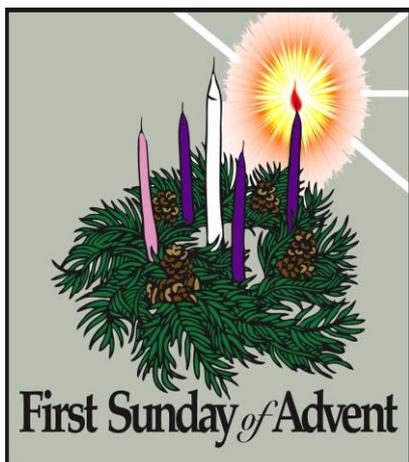


NEWSLETTER

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Advent Sunday

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church's year. Today we begin the season of anticipation and preparation for the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.



Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

Isaiah recalls how God has been revealed to the people. He regrets that God's people have turned away and begs God for forgiveness.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul rejoices that the people of Corinth have been given the gifts and strength they need as they wait for the second coming.

Gospel Mark 13:24-end

Jesus tells his followers to be on the lookout for signs that the second coming is near, and to be prepared at all times.

St Catherine's: 10.30 am Said Eucharist with Fr Keith Kimber
5pm Advent Candle Service

St John's: 8.00 am Holy Eucharist; 9.00 am Sung Eucharist for All Ages
Today's Hymns: see booklet

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass with Fr Chris Lee
Today's Hymns: 480, 702, 381, 405
Psalm response: Restore us O Lord of Hosts! Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.
Gospel Acclamation: Wait for the Lord whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, keep watch take heart.

Newsletter: for any items to be included in this newsletter please email Sue Jones (office@beneficeofcanton.org.uk) Deadline is 12 noon on Fridays. For an email copy of the newsletter please contact Sheila at mgsmkelly1@gmail.com

Cardiff Night Shelter – the Benefice is again planning to support the work of the Cardiff Churches Night Shelter every Thursday night / Friday morning at Calvary Baptist Church on Cowbridge Road and we are keen to encourage more volunteers to join us. We have a particular need on the Breakfast Shift! We provide dinner, bed and breakfast in a warm, safe environment to homeless people during the cold winter months from the week commencing 18 December (our first night would be 21/22 December) usually through until mid-end March. The newsletter from last year can be accessed via the link <http://www.cantonchurches.org.uk/night-shelter.html> to give you some understanding but if you are interested in learning more, please contact Fiona Robinson (St Catherine's Church) on 07957 104356 or fiona.robinson@tesco.net

November/December Diary: a list of events and services for November and December is available on purple sheets at the back of church. Please ask the churchwardens if you haven't had one.

The Chimes: This Christmas, a new musical production of *The Chimes*, inspired by the biting wit and moral outrage of Dickens's 1844 novel, and prompted by the harsh realities of poverty in 21st-century Britain, will be presented at St John's Church from 7 to 16 December. Directed and produced by Judith Roberts, written by David Willis and composed by Conor Linehan, and presented in partnership with Chapter Arts Centre, *The Chimes* brings together a cast of eight professional actors and an ensemble company from the homeless community in a dynamic new piece of music theatre, packed full of colourful characters and haunting melodies, which will touch your heart and fire your soul. Tickets available from Chapter Arts Centre.

St Catherine's Notes:

Hall Bookings: To book the Hall email Bev on hall.stcatherines@gmail.com.

St. Catherine's Church Tree Improvement Project is to be supported by the Coop Community Fund for eleven months from 12 November 2017. Promotional literature will be available in all three churches from 26 November.

Three new trees will be planted in St. Catherine's grounds on 5 December 2017

Advent Carols, Readings and Choral music, by candlelight, will take place on today at 5pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall

Collection Counting: Thank you to all the lovely people who have joined in the collection counting rota this year. As always, we need a few more volunteers for next year. It takes about 10 minutes and comes round once every two months after the Sunday morning service. If you are willing to help please email dianafletcher@hotmail.com. If you are already involved and can "bring a friend" (unrelated) that would be fantastic. If you need to drop out for any reason please also let Diana know. Thank you.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist - Wednesday at 11am

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna: We are collecting sweets and chocolates throughout December. Please leave in the box in church.

Thank you: a huge thanks to all who helped with the Christmas Tree Festival, especially the young families who came on Saturday. Tickets for the prize draw need to be in by 10th December so please return by then.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist Thursday 10.30 am. Please note this week we are in St Luke's

St Luke's Notes:

Elizabeth Singers: join us for a lunchtime recital of seasonal music from four centuries on Saturday 16th December at 1.00 pm. No tickets, but there will be a retiring collection for the local nightshelter. Festive refreshments will be served during the interval.

Midweek services: Said Mass Tuesday 10.00 am; Friday 6.00pm; Saturday 10.30am.

Recently Departed: Eileen Boots

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun Dec 3rd	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Roath: Canon Stewart Lisk (V)	<i>West Buganda - (Uganda)</i>
Mon Dec 4th	Roath, St. Martin: Irving Hamer (V)	<i>South East Asia & West Malaysia</i>
Tues Dec 5th	DEANERY OF LLANDAFF Area Dean: Michael John	<i>York, England</i>
Weds Dec 6th	Diocesan Safeguarding Team	<i>Bendel, Nigeria</i>
Thurs Dec 7 th	Caerau and Ely: Jesse Smith (V)	<i>Western Massachusetts</i>
Fri Dec 8th	Fairwater: Colin Sutton (V)	<i>Western Michigan</i>
Sat Dec 9th	Glan Ely: Jan Gould (PinC)	<i>Western Newfoundland - (Canada)</i>