

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday next before Lent

(Transfiguration Sunday)

As we gather today, knowing that we are approaching the season of Lent, we pause to glimpse God's glory revealed among us in scripture and sacrament. May God grant us a fresh vision of Christ's glory and transform our lives to make that glory known to others.

Collect of the Day

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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 2 Kings 2:1-12

The vision of Elijah being taken into heaven confirms his greatness, and also encourages Elisha in his calling, giving him confidence to begin his own powerful ministry as a prophet.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The glory of God is revealed in Jesus Christ, but this is only clear to those who have believed the Gospel.

Gospel Mark 9:2-9

Jesus' true nature and identity is revealed to a select group of disciples who are able – albeit only just – to recognise him for who he is.



St Catherine's: 8.00 am Holy Eucharist with Fr Keith Kimber; 10.30 am Sung Eucharist and baptism

Today's Hymns: 221, 86, 29, 590

St John's: 9.00 am Sung Eucharist; 12.30 pm Baptism; 4.00 pm Messy Church

Today's Hymns: 551, 67, 357

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass with Rev'd Dr Sarah Rogers

Today's Hymns: 551, 436, 67, 428

Psalm response: Our God will come and will not keep silence.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia Opening our hearts to Him singing Alleluia Alleluia Jesus is our King.

Psalm 50: 1-6

1 The Lord, even the most mighty / God, hath / spoken: and called the world, * from the rising up of the sun unto the / going / down there- / of.

2 Out of Zion, perfect / in her / beauty: hath / God shone / forth in / glory.

3 Our God shall come and shall / not keep / silence: there shall go before him a consuming fire, * and a mighty tempest shall be / stirred up / round a-/bout him.

4 He shall call to the / heaven a-/bove: and to the earth beneath, * that / he may / judge his / people.

5 'Gather my faithful together / unto / me: those that have made a / covenant • with / me with / sacrifice.'

6 And the heaven shall de-/clare his / righteousness: even that / God him-/self is / judge.

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 will meet again today at 4.30pm in St John's Vestry.

Ash Wednesday is on 14th February. There will be Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes in St John's at 10.30am and St Catherine's at 11.00am; Sung Mass and Imposition of Ashes in St Luke's at 7.30pm.

Messy Church: will meet today at 4.00 pm in St John's Church.

Lent Talks: Bishop June will be giving a series of Lent Talks in the Cathedral at 7.00 pm on Thursdays 22nd February, 1st, 8th and 15th March.

Tuesday devotions in Lent: starting on 20th February and weekly throughout Lent, from 1:30-2:15pm in St John's, Dylan will lead a short meditation on the seven last words of Christ from the cross with time for quiet reflection and prayer.

St Catherine's Notes:

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

Tree Improvement Project. Work will be done on a further five trees before the end of March. Information leaflets are available in all three churches.

Shrove Tuesday / Mardi Gras. Tuesday 13 February @ 7.30pm in the hall. Nearly sold out. The "box office" closes at 6.00pm on Sunday 11 February. Contact Clive on 07931 522683 or email: clivewestwood@btinternet.com

Help needed: We have a small team of Sunday club leaders and could always do with more – if you fancy helping out (possibly 1 Sunday every 4-6 weeks), please email Jenna at proutie@hotmail.com for more info.

Midweek service: Holy Eucharist Wednesday 11.00am

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna: We are collecting tins and pasta and sauces throughout February. Please leave in the box in church.

Lent Lunches: the first of our Lent lunches will be on 16th February in St John's. Please do try and support this event throughout Lent.

Midweek Service: 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:

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun Feb 11 th	THE SUNDAY BEFORE LENT TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY Archdeaconry of Morgannwg: Archdeacon: Ven Christopher Smith	<i>The Anglican Church of Canada</i>
Mon Feb 12 th	Deanery of Cynn Valley: Area Dean: Michael Jones	<i>Attooch - (Upper Nile, South Sudan)</i>
Tues Feb 13 th	Shrove Tuesday Aberaman & Cwmaman: Matthew Gibbon (V)	<i>Auckland</i>
	LENT	
Weds Feb 14 th	ASH WEDNESDAY The Staff at the Representative Body offices	<i>(Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan)</i>
Thurs Feb 15 th	Abercynon: Vacant	<i>Awgu / Aninri - (Niger, Nigeria)</i>
Fri Feb 16 th	Aberdare: Robert Davies (V)	<i>Awori - (Lagos, Nigeria)</i>
Sat Feb 17 th	Aberdare, St. Fagan: Richard Green (V)	<i>Badagry - (Lagos, Nigeria)</i>

Fr Mark's only day off is a Monday. Please respect this and avoid contacting him unless in an emergency. If you need to contact the church on a Monday, please ring Sue on the number below.

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