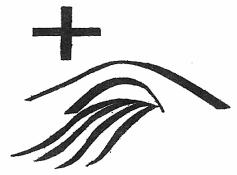


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Serving the communities of Aberthin, Cowbridge, Flemingston, Holy Cross, Llanblethian, Llandough, Llanfrynach, Llangan, Llansannor, Penllyn, St. Hilary, St. Mary Church, St Mary Hill & Ystradowen .

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY 24th MARCH 2019

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THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 55. 1-9

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

PSALM

Psalm 63. 1-8

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10. 1-13

R My soul thirsts for you, O my God.

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water; Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

R

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise. So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name. **R**

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches. **R**

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written

down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13. 1-9

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Repent says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Listen to the gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke
Glory to Christ you, O Lord.

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No,

I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Those baptised in the Name of the Trinity are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please Pray for

- **In the Anglican Communion:** we pray for the *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and the Most Rev'd Paul Kwong.*
- **In the diocese we pray for** the Parish of Christ Church, Roath Park Priest in Charge, Dr Trystan Hughes and Curate, Dr John Hillebert.
- Please use the Web Site: www.churchinwales.org
- **We pray for all those who are sick and housebound** in our Parish and for all those who receive Holy Communion at home.
If you require a visit, or are aware of anyone else who does, please advise the Parish Office or a member of the Clergy.
- **We pray for all who are sick,** particularly Muriel Maslin, Eve Balfour, Dawn Conrad, Maureen Dixon, Charlotte Carpenter, Christine Williams, Christopher Browner, Lewis Groom, Phillip Rosser, Isobel Brant and Helen Saunders.
- **We pray for those who have recently departed this life, among them** Yvonne Wilding, Ron Norey, Jean Comber, Brian Minshull, Jean Fawcett, Nigel Anderson, Josephine Jenkins-Garnier, John Lewis, Justin Coutange and Sue Flower.
- **We pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** Jim Overton, Ann Margaret Lewis, Michael Owain Lwys-Williams, Mike Thomas, Arthur Gocherty, Colin Havers David, Alexander Drummond, Gwynneth Webb, Hannah Hawkins and Brian Wright
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lent Reflections- a Time to Think.

Penllyn Church will again be holding Lent Reflections on the Wednesdays in Lent- 7pm to 8pm. Quiet music, candle lit space to allow you time to clear your heads- think about your own journey to Easter, and reflect on your own current faith, with a different focus provided each week. Compline will be said each week at 7.50pm. Please come and join us .

Notices

- **The next meeting of the PCC** will take place on Monday 25th March, 7 pm at the Taynton Room.
- **Lenten study groups 2019** every Monday at 10.30 a.m. at 2 River Walk, Cowbridge (telephone Jen Kennedy on 773467) and at 19.45 at Eastfield House, Cowbridge (telephone Sue Freeland on 775947)
- **Diocesan Lent Talks** please see leaflets in church, lifts can be arranged, please speak to clergy or Parish Wardens.
- **Lenten Lunch at Holy Cross** Saturday 6th April from 12 noon to 2pm Minimum Donation £3.00 for Christians against Poverty. Please contact Hazel or Barbara if able to supply soup or help on the day.
- **Holy Cross Easter Lilies** If you would like to buy a lily in Holy Cross to remember a loved-one this Easter please give names and donations to Margaret Harris or Louise Griffiths.
- **Holy Cross housekeeping social!** Saturday 30th March from 10am to 12 noon in preparation for Easter. Tea, coffee and cleaning materials provided. Most jobs are sitting down so chat and clean at the same time. Volunteers needed, Please contact Barbara Harding .
- **Holy Cross Afternoon Tea** is on Sunday March 24th from 3.30p.m. to 5.00p.m. Everyone welcome.
- **Llanblethian Quiz** at Llanblethian Church Hall, Friday 12th April, 7pm. Tickets £7.50 to include a light supper from Sue Cox 773637& Nick Broekstra 772843

We offer our congratulations to Rev'd Suzanne Brumwell who has recently been appointed to the post of Vicar of the Parish of Llansantffraid, Bettws and Aberkenfig. Suzanne will be licensed to her new post sometime in July and we will be organising a farewell for Suzanne, and Phil in due course.

In the meantime, please hold Suzanne and Phil in your prayers together with the people of the parishes of Llansantffraid, Bettws and Aberkenfig.

St. Mary Church Coffee Morning third Friday in each month at the Church from 10.30am. All Welcome. **(12 th April 2019) I week earlier due to Easter**
Ystradowen Church Social 3rd Wednesday each month, venues vary so for more info contact Sue Squire 775556

Parish Prayer Breakfast: The next monthly prayer breakfast will be on the **second Saturday in the month (13th April 2019)** at 8.00am in the **Taynton Room, Holy Cross.**

DIARY

Monday 25th March

The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.30 Lent Group 2 River Walk 773467

15.30 Confirmation class at St David's Colwinston

19.00 PCC Meeting at Holy Cross

19.45 Lent Group at Eastfield House
775947

Tuesday 26th March

Feria

10.15 Assembly at Llansannor School

14.00 Handbells at the Taynton Room

19.00 Diocesan Vision 'Where Faith Matters' Ystrad Mynach *

Wednesday 27th March

Feria

10.00 The Eucharist at Llanblethian
Common Worship page 123

R Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem.

14.00 Clergy Chapter meeting at Colwinston AK

15.30 Confirmation Class at Llansannor School

19.00 Cowbridge Male Voice Choir at Holy Cross.

19.00 Diocesan Vision 'Where Faith Matters' Grangetown *

Thursday 28th March

Feria

10.00 Craft Group at the Taynton Room

19.00 Diocesan Vision 'Where Faith Matters' Margam Abbey *

Friday 29th March

Woolos(6th century), King

10.00 The Eucharist at Holy Cross
Common Worship page 126

R The Ways of the Lord are right.

Saturday 30th March

Feria

08.00 Holy Cross Housekeeping-All Day

14.00 Burial of Ashes at St Mary Hill

15.00 Cowbridge Male Voice Choir Set up at Holy Cross.

19.00 Cowbridge Male Voice Choir Concert at Holy Cross.

*** see poster for more details**

*All of the Churches in our Parish are open daily
for private prayer and devotion.*

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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).

PLEASE TAKE ME HOME

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.

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SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 24th MARCH 2019
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00 The Eucharist at Holy Cross	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Stephen Adams
9.15 The Eucharist at Llanblethian	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Stephen Adams
9.15 The Eucharist at Llandough	<i>President</i>	Rev'd David Boulton
9.15 The Eucharist at St Mary Church	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Suzanne Brumwell
9.15 The Eucharist at Llansannor	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Victoria Ashley
11.00 The Eucharist at Penllyn	<i>President</i>	Canon Peter Coleman
11.00 The Eucharist at Ystradowen and Sunday School	<i>President</i>	Rev'd David Boulton
11.00 The Eucharist & Baptism at Holy Cross	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Stephen Adams
11.00 The Eucharist at St Hilary	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Victoria Ashley
11.15 All Age Worship at Llangan	<i>Officiants</i>	Rev'd Suzanne Brumwell & Mrs Glenda Oglesbee
15.00 Afternoon Tea at Holy Cross		
18.00 Prayer and Praise at Southway	<i>Officiants</i>	Mrs Hazel Coates & Mr Ernie Coates
18.30 The Eucharist at Flemingston	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Victoria Ashley

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2019
MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.00 The Eucharist at Holy Cross	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Stephen Adams
9.15 The Eucharist at Llanblethian	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Stephen Adams
9.15 The Eucharist at Llandough	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Ian Thomas
9.15 The Eucharist at St Mary Church	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Suzanne Brumwell
9.15 The Eucharist at Penllyn	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Victoria Ashley
11.00 The Eucharist at Holy Cross	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Stephen Adams
11.00 The Eucharist at Llansannor	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Ian Thomas
11.00 The Eucharist at Ystradowen	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Suzanne Brumwell
11.00 The Eucharist at St Hilary	<i>President</i>	Rev'd Victoria Ashley
18.30 Evening Prayer at Flemingston	<i>Officiant</i>	Rev'd Suzanne Brumwell

Readings: Exodus 2. 1-10 Psalm 34. 11-20 2 Corinthians 1. 3-7 Luke 2. 33-35
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