

# NEWSLETTER

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## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus is the vine and we are his branches. We come together today to ask God to nurture our faith, enrich us with wisdom, and help us to grow in love so that we can be fruitful disciples of Christ.

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 8:26-end

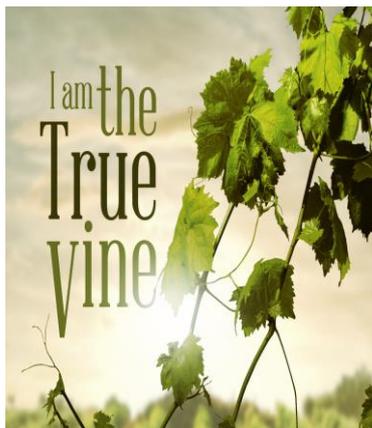
Philip demonstrates his obedience and trust in God, reaching out to the Ethiopian man and spreading God's love.

#### Second Reading 1 John 4:7-end

God is love. If we love one another, God lives in us. By loving each other we show our love for God and share the good news.

#### Gospel John 15:1-8

We are nurtured and cared for by the Father, and show our love for God by following the teaching of Jesus, the true vine.



### St John's: Benefice Sunday & Vision Day 10.30 am – 3.00 pm 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

Today there will be one Benefice Together service at 10.30 am in St John's and we will 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 stay to 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 today. Please give serious consideration to being involved in these few hours of worship, reflection and discussion. Thank you.

### There will be no evening service in the Benefice today.

#### Our next Team Vicar

We are delighted to announce the appointment of the next Team Vicar of Canton – **the Rev'd Emma Rees-Kenny**. Rev'd Emma is currently the Vicar of Llansantffraid & Llanfechain in the north Wales Diocese of St Asaph, but is originally from this Diocese. She trained at St Michael's College, Llandaff and was a curate in the Parish of All Saints', Barry from 2011 – 2015. Before training for Ordination, Emma was a Deputy Manager working with children and young people in care. Married to Nick, the Rev'd Emma is currently on maternity leave following the birth of their first child, Edward. They are very excited at the prospect of moving to Canton. We pray for the Rev'd Emma as she prepares for this next phase in her ministry and we look forward very much to welcoming Emma, Nick and their baby son Ned to Canton in the Summer. A licensing service will take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> July with the Rev'd Emma beginning work here in August.

**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)

**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).

**Churchwardens and PCC:** The following were elected or appointed at the Annual Vestry Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to serve for the year 2018-2019 **Churchwardens** Lynda Banks, Martin Bickel, Beryl Cooke, David Morgan, David Snelson, Hilary Westwood.

**Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC)** Alfred Appah, David Banks, Emily Blake, Ian Davies, Bev Donaldson, Annie Harding, Linsay Jones, Paul Jones, Gareth Parsons, Sue Parsons, Colin Rossiter, Christine Ward, Sylvia Watkins, Paula Yates.

## 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

**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.

**Philippa Haughton** writes "I'm having a wonderful and productive time in South Africa. I'm trying to keep a blog updated each week to keep in touch people at home. If you want to know what I'm doing please visit my blog...It's [www.philippahaughton.wordpress.com](http://www.philippahaughton.wordpress.com)"

**WaterAid:** The concert at St Johns in support of Wateraid by local community choirs raised £684 - a fantastic effort

**Midweek Service:** Thursday 10.30 am

## St Luke's Notes:

**Christian Aid:** St.Luke's is collecting money as usual for the poor and disadvantaged. This year, donations will go to the people of Haiti who have lost their homes through storms, hurricanes and earthquakes. This work has already started by Christian Aid (and its partner *in situ* KORAL). When Vilia's home was destroyed by the earthquake in 2010, a new home was built for her and her family. Then, when Hurricane Matthew hit more recently, 54 people were able to shelter in her home. We are hoping to build more houses like this that will provide safe shelter for others in Haiti. Envelopes, materials, information from Diana (077541373) or Lynda

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

**Recently Departed: Fr Roger Dixon**

## Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun April 29 <sup>th</sup>	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Wenvoe and St. Lythans - Sully - Dinas Powys: Jonathan Ormrod (PinC) <i>The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem &amp; The Middle East</i>
Mon April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Archdeaconery of Margam: Archdeacon Designate: Canon Michael Komor <i>Central Zambia and Central Zimbabwe</i>
Tues May 1 <sup>st</sup>	PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLE Deanery of Bridgend: Area Dean: Canon Michael Komor <i>Chandigarh - (North India)</i>
Weds May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Diocesan Promoter of Retreats: Colin Sutton <i>Central Pennsylvania</i>
Thurs May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Ministry Area of Bridgend: Canon Michael Komor (R) <i>Chelmsford</i>
Fri May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Llandyfodwg & Cwm Ogwr: Julian Jenkins (PinC) <i>Chester</i>
Sat May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Asaph (6 <sup>th</sup> Century), Bishop Llangeinor & the Garw Valley: Roger Pitman (PinC) <i>Chhattisgarh</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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