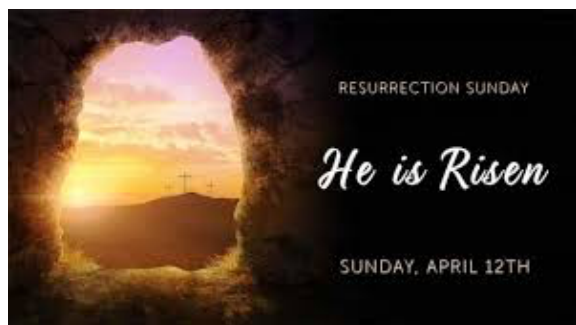


St German's Church

12 April 2020 - Easter Sunday



The experience of the resurrection of the early community was a long process, an experience that grew slowly like the growth of a strong tree. At first, many did not believe in the witness of those who had experienced the living presence of Jesus. But the experience of the resurrection expressed in the form of appearances was so strong, so deep and so convincing that it succeeded in overcoming human unbelief confronted with the possibility of the victory of life over death. (OCarm Lectio Divina)

Parish Notes:

Easter Sunday - Mass for Easter Sunday will be online from the vicarage because of Coronavirus restrictions and social distancing. This will follow the Easter Vigil readings (available on our website). Overleaf are the readings for Easter Sunday morning. Please join us if you can online as we do our best to worship God using the traditional Easter Vigil liturgy (as much as we can). It is our hope that we may be able to return as soon as possible to our church for Sunday masses during the Easter Season (still not public but recordings).

Holy Week - Many thanks to all who contributed to our online and virtual celebrations of the Holy Triduum. It is very heartening to hear how so many of our regular worshipping community have accessed the online masses and were able to pray along with them.

Coronavirus Support - If you know of anyone who is in need or can't access food shopping or collecting medicines please let at least some of us know as we may be able to help. Any one of us could find ourselves in this position as the rules on social isolation and shielding for those who show symptoms of the coronavirus are pretty clear (7 & 14 days no leaving the home etc). If this happens to you please reach out to us and we will help as much as we can.

Liturgical Ministries - Whilst our serving, tea and coffee and sides person roles are suspended we'd like to revive the rota for reading and intercessions. The intercessions are normally written and read by individuals. If you can't do the reading or prayers yourself on video it would be helpful if you asked/recruited someone else to do this in your place. Our hope is to increase parishioner involvement in our online worship.

Parish Giving - Whilst many homes and businesses are under financial pressure (partly relieved by recent government intervention) our diocesan and parish church finances are also feeling the pinch. Whilst we have some small reserves to tide us over for a short while we would greatly appreciate if each of us could review our giving and especially the form it takes. Our treasurer would really appreciate it if regular giving was by way of standing order or perhaps the Church in Wales' own scheme: Gift Aid Direct. Please see Angela or the wardens for details. The Church of today & tomorrow really needs whatever help and support you can give. We in St German's were scheduled to have a review of our finances

This week:

Llandaff Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Sun 12

Easter Sunday

Online Mass

(see parish website)

St Fagan's & Michaelston super Ely, Peggy Jackson (PinC).

Mon 13:

Tongwynlais, Zoe King (PinC)

Tues 14:

Rectorial Benefice of Canton, Frances Wilson (TR), Emma Rees-Kenny (TV), Rhys Jenkins (AP).

Wed 15:

Cathedral Chapter & Wider Chapter, Gerwyn Capon (D)

Thur 16:

Deanery of Penarth & Barry, Andrew James (AD)

Friday 17:

Rectorial Benefice of Barry, Ben Andrews (TR), Robert Parrish (TV), Kevin Lake (TV), Chris Seaton (AP)

Saturday 18:

Penarth, All Saints, Mark Jones (AP), Rose Hill (C) Alison Reeves (C)

Sun 19

2nd Sunday of Easter

Penarth & Llandough, Mark Jones (V), Rose Hill (C) Alison Reeves (C)

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 2:42-47
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Pet 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

PSALM:

**This day was made my
the Lord: we rejoice
and are glad. (3vv)**

and stewardship around Pentecost this year and now this will be more urgent than ever.

Easter Course - Regardless of the coronavirus, we still hope to have an Easter course this year. Last year we followed Faith Pictures. If you would like this please let Fr Phelim know and we can source material and the best format (distance or virtual learning) it should be in.

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. Again see website for details.

Recently Departed - Please pray for all those who have died as a result of Covid19 and those currently fighting for their lives. We pray as ever, for the former members of St German's who have gone before us in faith, back to our merciful Lord.

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY MORNING:

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Acts.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has

ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **R/**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R/**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R/**

Psalm 118

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Phil 2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then,
in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

John 20