

Sun Feb 2 nd	THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST - Candlemas Deanery of Cynon Valley: Area Dean: Michael Jones <i>Anglican Church of Burundi</i>
Mon Feb 3 rd	Aberaman and Cwmaman: Matthew Gibbon (PinC) <i>Lui (South Sudan); Taiwan; Guildford</i>
Tues Feb 4 th	Abercynon: Peter Lewis (V) <i>Lusaka (Central Africa); Tamale (West Africa)</i>
Weds Feb 5 th	Honorary Assistant Bishops: <i>Lusitanian Church (Portugal)Tanga (Tanzania)</i>
Thurs Feb 6 th	Aberdare: Robert Davies (V) <i>Luwero (Uganda); Tarime (Tanzania); Tasmania</i>
Fri Feb 7 th	Aberdare, St. Fagan. Richard Green (V) <i>Lweru (Tanzania)</i>
Sat Feb 8 th	Cwmbach: Ven. Christopher Smith (PinC) <i>Gujarat (North India)</i>

Newsletter

St Catherine's | St John's | St Luke's The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

Forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Candlemas marks the end of the Christmas season, now we recall the day on which He was presented in the Temple, when He was offered to the Father and shown to His people. As a sign of His coming among us, His mother was purified, as we now come to Him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognised Him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. Today we celebrate both the joy of His coming and His searching judgement, looking back to the day of His birth and forward to the coming days of His passion.

Mid week Services this week

Tues Said Mass 12 noon

Weds Holy Eucharist at St Catherine's
11.00am

Thurs. Holy Eucharist at St John's 10.30am

Fri. Said Mass at St Luke's 6.00pm

Next week's readings: Isaiah 58: 1-9a;
Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12;
Matthew 5: 13-20

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Today's readings: Malachi 3: 1-5; Psalm
24: 7-10; Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40

Today's Service St Catherine's

10.30 am Choral Eucharist

Today's hymns: When candles are lighted;
755; 157; 350

Psalm 24: 7-10

7 Lift up your heads O ye gates, * and be ye lift up ye
ever-/lasting / doors: that the King of / glory / may come /
in,

8 'Who is the / King of / glory?': 'It is the Lord strong and
mighty, * even the / Lord / mighty • in / battle.'

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in.

10 'Who is the / King of / glory?': 'Even the Lord of hosts,
* / he • is the / King of / glory.'

Confirmation:

The Benefice confirmation will take place on the Feast of Christ the King on 22nd November 2020. Confirmation preparation for adults and children will begin with our first Xplore session on 23rd February with a fish and chip supper. Please take a leaflet outlining the programme and offering ways in which you can become involved.

Ty Bronna: Collecting for February: Tin Tomatoes, Pasta and sauces

Shrove Tuesday, 25th February. As Lent approaches, let's prepare and make ready for our Lenten disciplines with a pancake party! Please join me at the Rectory from 6.30pm for savoury and sweet pancakes. All welcome.

PCC meeting: the PCC will meet today at St Luke's Church, beginning with Benediction at 6.00pm and the meeting starting at 6.45pm. The Venerable Sue Pinnington, Director of Mission at Monmouth Diocese, will speak about 'Forest Churches'...using our outdoor spaces to worship God and connect with our community. We are opening this first part of the meeting to anybody who would like to come along and hear what Sue has to say and to share any ideas you might have.

Beautiful Burial Grounds conference National Museum Cardiff, Thursday 12 March, 10am - 4.30pm. A one day conference in Cardiff that will highlight simple ways to explore the diversity in burial grounds and create a haven for wildlife, heritage and people. For anyone who cares about burial grounds. For more information or to book place go to Llandaff Matters or speak to Mother Frances.

St John's Notes:

Sunday School: February 9th Messy Church; 16th & 23rd half term (no Sunday School) March 1st; 8th Messy Church; 15th; 22nd; 29th Benefice service; April 5th No Sunday School- Easter holidays

St John's Summer Coffee Morning and Sale 4th July 10.00am to 1.00pm. Please join us.

Lent Lunches every Friday during Lent (Feb 28th, March 6th 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd) at 12 noon in St John's Church. All are welcome across the Benefice; proceeds go to Christian Aid

DIARY DATES

Please put these dates in your diary. Details of each event will be published nearer the date.

TODAY:

PCC meets at 6.45pm in St Luke's

Sunday 16th February: Healing Service at 6.00pm in St John's

Sunday 23rd February: Xplore Confirmation classes begin

Shrove Tuesday 25th February: Pancake Party 6.30pm at the Rectory

Wednesday 26th February: Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes 11.00 am St Catherine's; Sung Mass with Imposition of Ashes 7.30pm St Luke's

Sunday 15th March: Lent Reflection 6.00pm at St John's

28th March Benefice Vision Day

So what is a **Benefice Vision Day**? And am I invited?

Indeed you are! This is a day when the whole Benefice, every one of us, will (I hope) come together, dream dreams together, plan and learn together. We will map out where we are present in our Benefice; where we live and where we meet other people (through our hobbies and work); we will dream and plan our Vision and we will have the opportunity to learn more through hands-on workshops. These will include, 'Telling a Joyful story', Spirituality of the Young, Silver Service (ministry to the elderly), Open the Book (Mothers' Union), Reading and Interceding in Church, Serving in Church, Community Engagement and Forest Church. Bishop June will be joining us on the day.

Advance notice of the 2020 Fairs at St Catherine's – please keep the following dates free for these two important events.

Summer Fair June 20th

Christmas Fair Nov 21st or 28th tbc

