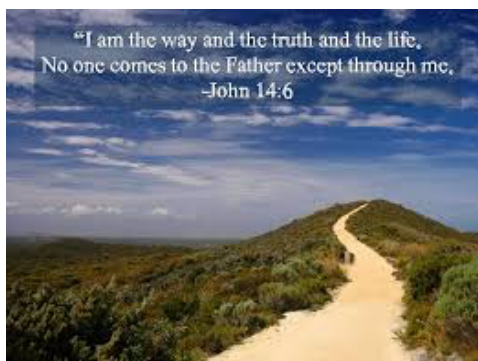


St German's Church

10 May 2020 - Easter V



'OUR Gospel begins with a statement of eternal hope. In words used at many funerals, Jesus declares that "in my Father's house there are many dwelling-places", and promises his disciples that he goes to "prepare a place" for them. Thomas objects that, as the disciples do not know where Jesus is going, they cannot know the way. Jesus replies that he is "the way, and the truth, and the life". He is the "way", because he is the one by whom and in whom disciples must travel. He is the "truth", because, in seeing him, the disciples see the Father. And he is the "life", because participation in him is both our journey and our journey's end.' (Angus Ritchie, Church Times 8198)

Parish Notes:

Christian Aid - Many of us have already collected or set aside funds to support Christian Aid e.g. during the lenten lunches. We'd like to send in these monies to CA as a whole. One option is to write a cheque made out to Christian Aid for the amount or give money to Angela Parry who can transfer it on your behalf. See Angela for details.

Ministry to Children - We are currently preparing some resources to help support our younger members spiritually during the lockdown. If you'd like some help with this for your children, grandchildren or neighbours please let Fr Phelim know.

Zoom Coffee - We'd like to arrange a parish coffee morning in which we can connect with each other via zoom. If you'd like to participate please let Fr Phelim know. We plan to have the first one on Wednesday 20th May at 10:30am. If you need help please ask Fr Phelim. Once members are able to connect we will publish dates of other meetings.

Lift Up Your Hearts - Spiritual Support during the pandemic. This week reflections are by the biblical theologian Paula Gooder, Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral in London.

Easter Course - Continues this coming Wednesday when we ask 'why on earth do some Christians become so judgemental?'. We will host a zoom meeting on this issue on Wednesday at 7pm. Ask Fr Phelim for details and an invitation.

Tackling Loneliness - YourNeighbour.org is running a national helping for people who need help during the lockdown. Our parishes have joined this national network which seeks to support all who are struggling locally. Telephone: 0300 323 9952.

Online Services - The liturgical life of our community continues with online services.

Thy Kingdom Come - Join our Prayer Novena from Ascension to Pentecost (see website)

Foodbank - Please continue to donate food locally. Whilst some foodbank distribution centres have closed others have remained open (please see Cardiff Foodbank website for details of these). For dropping off donated food Cardiff Foodbank Hub remains open in Splott on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 09:30-13:30 plus many supermarkets.

Recently Departed - Mark Evans, Barbara Tottle, John Edward Baker, Gordon Vaulter (RIP)

Llandaff Diocese Prayer Cycle:

Sun 10

5th Sunday of Easter

Cwmafan, Elaine Jenkyns (PinC), Anglican Church of Kenya

Mon 11:

Kenfig Hill, Jonathan Durley (PinC)

Tues 12S:

Margam, Edward Dowland Owen (V)

St Asaph

Wed 13:

St Padarn's Institute, Jeremy Duff and Staff

7pm Easter Course on Zoom

Thur 14:

Newton Mottage Porthcawl, Philip Masson R) Geoff Lunn (C)

ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

Friday 15:

Port Talbot, St Theodore, Nigel Cahill (PinC)

Saturday 16:

Pyle & Kenfig, Duncan Walker (V)

Sun 17

6th Sunday of Easter

Aberavon, Nigel Cahill (TR), Rhun Ap Robert (TV).

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Pet 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7,
16+20
1 Pet 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

PSALM:

**May your love be
upon us, O Lord, as
we place all our hope
in you. (3vv)**

COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Acts.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord,
O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.
R/

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R/**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R/**
Psalm 33

SECOND READING

A reading from the 1st letter of Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.* That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Peter 2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

John 14