

NEWSLETTER

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The Third Sunday of Advent

In our worship today, let us seek ways to deepen and enrich our worship and prayer.

Collect of the Day

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Today's Readings

First Reading Zephaniah 3:14-end

A powerful and apocalyptic vision of the approaching day of the Lord.

Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to rejoice, not to worry and to have faith in the peace of God, which passes all understanding.

Gospel Luke 3:7-18

John the Baptist preaches to the crowds and baptises them with water. He prophesies that Jesus will baptise them with the Holy Spirit and fire.



Third Sunday of Advent

St Catherine's: 10.30 am Choral Eucharist; 5.00 pm Festival of readings and carols for Christmas

Today's Hymns: 633, 557, 67, 480

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

Today's Hymns: 527, 265, 405

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass

Today's Hymns: 527, 259, 265

Psalm response: Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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

Next week's readings: Micah 5: 2-5a; Cantic: Magnificat; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45

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.

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.

Festival of Readings and Carols for Christmas. 5.00 pm today. 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!

Parish treasurer – we are seeking a new treasurer for St Catherine's from the new year, you do not have to be a financial wizard to do the job but will no doubt find it very worthwhile as it is a key position in our modern parish life. Please see Colin if you are interested and would like more details.

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.

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:

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 10.00 am; Friday at 6.00 pm; Saturday at 10.30 am

Recently departed: Harold Williams, Stephen Lewis, Stephen Cooke

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun Dec 16 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT St. Fagans & Michaelston-super-Ely: Ven. Peggy Jackson (PinC)	<i>Kivu - (Rwanda)</i>
Mon Dec 17 th	Tongwynlais: Zoe King (PinC)	<i>Kobe - (Japan)</i>
Tues Dec 18 th	Rectorial Benefice of Canton: Canon Mark Preece (R)	<i>Koforidua - (Ghana)</i>
Weds Dec 19 th	Department for Children.	<i>Kollam - Kottarakkara</i>
Thurs Dec 20 th	DEANERY OF PENARTH AND BARRY: Area Dean: Andrew James	<i>Kondoa - (Tanzania)</i>
Fri Dec 21 st	Rectorial Benefice of Barry: Ben Andrews (R)	<i>Kongor - (Upper Nile, South Sudan)</i>
Sat Dec 22 nd	Penarth All Saints: Peter Cox (V)	<i>Kontagora - (Lokoja, Nigeria)</i>

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