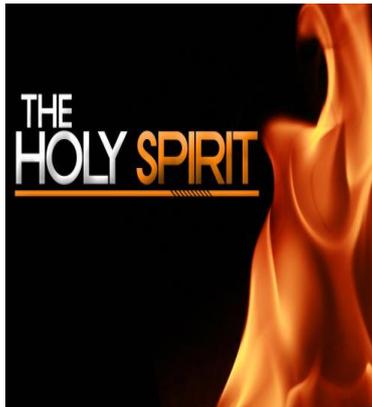


# NEWSLETTER

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## The Day of Pentecost

At Pentecost we celebrate our belief that God has come alongside us through the Holy Spirit. We have not been left to strive and struggle on alone, for we have the Spirit working within us, transforming us into the people God wants us to be.



### Collect of the Day

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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 2:1-21

The disciples receive the Holy Spirit as was foretold by the prophets and promised by Jesus.

#### Second Reading Romans 8:22-27

Paul says that the whole created order longs for Christ's return when death, decay and suffering will end. He encourages Christians to await this with confidence.

#### Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

As his death draws near, Christ reassures his disciples that they will not be left alone but will know the help of the Holy Spirit.

### 10.30 am: Benefice Together Sung Mass at St Luke's

**Today's Hymns:** 114, 163, 84, 419

**Psalm response:** Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia

**6.00 pm** Evensong in St John's.

Today we bid farewell to Dylan and Br Dominic as they prepare to return to St Asaph Diocese to be ordained Deacon and in due course ordained Priest. Dylan is to be the assistant Curate in the Parish of Ruthin and Dominic will be the assistant Curate in the Parish of Llay and Rossett, just outside Wrexham. As we wish them well, we also set on record our deep appreciation of all they have done with and for us in the Benefice of Canton. Br Dominic arrived in Canton in September 2016 and quickly became immersed in the life of the Benefice. He has been particularly involved in Messy Church, in pastoral visiting and in taking Holy Communion to the housebound and those in residential homes. Dylan joined the Benefice in September 2017 on a Sunday-only placement and his involvement with Sunday worship and the work of the PCC and Benefice Vision Day has been particularly valuable. Without doubt we have been blessed by the presence of Dominic and Dylan; as we offer a huge 'thank you' for all they have given us, we wish them every blessing for their ministries in the future. Diolch yn fawr iawn a phob bendith.

### 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)

**A time to pray:** Join with people across the world by praying for the coming of God's Kingdom. ([thykingdomcome.global](http://thykingdomcome.global))

## 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.

**Mothers' Union:** Monday 21st May 2pm Br. Dominic will be giving a talk to Mothers' Union in St. Catherine's Church Hall. All are welcome.

**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.

**May lunch:** This month's Lunch is on Friday 25th May at 12 noon. Everyone welcome.

**Sunday School dates:** 20th May - Sunday School; 27th May - School Holidays - No Sunday School; 3rd June - School Holidays - No Sunday School; 10th June - Messy Church - No Sunday School; 17th June - Sunday School

24th June - Sunday School; 1st July - Sunday School; 8th July - Messy Church - No Sunday School; 15th July - Sunday School

22nd July - 2nd Sept - School Holidays

**Midweek Service:** Thursday 10.30 am

## St Luke's Notes:

**Christian Aid Week:** There is still time to give. We are hoping to help the people of Haiti, some of the poorest in the world - (and a country beset with earthquakes, hurricanes and flood), to build more stable homes that will withstand the elements. This will enable them to help themselves. £210 will train a local builder, £50 can buy the building tools and even £5 can buy seeds so that a family can feed itself with beans. There are envelopes in St. Luke's. Diana (07754179373) has more at home.

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

**Recently Departed:** Sylvia Evans, Dave James, Eric Morse

## Diocesan and Anglican Prayer Cycle

Sun May 20 <sup>th</sup>	DAY OF PENTECOST Port Talbot, St. Theodore: Mark Williams (V)	<i>Colorado</i>
Mon May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Pyle & Kenfig: Dr. Duncan Walker (V)	<i>Costa Rica</i>
Tues May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rectorial Benefice of Aberavon: Nigel Cahill (R)	<i>Coventry</i>
Weds May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chaplains to the Armed Forces & Cadet Forces in the Diocese	<i>Connecticut</i>
Thurs May 24 <sup>th</sup>	DEANERY OF NEATH: Area Dean: Chris Coles	<i>Cueibet - South Sudan</i>
Fri May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Cilybebyll: Jayne Shaw (R)	<i>Cuernavaca - (Mexico)</i>
Sat May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Dulais Valley: Liz Rees (Curate in Charge)	<i>Curitiba - (Brazil)</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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