

NEWSLETTER

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Easter 6

Rogation Sunday

The Lord is risen Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen indeed Alleluia! Alleluia!

Collect of the day

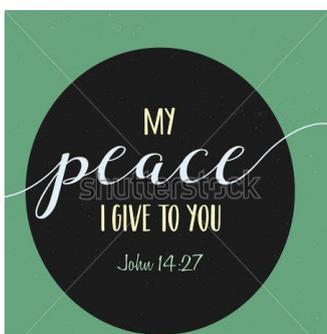
God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Today's Gospel

My peace I leave with you....

In this morning's passage from the Gospel according to John we hear an extract from the long speech of farewell which Jesus makes to his disciples. In these last hours before he leaves them forever, Jesus reels off powerful words of hope, of exhortation and empowerment. Gone is the playful Jesus. The words spoken by Jesus now would mean the difference between spiritual life or death for his followers, both then and through the centuries. To help them remember them clearly Jesus spoke in short staccato sentences, with key phrases repeated several times.

What are they to remember in the dark and confusing times when Jesus has gone? They are to remember that the way to God is through obeying Jesus' teaching on love. They are to remain faithful to that teaching. They are to remember that God will remain with them through the presence of the Holy Spirit, the Counsellor. They are promised the gift of peace



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

Today's Hymns: 106, 340, 472, 227

St John's: 9.00 am Sung Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 227, 106, 252

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass

Today's Hymns: 684, 674, 666

Psalm response: **Let the peoples praise you O God, let all the peoples praise you**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia Alleluia Give thanks to the Risen Lord; Alleluia Alleluia give praise to His name. Spread the Good News o'er all the earth. Jesus has died and is risen.**

Psalm 67

- 1 God be merciful unto / us and / bless us: and shew us the / light / of his / countenance,
- 2 That thy way may be / known up•on / earth: thy saving / health a-/mong all / nations.
- 3 Let the peoples / praise • thee O / God: yea let / all the / peoples / praise thee.
- 4 O let the nations re-/joice • and be / glad: for thou judgest the peoples righteously, * and / guidest • the / nations • on / earth.
- 5 Let the peoples / praise • thee O / God: yea let / all the / peoples / praise thee.
- 6 The earth hath brought / forth her / increase: and God, even our own / God, shall / give us • his / blessing.
- †7 The blessing of / God • be up-/on us: and let all the / ends • of the / world / fear him.

Next week's readings: Acts 16: 16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17: 20-26

Festival of Prayer: Saturday 13th July 10.00 am – 4.30pm – A day to explore Spirituality and Prayer at St Teilo's Church in Wales School followed by workshops throughout the day. Bookings can be made on <https://festivalofprayer.live/>

Deanery Conference: the next meeting is on Sunday, 16th June at St.Peter's Church, Fairwater at 6.00 pm.

Benefice Hardship Fund: the PCC agreed that, as a Benefice, part of our mission is to should support the vulnerable in our community. In order to do this we will be setting up a fund to help local individuals and families who are in need of help. This help could come in the form of food vouchers, electricity tokens or bus fare to an appointment. The PCC will put an initial amount into the fund to start it; there will be collection points in each church if parishioners wish to donate cash. Please talk to the clergy for more information.

Electoral Roll: At the 2019 Vestry meeting I agreed to take on the task of Electoral Roll Officer. The roll needs updating. There are many members of the congregations whose names do not appear on the current roll. Application forms are available in all three churches. If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact Clive Westwood on 07931 522683 / clivewestwood@btinternet.com

First Aiders: many of our activities in church now require a recently trained First Aider to be on site. Do you have a First Aid qualification or have you attended Emergency First Aid training in the last 3 years? This may have been done in your workplace. Please would you let your churchwarden know if you are....we will not call on you to do anything unless you want to, but it will be good for us to have this information for reference. Thank you.

PCC: our newly elected PCC was sworn in last Sunday. Details of members are on display in each church.

Messy Church Dates and Venues. Sunday 9 June @ 4.00 pm in **St John's**. Sunday 14 July @ 4,00 pm in **St Catherine's Grounds**- Summer Party with games and activities. Bring a **PICNIC**. Supplementary food and drinks will be available

Ascension day: there will be Holy Eucharist at 10.30 am in St John's and Sung Mass at St Luke's at 7.30pm. This is a major festival in the Church year so please try to attend one of the services.

St Catherine's Notes:

Advance notice: Summer Fair on 22nd June at 2.30pm. Please keep this date in your diary. Posters are now available in church and a plan for stalls and helpers. Please see what you can do to help this year's big event.

Help: Calling all help from St Catherine's congregation! We have been asked to track down information on a former organist of ours, Geoffrey Appleton, a member of the Royal Engineers who was killed 27th April 1945. His obituary appeared in our parish magazine which has been tracked down by the chaplain of his former college. They are putting together a memorial for the college fallen in time for Remembrance Day this year and would be grateful for any pictures, memories or even relatives we can track down for them. If you do remember Geoffrey or his family please could you contact Revd Emma. Thank you

Midweek service: Holy Eucharist Wednesday 11.00 am

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna: We are collecting cereals throughout May. Please leave in the box in church.

Sunday School: Sunday school is held on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month, except for school holidays. 2nd Sunday is Messy Church 5th Sunday is Benefice together service. **May:** 26th May & 2nd June – school holidays - No Sunday school

Midweek Service: Holy Eucharist Thursday 10.30 am (Ascension day)

St Luke's Notes:

Midweek services: Said Mass Tuesday 10.00 am; Thursday (Ascension Day) Sung Mass 7.30pm; Friday 6.00pm

Recently Departed:

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun May 26 th	THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Skewen: Chris Coles (PinC)	ROGATION SUNDAY <i>Pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world</i>
Mon May 27 th	Vale of Neath: Andrew Davies (V)	<i>Natal (Southern Africa)</i>
Tues May 28 th	Llansawel, Briton Ferry: Sandra Birdsall (V designate)	<i>National Indigenous Bishop (Canada)</i>
Weds May 29 th	DEPARTMENT FOR PARISH RESOURCES	<i>Navajoland Area Mission; Aipo Rongo (Papua New Guinea)</i>
Thurs May 30 th	ASCENSION DAY Rectorial Benefice of Neath: Lynda Newman (R)	<i>Ndokwa (Nigeria); Akobo (South Sudan)</i>
Fri May 31 st	DEANERY OF VALE OF GLAMORGAN: Area Dean: Canon Martyn Davies	<i>Iowa</i>
Sat Jun 1 st	Colwinston, Llandow & Llyswoerney: Alan Kettle (PinC)	<i>Nebraska</i>

Team Vicar: Rev'd Emma Rees-Kenny 029 2019 7341 vicar@beneficeofcanton.org.uk (Day off: Monday)

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