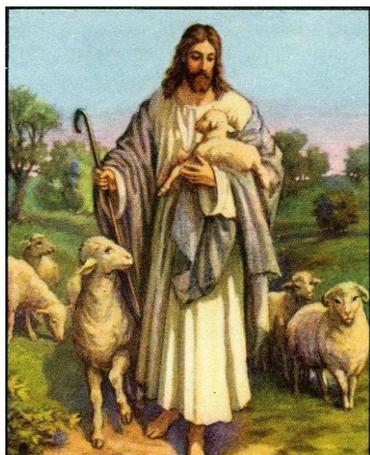


NEWSLETTER

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel refers to Jesus as the good shepherd, which is why some churches keep the fourth Sunday of Easter as Good Shepherd Sunday. This good shepherd model of Christian leadership explains why today is also known as Vocations Sunday, when the Church prays for leaders and encourages us to hear Jesus' call to each of us.



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.

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John have been arrested by the Temple authorities for healing the sick in the name of Jesus, and preaching to the crowds.

Second Reading 1 John 3:16-end

This is part of a longer section on right living, setting out what is necessary for the children of God in terms of behaviour.

Gospel John 10:11-18

This chapter of the Gospel of John uses the imagery of the shepherd and his flock to show that Jesus is the Son of God.

St Catherine's: 8.00 am Holy Eucharist; 10.30 am Choral Eucharist with Canon Wilcox

Today's Hymns: 643, 337, 156, 434

St John's: 9.00 am Sung Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 97, 649, 434

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass

Today's Hymns: 97, 649, 305

Psalm response: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in 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.

There will be no evening service in the Benefice today.

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.

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

Christian Aid Week We are fast approaching Christian Aid Week. This year, for the people of Haiti, we are saying that 'God's Kingdom is stronger than storms'. See how you can help next week.

Meditation: This group has been grateful to have used St. John's as a base but because of timetable clashes, have been meeting for some time in Diana's house (23 Greenfield Avenue). If you'd like to spend a quiet half hour in silence with like-minded friends on Fridays at 5.30, you will be welcome to join them. All you need is a desire to be in God's presence. Contact Diana (02921400367).

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.

Friday lunch: The next monthly lunch at St. John’s is on Friday April 27th at 12 noon. All welcome.

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: Suzanne Adams; Fr Roger Dixon; Tom Janes

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun April 22 nd	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Penarth All Saints – Penarth Ministry Area: Canon Peter Cox (V)	<i>The Anglican Communion in Japan</i>
Mon April 23 rd	Penarth & Llandough - Penarth Ministry Area: Mark Jones (R)	<i>Central Florida</i>
Tues April 24 th	Penmark with Llancarfan with Llantrithyd – Canon Derek Belcher	<i>Central Newfoundland</i>
Wed April 25 th	MARK, EVANGELIST Retired Clergy Society	<i>Central Philippines</i>
Thur April 26 th	Porthkerry and Rhoose –Melanie Prince (PinC)	<i>Central New York</i>
Fri April 27 th	St. Andrews Major & Michaelston-le-Pit – Andrew James (PinC)	<i>Central Solomons</i>
Sat April 28 th	Sully - Jonathan Ormrod (PinC)	<i>Tanzania</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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