

NEWSLETTER

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Easter 7

Collect of the day

O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Today's Gospel

This is the last Sunday of the Easter Season and we read the prayer which Jesus made before he is arrested. Soon he will end up being crucified and Jesus knows that this time has come. The last prayer of Jesus is that his disciples will be one, that their unity will be as great as that between him and God the Father. It is through this unity that the world will come to its senses and recognise who Jesus is. The problem is of course that humanity does not easily become united, we are known by our divisions and differences. We are frightened by those who are different and we seek power and identity by belonging to one group or another. After 2,000 years the church of Jesus is as divided as it has ever been and the prayer of Christ is unanswered. This is easily said and yet so hard to accomplish. People belong to churches and become familiar with the way things are done. They do not want to change and leave cherished habits, no matter if they are destructive and contrary to the wish of Jesus. Today we do well to remember to ask ourselves whether we are seeking with all our hearts to be part of the answer to that prayer of Jesus. Are we willing to put aside what we like so that we can begin to recognise Christ in people who are different from us? Are we willing to embrace unity and put aside our differences, so that the world may begin to see Jesus present in his church? This importance of dependence and sharing with each other is a fundamental part of being, not just as Christian people, but human beings. We know the importance of sharing and intimate and supportive relationships. The concept of a Christian who is isolated from others is fundamentally flawed, we exist only in community - as a part of a body. Feeling lonely is painful is nature's way of telling us that this is not how we should be. So Jesus addresses this in his prayer that we might be one, even as he and the Father are one - absolutely. We are made to share the joys and sorrows, the burdens and triumphs together.

St Catherine's: 10.30 am Choral Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 16, 398, 644, 255

St John's: 9.00 am Sung Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 255, 540, 314

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

Today's Hymns: 217, 12, 332

Psalm response: The Lord King, most high above all the earth

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, opening our hearts to him, singing Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is our King!

Psalm 97

- 1 The Lord is King, * let the earth be / glad there-/of: yea let the multitude of the / isles be / glad there-/of.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are / round a-/bout him: righteousness and judgement are the foun-/dation / of his / throne.
- 3 There goeth a / fire be-/fore him: and burneth up his / enemies • on / every / side.
- 4 His lightnings give shine / unto • the / world: the earth / seeth • it / and • is a-/fraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the / presence • of the / Lord: at the presence of the / Lord • of the / whole / earth.
- 6 The heavens de-/clare his / righteousness: and all the / peoples / see his / glory.
- 7 Confounded be all they that worship carved images, * and that delight in / vain / gods: bow down be-/fore him / all ye / gods.
- 8 Zion heard of it and rejoiced, * and the cities of / Judah • were / glad: be-/cause of • thy / judgements • O / Lord.
- 9 For thou Lord art most high over / all the / earth: thou art exalted / far a-/bove all / gods.
- 10 The Lord loveth / them that • hate / evil: he preserveth the lives of his servants, * and shall deliver them from the / hand of / the un-/godly.
- 11 There is sprung up a / light • for the / righteous: and joyful gladness for / such • as are / true of / heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the / Lord ye / righteous: and give thanks at the re-/membrance / of his / holiness.

Next week's readings: Acts 2:1 -21; Psalm 104:26-36, 37b; Romans 8: 14-17; John 14: 8-17

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.

Benefice Hardship Fund: envelopes are available at the back of church. If you wish to give please hand to the churchwardens. Thank you.

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
First Aiders: many of our activities in church now require a recently trained First Aider to be on site. Do you have a First Aid qualification or have you attended Emergency First Aid training in the last 3 years? This may have been done in your workplace. Please would you let your churchwarden know if you are....we will not call on you to do anything unless you want to, but it will be good for us to have this information for reference. Thank you.

Messy Church Dates and Venues. Sunday 9 June @ 4.00 pm in St John's. Sunday 14 July @ 4,00 pm in St Catherine's Grounds-Summer Party with games and activities. Bring a **PICNIC**. Supplementary food and drinks will be available

Financial headlines: please take home a copy of the financial headlines that was presented at the Annual Vestry. This gives a financial position of the churches within the Benefice. We ask that you pray for guidance about supporting our churches, both in time given and for regular financial contribution to your church. The Finance Team hope that by bringing these figures to you it will help you think about renewal and help to encourage the discipline of faithful and regular giving in response to a faithful and generous God. It also provides the opportunity to identify our churches' achievements over the past year, share hopes and plans for the future and communicate the financial situation.

St Catherine's Notes:

Advance notice: Summer Fair on 22nd June at 2.00pm. Please keep this date in your diary. Posters are now available in church and a plan for stalls and helpers. Please see what you can do to help this year's big event.

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 biscuits throughout June. 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. **June:** 9th June Messy Church – No Sunday school; 16th June – Sunday school; 23rd June No Sunday school – Confirmation at St Catherine's; 30th June – Sunday School.

Friday lunch: The next lunch at St. John's will be on Friday 28th June at 12noon. All are welcome.

Midweek Service: Holy Eucharist Thursday 10.30 am

St Luke's Notes:

Flower rota: Margaret Charles is updating the Flower Rota. If you wish to be added to the rota please see Margaret. You can either do an arrangement yourself or donate for a particular date eg on the anniversary of the death of a loved one or for a special date to you. If you are currently on the rota and wish to come off, or change the date you are entered, let Margaret know. Many thanks.

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

Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun Jun 2 nd	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Rectorial Benefice of East Vale: Canon Martyn Davies (TR)	<i>The Anglican Church of Mexico</i>
Jun 3 rd	Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge Ministry Area: Stephen Adams (R)	<i>Nelson (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia)</i>
Jun 4 th	Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast: Canon Edwin Counsell (R)	<i>Nevada; Alabama</i>
Jun 5 th	MISSION TO SEAFARERS – SOUTH WALES PORTS:	<i>Alaska; Albany</i>
Jun 6 th	ARCHDEACONRY OF MORGANNWG Archdeacon: Ven Christopher Smith	<i>New Guinea Islands</i>
Jun 7 th	DEANERY OF CYNON VALLEY: Area Dean: Michael Jones	<i>New Hampshire; All Saints Cathedral Diocese (Kenya)</i>
Jun 8 th	Aberaman & Cwmaman: Mathew Gibbon (V)	<i>New Jersey; Amazon (Brazil); Jabalpur (North India)</i>

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