

# NEWSLETTER

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

### Introduction and Call to Worship

The year has turned, the sun keeps travelling, the earth remains in its orbit around the sun – and we, like the magi, continue our journey together to meet God in Christ, to bow down and to worship.



### Collect of the Day

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our 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 Isaiah 60:1-6

Having been presented with the priceless gift of freedom, God's people now have to discern how to use it in the Lord's service.

#### Second Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

Christ has been offered to us as a gift of unsurpassable sublimity and rich diversity which Paul calls us to share with the whole world.

#### Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Travelling from the east, confronted by Herod's machinations, the magi find the Christ child and humbly offer their gifts in homage to the true king.

**St Catherine's:** 10.30 am Choral Eucharist; 12.30 pm Baptism

**Today's Hymns:** 49, 724, 656, 326

**St John's:** 8.00 am Holy Eucharist; 9.00 am Sung Eucharist

**Today's Hymns:** 49, 552, 724

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

**Today's Hymns:** 552, 152, 40, 49

**Psalm response:** Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

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

### Psalm 72: 10-14

10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the / isles give / presents: the kings of Sheba and / Seba / bring their / gifts.

11 May all kings fall / down be-/fore him: and all / nations / do him / service.

12 For he shall deliver the / poor • when he / crieth: the needy also and / him that / hath no / helper.

13 He shall have pity upon the / lowly • and / poor: and shall pre-/serve the / lives • of the / needy.

14 He shall deliver them from op-/pression • and / violence: and dear shall their / blood be / in his / sight.

**Next week's readings: Isaiah 43: 1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8: 14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

**Fr Mark writes:** Despite it being about 3 months since I broke the news of my departure from Canton, the time to say farewell seems to have come around rather quickly and suddenly. Next Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> January is officially my last Sunday in the Benefice.

Consequently there will only be one service in the Benefice next Sunday and that will be at 10.30 am in St Luke's. Most of you will know by now that the service will be followed by a lunch and I know that arrangements are in hand for that. It promises to be very special occasion. We don't have a date for moving house yet but I will be Installed and Licensed as Canon Precentor by Bishop June at a special service of Choral Evensong in the Cathedral on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and I will be delighted to see as many of you as can be at that service.

**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)

**Messy Christingle:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 4 pm in St John's. Come along and help our young people to shine the light.

### St Catherine's Notes:

**Hall Bookings:** Please note a change of email contact for booking St Catherine's Hall. Bev can be contacted on [hall.stcatherines@beneficeofcanton.org.uk](mailto:hall.stcatherines@beneficeofcanton.org.uk)

**Parish treasurer** – we are seeking a new treasurer for St Catherine's from the new year, you do not have to be a financial wizard to do the job but will no doubt find it very worthwhile as it is a key position in our modern parish life. Please see Colin if you are interested and would like more details.

**Midweek service: Holy Eucharist Wednesday 11.00 am**

### St John's Notes:

**Ty Bronna:** We are collecting tins and packets of soup throughout January. Please leave in the box in church.

**Midweek Service: Holy Eucharist Thursday 10.30 am**

### St Luke's Notes:

**Midweek Masses: Said Mass Tuesday 10.00am; Friday 6.00 pm; Saturday 10.30 am**

### Recently departed:

### Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Llanharan w Peterston-super-Montem (Brynna): Barbara Wood (PinC). <i>The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia</i>
Mon Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Llanilid w Pencoed: Ian Hodges (V) <i>Lango (Uganda); Southern Malawi (Central Africa); Glasgow &amp; Galloway</i>
Tues Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	Glyncorrwg and the Upper Afan Valley: Beverly Reaney (PinC) <i>Langtang (Nigeria); Southern Nyanza (Kenya)</i>
Weds Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	Department for Communication: <i>Lebombo (Southern Africa); Southern Ohio; Southern Philippines</i>
Thurs Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	Llangywyd w Maesteg: To be appointed (V) <i>Leeds</i>
Fri Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	Troedrhiwgarth: Christopher Reaney (V) <i>Leicester; Gloucester; Southern Virginia</i>
Sat Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	DEANERY OF MARGAM: Area Dean: Elaine Jenkyns <i>Lesotho (Southern Africa); Southwark</i>

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