

St German's Church

14 Jan 2018 - Epiphany 2



'Come and See' - today we hear the perpetual call of Jesus to those who follow him and those who would like to follow him more. It reminds us of the gentleness of God's involvement in our lives: it is always by invitation, never forced or compulsive. It reminds us that God is always wanting to share something with his creation something of the love and mutual care of the Trinity. Indeed, it is for this invitation and sharing that God's Son became human for our sake. With all invitations though very much depends on how we respond? Will we 'go' and 'see'?

Parish Notes:

Christian Unity - the week of prayer for Christian Unity begins this week (from 18-25 January 2018). Our focus at this time is praying together the prayer of Christ: 'May they all be one'. In praying for an increase in unity we also acknowledge the reality of divided Christianity which is our inspiration to work together towards mutual appreciation and healing after decades and centuries of division. To help us do this locally, there is a Churches Together joint service in St Alban's Church next Sunday 21 January 2018 at 6pm.

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter Many thanks to all who continue to support our Nightshelter. Please keep our guests and helpers in your prayers over these winter weeks and months. If you were able to help us (especially for the night session) we'd be more than grateful.

PCC Meeting - the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be on Monday 22 January after the 6pm Mass.

Mass Settings - Please bear with us as this year we are expanding our mass settings from the Murray setting (introduced mid 1980s) to a setting by Margaret Rizza (no. 955 in the hymnals). We are introducing this gradually (last week was the Kyrie and today we sing the Sanctus).

Candlemas - 2 February 2018 - we welcome the Cathedral Choir for a service of Choral Evensong in the Church. Details and times to follow.

Altar Servers - If you would like to join the serving team please come along to our next meeting which will be after the 6pm mass on Monday 29 January. It is open to all.

Confirmation Classes - Begin on Thursday 25 January. This year they will be on Thursday evenings after the 5:45 mass in St Saviour's. If you would like to be confirmed or maybe even enjoy a refresher on the key teachings and aspects of our Christian faith please join us. More details next week. These classes would also serve for those wishing to be baptised.

Cardiff Foodbank - Urgent items: tinned tomatoes, fruit juice (concentrate), rice pudding tins, sponge pudding, tinned fruit. Not needed: beans, cereals, tea, pasta.

Vintage Church - We are hoping to form a team of people willing to visit nursing homes, day centres etc to provide some spiritual support for those no longer able to come to church. Please see Geraint for details on this.

This week:

Mon 15:

6pm Mass (St G)
The Baptism of Christ

Tues 16:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 17:

10am Mass (St G)
St Antony (Abbot)

Thur 18:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 19:

6pm Mass (St S)

Sat 20:

11am Mass (St S.)
Sat Memorial of BVM

Sun 21:

Epiphany 3

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

8:00 am Said Mass

(Nightshelter);

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19
Ps 40
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

PSALM RESPONSE

'Here I am, Lord!
I come to do your
will.' (4vs)

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COLLECT:

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen**.

Hymns: 16 All hail the power; 117 Come Holy Ghost ...; 332 I the Lord ... ; 419 Shine Jesus Shine

1ST READING :

A reading from the book of Samuel.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

PSALM

Response:

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stoop[ed down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R/**

You do not ask
for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for
holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R/**

In the scroll of the book
it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R/**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R/**

Psalm 40

2ND READING :

A reading from St Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians.

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy

Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

GOSPEL:

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

John 1:35-42