

NEWSLETTER

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

We gather today, the first Sunday after Ascension Day, rejoicing that Jesus has been exalted into heaven. We pray in hope and expectation for the coming Spirit to fill our lives and our Church, to sanctify us in the truth of God's word of life to share with the world.

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 Readings

First Reading Acts 1:15-17, 21-end

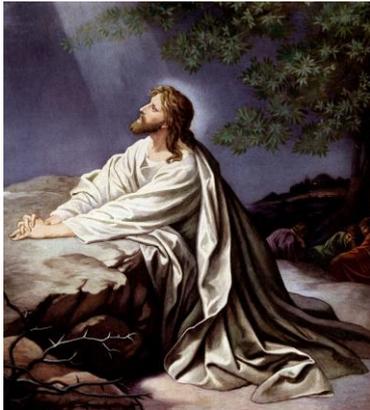
The disciples appoint Matthias in place of Judas.

Second Reading 1 John 5:9-13

John directs us to the greatest truth that God has to tell us, which is found in Jesus, and is the gift of eternal life. In the immediately preceding verses, John explains that "the Spirit is the one that testifies". As we await the Spirit, we await the one who bears the truth to us.

Gospel John 17:6-19

In the midst of his "high priestly prayer", Jesus prays that God will consecrate the disciples to continue his mission in the world once he has left them. He prays that God will protect them and keep them in the truth of the word.



St Catherine's: 8.00 am Holy Eucharist; 10.30 am Choral Eucharist with The Rev'd Sarah Rogers

Today's Hymns: 180, 644, 484, 104

St John's: 9.00 am Sung Eucharist

Today's Hymns: 12, 332, 104

St Luke's: 10:30 am Sung Mass

Today's Hymns: 12, 332, 408

Psalm response: Happy are they who trust in the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia Alleluia opening our hearts to Him, singing, Alleluia Alleluia Jesus is our King

4.00 pm Messy Church in Calvary Baptist Church

Psalm 1

- 1 Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, * nor followed the / way of / sinners: and hath not / sat • in the / seat of • the / scornful;
- 2 But his delight is in the / law • of the / Lord: and on his law doth he / ponder / day and / night.
- 3 He shall be like a tree planted / by the / water-side: that will bring forth its / fruit in / due / season.
- 4 Its leaf also / shall not / wither: and look, * whatsoever he / doeth, / it shall / prosper.
- 5 As for the ungodly it is not / so with / them: but they are like the chaff, * which the wind scattereth a-way • from the / face • of the / earth.
- 6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand / when • they are / judged: nor sinners in the as-/sembly / of the / righteous.
- †7 For the Lord preserveth the / way • of the / righteous: but the / way of • the un-/godly • shall / perish.

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 24th 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) Deadline is 12 noon on Fridays. For an email copy of the newsletter please contact Sheila at mgsmkelly1@gmail.com

Benefice Service: on 20th May we will have a Benefice Together Service at St Luke's at 10.30. This will be a chance for us to get together to say farewell and give thanks to Br Dominic and Dylan.

Paradise Run: The next run is on Saturday, 19th May. Please take your food to Sylvia (114, Pencisely Road) between 6-7. If this is difficult, please contact Diana at 07754179373.

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.

Spring Concert: The Fountain Choir will celebrate the arrival of Spring at St Catherine's Church today at 4.00 pm. Enjoy an afternoon of English and Italian music, followed by folk songs from Eastern Europe and Wales. There will be a storyteller and Lute player too. Free entry and refreshments. (Donations welcome). See the leaflet in church for more information.

Midweek service: Wednesday 11.00 am

St John's Notes:

Ty Bronna: We are collecting cereals throughout May. Please leave in the box in church.

Midweek Service: Thursday 10.30 am

St Luke's Notes:

Christian Aid: This is Christian Aid Week - our opportunity as a church to give to others, this time to the people of Haiti who are amongst the poorest in the world, losing their homes through earthquake, hurricane and flood. £200 is enough to train a local builder to build a safe home, £50 can buy basic building tools, £5 can buy seeds of beans that can feed a family. Envelopes are in church already. Ask Lynda, Beryl or Sue. There are also devotional leaflets in church. Thank you.

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

Recently Departed:**Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle**

Sun May 13 th	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – DEANERY OF MARGAM: Area Dean: Elaine Jenkyns	<i>Anglican Centre in Rome</i>
Mon May 14 th	MATTHIAS, APOSTLE Baglan: Stephen Jenkyns (PinC)	<i>Chubu - (Japan)</i>
Tues May 15 th	Cwmafan: Elaine Jenkyns (PinC)	<i>Clogher - (Armagh, Ireland)</i>
Weds May 16 th	The Dean & the Archdeacons.	<i>Cochin - (South India)</i>
Thurs May 17 th	Kenfig Hill: Jonathan Durley (PinC)	<i>Colombia</i>
Fri May 18 th	Margam: Edward Dowland-Owen (V)	<i>Connor - (Armagh, Ireland)</i>
Sat May 19 th	Newton Nottage, Porthcawl: Canon Philip Masson (R)	<i>Cork; Cloyne & Ross - (Dublin, Ireland)</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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