

NEWSLETTER

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The Third Sunday of Easter

The readings today all point us towards a new way of seeing the world. Ours is a world transformed by the resurrection – not just an event, but a different way of living.

Collect of 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 Readings

First Reading Acts 3:12-19

In an echo of his first speech in Acts, Paul addresses the crowd after healing a beggar, and sums up the good news. The power to heal lies in Jesus, who, although crucified, has been raised to life by God.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-7

John builds on his instructions to his readers, encouraging them to draw closer to Christ in love. He reassures them that, although the world cannot see clearly, followers of Christ see the truth.

Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

After appearing to the women at the tomb and to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus now greets the eleven disciples with words of peace, eats with them and prepares them to be his witnesses.

St Catherine's: 10.30 am All Age Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 8, 29, 12, 305

St John's: 8.00 am Holy Eucharist; 9.00 am Sung Eucharist; 6.00 pm Evensong

Today's Hymns: 695, 12, 297

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass with The Rev'd Dr Rosie Dymond

Today's Hymns: 695, 297, 358

Psalm response: Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

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.

Sunday 29th 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 29th 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) Deadline is 12 noon on Fridays. For an email copy of the newsletter please contact Sheila at 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 please encourage others to join us.

Christian Aid Week is next month. This year, the money will go to people in Haiti who are recovering from hurricanes, storms and earthquakes. Houses have been destroyed and we are hoping to provide some shelter that is more secure. CA has people *in situ* to ensure that money goes directly to the people in most need.

Paradise Run: The next run will be on Saturday, 21st April. Please take your food as usual to Sylvia (114 Pencisely Rd) or Diana (23 Greenfield Ave) Donations towards the cost of food are always welcome. If you need to know more, contact Diana (07754179373)

Mothers' Union: Monday 16th Mothers' Union will hold their Annual General Meeting in St. Catherine's Church Hall at 2pm.

Annual Vestry Meeting: this meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th April at 7.30 pm in St Catherine's Church. The Agenda for the meeting will be displayed in each church. The Annual Report will be available in each church from today. Any questions on the report need to be submitted to Sue Jones by 22nd April for discussion at the meeting. Nomination forms for PCC for the next year are available and must be returned to Fr Mark or Sue by 6.00pm on 22nd April. Nomination forms for People's Warden are also available and should be returned to the same.

St Catherine's Notes:

Hall Bookings: To book the Hall email Bev on hall.stcatherines@gmail.com.

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

Discover Nature at St Catherine's Church. Saturday 5 May from 10.30am - 3.00pm. The event is organised in association with the RSPB and BugLife Cymru. Hunt for bugs, plant a bird friendly hedge, and make bug homes. Plant wildflower seeds and help put up nest boxes, and other activities for all the family. There will be a second hand bookstall, bric-a-brac stall and light refreshments.

Midweek service: Wednesday 11.00 am

St John's Notes:

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

Midweek Service: Thursday 10.30 am

St Luke's Notes:

Midweek services: Tuesday 10.00 am; Friday 6.00 pm; Saturday 10.30 am

Recently Departed:

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

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| April 15 th | THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Rectorial Benefice of Whitchurch: John Davis (R), | <i>The Church of Ireland</i> |
| April 16 th | St. Fagans & Michaelston-super-Ely: Ven. Peggy Jackson (PinC) | <i>Carlisle</i> |
| April 17 th | Tongwynlais: Zoe King (PinC) | <i>Cashel & Ossory - Dublin</i> |
| April 18 th | Department for Communication | <i>Central Buganda</i> |
| April 19 th | <i>The Rectorial Benefice of Canton: Canon Mark Preece (R)</i> | <i>Cape Town</i> |
| April 20 th | DEANERY OF PENARTH & BARRY: Area Dean: Andrew James | <i>Central Busoga</i> |
| April 21 st | Rectorial Benefice of Barry – Ministry Area Benjamin Andrews (R) | <i>Central Ecuador</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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