

NEWSLETTER

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The Second Sunday of Advent

God calls us to prepare the way for Christ. Let us each examine our own hearts and lives, open to God's plan and seeking the ways in which each of us must prepare to welcome him.

Collect of the Day

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Today's Readings

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

God's messenger is coming to prepare the way. He will act as a refiner and purify the descendants of Levi.

Second Reading Philippians 1:3-11

Paul thanks God for the Philippians and prays for them constantly. He longs for them and prays that their love may overflow, so that in the day of Christ they may be pure and blameless.

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

The word of God came to John the Baptist in the fifteenth year of the Emperor Tiberius and he begins to preach his message of repentance. The famous words from Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord," describe his mission.

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

Today's Hymns: 405, 282, 527, 695

St John's: 9.00 am Sung Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 128, 282, 527

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass

Today's Hymns: 702, 633, 610, 282

Psalm response: Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.

Gospel Acclamation: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near; Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart (949)

Next week's readings: Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Cantic: Isaiah 12: 2-6; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18

Evensong: Psalm 50: 1-6; Isaiah 35: 1-10; Luke 1: 57-80

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

Advance notice: there will be a Benefice lunch in St Luke's hall on Sunday 13th January 2019 to say farewell to Fr Mark. Tickets will be available from Sue Jones. There is no charge but tickets are required for catering numbers. Please email or text Sue if you wish to attend. All are welcome from across the Benefice. We hope as many as possible will attend to say farewell.

Benefice Service: there will be a Benefice Together Mass on 13th January in St Luke's, followed by lunch in the hall. There will be no other morning services that day.

Carols in the Park: Fr Mark will be leading the Carol Service in Victoria Park on Thursday 13th December at 6.30pm. All welcome (bring a torch).

Cardiff Street Pastors are recruiting. Our new ordinand, Peter, is having to give it up (with difficulty) but would recommend it to anyone looking to develop their Christian character. There is full training given, the commitment is one night a month and the age restriction is 18 to 80. Please talk to Peter for stories, reassurances and full details.

St Catherine's Notes:

Hall Bookings: Please note a change of email contact for booking St Catherine's Hall. Bev can be contacted on hall.stcatherines@beneficeofcanton.org.uk The previous gmail address is no longer active.

Christmas Poinsettias – we have decided this year to decorate the altar and area with as many poinsettias as possible. Please bring as many as you would like - maybe in memory of a loved one or simply from your family for Christmas at St Catherine's. If you would rather make a donation then please see Jean who will buy some extras as this activity is in place of traditional flowers. If we can have them by Dec 16th for the carol service that would ideal – you are welcome to take them home from Christmas day onwards. We are aiming for an outstanding display so please contribute.

Christmas Culture and Tradition: join us today at 4 pm for a concert with the Fountain Ensemble and Roath Recorder Consort. Carols from different centuries and lands to celebrate the Nativity. Refreshments in the interval. Donations at the end

Festival of Readings and Carols for Christmas. 5.00 pm next Sunday 16 December. Our children will be depicting parts of the Christmas story during the service. Seasonal refreshments in the hall afterwards. An event not to be missed!

Midweek service: Wednesday 11.00 am

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna: We are collecting sweets and chocolates throughout December. Please leave in the box in church.

Christmas Tree Festival: today 2pm to 4pm. Homemade, Craft and Gift Stalls

The Elizabeth Singers will be presenting "A Christmas Extravaganza" - an evening of Christmas music on Tuesday 18th December at 7.30 pm. No charge, but there will be a retiring collection.

Midweek Service: Thursday 10.30 am

St Luke's Notes:

RIP: we were sorry to hear of the death of Anne Way who had been a faithful member of St Luke's for many years. Anne's funeral will be at St Luke's on Tuesday 11th December at 10.15 am. Consequently there is no Mass on Tuesday this week.

Christmas flowers: this year we are asking if anybody would like to produce a flower arrangement for Christmas to decorate the church. This could be in memory of a loved one or because you would like the opportunity to help make our church look amazing at Christmas. Please speak to Beryl, Lynda or Sue if you are interested in doing this....they can give you more information.

Midweek Masses: Tuesday - No Mass; Friday at 6.00 pm; Saturday at 10.30 am

Recently departed: Anne Way, Harold Williams

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun Dec 9 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Fairwater: Colin Sutton (V)	<i>Falkland Islands</i>
Mon Dec 10 th	Glan Ely: Jan Gould (PinC)	<i>Kirinyaga - (Kenya)</i>
Tues Dec 11 th	Llandaff: Very Rev'd. Gerwyn Capon, Dean & Incumbent	<i>Kisangani - (Congo)</i>
Weds Dec 12 th	The Governing Body and those who represent this diocese.	<i>Kita Kanto - (Japan)</i>
Thurs Dec 13 th	Pentyrch & Capel Llanillern: Michael John (V)	<i>Kitale - (Kenya)</i>
Fri Dec 14 th	Radyr:	<i>Kitgum - (Uganda)</i>
Sat Dec 15 th	Rectorial Benefice of Whitchurch: John Davis (R)	<i>Kitui - (Kenya)</i>

Email problems! – Rev'd Emma & Sue have had problems with their 'Benefice' email addresses this week. If you encounter problems you can use alternative e-mail addresses as below

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