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| Sun Dec 8 th | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Radyr: Victoria Burrows (V) <i>Mothers' Union around the world</i> |
| Mon Dec 9 th | Rectorial Benefice of Whitchurch: John Davis (R) <i>Shyogwe (Rwanda); Egba (Nigeria)</i> |
| Tues Dec 10 th | St. Fagan's & Michaelston-super- Ely: Ven. Peggy Jackson (PinC) <i>Sialkot (Pakistan)</i> |
| Weds Dec 11 th | Lay Eucharistic Ministers throughout the Diocese. <i>Singapore (South East Asia); Egypt (Jerusalem & Middle East)</i> |
| Thur Dec 12 th | Tongwynlais: Zoe King: (PinC) <i>Sittwe (Myanmar)</i> |
| Fri Dec 13 th | Rectorial Benefice of Canton: Frances Wilson (Team Rector) <i>Ekiti (Nigeria)</i> |
| Sat Dec 14 th | Deanery of Penarth and Barry: Area Dean Andrew James <i>Sodor & Man; El Camino Real</i> |

Mid week services this week

St Catherines

Wednesday Holy Eucharist 11.00am
followed by Reflection over coffee in the
Hall. *Reflections from Henri Nouwen*

St John's

Thursday Holy Eucharist 10.30 am

St Luke's

Tuesday Said Mass 12 noon followed by
lunch and reflection in Park View café at
12.30pm *Heading to the Manger:*
Reflections from Great Writers of the Past
Friday Said Mass 6.00pm

Next week's readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10;
Canticle: Magnificat; James 5: 7-10;
Matthew 11: 2-11

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off Friday)

Newsletter

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The Second Sunday of Advent

In Advent we look for the coming of the Christ child but also look further ahead to that time when we will come face to face with our Lord. Let us come before God now, with love for ourselves and for one another. Let us follow the Star that leads to the Christ Child.

Today's readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10;
Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19; Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12

Today's Services

St John's

9.00 am Sung Eucharist
*Hymns: 527, There is a longing,
282*

*Psalm Response: In his time shall
the righteous flourish,*

**[and peace till the moon shall be
no more].**

St Luke's

10.30 am Sung Mass
Hymns: 527, 263, 480
*Psalm Response: In his time shall
the righteous flourish,[and peace
till the moon shall be no more].*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia x 4

Advent and Christmas Services: please take a leaflet today that outlines the services through Advent and Christmas across the Benefice. Please join as many of these services as you can. Bring a friend, neighbour or family member to share in our celebrations.

Advent Reflections

St. Luke's Church 12 noon service followed by Reflection in Park View Cafe. *Heading to the Manger: Reflections from Great Writers of the Past*

St. Catherine's Church 11am service followed by Reflection over coffee in the Hall. *Reflections from Henri Nouwen*

Join in from your home (or with a friend!). Please choose a booklet for your own reflection. We ask for a donation of £1.75 from those who can manage this, to cover the cost of buying the booklets.

Thank you. .

Human Rights Service: there will be a service in St John's on Sunday 15th December at 3.00pm to mark 71 years since the universal declaration of Human Rights. The service will feature community choirs. Please come along and support this event. There will be no evening service in the Benefice on this day.

Miniature Broom Making: please come and help Mother Frances prepare for our Christmas Crib service by helping to make miniature brooms. If you can help please come to the Rectory on Thursday 12th December from 2.00 – 4.00 pm. Tea/coffee and lashings of cakes provided for all workers.

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 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 thee candidates in the learning.

Year of Pilgrimage: there will be a service at Llandaff Cathedral on Sunday 12th January to mark to start of the Year of Pilgrimage in the Diocese. If you would like to be involved in this and willing to represent the Benefice, please talk to Mother Frances.

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 25th 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.

St Catherine's Notes:

Refurbishment of the exterior of the Hall. Our application to the Welsh Church Act Fund was successful in the sum of £3,275.00. Work is scheduled to commence in the Spring of 2020. Before that time we shall need to raise £3,100.00 in order to meet the full cost of this work.

From Diana Fletcher: We are sad to announce the loss of Jean Senior who died peacefully on Monday 25/11 in UHW. We are holding a memorial service for her on at St Catherine's on Monday 16/12 at 3pm with refreshments afterwards in the church hall. Family flowers only, thank you. Donations may be made in her memory to St Catherine's Church. Please text Diana for more information on 07909 961256.

Mothers' Union Christmas afternoon will be held in St. Catherine's Church Hall on Tuesday 17th December 2pm. Any queries contact Ruth Honey 20553603

Christmas fair – another great success with many people visiting our event from the community and as with all of our fairs a great social occasion. We also raised a much needed £1800 on the day which very good. Thanks to all who contributed particularly the stall holders who put on a great display of goods.

Flowers for Christmas – as with last year we are inviting everyone to donate a poinsettia for Christmas to display in the sanctuary. This could be in memory of someone or a simple offering to brighten up the church at this special time. This will replace the usual request for flowers . Please bring your plants on or before Sunday 22nd Dec.

St Luke's Notes:

Christmas Flowers; donations for flowers to decorate our church for Christmas can be given to Margaret Charles or Brenda. Thank you

DIARY DATES

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

TODAY: Messy Church 4pm at Calvary Baptist Church

Dec. 22nd **NO Sunday School** at St. John's
Lessons and Carols for Christmas at St Catherine's at 4.30pm

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

28th March **Benefice Vision Day**