

NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday of Epiphany

As we worship today, we think about how God calls people to meet Jesus and to spread the message of salvation and the coming of the kingdom. We give thanks that we have been called and pray for strength to pass the message on.



Collect of the Day

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

God calls the boy Samuel to be a prophet at a time when God seems far from Israel.

Second Reading Revelation 5:1-10

John sees in a vision that Jesus is the only person who can break the seals and reveal God's plan for the coming of the kingdom.

Gospel John 1:43-end

Jesus calls Philip, who calls Nathanael. They recognise Jesus as the long-awaited Son of God.

St Catherine's: 8.00 am Holy Eucharist; 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 16, 695, 144, 413

St John's: 9.00 am Sung Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 695, 332, 413

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass with Fr Richard Lowndes

Today's Hymns: 16, 37, 332

Psalm response: I will thank you because I am marvellously made.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (x4)

There are no evening services in the Benefice today.

Psalm 139: 1-10

1 O Lord thou hast searched me / out and / known me: thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising, * thou understandest my / thoughts / from a-/far.

2 Thou art ever about my path * and the places / where I / rest: and art ac-/quainted • with / all my / ways.

3 For lo there is not a / word • in my / mouth: but thou O Lord / knowest • it / alto-/gether.

4 Thou hast protected me be-/hind • and be-/fore: and hast / covered • me / with thine / hand.

†5 Such knowledge is too / wonder•ful / for me: so excellent that I / cannot • at-/tain / unto it.

6 Whither shall I go / from thy / spirit: or whither shall I / flee / from thy / presence?

7 If I climb up into heaven / thou art / there: if I make my bed in the grave / thou art / there / also.

8 If I fly on the / wings • of the / morning: or alight in the / utter•most / parts • of the / west,

9 Even there shall / thy hand / lead me: and / thy right / hand shall / hold me.

10 If I say * 'Surely the / darkness • shall / cover me: and my / day be / turned to / night',

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Benefice Pastoral Assistant Training we continue a short training course for those interested in becoming lay pastoral assistants this evening at 4.30pm in St John's. 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 this evening.

Sunday 21st January – There will be no Evensong on the 21st January because the PCC scheduled for that evening will run from 6.00pm – 8.00 pm. It will not on this occasion be preceded by Evensong. There will be a period of prayer and worship during the evening. The agenda will be devoted to a time of review, reflection and planning for the coming year. The focus will be on mission and ministry in the Benefice, especially thinking about how we can all play a part in ministry alongside the clergy and ordinands. If you would like to know more and feed some thoughts / ideas into the meeting please speak to Fr Mark, Br Dominic, Dylan or Samuel.

St Catherine's Notes:

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

Collection Counting: Thank you to all the 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 or if you wish to stop, please email dianafletcher@hotmail.com. Thank you.

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

Shrove Tuesday / Mardi Gras 13 February 2018. Supper, Disco, Licensed Bar, Entertainment, 7.30pm until 11.30pm in St Catherine's Hall. Further details and tickets priced at £7.50 will be available next Sunday 14 January in all three churches.

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna: We are collecting tins and packets of soup throughout January. Please leave in the box in church.

St John's Lunch: The first lunch of 2018 is on 26th January at 12 noon. All welcome.

Mothers Union 2pm St. John's Church - Afternoon Tea. N.B Subs are now due.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist Thursday 10.30 am.

St Luke's Notes:

Rotas: would you be interested in becoming more involved in church on a Sunday? If you would like to go on one of our rotas – reading the lessons and/or intercession, tea and refreshments or counting collection, please talk to one of the wardens and they will put your name forward. Thank you.

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

Recently Departed: Robert Searle, Pauline Lewis

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun Jan 14 th	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY Cwmafan: Elaine Jenkyns (PinC)	<i>The Anglican Church of Australia:</i>
Mon Jan 15 th	Kenfig Hill: Jonathan Durley (PinC)	<i>Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan</i>
Tues Jan 16 th	Margam: Edward Dowland-Owen (V)	<i>Ondo, Nigeria</i>
Weds Jan 17 th	St. Padarn's Institute: Dr. Jeffrey Duff the Principal, staff and those in training.	<i>Alabama</i>
Thurs Jan 18 th	Newton Nottage, Porthcawl: Canon Philip Masson (R)	<i>Alaska</i>
Fri Jan 19 th	Port Talbot, St. Theodore: Mark Williams (V)	<i>Ontario, Canada</i>
Sat Jan 20 th	Pyle & Kenfig: Dr. Duncan Walker (V)	<i>Amazon - (Brazil)</i>