

NEWSLETTER

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Bible Sunday

The Lord calls us to feast freely at the heavenly table, to fill our souls with heavenly love and to live as transformed people. Let us put aside our earthly cares and come to worship God.

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Isaiah 55:1-11

God warmly invites us to feast freely. We need to incline our ear and come to God, and the living word of God will bear fruit in our lives.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

The scriptures tell us about our salvation. Inspired by God, they can equip us and correct us where necessary. God's servant is to instruct others with patience and endurance.

Gospel John 5:36b-end

Jesus says that studying the scriptures serves no purpose if the Father's word is not abiding in us; unless it finds a place in our hearts and lives. Having a regard for our peers greater than our desire to follow God's way is a block to belief.

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

Today's Hymns: 314, 420, 366, 755

St John's: 9.00 am Sung Eucharist; 12.30pm Baptism

Today's Hymns: 172, 409, 238

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass

Today's Hymns: 172, 409, 238

Psalm response: The Lord shall give his angels charge over you.

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: Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-9; Psalm 24:1-6; Revelation 21: 1-6a; John 11: 32-44

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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.

All Souls' Mass: there will be a said Mass to commemorate All Souls on Friday 2nd November at 6.00pm in St Luke's. Lists are available in each church for you to add the names of your loved ones if you wish them to be mentioned during the Mass.

PARADISE RUN is on Saturday,, November 3rd. Please take your food to Sylvia or Diana as usual.

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.

Eve of All Saints Celebration. Wednesday 31 October. 5.45 pm - 10.00 pm. Tickets at £7.50, £4.00 concessions, children under 5 free. This is the last Sunday when tickets can be purchased in person from Clive Westwood, or telephone 07931 522683 or email:

clivewestwood@btinternet.com In St John's from David Morgan or Martin Bickel

Tree Project: Work on the final phase commenced on Wednesday 24 October. The final payment from the COOP Community will be presented to the steering committee on the Saturday morning of **24 November** in the Kings Road store. Further details to follow. This will take place before the Christmas Fair starts!

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;

4th Nov No Sunday School; 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.

All Souls' Memorial Service: we will remember loved ones who have departed this life during the past year, and whose funerals have taken place in the Benefice, on Sunday November 4th at 6.00pm. Please come along and support the bereaved families.

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

Recently departed:

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Oct 28 th	THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Merthyr Tydfil, St. David and Abercanaid: Mark Prevet (PinC)	BIBLE SUNDAY <i>The Church in the Province of the West Indies</i>
Oct 29 th	SIMON & JUDE APOSTLES Pontlloftyn w Fochriw and Bargoed & Deri w Brithdir: Robert Lindsay (PinC)	<i>Jos, Nigeria</i>
Oct 30 th	Treharris, Trelewis, Bedlinog and Llanfabon: Gareth Coombes (PinC)	<i>Jamaica & The Cayman Islands</i>
Oct 31 st	University & Further Education Chaplains	<i>(Kwara, Nigeria)</i>
Nov 1 st	ALL SAINTS Troedyrhiw w Merthy Vale: Stephen Barnes (V)	<i>Johannesburg - (Southern Africa)</i>
Nov 2 nd	ALL SOULS Ystrad Mynach & Llanbradach: Canon Steven Kirk (V)	
Nov 3 rd	Rectorial Benefice of Eglwysilan and Caerphilly: Mark Greenaway-Robbins (R)	<i>(Loryko, South Sudan)</i>

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