

# NEWSLETTER

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## Epiphany

At Epiphany we rejoice that Jesus, the light of the world, has come among us. As once the magi journeyed to pay homage and bring gifts to the newborn king, so let us now bow down to him and offer him our lives.



### Collect of the Day

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah foretells restoration for those who are exiled. In the light of the Lord's presence, there will be a vast ingathering of God's people, accompanied by peace and prosperity.

#### Second Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

Paul reminds the Gentiles of his call to proclaim their inclusion as God's people. This hidden part of God's purposes is now revealed in Christ's saving work.

#### Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Eastern astrologers journey to worship Jesus, newborn king of the Jews. In Jerusalem, they encounter King Herod's fear and the Jewish leaders' indifference.

**St Catherine's:** 10.30 am Sung Eucharist with Fr Jesse Smith

**Today's Hymns:** 527, 552, 609, 332

**St John's:** 8.00 am Holy Eucharist; 9.00 am Sung Eucharist with Fr Jesse Smith

**Today's Hymns:** 552, 724, 49

**St Luke's:** 10:30 am Sung Mass; 6.00pm Benediction

**Today's Hymns:** 552, 152, 40, 49

**Psalm response:** Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia (x4)

### Psalm 72: 10-15

10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the / isles give / presents: the kings of Sheba and / Seba / bring their / gifts.

11 May all kings fall / down be-/fore him: and all / nations / do him / service.

12 For he shall deliver the / poor • when he / crieth: the needy also and / him that / hath no / helper.

13 He shall have pity upon the / lowly • and / poor: and shall pre-/serve the / lives • of the / needy.

14 He shall deliver them from op-/pression • and / violence: and dear shall their / blood be / in his / sight.

15 Long may he live, \* and may there be given unto him of the / gold of / Sheba: may prayer be made for him continually, \* and may men / bless him / every / day.

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

**Benefice Pastoral Assistant Training** Beginning this evening 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 this evening.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January** – There will be no Evensong on the 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Thank you** to all who supported our Christmas Fair. We raised £1366 and this was increased by another £1000 from Barclays Bank. Many thanks to them for their continued support.

**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:** Lona Powell, William Thomas, Robert Searle, Pauline Lewis

## Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b> Llanilid w Pencoed: Ian Hodges (V)	<i>The Anglican Church in New Zealand &amp; Polynesia</i>
Mon Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	Glyncorrwg and the Upper Afan Valley with Caerau St. Cynfelyn. Beverly Reaney (PinC)	<i>Enugu, Nigeria</i>
Tues Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	Llangynwyd w Maesteg: Geraldine Blyth (V)	<i>Agra - (North India)</i>
Weds Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	All Officers of the Diocese of Llandaff.	<i>Aguata - (Niger, Nigeria)</i>
<u>Fri Jan 12<sup>th</sup></u>	DEANERY OF MARGAM: Area Dean: Canon Philip Masson	<i>Ajayi Crowther -Nigeria</i>
<u>Sat Jan 13<sup>th</sup></u>	Baglan: Stephen Jenkyns (PinC)	<i>Akoko - (Ondo, Nigeria)</i>

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