

NEWSLETTER

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Advent Sunday

In Advent we look for the coming of the Christ child but also look further ahead to that time when we will come face to face with our Lord. Let us come before God now, with love for ourselves and for one another

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 Jeremiah 33:14-16

The prophet Jeremiah predicts the coming of the Christ child – a righteous branch, a son of David. This is in fulfilment of God's promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end

Paul writes to strengthen the faith of the struggling Christian community, praying that he will see them again, and that God will increase their love for one another, strengthening their hearts in holiness and righteousness.

Gospel Luke 21:25-36

Amid fear, foreboding and distress, when the heavens will be shaken, we are to be watchful and prayerful as we wait for the day of our redemption. Jesus tells his listeners that heaven and earth will pass away, but his words will not.

St Catherine's: 10.30 am Choral Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 480, 265, 128, 263

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

Today's Hymns: 419, 108, 819

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass; 6.00 pm Benediction

Today's Hymns: 480, 263, 343, 683

Psalm response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

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

Psalm 25:1-9

1 Unto thee O Lord will I lift up my soul; * my God I have put my / trust in / thee: O let me not be disappointed, * neither let mine / enemies / triumph / over me.

2 For all they that hope in thee shall / not • be a-/shamed: but such as deal untruly / shall be / put • to con-/fusion.

3 Shew me thy / ways O / Lord: and / teach me / thy / paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy / truth and / teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; * in thee hath been my / hope / all the • day / long.

5 Call to remembrance O Lord thy / tender / mercies: and thy loving-kindnesses, which / have been / ever • of / old.

6 O remember not the sins and offences / of my / youth: but according to thy mercy * think thou upon me O / Lord / in thy / goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous / is the / Lord: therefore will he teach / sinners / in the / way.

8 Them that are meek shall he guide in / right / paths: and such as are gentle, / them • shall he / teach his / way.

9 All the paths of the Lord are / mercy • and / truth: unto such as keep his / cove • nant / and his / testimonies.

Next week's readings: Baruch 5: 1-9; Canticle: Benedictus; Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6

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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 Sue if you wish to attend. All are welcome from across the Benefice. We hope as many as possible will attend to say farewell.

Christmas gifts: This year instead of collecting for the shoeboxes we are collecting Christmas items for the homeless teenagers who currently stay at Ty Bronna. A list is on display in all churches. The unwrapped items should be placed in the box provided and be in church by Sunday 9th December.

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 Fair – A big thanks to all who made this year's event one of our most successful producing £1850 of profit compared to last year's £1720. Most stalls showed good increases and the day itself went well with many people coming in outside of the church congregation producing a good social event. The publicity we achieved is obviously making an impact even on a big rugby day. A great team result all round.

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 on Sunday 9th December 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

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: Friday 7th Dec: 10am to 2 pm with children from Radnor Primary School singing at 11am.

Saturday 8th Dec: Coffee Morning 10 am to 1 pm. Sunday 9th Dec: 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.

Events: Friday 7th December 6.30-9.30 ART Exhibition (paintings by recovering stroke patients) and Concert in aid of Stroke Association The Divas - Tickets £15 on the door

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.

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

Recently departed: Anne Way

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Dec 2nd	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Lisvane: Chris Burr (V)	<i>The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain</i>
Dec 3rd	Llanishen: Michael Whitcombe (V)	<i>Kibung and Kigemeo - (Rwanda)</i>
Dec 4rd	Roath: Canon Stewart Lisk (V)	<i>Kigezi - (Uganda)</i>
Dec 5th	Department for Youth.	<i>Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh - (Armagh, Ireland)</i>
Dec 6th	Roath St. Martin: Irving Hamer(V)	<i>Kimberley & Kuruman - (Southern Africa)</i>
Dec 7th	<u>DEANERY OF LLANDAFF:</u> Area Dean: Michael John	<i>Kinkiizi - (Uganda)</i>
Dec 8th	Caerau w Ely: Jesse Smith (V)	<i>Kinshasa - (Congo)</i>

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