

# NEWSLETTER

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## The Second Sunday of Easter

The Lord encourages us to believe and trust right where we are, not in some ideal future. As we worship, let us realise that the God who loves us is with us right here and now.



### Collect of 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.

### Today's Readings

#### First Reading Acts 4:32-35

The fruits of Jesus' ministry are seen in the infant Church – in unity, power, grace and generosity.

#### Second Reading 1 John 1:1 – 2:2

God has been revealed through the Incarnation. God is pure light and we are called to live in that light. If we claim to be faultless, we are deceived. If we realise our need for forgiveness, there is a way back through the blood of Jesus.

### Gospel John 20:19-end

The disciples are locked away for fear of the authorities. Jesus appears and turns fear into rejoicing. In the face of Thomas' initial unbelief, the Lord commends those who believe, despite never having seen the risen Lord.

**St Catherine's:** 8.00 am Holy Eucharist; 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

**Today's Hymns:** 754, 637, 144, 666

**St John's:** 9.00 am Sung Eucharist; 4.00pm Messy Church

**Today's Hymns:** 754, 34, 74

**St Luke's:** 10:30 am Sung Mass with Canon Wilcox

**Today's Hymns:** 424, 754, 9

**Psalm response:** How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.

**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.

**There will be no midweek services across the Benefice this week.**

### Psalm 133

1 Behold how good and lovely a / thing it / is: when brethren / dwell to-/gether • in / unity.

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, \* that ran down / unto • the / beard: even unto Aaron's beard, \* and flowed / down up-/on his / clothing.

3 It is like the / dew of / Hermon: which falleth up-/on the / hills of / Zion.

4 For there the Lord / promised • his / blessing: even / life for / ever-/more.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Benefice Sunday & Vision Day 10.30 am – 3.00 pm**

**Father Mark writes:** In January the PCC spent time discussing its vision for the Benefice in the coming year. On the 29<sup>th</sup> April we hope to extend those discussions to involve our 3 congregations in a Vision “Day”. On that day there will be one Benefice Together service at 10.30 am in St John’s and we hope to follow that with an opportunity to reflect on the Benefice as it is today and how we can all work together to shape the Benefice in the coming year (Easter to Easter!). We hope that as many as possible will join in the discussions following the morning service at St John’s. There will be an opportunity for a light lunch together and some workshops looking at involvement in worship and Benefice life generally. The event will conclude by 3.00 pm at the latest. Br Dominic, Sam, Dylan and I realise this is a significant commitment of time but hope that as many people as possible will participate and be part of our discussions and reflection. Please give serious consideration to being involved in these few hours of worship, reflection and discussion. Thank you.

**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)

**Cardiff Churches Winter Nightshelter** – please join us at the Spring Concert to be hosted at Calvary Baptist Church, Cowbridge Road East, on 22 April 2018 at 3.00pm where you will hear a wonderful programme of classic and modern popular music from the Melingriffith Community Brass Band – tickets are £5.00 for adults £1.00 for children and refreshments will be available afterwards. All monies will go to support the Winter Nightshelter project. There is a poster on the Benefice website [www.beneficeofcanton.org.uk](http://www.beneficeofcanton.org.uk) please encourage others to join us.

**Christian Aid Week** begins next month. Envelopes and devotional leaflets will be available in a few weeks' time from Diana (Morgan) or the churchwardens in St. Luke's. If you are in a different church and would like to contribute, contact Diana (07754179373). There has been negative publicity about charities recently but Christian Aid has workers *in situ* to avoid money getting into the wrong hands. This year, contributions will go to people in Haiti. More details next week.

**St Catherine’s Notes:**

**Hall Bookings:** To book the Hall email Bev on [hall.stcatherines@gmail.com](mailto:hall.stcatherines@gmail.com).

**Advance notice,** Summer Fair Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Please put this date in your diary now. A fun day for all so please save the date. Great weather guaranteed – maybe

**Tree Improvement Project:** Work on the plane, hornbeam, and cypress trees has been completed. The Yew tree near the porch will have a 25% reduction before Easter. The final phase of the project will take place in October. Thanks to all who continue to support this work.

**RSPB Discovery Day:** Saturday 5 May. Further details will be announced before Easter. Books and Bric a Brac needed. Please give to Clive: 07931 522683.

**Midweek service:** No service this week

**St John’s Notes:**

**Ty Bronna:** We are collecting gravy granules throughout April. Please leave in the box in church.

**Midweek Service:** No service this week

**St Luke’s Notes:**

**Midweek services:** No services this week

**Recently Departed:** Alan Rees, Alan Turner

**Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle**

April 8 <sup>th</sup>	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Caerau with Ely: Jessie Smith (V)	<i>The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean</i>
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fairwater: Colin Sutton (V)	<i>Caledonia and Calgary - (Canada)</i>
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Glan Ely: Jan Gould (V)	<i>California</i>
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	The Church Army and Neath Centre for Mission.	<i>Cameroon</i>
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Llandaff: The Cathedral Church	<i>New South Wales, Australia</i>
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pentyrch and Capel Llanilltern: Michael John (V)	<i>Canterbury</i>
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Radyr: Canon Jenny Wigley (R)	<i>Cape Coast</i>

**Fr Mark’s** only day off is a Monday. Please respect this and avoid contacting him unless in an emergency. If you need to contact the church on a Monday, please ring Sue on the number below.

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