

# St German's Church

10 September 2017 - (Ordinary Time 23 - Trinity 13)



One of the battlegrounds of the Reformation in the 16th century was how Jesus was present in the Eucharist and in our world. Many theories were proposed and to this day diversity remains. In today's gospel the spiritual presence of Jesus with the Church is promised. In this case the church could be as few as two or three. In our worship today we give thanks to God for Christ's enduring presence with us.

## Parish Notes:

**Quiz Evening** – many thanks to all who supported this. We raised £160.

**PCC Meeting** - This Tuesday 11 September 2017 begins at 6pm with mass.

**Back to Church Sunday 24 September** - many churches traditionally use the last Sunday of September as an opportunity to invite a friend or former Church goer to join us in Church. See poster for copying and sharing on social media.

**New Hymn Books** - Many thanks to Richard Davey for the generous gift of new Hymn Books in honour and memory of his late wife Sylvia. We look forward greatly to using these to help us in our worship and song each week. We hope too to introduce some hymns, music and a new mass setting over the next few months.

**Confirmation** - If you would like to be confirmed or know more about confirmation (adult or child) please contact Fr Phelim.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** – Friday 29 Sept in the Hall -10:00am until 12:00 noon  
Benediction with Taize Music - Next Sunday at 6pm in St Saviour's.

**The Patronal Festival and Friends AGM** will be held during the Octave of St German, on Sunday 8 October. A buffet lunch follows afterwards.

**Parish Archives** - Thank you to all who helped sort out the Parish archives yesterday. There was much of value to cherish and much to be culled and recycled.

**Ministry of Serving at the Altar** - There is a meeting for current (and hopefully new) members of the serving team in the Church after mass on Mon 24 September. Please join us. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

## READINGS THIS WEEK

Ezek 33:7-9  
Ps 95  
Romans 13:8-10  
Matt 18:15-20

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Eccles. 27:30—28:7  
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,  
11-12  
Rom 14:7-9

## PSALM RESPONSE

**'O that today you  
would listen to his  
voice! Harden not  
your hearts.'** (3vs)

## This week:

### Mon 11:

6pm Mass (St G) St  
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### Tues 12:

10am Mass (St S.)  
Holy Name of BVM

### Wed 13:

10am Mass (St G.)  
St John Chrysostom

### Thur 14:

5:45pm Mass (St S.)  
*Feast of Holy Cross*

### Fri 15:

6pm Mass (St S.)  
Our Lady of Sorrows

### Sat 16:

11am Mass (St S.)  
Sts Cyprian &  
Cornelius

### Sun 17:

St Saviour:  
Sung Mass 9:30;

### Benediction and

### Taize 6pm

St German:

11 am Sung Mass;

## Keep in touch:

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## COLLECT:

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## HYMNS: 21, 144, 674, 625 (COMPLETE ANGLICAN HYMNS OLD & NEW)

### EZEK 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, "Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life."

This is the Word of the Lord.

### PSALM 95

**Response: 'O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.'**

1 Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. R/

2 Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. R/

3 O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work. R/

### ROMANS 13:8-10

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### MATTHEW 18:15-20

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew.

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'