

# NEWSLETTER

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## The First Sunday of Christmas

In this Christmas season, let us come together with joy to worship our heavenly Father and to celebrate the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; 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** 1 Samuel 2:18-20. 26

Samuel was Hannah's son, and out of gratitude to God for release from being barren she promised to give him "to the Lord".

**Second Reading** Colossians 3:12-17

Paul tells the Colossians that becoming "God's chosen ones" involves a clean break with the old way of life. Becoming a Christian means that all actions and words should be in Jesus' name.

**Gospel** Luke 2:41-end

This passage from Luke is the one glimpse that the New Testament gives of Jesus' boyhood, before the next eighteen years spent growing up in Nazareth, before beginning his mission on earth

**St John's:** 10.30 am Sung Eucharist  
**Today's Hymns:** 36, 326, 700  
**Psalm response:** Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

**There are no evening services in the Benefice today.**

**Next week's readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 10-14; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12**

**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.

**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.

**Fr Mark's Induction** as Canon Precentor will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February during Choral Evensong at 3.00 pm in Llandaff Cathedral. All are welcome.

**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: No service this week**

**St John's Notes:**

**Ty Bronna:** We are collecting tins and packets of soup throughout January. Please leave in the box in church.

**Midweek Service: Thursday 10.30 am**

**St Luke's Notes:**

**Midweek Masses: Tuesday 12.00 noon Naming of Jesus; Friday 6.00pm; Saturday 10.30 am**

**Recently departed:****Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle**

Sun Dec 30 <sup>th</sup>	FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS <u>ARCHDEACONRY OF MARGAM:</u> Archdeacon: Ven. Michael Komor <i>Kyushu - (Japan)</i>
Mon Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	<u>DEANERY OF BRIDGEND:</u> Area Dean: Ian Hodges <i>Lafia - ( Abuja, Nigeria)</i>
Tues Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	The Ministry Area of Greater Bridgend: incorporating Coity, Nolton & Brackla with Coychurch, Laleston & Merthyr Mawr w Penyfai & Newcastle. To be appointed (R) <i>Lagos (Nigeria)</i>
Weds Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Church Army and Neath Centre for Mission <i>Lahore (Pakistan); South Western Brazil (Brazil); Southeast Florida (The Episcopal Church)</i>
Thurs Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Llandyfodwg & Cwm Ogwr: Julian Jenkins (PinC) <i>Lainya (South Sudan)</i>
Fri Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Llangeinor & the Garw Valley: Roger Pitman (PinC) <i>Lake Malawi (Central Africa); Southern Brazil (Brazil); Gippsland (Australia)</i>
Sat Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	Llansantffraid, Bettws & Aberkenfig: Ven. Michael Komor (AP) <i>Lake Rukwa (Tanzania)</i>

**Team Rector:** Canon Mark Preece

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