

# St German's Church

14 April 2019 - Palm Sunday



## HOLY WEEK

“The greatest story ever told” For Christians our yearly celebration of the last week of Jesus’ life is full of drama yet also a chance for us to re-engage with the most central mystery of our faith: the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yet, what makes it the ‘greatest’ is the impact this has on humanity ever since: death is conquered, sin has lost its power; we’re on our way home.

### Parish Notes:

**Palm Sunday** - Weather permitting, we will begin our celebration today in the Memorial Garden. During the reading of the Passion special booklets have been prepared and many thanks to Geraint for printing them. There will also be Evensong and Benediction to launch our series of evening reflections for Holy Week across both churches.

**Holy Week Services** - We will need extra readers for the various services of Holy Week and it would help if people were able to complete the Holy Week readers rota at the back of the Church. The list of services for Holy Week are now available online and in church. The main change is that this year it is St Saviour’s turn to host the Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion

**Working Party** - Please join us to help to clean the church for Holy Week and Easter will meet on Monday 15 April from 10am. All are welcome.

**Altar Servers** - Will meet after mass today for a quick rehearsal for Holy Week etc. Open to current and prospective new members.

**Thank You** - To all who attended and supported our Lenten soup lunches and talks. £311 was raised for Christian Aid and of this £225 is eligible for Gift Aid.

**Vestry Meeting & new PCC** - We held our Annual Vestry meeting last week (AGM) and the following were elected to the Parochial Church Council: Both Churchwardens continuing, Richard Hill and Peter Lovitt and: Suzy Alabere, David Alabere, Anne Cook, Michael Cook, Richard Davey, James Escott, Claude Evans, Rosemary Hicks, Hilary Lovitt, David Murphy, Angela Parry, Heather Ralis, Terry Sylvester, Taichia Ullah and Brian Williams.

**Social Events** - Please sign the list at the back for our next social gathering, Parish Lunch on 5 May (Other dates: 25 May BBQ; 22 June Summer Fayre; 20 July Ceili Night).

**Easter Course** - During the season of Easter we will have a course (similar to a Lent course) in each Church - Mondays after the 6pm mass in St German’s and Tuesdays after the 10am Mass in St Saviour’s. It is called Faith Pictures and is about helping us share faith and gain confidence in doing so. It starts on the week beginning 29 April. More details on our website.

**Recently Departed:** Michael O’Callaghan, James Bromham RIP

### This week:

#### Sun 14 Palm Sunday

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)  
11am Sung Mass (St G)  
7pm Evensong & Benediction (St G)

#### Mon 15:

7pm Sung Mass (St S)

#### Tues 16:

7pm Sung Mass (St G)

#### Wed 17:

7pm Sung Mass (St S)

#### Maundy Thur 18:

10am Chrism Mass (Llandaff Cathedral)  
5:15pm Mass & washing of the feet (St S)  
7:30pm Mass & washing of the feet (St G)

#### Good Friday 19:

10am Stations of the Cross (St S)  
12noon Stations of the Cross (St G)  
3pm Liturgy of the Passion (St S)

#### Holy Saturday 20:

8:30pm The Easter Vigil (St S)

#### Easter Sunday 21:

**St Saviour’s:**  
5.30am The Dawn Easter Vigil  
9:30 Sung Mass  
**St German’s:**  
11am Sung Mass

### Parish Priest:

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### READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 50:4-7  
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
Phil 2:6-11  
Luke 22:14 – 23:56

### READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8  
John 20:1-9

### PSALM:

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (4vv)**

**Music: 14 All glory, laud and honour; 583 Ride on, ride on ...; 463 My song is love unknown; 32 And can it be. Setting: Rizza (955)**

## COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## PALM GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it."' So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.' And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.'

He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Luke 19*

## FIRST READING

The First reading is from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Isaiah 43*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*My God, my God,  
why have you forsaken me?*

All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.'  
**R/**

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet  
I can count every one of my bones. **R/**

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! **R/**

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory. **R/**  
Revere him, Israel's sons.

*Psalm 22*

## SECOND READING

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

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the  
underworld,  
should bend the knee  
at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Phil 2*

## READING OF THE PASSION ACCORDING TO LUKE

*See separate pages.*