

NEWSLETTER

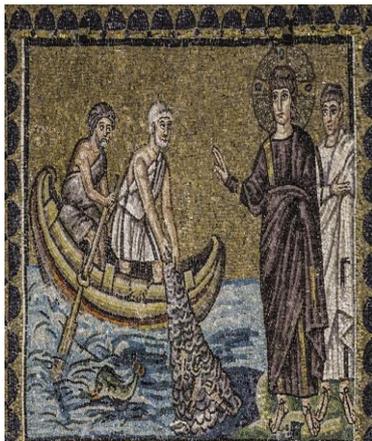
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Easter 3

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

Collect for the day

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 John 21: 1-9

Nobody would have felt worse about his failure than Peter. He was the disciple who was supremely confident that he could not let Jesus down. Even if everybody else was a disappointment to Jesus, he knew that he would stand firm. So when he denied Jesus the depth of his fall must have been very low. So it was to this miserable Peter, full of remorse and bound by past hurt and disappointment, that Jesus came and offered hope. Jesus did not have to forgive Peter, that was already clear from the fact that Jesus endured the suffering of the cross. But Jesus did have to convince poor Peter that he was forgiven, to enable him to move forward and leave behind the past. Of course it is not just Peter that Jesus speaks to, he speaks to us all and encourages us to move away from the pains and failures of the past and to discover a new and better future.

St Catherine's: 10.30 am Choral Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 652, 716, 387, 108

St John's: 9.00 am Sung Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 19, 436 (x2), 172

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass 6.00pm Benediction

Today's Hymns: 756, 37, 716

Psalm response: I will exalt you O Lord because you have lifted me up

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 30

- 1 I will magnify thee O Lord, for thou hast / set me / up: and hast not suffered my / foes to / triumph / over me.
- 2 O Lord my God I / cried • unto / thee: and / thou hast / made me / whole.
- †3 Thou Lord hast brought my soul back from the / land of / death: thou hast saved my life from among / them that • go / down • to the / pit.
- 4 Sing praises unto the Lord O / ye his / servants: and give thanks unto him at the re-/membrance/of his / holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye; * in his good / pleasure • is / life: heaviness may endure for a night, * but / joy • cometh / in the / morning.
- 6 And in my prosperity I said * I shall never / be re-/moved: thou Lord of thy goodness hast / made my / hill so / strong.'
- 7 Thou didst / turn thy / face from me: and / I was / sore dis-/tressed.
- 8 Then cried I unto / thee O / Lord: even to the Lord did I / make my / suppli-/cation;
- 9 'What profit is there / in my / blood: if I go / down / to the / pit?
- 10 'Shall the dust give / thanks • unto / thee: or / shall it • de-/clare thy / faithfulness?
- 11 'Hear O Lord and have / mercy • up-/on me: O / Lord be / thou my / helper.'
- 12 Thou hast turned my lamentation / into / dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and / girded / me with / gladness.
- 13 Therefore shall my heart sing of thy / praise with-out / ceasing: O Lord my God I will give / thanks • unto / thee for / ever.

Next week's readings: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

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.

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.

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

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

Friday lunch: the next lunch will be on 24th May at 12 noon. All welcome.

Canton Benefice Mothers' Union will hold a Coffee Morning in St. John's Church on Saturday 18th May from 10.30 - 12 noon. Various stalls. Proceeds in aid of the Holiday caravan in Porthcawl. Please come along and support this event.

Midweek Service: Holy Eucharist Thursday 10.30 am

St Luke's Notes:

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

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun May 5 th	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Llanilid w Pencoed: Ian Hodges (V)	<i>the Anglican Church of Kenya</i>
Mon May 6 th	Glyncorwg and the Upper Afan Valley: Beverly Reaney (PinC)	<i>Multan (Pakistan); Yirol (South Sudan)</i>
Tues May 7 th	Llangynwyd w Maesteg: to be appointed	<i>Mumbai; Yokohama (Japan)</i>
Weds May 8 th	INITIAL MINISTERIAL EDUCATION OFFICER: Zoe King	<i>Mumias (Kenya); Yola (Nigeria); York</i>
Thurs May 9 th	Troedrhiwgarth: Christopher Reaney (V)	<i>Mundri (South Sudan); Ysabel (Melanesia)</i>
Fri May 10 th	DEANERY OF MARGAM: Area Dean: Elaine Jenkyns	<i>Mundu Area (South Sudan); Yukon (Canada)</i>
Sat May 11 th	Baglan: Stephen Jenkyns (PinC)	<i>Muranga South (Kenya); Zaki-Biam (Nigeria)</i>

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