

# NEWSLETTER

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## Today's Hymns

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## Collect:

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Psalm Response:

The Lord is king, most high over all the earth.

## Gospel Acclamation:

St John's:

Alleluia ...

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

St Luke's: Alleluia, alleluia, opening our hearts to him, singing alleluia, alleluia Jesus is our king.

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.



**May they be one** - Praying for unity and harmony within the church is an ongoing task. Sometimes, the unity that exists between and among Christians is often overlooked when conflict or diversity of opinion and viewpoint come to the fore. Yet, what does Jesus mean by being 'one'? Uniformity is mostly ruled out nowadays. Instead, exploring how we can be both one and, at the same time, enjoy a rich diversity of life and expression of faith is an enduring mystery that can enrich our lives of faith. Our goal is unity in the midst of diversity.

## 7th Sunday of Easter - Sunday after Ascension Day

St Catherine's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 10:30 All Age Eucharist;

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

St Luke's - 10:30 Sung Mass;

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

## Today's Readings

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Rev 22:12-21; John 17:20-26

- 1 The Lord is King, \* let the earth be / glad there-/of: Yea let the multitude of the / isles be / glad there-/of. 2 Clouds and darkness are / round a-/bout him: righteousness and judgement are the foun-/dation / of his / throne.
- 3 There goeth a / fire be-/fore him: and burneth up his / enemies • on / every / side.
- 4 His lightnings give shine / unto • the / world: the earth / seeth • it / and • is a-/fraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the / presence • of the / Lord: at the presence of the / Lord • of the / whole / earth. 6 The heavens de-/clare his / righteousness: and all the / peoples / see his / glory. 7 "Confounded be all they that worship carved images, \* and that delight in / vain / gods: "bow down be-/fore him / all ye / gods. 8 Zion heard of it and rejoiced, \* and the cities of / Judah • were / glad: be-/cause of • thy / judgements • O / Lord.
- 9 For thou Lord art most high over / all the / earth: thou art exalted / far a-/bove all / gods.
- 10 The Lord loveth / them that • hate / evil: "he preserveth the lives of his servants, \* and shall deliver them from the / hand of / the un-/godly."
- 11 There is sprung up a / light • for the / righteous: and joyful gladness for / such • as are / true of / heart. 12 Rejoice in the / Lord ye / righteous: and give thanks at the re-/membrance / of his / holiness..

Next week's readings: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

## Benefice Notes:

**Messy Church** - May's Messy Church is in Calvary Baptist Church at 4:00 pm today. Theme: story of Hannah, mother of Samuel.

**Confirmation Programme 2016** - The confirmation ceremony is on 20 November. Adult programme details will be published soon. The next confirmation meeting is

next Sat 14 May at 11:30 in the Vicarage. Forms available online.

**Youth Club** - The Youth Club is open to children in year 6 and upwards from 7-9pm on Mondays and Fridays (see website).

**Youth Club Disco** - 20 May from 7-9 pm in St Catherine's Hall. Young people from school year 6 plus are welcome.

**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)

**Churches Together in Canton** - There will be a service for Christian Unity on Sunday 22 May at 6pm in Canton Uniting Church. Jeremy Tremeer from Cardiff Seventh Day Adventist Church will be preaching. No Explore that evening.

**Home Group** - bible study group, looking at the Sunday gospel readings, meets every Thurs in St John's 7-9pm. For more details contact Andrew Sims: 02920 344641 [maxsimsim@hotmail.com](mailto:maxsimsim@hotmail.com)

**Mothers' Union** 16 May in St Catherine's Hall at 2pm. Mr Paul Gregory a retired postman will be giving a talk about his life.

**Christian Aid Breakfast** Many thanks to all who prepared and helped at yesterdays breakfast. It was a wonderful occasion.

**Eurovision Party** on Saturday 14 May from 6-8pm at St John's. 6pm for kids disco 8pm for #BigScreen LOLz for grownups!

#BringAndShare buffet #FancyDress #Bar.

## St Catherine's Notes:

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

**Summer Fair** - 25 June. Advance notice that the usual help is needed. More details soon

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

## St John's Notes:

**Eucharist Settings Consultation** - Since 2014 we've added the Alonso and Rizza settings for the 9:15 Sung Eucharist and we would like to add one more. Please see our website for the shortlist of the new musical offerings and let David Morgan or the clergy know your order of preference.

**Ty Bronna** - this month's collection for Ty Bronna is cereals.

**Church Booking** - To book the church please contact the clergy. For concerts contact Gill Winton (see website).

**Midweek Services:** Holy Eucharist on Thursdays at 10:30

## St Luke's Notes:

**Serving Team** Training for new members of the serving team begins next week at 10:00 am in the Church. All are welcome.

**Sparkling Afternoon Tea** - Sat 18 June in the hall from 3:30 pm for the Queen's 90th birthday. A glass of prosecco will add to the fayre. Ticket £6.50 from Margaret Williams, Sue Bainton or the churchwardens.

**Photo group** with Paul Jones will start on Monday 16th May in St Luke's from 7 -9pm. £5 per session.

**Women's Group** - Thurs 12 May Zoe McParlin will give a talk entitled 'Understanding Back Pain' Park View Café 7.30pm

**St Luke's Sunday School** - there will be a Cake Sale after the Mass in support of Christian Aid on Sunday 15 May.

**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)

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

**Recently Departed:** Alex Baker, Anthony Walton, Stephen Barton, Lilian Blake

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

**Sun 8** Dewlaps & Penydarren; Anglican Church of Korea; **Easter 7 (Sunday after Ascension)**

**Mon 9** Merthyr Tydfil- Christ church Martyn Perry (PinC); Central Tanganyika - (Tanzania); **Gregory of Nazianzus;**

**Tues 10** Merthyr Tydfil - St David and Abercanaid, Mark Prevett (PinC) Tom Bates (C); Central Zambia;

**Wed 11** Retreat Houses and Diocesan Promoter of Retreats: Colin Sutton; Central Zimbabwe;

**Thur 12** Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog & Llanfabon; Chandigarh - (North India); **Sts Nereus, Achilleus, Pancras (Martyrs)**

**Fri 13** Troedyrhiw w Merthyr Vale, Stephen Barnes (V); Chelmsford;

**Sat 14** Bargoed & Deri w Brithdir, Jonathan Widdess (PinC); Maras (South India); **St Matthew, Apostle;**

**Sun 15** RB of Eglwysilan & Caerphilly Mark Greenway-Robbins (R), Gareth Coombes (TV), Susan Pratten (C); Melanesia

**8 May 2016 – Seventh Sunday of Easter****Collect of the Day**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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.

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*Acts 16.16-34*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 97*

**R The Lord is king, most high over all the earth.**

The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice;

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him,

righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

A fire goes before him  
and burns up his enemies on every side.     **R**

His lightnings lit up the world;  
the earth sees it and is afraid.  
The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.  
The heavens declare his righteousness,  
and all the peoples see his glory.     **R**

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!  
Bow down before him, all you gods.  
Zion hears and is glad and the cities of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgements, O Lord.  
For you are the Lord: most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.     **R**

The Lord loves those who hate evil;  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.     **R**

Light has sprung up for the righteous,  
and joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.  
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name.     **R**  
**R     The Lord is king, most high over all the earth.**

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: ‘See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

‘It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’ The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!  
The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

*Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21*

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.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

*John 17.20-26*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.