

NEWSLETTER

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All Saints' Sunday

We gather today, surrounded by the saints, to celebrate their lives and, like Lazarus, to hear Christ's call to come out of our tombs and follow him. May God give us grace to hear Jesus summoning each of us by name, and the courage to answer the call.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 Wisdom 3:1-9

The writer sets our experience of life in perspective, pointing us to the longer view in which the ways of God ultimately prevail, confounding immediate appearances which suggest there is no value in serving or trusting God.

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6a

The vision of heaven is one in which all barriers will be broken down and a new community will be born in which the longing of human hearts to know God will finally be satisfied.

Gospel John 11:32-44

Jesus' raising of Lazarus is perhaps the greatest of his signs to reveal his true nature – one who has power even over death itself.

St Catherine's: 10.30 am Choral Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 340, 177, 297, 201

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

Today's Hymns: 177, 84, 201

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass; 6.00pm All Souls' Memorial Service

Today's Hymns: to be announced

Psalm response: The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God

Gospel Acclamation: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love

Psalm 19: 7-14

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, re-/freshing • the / soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, * and giveth / wisdom / unto • the / simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and re-/joice the / heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth / light / unto • the / eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and en-/dureth • for / ever: the judgements of the Lord are true, and / righteous /alto-/gether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, * yea than / much fine / gold: sweeter also than / honey / and the / honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy / servant / taught: and in keeping of them / there is / great re-/ward.

12 Who can tell how / oft • he of-/fendeth: O cleanse thou me / from my / secret / faults.

13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, * lest they get the do-/minion / over me: so shall I be undefiled and / innocent • of / great of-/fence.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart * be acceptable / in thy / sight: O Lord my / strength and / my re-/deemer.

Next week's readings: Jonah 3: 1-5,10; Psalm 62: 5-12; Hebrews9: 24-28; Mark 1: 14-20

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Fr Mark writes: Many of you will have heard by now that Bishop June has appointed me to the post of Canon Precentor at the Cathedral. The role involves being responsible for the music, worship and liturgy of the Cathedral as well as being part of the core team implementing the overall work of the Cathedral in the life of the Diocese and the City. I will take up the appointment in January and we will move to the Cathedral Green in the new year. It will be a huge wrench to leave Canton after 20 years here; but it is an exciting prospect to join the Dean and the Cathedral team, helping to develop a new strategy for the life and work of the Cathedral as the Mother Church of the Diocese.

Advance notice: there will be a Benefice lunch in St Luke's hall on Sunday 13th January 2019 to say farewell to Fr Mark. Details to follow.

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.

Mothers' Union Monday 5th November in St. Catherine's speaker Fr. Graham Holcombe talking about growing up in Port Talbot. 19th November Mrs. Jean Blunn will be talking and showing pictures of her pilgrimage to the Holy Land also in St. Catherine's.

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.

Tree Project: You are invited to join the steering committee at the King's Road COOP during the morning of Saturday 24 November when the final payment from the Community Fund will be presented. Exact timing to follow

Christmas Fair. Saturday 24 November. 2.00pm - 5.00pm: More details to follow.

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Midweek service: Wednesday 11.00 am

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna: We are collecting toiletries throughout November. Please leave in the box in church.

Advance notice: Christmas Tree festival: Thursday 6th – Sunday 9th December. More details to follow.

St John's Sunday School meets on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month at 9am;

11th Nov Messy Church; 18th Nov Sunday school; 25th Nov Sunday School; 2nd Dec Sunday School; 9th Dec Messy Church; 16th Dec Sunday School; 23rd Dec - 7th Jan No Sunday School

Midweek Service: Thursday 10.30 am

St Luke's Notes:

Afternoon Tea: due to lack of support this event has been cancelled.

Midweek Mass: Tuesday 10.00 am; Friday 6.00 pm; Saturday 10.30 am

Recently departed:

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun Nov 4 th	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE KINGDOM The Saints & Martyrs of the Anglican Communion. DEANERY OF PONTYPRIDD: Area Dean: Michael Gable	<i>PRAY for The Church of Ceylon</i>
Mon Nov 5 th	Pontypridd: Ministry Area Michael Gable (TV)	<i>Kabba -Nigeria</i>
Tues Nov 6 th	Llantrisant: Canon Viv Parkinson (V)	<i>Kadugli & Nuba Mountains - Sudan</i>
Weds Nov 7 th	The Staff at the RB	<i>(Kaduna, Nigeria)</i>
Thurs Nov 8 th	The Saints of Wales Llantwit Fardre: Philip Gullidge (V)	<i>Biharamulo - Tanzania</i>
Fri Nov 9 th	DEANERY OF RHONDDA: Area Dean: Canon Ruth Moverley	<i>Kajiado - (Kenya)</i>
Sat Nov 10 th	Dinas & Penygraig: Jeffrey Thomas (PinC)	<i>Kajo Keji -, South Sudan</i>

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