Angela Brown

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

Sun 4 RB Barry, Ben Andrews (R), Kevin Lake (V), Robert Parrish (V), Christ Seaton (C); **Advent 2; 6pm Healing Service**

Mon 5 Cadoxton Juxta Barry, Ben Andrews (TR); Karnatka (India)

Tues 6 Merthyr Dylan, Robert Parish (TV); Kasai (Congo); **St Nicholas;**

Wed 7 St Padarn's Institute, Dr Jeremy Duff and all the staff and students; Katakwa (Kenya); **St Ambrose**

Thur 8 Penarth All Saints, Peter Cox (V), Sandra Birdsall (C); Katsina (Nigeria); **St Cynidr**

Fri 9 Penarth and Llandough, Mark Jones (R), Sandra Birdsall (C); Keewatin (Canada)

Sat 10 Penmark w Llancafarn w Llantrithyd, Derke Belcher, Melanie Prince; Kentucky (USA); ;

Sun 11 Porthkerry and Rhoose, Melanie Prince (PinC); Derek Belcher (AP); Kericho (Kenya); **Advent 3 Gaudete 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)

Collect of the Day

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him,
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Isaiah 11.1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72.1-7,18-19

R In his time shall the righteous flourish.

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness. **R**

He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another. **R**

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more. **R**

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds!
And blessed be his glorious name for ever!
And may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen. **R**
R In his time shall the righteous flourish.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name’;

and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

and again,

‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him’;

and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15.4-13

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.”’

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

Matthew 3.1-12

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.