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Today's Hymns

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Collect:

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Psalm Response:

Come, children, and listen to me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

St John's:
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory, praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

St Luke's:
Silent Surrendered Calm and Still
(see hymn 941)

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.

A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Thank you God for the love of our mothers;
thank you God for their care and concern;
thank you God for the joys
they have shared with us;
thank you God for the pains
they have borne for us;
thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Why is Lent 4 called Mothering Sunday? Lent 4 was traditionally Laetare Sunday, when the rigours of lent were given over to rejoicing (and rose coloured vestments can be used). This was a good time for people to visit their mother church or mother cathedral. People brought gifts with them, e.g., Simnel Cakes. For us, we are called to give thanks for mothers everywhere but also to cast our minds on our Mother Church, the heavenly Jerusalem, where we shall be close to the greatest gift of all, the Risen Christ.

4th Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

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; **6:00 pm Benediction**

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

Today's Readings

1 Samuel 1.20-28, Psalm 34.11-20, 2 Corinthians 1.3-7, Luke 2.33-35

Psalm 34 vv11-20

- 11 Come ye children and hearken / unto / me: I will / teach • you the / fear • of the / Lord.
- 12 What man is he that de-/lighteth • to / live: and would fain see / long life / and pros-/perity?
- 13 Keep thy / tongue from / evil: and thy / lips • that they / speak no / guile.
- 14 Depart from evil / and do / good: seek / peace / and pur-/sue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are / over • the / righteous: and his ears are / open / unto • their / prayers.
- 16 The countenance of the Lord is against / them that • do / evil: to root out the remembrance / of them / from the / earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the / Lord / heareth them: and delivereth them / out of / all their / troubles.
- 18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are / broken • in / heart: and will save / such • as be / bruised in / spirit.
- 19 Great are the / troubles • of the / righteous: but the Lord de-/livereth • him / out of / all.
- 20 He keepeth / all his / bones: so that not / one of / them is / broken.

Next week's readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4-14; John 12:1-8

Benefice Notes:

Sunday Schools / Club - Only adults who have been through our safeguarding procedure and been cleared by the DBS and the Church in Wales are able to attend our Sunday Schools or club. For more details on this contact the clergy.

Messy Church - The next Messy Church is 13 March at 4:00pm in St John's. The theme will look at 'Easter and Springtime'. We are still in need of volunteers to help with the activities. Contact Fr Phelim.

Choral Evensong - There will be a special choral evensong in St Catherine's Church on Palm Sunday beginning at 6:00 pm. This could be a wonderful way for us to begin our Holy Week devotions as we focus deeply on the Passion of Jesus.

Holy Week is not far away and we will have our usual evening devotions to help us enter this important time of prayer.

Confirmation Programme 2016 - This year's confirmation programme of classes, discussion groups and worship services will be launched soon. If you would like to be confirmed this year please contact the clergy for details.

Youth Club - The programme of activities and trips up until the May half term is now available to see on our website. We are still in need of leaders and helpers to help make our club sustainable and safe for the future. Please contact Fr Phelim.

Living Faith Study Group - Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in St John's. For info: Andrew Sims maxsims@hotmail.com 029 2034 4641

Lent Course Thursdays 7-9pm. Theme: Life Balance- a 5 week course in rest, work & play. These rich, practical explorations of new Sabbath principles can help us re-order our time, refocus our priorities and refresh our spirits.

Newsletter Email - If you'd like an email copy of the newsletter and readings please ask Sheila on mgsmkelly1@gmail.com

Newsletter items - any items for inclusion in the newsletter please send to Linsay Jones linsaycoolhouse@hotmail.com .

Space is always limited so keeping it brief avoids us editing your message.

St Catherine's Notes:

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

Brownies and Guides - New leaders needed. For details contact Clare: 07787 225766 or clare@teulubevan.plus.com

Choir Members Needed - 'We are in need of some new members to join the choir - adults and children. If you like singing then come and join us - no musical knowledge needed just an in-tune voice; help/training will be given. Our church has a long history of choral singing and we would like to maintain this for the future. Contact Colin, the choir master.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist at 11:00 am on Wednesday.

St John's Notes:

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

Lent Lunches in St John's have now begun and will continue for the duration of the season of Lent.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am on Thursday.

St Luke's Notes:

Easter Flowers - All donations to help with the cost of our Easter Flowers would be most welcome. Please see Brenda.

Hall Bookings - To book the Hall please contact Jackie or Haydn Page on 029 2091 3808 haydnpage@hotmail.co.uk

Midweek Services: Masses at 10:00 am on Tues and Wed; Fri at 6:30 pm; and 10:30 am on Saturday.

Recently Departed: Jessie Wells, Baby James Edgar Jones;

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

Sun 6 Pentyrch w Capel Llanilterne, Michael John (V); Church of England;

Mon 7 Radyr, Jenny Wigley (R); Bauchi, Nigeria; **Sts Perpetua, Felicity and Companions (martyrs)**

Tues 8 St Fagan & Michaelston-super-Ely, Peggy Jackson (PinC); Belize

Wed 9 The Diocesan Registrar; Bendigo, Australia

Thur 10 Tonwynglais, Zoe King (Pin C); Benin, Nigeria;

Fri 11 RB of Whitchurch John Rowlands (R), Peter Mortimer (TV), Marja Flips (TV), Jonathan Wright (C); Bethlehem USA

Sat 12 Penarth & Barry Deanery, Peter Cox (AD); Bhopal, India

Sun 13 Barry All Saints, Kevin Lake (PinC); Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; Lent V, **Passion Sunday;**

6 March 2016 – Mothering Sunday**Collect of the Day**

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First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, ‘I have asked him of the LORD.’

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, ‘As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.’ Her husband Elkanah said to her, ‘Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the LORD establish his word.’ So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, ‘Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.’ She left him there for the LORD.

1 Samuel 1.20-28

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34.11-20

R Come, children, and listen to me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Come, children, and listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who among you loves life

and desires long life to enjoy prosperity? **R**

Keep your tongue from evil-speaking
and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil and do good;

seek peace and pursue it. **R**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. **R**

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those whose spirits are crushed. **R**

Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
He will keep safe all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken. **R**

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Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

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.

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Luke 2.33-35

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.