

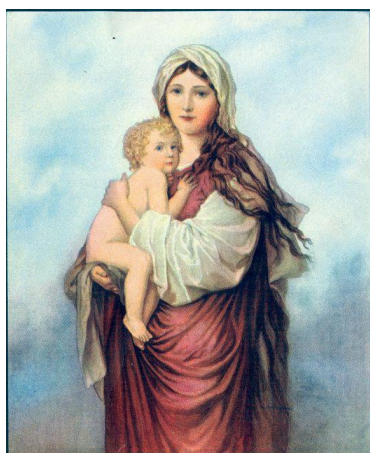
# NEWSLETTER

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## The Fourth Sunday of Lent

### *Mothering Sunday*

As Mary brings Jesus to the Temple she hears the words of Simeon and learns more of her child's destiny. Let us reflect on our own call to support those whom God has given us on their walk with God.



#### **Collect of the Day**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 1:20-end

Hannah has not borne any children and pleads with God to give her a child. She gives birth to Samuel and, once he is weaned, takes him to the Temple to serve with Eli.

**Second Reading** 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

**Gospel** Luke 2: 33-35

We are reminded that motherhood was not easy for Mary. She was young, inexperienced and unmarried. Her pregnancy was viewed with suspicion. Her baby was born far from home in difficult and dangerous surroundings. When she took her son to the temple, only days old, Simeon's prophecy for his future was both ominous and exciting. Jesus' childhood gave her cause for concern and in adulthood, it was clear that his life would become increasingly dangerous and he would be marginalised. Mary had to learn to put her own feelings to one side to support him in his mission. Finally, she suffered the worst thing that can happen to a mother, she had to watch her son die a tortured death.

**St Catherine's: 10.30 am Benefice Together Choral Eucharist for Mothering Sunday**

**Today's Hymns: 182, 605, 350, 25**

**There will be no other services in the Benefice today.**

#### **Psalm 34: 11 -20**

- 11 Come ye children and hearken / unto / me: I will / teach • you the / fear • of die / Lord.
- 12 What man is he that de-/lighteth • to / live: and would fain see / long life / and pros-/perity?
- 13 Keep thy / tongue from / evil: and thy / lips • that they / speak no / guile.
- 14 Depart from evil / and do / good: seek / peace / and pur-/sue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are / over • the / righteous: and his ears are / open / unto • their / prayers.
- 16 The countenance of the Lord is against / them that • do / evil: to root out the remembrance / of them / from the / earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the / Lord / heareth them: and delivereth them / out of / all their / troubles.
- 18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are / broken • in / heart: and will save / such • as be / bruised in / spirit.
- 19 Great are the / troubles • of the / righteous: but the Lord de-/livereth • him / out of / all.
- 20 He keepeth / all his / bones: so that not / one of / them is / broken.

**Next week's readings: Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8**

**Lent Talks 2019** Please find below details of the Diocesan Lent Reflections. Rev'd Emma will be attending all the sessions at St Dyfrig and St Samson Grangetown and is willing to give a lift to anybody who wishes to attend. Please talk to Rev'd Emma for more details.

Format: 20 minute act of worship; 30 minute Talk; 30 minute Q&A

3<sup>rd</sup> April Growing the Kingdom of God – The Ven Peggy Jackson; 10<sup>th</sup> April Building our capacity for good – The Ven M Komor.

**Canton Churches Together Lent Course 2019 - The Mystery Of God:** In 2019, our Lent course delves more deeply into the mystery of God, seeking to rediscover what it is that draws us so deeply in our search for God. We will follow Jesus through the Lenten readings, allowing him to draw us, in love and wonder, into the mystery of God's plan of salvation. Each session will start at 7pm;

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April Calvary Baptist Church rear hall ; Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church .

**PCC:** the PCC will meet on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm in St Catherine's.

**Holy Week and Easter Service:** please take the Holy Week leaflet which gives the times and venues for our Holy Week and Easter Services across the Benefice. Please ask a warden if you cannot locate one.

**Monday:** an evening with Amanda Mukwashi and Dr Rowan Williams at Ararat Baptist Church, Whitchurch 7.30pm. A Christian Aid talk.

**Festival of Prayer:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 am – 4.30pm – A day to explore Spirituality and Prayer. WELCOME, KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND EUCHARIST 10.00AM – 10.50AM By Bishop Richard of Monmouth at St Teilo's Church in Wales School followed by workshops throughout the day. Please ask Peter for information about booking.

## St Catherine's Notes:

**Hall Bookings:** for hall enquiries Bev can be contacted on [hall.stcatherines@beneficeofcanton.org.uk](mailto:hall.stcatherines@beneficeofcanton.org.uk)

**Advance notice:** Summer Fair on 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 2.30pm. Please keep this date in your diary.

**Midweek service: Holy Eucharist Wednesday 11.00 am**

## St John's Notes:

**Ty Bronna:** We are collecting gravy granules throughout April. Please leave in the box in church.

**Sunday School:** Sunday school is held on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month, except for school holidays. 2nd Sunday is Messy Church 5th Sunday is Benefice together service. **March dates:** 31st March – Benefice together service/Mothering Sunday – No Sunday school at St John's. **April:** 7th April – Sunday school; 14th April - Messy Church - no Sunday school; 21st & 28th April – Easter school holidays - No Sunday school

**Lent lunch:** come along to our Lent lunch every Friday throughout Lent at 12 noon.

**Mothers' Union:** Mothers' Union will meet in St. John's vestry at 2pm on Monday 1st April when Mrs. Jean Blunn will tell us about an Australian Wedding. All are welcome.

**Easter Flowers:** If you would like to make a donation for Easter flowers please give to Cynthia Fowler. Many thanks

**Midweek Service: Holy Eucharist Thursday 10.30 am**

## St Luke's Notes:

**Easter flowers:** If you would like to give a donation for Easter flowers, which make our church look so splendid at Eastertide, please see Brenda, Margaret Charles or Beryl. Many thanks

**Stations of the Cross:** on Fridays throughout Lent we will be walking the Stations of the Cross in place of Mass at 6.00pm on a Friday Evening. Come and follow the footsteps of our Lord, tracing the road to Calvary – pausing for prayer and reflection, then rejoicing in His resurrection.

**Midweek Masses: Said Mass Tuesday 10.00am; Stations of the Cross Friday 6.00 pm**

## Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	MOTHERING SUNDAY
	Llanishen: Michael Witcombe (V)	<i>Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean:</i>
Monday:	The Diocese of Missouri (The Episcopal Church)	The Parish of Caerau with Ely: The Rev'd Jesse Smith
Tuesday:	The Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney (Scotland)	The Parish of Cathays: The Rev'd Caroline Downs
Wednesday:	The Diocese of Wellington (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia)	Church Wardens across the Diocese
Thursday:	The Diocese of Wulu (South Sudan)	The Parish of Glan Ely: The Rev'd Jan Gould
Friday:	The Diocese of Seoul (South Korea)	The Benefice of Neath: The Rev'd Lynda Newman
Saturday:	The Diocese of Thika (Kenya)	The Parish of Sully: The Rev'd Jon Ormrod

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