

NEWSLETTER

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Easter 4

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

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



The reading from John this week is a lovely one, in it Jesus refers to himself using the illustration of caring for the sheep. Great, Jesus cares for us, but be careful! At the end of this teaching we are told that the Jews wanted to stone Jesus and they would have done if he had not escaped. So why did they want to kill him? It is quite understandable really, Jesus claimed to be God. It was Hannukah 'dedication,' and Jesus was in the Temple area, walking in Solomon's Colonnade. At Hannukah on the 25th day of the Jewish month Chislev, the Jews remembered how in 167 BC Judas Maccabaeus led a revolt to liberate Jerusalem from Antiochus Epiphanes. As a result Judas and his family became kings in a dynasty which lasted one hundred years. When Herod the Great was made king by the Romans, he married a princess from the family of Judas Maccabaeus to continue the line. So at Hannukah the Jews celebrated kingship and liberation and thanked God that they had taken the Temple back and restored it. It was at this time that Jesus choose wander in the Temple claiming to be God. The timing was perfect - for a riot! Jesus could not help but speak out, he knew that his gift was nothing less than eternal life. Jesus could guarantee a future beyond the grave, and there was no way he would be silent

St Catherine's: 10.30 am Choral Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 21, 649, 82, 305

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

Today's Hymns: 116, 156, 97

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass

Today's Hymns: 267, 649, 47, 74

Psalm response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

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 23

- 1 The Lord / is my / shepherd: therefore / can I / lack / nothing.
- 2 He shall make me to lie down in / green / pastures: and lead me forth be-/side the / waters • of / comfort.
- 3 He shall re-/fresh my / soul: and bring me forth in the right way / for his / name's / sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the darkest valley, * I will / fear no / evil: for thou art with me, * thy / rod • and thy / staff / comfort me.
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me, * in the presence of / them that / trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, * and my / cup / shall be/full.
- 6 Yea thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me * all the / days of • my / life: and I will dwell in the / house • of the / Lord for / ever.

Next week's readings: Acts 11: 1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13: 46-16:8

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.

Confirmation classes: classes for confirmation candidates will begin today 12th May from 4.00pm until 5.30pm 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.

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

Paradise Run: The next Run will be on Saturday May 18th. Please can you take your food on the day itself between 6-7 to Sylvia - 114 Pencisly Rd? Many thanks.

St Catherine's Notes:

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

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:** 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

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

May 12 th	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Cwmafan: Elaine Jenkyns (PinC)	<i>the Anglican Church of Korea</i>
May 13 th	Kenfig Hill: Jonathan Durley (PinC)	<i>Muyinga (Burundi)</i>
May 14 th	MATTHIAS, APOSTLE Margam: Edward Dowland-Owen (V)	<i>Myanmar</i>
May 15 th	Warden of Readers: Caroline Downs	<i>Zululand (Southern Africa)</i>
May 16 th	Newton Nottage, Porthcawl: Canon Philip Masson (R)	<i>Nagpur (North India)</i>
May 17 th	Port Talbot, St. Theodore: Mark Williams (V)	<i>Nairobi (Kenya)</i>
May 18 th	Pyle & Kenfig: Dr. Duncan Walker (V)	<i>Nakuru (Kenya)</i>

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

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