

The Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge.



Serving the communities of Aberthin,
Cowbridge, Flemingston, Llanblethian,
Llandough, Llanfrynach, Llansannor,
Penllyn, St. Hilary, St. Mary Church and
Ystradowen.

Bringing Christ to the people and the people to Christ.

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COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Many ancient prophets foretold the day of the Lord's coming. He will be within the dynasty of Jess's great son David, and once again there will be peace and harmony. All peoples, and all the natural world too, will be reconciled.

Isaiah 11: 1-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his

roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of

Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

R. In his time shall the righteous flourish, [and peace till the moon shall be no more].

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. **R**

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. **R**

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. **R**

Blessèd be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds! And blessèd be his glorious name for ever! and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen. **R**

SECOND READING

Paul quotes the scriptures for evidence that Jesus always considered others before himself. So let all Christians now agree in a common hope, joy, and perseverance.

Romans 15: 4-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

The last of the old prophets, the one whom Jesus called greatest in his kingdom, was John the Baptist. John, like Paul, quotes Isaiah, to explain his function of preparing the way for the Lord's coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Listen to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 3: 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of

repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Let us pray,
Lord,

we are nothing without you.

As you sustain us with your mercy,
receive our prayers and offerings.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray,
Father in heaven,
who sent you Son to redeem the world and
will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please Pray for

- ***In the Anglican Communion:*** we pray for the Lusitanian Church (Extra Pvincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) Lusitanian Church - (Portugal), Rt. Rev'd Fernando Soares. www.anglicancommunion.org
- ***We pray for the work of our link missionary societies,*** please use the C.M.S. Newslines: *Phone 020 7633 0070.* In SAMS we pray for our link mission partner in Paraguay, Babs Owen. www.samsgb.org
- ***In the diocese:*** we pray for the Parish of Kenfig Hill.
- Please use the Web Site: www.churchinwales.org
- ***We pray for all who are sick,*** particularly for Becky Jenkins, Betty Lever, Avril Jones, Bob Whittaker, David Thomas (Maendy), Ena Robinson, Douglas McCormack, Tom Hain, Annie Williams, Alan Merrick, Fr. David Lloyd, David Emerson-Thomas, Luke James, Canon David Williams, Theo Saunders, Catherine Williams, Kate Hibbert, Peter Bird, Janet Legg, Herbert Hatherow, Geoff Alford, and Dai John.

Praying for our loved ones who are in need is important to us as a Church. Please forward names for the Prayer List to the Parish Office, having first obtained permission of the person concerned, together with any details that will allow us to offer the appropriate Pastoral Care. People will be prayed for over a month, after which - if there is any further need - please let us know.

- ***We pray for all those who are sick and Housebound*** in our Parish and for all those who receive Holy Communion at home.
- ***We pray for those who have recently departed this life*** Judith Ricketts, Maurice Dwek and John Whitehouse
- ***We pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time,*** among them Olive Leigh, Hetty Jenkins, Ann Christina Wright, Ann Bloomfield, Mona Openshaw Howerth, Bill Curness, Herbert John David. ***May they rest in peace and rise in glory!***

PARISH WARDEN.

David Crompton resigned as Parish Warden after 9 years in the post at the Annual Vestry meeting in April. I have been unable to find a suitable volunteer to take on the role of Parish Warden at the present time. However one very suitable candidate has indicated their willingness to take on the role from April 2012. Legally the Benefice can not continue to operate without 2 Parish wardens until 2012. David has therefore agreed to continue in the role of Parish Warden until April 2012 and this has been approved by the Archdeacon. Canon Derek Belcher.

Banns of Marriage

For the third time of asking: Richard Alexander Summers and Katia Edwina Daw both of this Parish at Llansannor.

Notices

- **The Parish Christmas Card** containing the times of all the Christmas Services in the Parish as well as events organised by Churches Together is now available. Please note that where there is a Eucharist Service on Christmas Eve, this will commence at 10.30 pm.
- **Pastoral Care Meeting** Due to unforeseen problems, ill health, weather etc. the meeting on Monday 6th December has been cancelled. WATCH THIS SPACE for date of next meeting in 2011.
- **Llanblethian Church Guild** will meet at Llanblethian Church Hall at 2.30 pm on Monday 6th December.
- **Christmas Ceilidh** at The Town Hall Cowbridge, Friday 10th Dec, 7.00-11.00pm with THINGUMIJIGS. Tickets: £5.00 from W.G.Davies, Newsagents, Cowbridge, Blockley's Barbers, Boverton, Rio's Boutique, Llantwit Major, or Tel: 01446 773408. Bar & light snacks. To support The Great Wall of China Trek in aid of the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.
- **St. Hilary Lunch** on the 5th Dec. has been cancelled
- **Holy Cross Christmas Flowers.** The Christmas trees are with us, but there is still a need for fresh flowers for the Christmas Services. Donations would be gratefully received by Anne Wright and Pauline Lane. Margaret Harris is once again in hospital becoming a bionic woman. We wish her well and excuse her from her flower duties. Thank you in anticipation. Anne Wright.
- **Christmas - The Story. Nadolig Y Stori** Bringing the Christmas Nativity to the heart of Cardiff City Centre. A 20 minute Nativity play with performances throughout the day. Tabernacl Welsh Baptist Chapel, The Hayes, Cardiff, CF10 1AJ. 1st to 18th December.

The Funeral of the late John Whitehouse will take place on Monday 13th December in Holy Cross Church at 12 noon.

Stamps for Leukaemia Research

If you would like to contribute your used stamps to Leukaemia Research then please leave them at the back of church or drop them in at the Parish Office.

**THERE WILL BE NO
PARISH BREAKFAST
THIS MONTH**

St. Mary Church Coffee Morning
Third Friday in each month in the
Church from 10.30am. All welcome.
Come and join us in fellowship.

DIARY

Monday 6th December

S Nicholas B, Mem
Margam

Terry Doherty (V)
Peter Gibson (Reader)

8.45 Morning Prayer at Holy Cross
11.00 House Group at 2 River Walk
5.00 Evening Prayer at Holy Cross
8.00 Home Group at Eastfield House
(773795)

Tuesday 7th

S Ambrose BDr, Mem
Newton Nottage, Porthcawl

Canon Philip Masson (R)
Mervyn Trigg (Reader)

8.45 Morning Prayer at Holy Cross
10.00 Executive Meeting
11.00 Eucharistic Ministers Meeting, Aberthin
Vicarage.
5.00 Evening Prayer at Holy Cross
7.00 Cowbridge Male Voice Choir
Committee, T.R.
7.30 HX Sector/Restoration in the Church
7.30 Bell practice
8.00 Bible Study at 15 Pen Hendy (01443
226412)

Wednesday 8th

The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady,
Sol
Chaplains to the Armed Forces & Cadet
Forces in the Diocese

8.45 Morning Prayer at Holy Cross
10.00 The Eucharist at Llanblethian
LI 1009
**R Sing a new song to the Lord for he has
worked wonders.**

1.30 Handbells, Taynton Room
5.00 Evening Prayer at Holy Cross
7.00 Cowbridge Male Voice Choir.
7.30 NFU Ladies Carol Service, Penllyn
Church

Thursday 9th

S John Diego Cuahtlatoazin Hermit, Mem
Port Talbot, St.Theodore

Colin Amos (V)

8.45 Morning Prayer at Holy Cross
5.00 Evening Prayer at Holy Cross
7.30-9.30 Cowbridge Choral Society
rehearsal, Holy Cross.

Friday 10th

S John Roberts PrMr, Mem
Pyle & Kenfig

10.00 The Eucharist at Holy Cross
LI 42
**R Anyone who follows you, Lord, will have
the light of life.**
5.00 Evening Prayer at Holy Cross
7.30 Passion Play meeting. T.R.

Saturday 11th

S Damasus I P, Mem
Troedrhhiwgarth

9.30 Morning Prayer at Holy Cross.
11.00 Manor House Service, St. Hilary, Fr.J.
2.30-10.00 Cowbridge Choral Society in Holy
Cross. Concert: **6.00pm**

THE PARISH OFFICE

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The Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm.

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated in St. John's Church, Llanblethian at **10.00am on Wednesdays** (followed by a coffee morning).

The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated in Holy Cross Parish Church at **10.00am on Fridays** (followed by a coffee morning)

If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or be visited then please let the Parish Office or one of the Clergy know as soon as possible.

Staff	home	mobile
Rector		
Revd Canon Derek G Belcher Obl.S.B.	771625	07796 170671
Vicar		
Revd Julian Jenkins Obl.S.B.	773889	07716 999384
<i>(Not normally available on Thursday)</i>		
Parish Administrator		
Mr David -Lloyd Jones	Parish Office or	01656 741354
Parish Warden		
Mrs Pamela Roberts	772771	
Mr David Crompton	751490	
Parish Treasurer		
Mr Ron Norey	775623	
Honorary Assistant Curates		
Revd John D Marshall	773930	
Revd Norman E Williams	772107	

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER

8.00 The Eucharists at Holy Cross	<i>President</i>	Canon Derek Belcher
9.15 Morning Prayer at Llanblethian	<i>Officiant</i>	Mr. Dafydd Treharne
9.15 The Eucharist at Llandough	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Julian Jenkins
9.15 The Eucharist at St. Mary Church	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Norman Williams
9.15 The Eucharist at Penllyn	<i>President</i>	Ven. Bill Thomas
10.45 Morning Prayer at Llansannor	<i>Officiant</i>	Rev'd John Marshall
10.45 The Eucharist at Ystradowen	<i>President</i>	Ven. Bill Thomas
10.45 Morning Prayer at Holy Cross	<i>Leader</i>	The Worship Group/ Canon Derek Belcher
10.45 Eucharist & Baptism at St. Hilary	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Julian Jenkins
5.00 Choral Evensong at Llanblethian	<i>Officiant</i>	Rev'd Norman Williams
6.30 Evening Prayer at Flemingston	<i>Officiant</i>	Rev'd Julian Jenkins

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER

8.00 Holy Communion (1662) Holy Cross	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Julian Jenkins
9.15 The Eucharist at Llanblethian	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Norman Williams
9.15 Morning Prayer at Llandough	<i>Leader</i>	Church Members
9.15 The Eucharist at St. Mary Church	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Dr. Desmond Harvey
9.15 The Eucharist at Llansannor	<i>President</i>	Canon Peter Raikes
10.45 Morning Prayer at Penllyn	<i>Leader</i>	Church Members
10.45 The Eucharist at Ystradowen	<i>President</i>	Rev'd John Marshall
10.45 The Eucharist at Holy Cross	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Julian Jenkins
10.45 The Eucharist at St. Hilary	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Dr. Desmond Harvey
10.45 The Eucharist at Aberthin	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Norman Williams
4.00 Christingle Service at Holy Cross	<i>Officiant</i>	Canon Derek Belcher
6.00 Carol Service at Ystradowen	<i>Officiant</i>	Rev'd Julian Jenkins
6.00 Holy Communion at Southway		
6.30 The Eucharist at Flemingston	<i>President</i>	Canon Derek Belcher

Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10
 James 5: 7-10

Psalm 146: 4-9
Matthew 11: 2-11

R Happy are they who hve the God of Jacob for their help.

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