

# St German's Church

11 August 2019 - Trinity 8 (OT 19)



Years ago 'Action Men' toys were the height of desirability for young boys. In reality such toys were simply masculine dolls for young boys, yet the idea of the action man or woman is something that can also make sense for all those who are interested in deepening their Christian discipleship. Discerning what actions God calls from us in every situation remains a constant challenge to our desire to live as God wants. Likewise, being internally willing to act on a prompt that comes to us from God's revelation to the world can also challenge us to our cores. Perhaps the message behind this can be viewed by considering the opposite: becoming a people who never acts positively but only reactively, passively, in a way that does the least good for the least number!

## Parish Notes:

**Welcome** - to Fr Tomos Watkin who is presiding and preaching for us today.

**Weekday Services** - No Monday mass this coming week due to clergy holidays but Fr Keith will preside at our Wednesday mass at 10am.

**Memorial Garden 'Gardening Club'** - Many thanks to those who gave their time to work on tidying our garden yesterday. Gardening club meets on the first Saturday of every month and is always open to newcomers.

**Assumptiontide Organ Recital** - there will be an organ recital by Christian Schoen for the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in St German's this Thursday 15 August at 7pm. Open to all with a retiring collection for parish funds.

**Cardiff Foodbank** - Many thanks from Cardiff Foodbank to all who regularly donate food. Currently, we urgently needed the following items: long life fruit juice, UHT milk, Rice Pudding, Sponge Pudding, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned fish. They also have plenty of: Beans, pasta, cereals, snacks & sweets, soup, tea, meat. Many thanks again.

**Rome and Assisi Pilgrimage 2019** - 2-6 December. If you are interested in going please see Fr Phelim. Cost of flights from Bristol, transfers and transport in Rome and to Assisi will be £250.

**Recently Departed:** Arthur Petty, Louise Anne Lloyd RIP

## This week:

### Sun 11: Trinity 8

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

### Mon 12:

No Mass (St G)

### Tues 13:

10am Mass (St S)

### Wed 14:

10am Mass (St G)

St Maximilian Kolbe

### Thur 15:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Assumption of the BVM

### Fri 16:

6pm Mass (St S)

### Sat 17:

11am Mass (St S)

### Sun 18: Trinity 9

(OT 20)

**St Saviour's:**

9:30 Sung Mass;

**St German's:**

11:00 am Sung Mass

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Wis 18:6-9

Ps 33:1+12, 18-19, 20-22

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:35-40

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Heb 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

## PSALM RESPONSE

Happy are the people  
the Lord has chosen as  
his own. (3vv)

**Today's hymns: 494 O God our help in ages past; 757 Ye servants of the Lord; 584 Rock of ages, cleft for me; 68 Be still my soul; Mass setting: Rizza (955)**

## COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern us in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Wisdom.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Wisdom 18*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord,  
O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
They are happy,  
whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own. **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/**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **R/**

*Psalm 33*

## SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from the letter to the Hebrews.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their

God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Heb 11*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

*Luke 12*