

NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday of the Kingdom Season

As we come together in worship, let us bring to mind the gifts and opportunities we have been given by God. Let us remind ourselves that God is loving and generous and always wants the best from us and for us.



Collect for the day

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7. 12-18

The prophet announces that the day of the Lord is close. This will be a day when the Lord will execute judgement on all the earth, and for some there will be terrible punishment.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Paul likens the day of the Lord to a thief coming in the night. It will be sudden and there will be no escape from the consequences. However, unlike Zephaniah, Paul is able to soften the hard message of judgement with the hope of salvation through Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Large sums of money (talents) are left with three servants, with the clear expectation that they will invest the money profitably and wisely while their master is away. On the master's return there will be a reckoning.

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

Today's Hymns: 225, 282, 757, 108

St John's: 8.00 am Holy Eucharist; 9.00 am Sung Eucharist; 6.00pm Evensong

Today's Hymns: 565, 625, 108

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass

Today's Hymns: 565, 625, 646

Psalm response: Satisfy us by your loving kindness; so shall we rejoice and be glad

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (x4)

Psalm 90: 1-8, 12

- 1 Lord thou hast / been our / refuge: from one gener-/ation / to an-/other.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, * or ever the earth and the / world were / made: thou art God from ever-/lasting • and / world with-out / end.
- 3 Thou turnest man / back • to the / dust: yea thou sayest * 'Re-/turn ye / children • of / men.'
- 4 For a thousand years in thy sight / are • but as / yesterday: even as it / were a / day • that is / past.
- 5 As a night-watch that cometh quickly to an end thou / scatter•est / them: they are even as a / dream and / fade a-/way.
- 6 They are like the grass, which in the / morning • is / green: but in the / evening • is / dried • up and / withered.
- 7 For we consume away in / thy dis-/pleasure: and are afraid at thy / wrathful / indig-/nation.
- 8 Thou hast set our mis-/deeds be-/fore thee: and our secret / sins • in the / light of • thy / countenance.
- 12 So teach us to / number • our / days: that we may ap-/ply our / hearts • unto / wisdom.

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 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. Refreshments will be served after the service. Please stay to meet the Bishop and support our candidates.

PCC: the PCC will meet this evening at 6.30pm in St John's.

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

Ifamilycardiff: We're meeting today at St Cattwg's Pentyrch 3pm-5pm to work in sub-teams. The aim of the meeting is to be able to get a strong draft of the resettlement plan written during this session, so that we can submit the plan to the Home Office by the end of the month. You are welcome to attend if you can help with this valuable work.

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.

Bishop June is formally visiting the Deanery of Cardiff for the first time this Wednesday. All are welcome to join in a Deanery Eucharist at 10am at St Catwg's Church, Pentyrch and / or a Deanery Service at 6.00 pm at The Church of the Resurrection, Ely. The evening service will be a short reflective service with refreshments afterwards.

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.

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 Sunday 3rd December at 5pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall

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. Donations of unwanted gifts and cakes would be appreciated. Cake to be brought on the weekend of the festival please. Our partner schools – Radnor Primary and Kitchener Primary, will be joining us on Friday to entertain us with musical presentations. Please come along and support the children and their teachers. Radnor Primary will be in church at 11.00 am and Kitchener Primary at 1.00 pm.

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.

Sunday lunch: Thank you so much to everyone who came and shared lunch last Sunday, and especially to those who made puddings, and helped set up and clear away. We raised £230 for Tearfund and their International Citizens Service (ICS) scheme, which takes my total fundraising to a cool £1,000. Thank you for your support!

Mothers Union is on Monday 20th November in St. John's 2pm Mrs. Pat Turner will be talking about Trees

Samaritan Purse: shoeboxes must be in St John's for collection by 26th November.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist Thursday 10.30 am.

St Luke's Notes:

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

Recently Departed: Lloyd Ashment

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Sun Nov 19 th	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE KINGDOM DEANERY OF CARDIFF Area Dean: Canon Stewart Lisk	<i>Uyo - (Niger Delta, Nigeria)</i>
Mon Nov 20 th	Cardiff, Dewi Sant: Dyfrig Lloyd (V)	<i>Vanuatu - (Melanesia)</i>
Tues Nov 21 st	Cardiff, St. German with St. Saviour: Phelim O'Hare (PinC)	<i>Vellore - (South India)</i>
Weds Nov 22 nd	The Mission to Sea Farers – South Wales Ports	<i>Venezuela</i>
Thurs Nov 23 rd	Cardiff, St. Mary: Dean Atkins (V)	<i>Vermont</i>
Fri Nov 24 th	Cathays: Caroline Downs (PinC)	<i>Virgin Islands</i>
Sat Nov 25 th	Christ Church, Roath Park: Dr. Trystan Hughes (PinC)	<i>Virginia</i>