

NEWSLETTER

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Easter 2

Low Sunday

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

Collect for the day

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



In our Gospel reading today, the disciple Thomas wants to put his hands in the holes in the wounded body of Jesus. He needs to know that Jesus is really alive. If we had been near Jesus after the resurrection we might also have been surprised at what was going on. Thomas just says out loud the things the other disciples (and perhaps us) think but keep to themselves. It was Thomas also who asked Jesus what on earth he was talking about when he said he was going to 'prepare a place for them.' We are fortunate that Thomas voices the questions which we all have and in so doing shows us that it is alright to have doubts and fears in our faith. Like Thomas we do not know what happens when we die, we are filled with questions. But thankfully this is a good thing, faith is like a muscle it grows by stretching. It is good for our faith to be stretched like Thomas and as it is we learn to understand that there many things which we just do not and never will understand.

St Catherine's: 8.00 am Holy Eucharist; 10.30 am Choral Eucharist
Today's Hymns: 53, 9, 131, 754

St John's: 9.00 am Sung Eucharist
Today's Hymns: 17, 126, 96

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass
Today's Hymns: 9, 305, 137
Psalm response: Praise God in His Holy temple

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 150

- 1 Praise ye the Lord. * O praise God in his / holy / temple; praise him in the / firma•ment / of his / power.
- 2 Praise him for his / mighty / acts; praise him according to / his ex-/ceding / greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the / sound • of the / trumpet; praise him up-/on the / lute and / harp.
- 4 Praise him with the / timbrels • and / dances; praise him up-/on the / strings and / pipe.
- 5 Praise him upon the re-/sounding / cymbals; praise him up-/on the / loud / cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that hath breath / praise the / Lord; O / praise / ye the / Lord.
 Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son: and / to the / Holy / Spirit;
 As it was in the beginning, is now and / ever / shall be; world without / end / A-a—men.

Next week's readings: Acts 9: 1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21:1-9

Festival of Prayer: Saturday 13th July 10.00 am – 4.30pm – A day to explore Spirituality and Prayer. WELCOME, KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND EUCHARIST 10.00AM – 10.50AM 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.

Confirmation classes: classes for confirmation candidates will begin on Sunday 12th May from 4.00pm until 5.30pm. Classes are for children in Year 5 and above. They will be held every Sunday at the same time until the confirmation on June 23rd at St Catherine's. Our catechist, Sue Jones will lead the classes. Please talk to Rev'd Emma or Sue for more information.

Annual Vestry Meeting: will take place tomorrow 29th April at 7.30pm in St John's.

Benefice Fundraising Group: in order to secure funds for future projects and large scale building maintenance, the PCC has agreed to set up a Benefice Fundraising Group. Specific projects will be identified and money raised will go to these, instead of small scale fundraising at each church. The money will go to projects in all 3 churches, as the need arises. The Fundraising Group will be facilitated by Rev'd Emma with Colin Rossiter, Becky Jarvis, Linsay Jones and Annie Harding forming the core group. If anybody is interested in joining this group or finding out more, please talk to one of the afore-mentioned.

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.

St Catherine's Notes:

Advance notice: Summer Fair on 22nd June at 2.30pm. Please keep this date in your diary.

Discover Nature at St Catherine's: Saturday 11 May from 10.30 am - 3.00 pm. A fun day for everyone, learning about plants and wildlife with RSPB and Buglife Cymru. Go bug hunting with Liam, make an insect hotel, plant take home wild flowers and other activities. Did you know we have 10 types of bee in the grounds? Visit the information tent. **Free entry.** Bric-a-brac, bookstall, and inexpensive refreshments available. This is a follow up to last year's successful event. Posters and leaflets available soon.

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:** 5th May – Sunday school; 12th May – Messy Church – No Sunday school; 19th May – Sunday school; 26th May & 2nd June – school holidays - No Sunday school

Thank you to everybody who gave generously towards the cost of the Easter flowers. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Midweek Service: Holy Eucharist Thursday 10.30 am

St Luke's Notes:

Thank you to all who donated so generously towards the cost of the Easter flowers. The church looked splendid as a result and thanks to Margaret and the ladies who helped to make it look so wonderful. Thank you too to all who contributed in making Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter such a powerful occasion.

Midweek services: Said Mass Tuesday 10.00 am; Friday 6.00pm

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Apr 28 th	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ARCHDEACONRY OF MARGAM Archdeacon: Ven. Michael Komor	<i>The Anglican Communion in Japan</i>
Apr 29 th	DEANERY OF BRIDGEND Area Dean: Ian Hodges	<i>Mount Kilimanjaro; Wusasa (Nigeria)</i>
April 30 th	The Ministry Area of Bridgend: Maggie Thorne (V designate); David Lloyd (V); Anthony Beer (V)	<i>Mpumalanga ; Wyoming</i>
May 1 st	PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES THE HONORARY ASSISTANT BISHOPS	<i>Mpwapwa (Tanzania); Yambio (South Sudan); Yangon (Myanmar)</i>
May 2 nd	Llangeinor and the Garw Valley: Roger Pitman (PinC)	<i>Mthatha (formerly St John's) (Southern Africa)</i>
May 3 rd	Llansantffraid, Bettws & Aberkenfig: Suzanne Brumwell (V designate)	<i>Muhabura (Uganda)</i>
May 4 th	Llanharan w Peterston-super-Montem (Brynna): Barbara Wood (PinC)	<i>Mukono (Uganda)</i>

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

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