

St German's Church

14 June 2020 - Corpus Christi



In the Church in Wales lectionary, the feast of Corpus Christi is also known as 'Thanksgiving for Holy Communion'. It is right and proper to thank God for the all gifts, physical or spiritual, that we receive from heaven. Yet this particular gift, the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, is both a physical and spiritual gift. Holy Eucharist is celebrated in each Christian tradition albeit with differing levels of solemnity, importance and ritual (if any). Yet, the hunger within people to come together in the Eucharist and to partake of the 'food from heaven' has never gone away. It is as strong today as ever it was, even though many of us are not allowed to receive because of the coronavirus lockdown. Let's hope that absence will indeed make our hearts grow fonder.

Parish Notes:

Sts Peter & Paul - Petertide (Sunday 29 June) is traditionally the time when many ordinands are ordained deacon and priest. Please keep in your prayers all those training for ministry and those currently discerning a call to diaconal and priestly ministry. We pray especially for our own ordinands, Geraint and Natasha, and thank God for their ministry with us.

Meeting of Households - if you'd like a safe place to meet other households then St German's Memorial garden could be a perfect venue. Just let us know when you'd like.

Lockdown Transition - With the good news that schools are opening on 29 June we are still hopeful that places of worship will be allowed to open again for small acts of worship or quiet prayer. It is important that our buildings remain always available and exist to be of service to the people of our local area. Our PCC will discuss this when we next meet and how we might best plan for safety and social distancing guidelines.

Parochial Church Council - Next meets on Zoom on Monday 22 June at 7pm. Usual updates will be discussed as well as lockdown transition and compliance.

Zoom Coffee Mornings - St German's next meets on Wed 17 June at 10:30am. If you'd like to participate please let Fr Phelim know. It is very easy to join: all you need is a computer or phone with camera and the link we send by email explains the next steps. If you need help on the day and time please call Fr Phelim on the landline.

Sunday Readings - Now available from our website. From Trinity to Mid September.

Lift Up Your Hearts - Spiritual Support during the pandemic. This week's reflections are from Padraig O Tuama, the Irish poet and theologian. Copies available online.

Faith Nurturing - The next faith nurturing group will be a book group looking at 'In Search of a Way' by Gerard Hughes SJ. This will begin in July, more than likely via Zoom.

Tackling Loneliness - YourNeighbour.org Our parishes have joined this national network which seeks to support all who are struggling locally. Telephone: 0300 323 9952.

Foodbank - Please continue to donate food locally. Please see Cardiff Foodbank website for details of open collection sites and how and when to drop off food for those in need.

Recently Departed - Dudley Walwyn, Bernard Lewis (RIP)

Llandaff Diocese

Prayer Cycle:

Sun 14 - Corpus Christi

(transferred)
Mountain Ash & Miskin,
Michael Jones (PinC)

Mon 15:

Penrhiwceiber
Matthewstown & Ynysboeth
Ben Rabjohns (PinC)

Tue 16:

Deanery of Merthyr Tydfil &
Caerphilly, Steven Kirk (AD)
10:30 Zoom Coffee (St S)

Wed 17:

Staff of the Diocesan Office
10:30 Zoom Coffee (St G)

Thur 18:

Pontlottyn w Fochriw &
Bargoed, Deri w Brithdir,
Robert Lindsay (PinC)

Friday 19:

Dowlais & Penydarren,
Caroline Owen (V)

Saturday 20:

Gelligaer, Gary Powell
(PinC)

St Alban

Sun 21 - 2nd after

Trinity (OT12)

Merthyr Tydfil Christ
Church, Mark Prevet
(PinC)

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Online Services:

Sunday Mass from each church is recorded each week and links to these are available on Sunday morning.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
1 Cor 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Jer 20:10-13
Ps 69:8-10, 14+17, 33-35
Rom 5:12-15
Matt 10:26-33

PSALM:

**O praise the Lord,
Jerusalem! (3vv)**

COLLECT

Jesus, Saviour of the world,
we thank you that in this
wonderful sacrament you have
left us a memorial of your
passion: grant us so to
reverence the sacred mysteries
of your body and blood that
we may know within
ourselves the fruit of your
redeeming love; who live and
reign with the Father and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of
Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people:
‘Remember how the Lord your God
led you for forty years in the
wilderness, to humble you, to test
you and know your inmost heart –
whether you would keep his
commandments or not. He humbled
you, he made you feel hunger, he
fed you with manna which neither
you nor your fathers had known, to
make you understand that man does
not live on bread alone but that man
lives on everything that comes from
the mouth of the Lord.

‘Do not become proud of heart.
Do not forget the Lord your God
who brought you out of the land of
Egypt, out of the house of slavery:
who guided you through this vast
and dreadful wilderness, a land of
fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who
in this waterless place brought you
water from the hardest rock; who in
this wilderness fed you with manna
that your fathers had not known.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Deut 8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your
gates
he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

SECOND READING

A reading from the 1st letter of Paul
to the Corinthians

The blessing-cup that we bless is a
communion with the blood of Christ,
and the bread that we break is a
communion with the body of Christ.
The fact that there is only one loaf
means that, though there are many
of us, we form a single body because
we all have a share in this one loaf.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Cor 10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread which has
come down from heaven,
says the Lord.
Anyone who eats this bread will live
for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Gospel according
to John.

Jesus said to the crowd:
‘I am the living bread which has
come down from heaven. Anyone
who eats this bread will live for
ever; and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.’
Then the Jews started arguing with
one another: ‘How can this man give
us his flesh to eat?’ they said.
Jesus replied: ‘I tell you most
solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh
of the Son of Man and drink his
blood, you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and
drink my blood has eternal life, and
I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food and my
blood is real drink. He who eats my
flesh and drinks my blood lives in
me and I live in him. As I, who am
sent by the living Father, myself
draw life from the Father, so
whoever eats me will draw life from
me. This is the bread come down
from heaven; not like the bread our
ancestors ate: they are dead, but
anyone who eats this bread will live
for ever.’

This is the gospel of the Lord.

John 6