

Sun Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS. Llansantffraid, Bettws & Aberkenfig: Suzanne Brumwell (V) <i>Gahini (Rwanda); Gambia</i>
Mon Dec 30 <sup>th</sup>	Llanharan w Peterston-super-Montem (Brynna) Barbara Wood (PinC) <i>Gasabo (Rwanda); Gboko (Nigeria)</i>
Tues Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	Llanilid w Pencoed: Ian Hodges (V) <i>George (Southern Africa); Georgia</i>
Weds Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	Church Organists & Choir Leaders. <i>Lagos (Nigeria)</i>
Thurs Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Glyncorwg and the Upper Afan Valley: Beverley Reaney (PinC) <i>Lahore (Pakistan); South Western Brazil; South East Florida</i>
Fri Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Llangynwyd w Maesteg: Martyn Evans (V) <i>Lainya (South Sudan); Southeastern Mexico</i>
Sat Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Troedrhiwgarth: Christopher Reaney (PinC) <i>Lake Malawi; Southern Brazil; Gippsland (Australia)</i>

# Newsletter

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## The First Sunday of Christmas

In this holy season we celebrate the doctrine called the Incarnation. This teaches the mystery of God entering into human flesh; the doctrine from which flows our conviction that, there is nothing...nothing in this world that escapes the loving embrace of God. As we come together and worship as a Christian community so we proclaim Christ to our world.

### Mid week Services this week

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**Tues** Said Mass at St Luke's 10.00 am

**Weds** Holy Eucharist for the Naming of Christ at St Catherine's 11.00am

**Thurs.** Holy Eucharist at St John's 10.30am

**Fri.** Said Mass at St Luke's 6.30pm

**Next week's readings:** Isaiah 60: 1-6;  
Psalm 72: 10-14; Ephesians 3: 1-12;  
Matthew 2: 1-12

**Team Rector:** Mother Frances Wilson  
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(Day off Friday)

**10.30 am Benefice Together  
Sung Eucharist at St John's**

**Today's readings:** Isaiah 63: 7-9; Psalm 148;  
Hebrews 2: 10-18; Matthew 2: 1-12

**Hymns: 370, 93, 36, 330**

**Psalm Response: Praise, O praise the name  
of the Lord.**

**Readers and Intercessors:** we are hoping to grow our pool of readers and intercessors in each church. Readings follow the Lectionary and can be sent to you beforehand if you would like to practise before you read. Intercessions follow an established model and the intercessions can be read from a set book initially. Guidance and support will be given if you are interested in becoming a reader or intercessor. Please talk to one of the churchwardens if you would like more information.

### **Confirmation:**

The Benefice confirmation will take place on the Feast of Christ the King on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020. Confirmation preparation for adults and children will take place on the fourth Sunday of each month starting in January. **Would you please let Mother Frances know if you, or your child, is wishing to be confirmed.** Children must be Year 5 and above. If you have already been confirmed, please would you consider joining a small team who will accompany these candidates in their learning.

### **Year of Pilgrimage:**

There will be a service at Llandaff Cathedral on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January to mark to start of the Year of Pilgrimage in the Diocese. **A representative is needed from each of the churches!** Please speak to Mother Frances if you wish to be involved.

### **Godly Play training:**

Godly Play is a creative and imaginative approach to Christian nurture. Through Godly play children can benefit from the space and time to enter the Christian story and come closer to God through play and creativity. If you would like to attend a one-day introduction session to experience Godly Play for yourself, there is a session at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Abergavenny on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January from 10.00 am – 4.00pm. The cost is £30, which the Benefice will pay. If you would like to attend please let Sue Jones know so she can book you a place.

**Helping others to get to church:** we are aware that there may be members of our Benefice who having difficulty getting to services either because of lack of transport or restricted mobility. The churchwardens would like to hear from or about those for whom this is true and from those who will be willing to assist with lifts. Please help if you can.

### **St Catherine's Notes:**

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**Flowers for Christmas** – thank you to everyone who donated Pontsettias this year. It made our church look very festive.

### **St Luke's Notes:**

**Christmas Flowers;** thank you to Margaret Charles and her helpers for arranging such beautiful displays of flowers. Thank you to all who donated towards the costs of the flowers.

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### **DIARY DATES**

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

**TODAY:** Benefice Together Service 10.30 am at St John's.

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There are no other services in the Benefice today

January 12<sup>th</sup>

**Benefice Lunch** from 12 noon £9.50 tickets available from Jeannie Steadman (limited to 60 people).

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28<sup>th</sup> March **Benefice Vision Day**