

St German's Church

12 November 2017 - (Kingdom Season 2)



We will remember them - Let us remember before God the men and women of all nations who have died as a result of war - those who we have known and whose memory we treasure; those we never knew, and those who died unknown. Today we will remember all who have lived in hope, but died in vain - the tortured, the innocent, the starving and the exiled, the imprisoned, the oppressed and the disappeared. We commend them all to the loving embrace of the Risen Christ.

Parish Notes:

Thank You to all who helped at the parish lunch - £318 was raised for parish funds.

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter Forms available at the back of the Church for those who want to sign up to help during the evening, the night or the morning teams. Please indicate if you might be able to help on the evening, the night or the morning teams. Our hope is to have a rota of enough people that allows us to be on 'duty' once every three weeks.

PCC Meeting - Tomorrow Mon 13 after the 6pm mass. Focus to be on mission and worship.

Advent and Christmas - A page outlining the services for Advent and Christmas will be available next week.

November - This month we pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

Trees Unleaving - Help is needed over the next few weeks, to clear the leaves as they drop from the trees. Please have a word with Peter Lovitt if you are able to help.

Dementia café is tomorrow from 2:00pm until 4:00pm – this month we will be holding a 'Tea Dance' and everyone is invited to attend.

Pre Christmas Bazaar – next Saturday 18 November - All contributions for the various stalls will be greatly appreciated as well as help beforehand to set it all up on the Friday evening and on the day itself. As well as help in setting up, we also need as many people as possible to come and support us please. This is not only a fundraising event but also an opportunity for us to involve St German's with our local Community. Have a word with Richard Hill if you able to help in any way, however small.

Oshi's World in Penarth - a facility that supports families with disabled children by voting for it through the Aviva Community Fund (www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk) David Murphy's daughter Anna gave birth to Osian in 2015 and he has a rare condition called AGS1. Anna experienced a lack of inclusion and accessibility in the community for families with disabled children and together with her two sisters established Oshi's World.

Recently Departed - Please pray for Sara Meah & Colin Ford. *RIP*

This week:

Mon 13:

6pm Mass (St G)
Charles Simeon

Tues 14:

10am Mass (St S)
St Dyfrig

Wed 15:

10am Mass (St G)
Saints, Martyrs &
Missionaries of N.

America

Thur 16:

5:45pm Mass (St S)
St Margaret of
Scotland

Fri 17:

No mass this week

St Hugh

Sat 18:

11am Mass (St S.)
St Hilda

Sun 19:

St Saviour:

Sung Mass 9:30;

St German:

11 am Sung Mass;

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Wis 6:12-16
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
1 Thess 4:13-18
Matt 25:1-13

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20,
30-31
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
1 Thess 5:1-6
Matt 25:14-15, 19-21

PSALM RESPONSE

**'For you my soul is
thirsting, O God, my
God.' (4vs)**

COLLECT:

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymns: 413 Lord of all hopefulness; 295 Our God Reigns; 610 Soul of my Saviour; 572 Praise to the Holiest

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Wisdom 6:12-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

Psalms 63

SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the

Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 25:1-13