

# NEWSLETTER

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## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Let us with Mary magnify the Lord, who has done great things for us, as we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Word made flesh.

### Collect of the Day

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; 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** Micah 5:2-5a

God's people will find peace when a new shepherd is born in Bethlehem, home of the line of David.

**Second Reading** Hebrews 10:5-10

The birth of Christ saves us in a way that a religious system never can.

**Gospel** Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

Mary and Elizabeth rejoice in the miraculous births that will change the world.



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

**Today's Hymns:** 480, 406, 633, 634

**St John's:** 9.00 am Sung Eucharist

**Today's Hymns:** 128, 634, 480

**St Luke's:** 10:30 am Sung Mass

**Today's Hymns:** 128, 634, 405

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

**Next week's readings:** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3: 12-17; Luke 2: 41-52

**Newsletter:** for any items to be included in this newsletter please email Sue Jones ([office@beneficeofcanton.org.uk](mailto:office@beneficeofcanton.org.uk)) Deadline is 12 noon on Fridays. For an email copy of the newsletter please contact Sheila at [mgsmkelly1@gmail.com](mailto:mgsmkelly1@gmail.com)

**Advance notice:** there will be a Benefice lunch in St Luke's hall on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> January in St Luke's, followed by lunch in the hall. There will be no other morning services that morning.

**Messy Christingle:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 4 pm in St John's. Come along and help our young people to shine the light.

**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.

**Paradise Run:** the next run will be on 29<sup>th</sup> December. Please take your food, as usual to Sylvia or Diana.

**Benefice Together Service:** there will be a Benefice Together Service at St John's on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 am. There will be no other services that day.

**Christmas Week services** can be found on the purple leaflet in church. Please ask the wardens for one if you haven't seen it.

**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](mailto:hall.stcatherines@beneficeofcanton.org.uk) The previous gmail address is no longer active.

**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: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 11.15pm Midnight Mass; Christmas Day 10.00am Sung Mass;**

**St John's Notes:**

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

Many thanks to everyone who responded to giving gifts for the homeless teenagers in Ty Bronna. 12 packed carrier bags were taken there full of items from smellies, biscuits to pyjamas, slippers etc. They were extremely grateful for our thoughts and care especially as they have 19 youngsters with them for Christmas. Let's pray we have brought these youngsters some special joy at this time.

**Midweek Service: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 5pm Crib Service; Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Holy Eucharist;**

**St Luke's Notes:**

**Midweek Masses: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 11.15pm Midnight Mass; Weds 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Mass; Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Mass;**  
**No service on Saturday**

**Recently departed:** Stephen Lewis; Stephen Cooke

**Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle**

Sun Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup>	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Penarth and Llandough: Mark Jones (R)	<i>Kubwa - (Abuja, Nigeria)</i>
Mon Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	Penmark w Llancarfan w Llantridddy: Canon Derek Belcher (PinC)	<i>Kuching - (South East Asia)</i>
Tues Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD</b> Porthkerry and Rhoose: Melanie Prince (PinC)	<i>Kumi - (Uganda)</i>
Weds Dec 26 <sup>th</sup>	STEPHEN, DEACON & FIRST MARTYR Community Development Officer. Jonathan Durley	<i>Kushtia - (Bangladesh)</i>
Thurs Dec 27 <sup>th</sup>	JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST St. Andrews Major and Michaelston-le-Pit: Andrew James (PinC),	<i>Kutigi - (Lokoja, Nigeria)</i>
Fri Dec 28 <sup>th</sup>	THE HOLY INNOCENTS Sully: Jonathan Ormrod (PinC)	<i>Kwoi - (Abuja, Nigeria)</i>
Sat Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>	Wenvoe and St. Lythans: Jonathan Ormrod (PinC)	<i>Kyoto - (Japan)</i>

**Team Rector:** Canon Mark Preece

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