

NEWSLETTER

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The First Sunday of Christmas

We come together this Christmas season to worship God and to give thanks for our new life and hope through the birth of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3

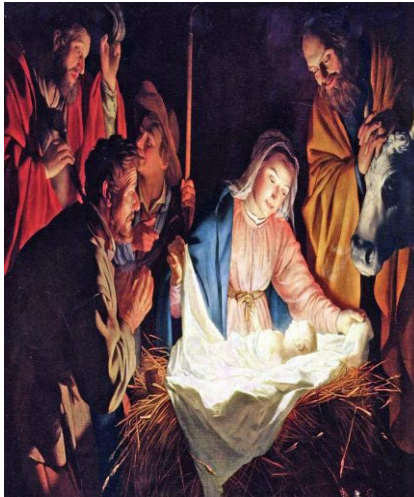
The prophet proclaims his vision of certain salvation and a great nation restored.

Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7

The Jews were slaves to the Law, but God sent Jesus to offer release from slavery.

Gospel Luke 2:15-21

News of Jesus' birth is given first to lowly shepherds, who travel to Bethlehem to see the saviour for themselves and then spread the good news.



St John's: 10.30 am Benefice Sung Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 36, 700, 370

There are no other services in the Benefice today.

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

Benefice Pastoral Assistant Training Beginning on 7th January at 5.00pm in St Luke's, we will be running a short training course for those interested in becoming lay pastoral assistants. This is an important ministry and you will be trained to visit the sick and housebound. If you have any questions, please speak to Fr Mark, Br Dominic, Samuel or Dylan or come along to the first evening.

Tree Improvement Project: Leaflets are available explaining how you can support this work at St Catherine's. Please take copies and share with family, friends, and work colleagues

There will be no services during the week Monday 1st – Saturday 6th January

Recently Departed: Gary Biggin; Holly Davies Timbrell; William Thomas; Ilona Powell; Bridget Osborne

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

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