

NEWSLETTER

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All Saints' Sunday

Although All Saints' Day falls on the First of November, the importance of the Feast is such that the Church Calendar allocates a Sunday for our celebrations. Today then is All Saints' Sunday, when we remember all faithful Christians who have gone before us but are no longer with us. They rest now in God's love and not even death can separate them from our heavenly Father. We, too, can rejoice in this love, knowing that God is with us in all circumstances. Today we remember not just the 'big' and famous Saints, known by everyone but ordinary Christians who have simply 'kept the faith' and enabled the Church to survive for 2000 years.



Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Today's Readings

First Reading Revelation 7:9-end

John's vision of heaven contains people from every country. They are rejoicing, for their sins are washed away and their suffering has ended.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

God's love for us is so great that we are already considered children of God, even though we are not yet the people we should be.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus ascends a mountain to deliver a great body of teaching. He begins with some surprising statements about who is blessed.

St Catherine's: 10.30 am Sung Eucharist with Fr Chris Lee

Today's Hymns: 149, 497, 67, 178

St John's: 8.00am Holy Eucharist; 9.00 am Sung Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 37, 177, 755

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass

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Psalm response: Those who trust in Him will understand truth and the faithful will abide with Him in love

Gospel Acclamation: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love

6.00 pm: All Souls' Memorial Service: we will remember those who have died during the past 12 months during this service. Please come along and support those who are bereaved.

Psalm 34: 1 – 10

- 1 I will always give thanks / unto • the / Lord: his praise shall / ever • be / in my / mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her / boast • in the / Lord: the humble shall / hear there-/of • and be / glad.
- 3 O praise the / Lord with / me: and let us / magnify • his / name to-/gether.
- 4 I sought the Lord / and he / heard me: yea he delivered me / out of / all my / fears.
- 5 They looked unto him and were / made / glad: and their / faces • were / not a-/shamed.
- 6 Here is a poor man who cried and the / Lord / heard him: yea and saved him / out of / all his / troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord dwelleth round about / them that / fear him: and delivereth / them in / time of / need.
- 8 O taste and see how / gracious • the / Lord is: blessèd is the / man that / trusteth • in / him.

9 O fear the Lord, * ye that / are his / servants: for / they that • fear / him lack / nothing.

10 They who trust not in him do lack and / suffer / hunger: but they who seek the Lord shall want no / manner • of / thing • that is / good.

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

Shoebox Appeal: leaflets are now available for the Samaritan Purse shoebox appeal. Please bring your shoeboxes to church by 14th November. More details from Ruth Honey 20553603.

Benefice Confirmation: Bishop June will be confirming candidates on Sunday 26th November, 10.30 am at St Luke's Church. This will be a Benefice Together Service.

St Catherine's Notes:

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

The Big Christmas Fair – to be held on Sat Nov 25th at 2pm. Please keep the date free and we are looking for stalls with a real Christmas spirit represented in the products ie gifts/cakes/bottles. Leaflets/posters will be available in church with a plan of the action. A major event for our parish helping to fund our building.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist - Wednesday at 11am

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna: We are collecting toiletries throughout November. Please leave in the box in church.

Christmas Tree Festival: our annual Christmas Tree Festival will be held from Friday 24th – Sunday 26th November. If you wish to contribute in any way – presenting a tree/manning a stall/helping with refreshments or on the door – please speak to Jean Williams.

Sunday Lunch: On the 12th November, Philippa Haughton will be cooking Sunday Lunch in St. John's in order to raise money for Tearfund. Lunch will be stew, veg and potatoes, and a hot pudding for a suggested donation of £5-£10. Please email philippa.haughton@gmail.com if you'd like to come along - or sign up in church. We'll be sitting down to eat at 12.30.

Sunday School: From November, Sunday school will now be available at St John's on the first, third and fourth Sundays of every month (except during school holidays). Thank you to the volunteers who have come forward recently, allowing us to increase our provision. New volunteers are always welcome - please speak to one of the Sunday school team if you'd like to know more.

Mothers' Union: Monday 6th November in St. John's Church at 2pm Brother Dominic will be giving a talk. Come and join us

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist Thursday 10.30 am.

St Luke's Notes:

Christmas Afternoon Tea: come along to enjoy an afternoon of festive delights with a high tea at St Luke's Hall on Saturday 9th December at 3.00pm. There will be a chance to buy Christmas goodies and to enjoy Christmas music as you tuck into your afternoon tea. Tickets include a glass of prosecco and a savoury and sweet Christmas tea. Tickets £7 from Sue B, Margaret and Lynda.

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

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun Nov 5 th	ALL SAINTS Llantrisant; Canon Viv Parkinson (V)	<i>Trichy-Tanjore - (South India)</i>
Tues Nov 7 th	Deanery of Rhondda: Area Dean. Haydn England-Simon	<i>Trinidad & Tobago - (West Indies)</i>
Weds Nov 8 th	Department of World Mission Rev'd. Christopher Reaney	<i>Peterborough - (Canterbury, England)</i>
Thur Nov 9 th	Dinas and Penygraig	<i>Armagh, Ireland</i>
Fri Nov 10 th	Pen Rhondda Fawr: Rhondda Fawr Ministry Area	<i>Upper Nile, South Sudan</i>
Sat Nov 11 th	Tonypany with Clydach Vale and Williamstown:	<i>Enugu, Nigeria</i>