

St German's Church

15 August 2021 - Mary Mother of the Lord (Assumption)



Orthodox tradition is clear and unwavering in regard to the central point [of the Dormition]: the Holy Virgin underwent, as did her Son, a physical death, but her body – like His – was afterwards raised from the dead and she was taken up into heaven, in her body as well as in her soul. She has passed beyond death and judgement and lives wholly in the Age to Come. The Resurrection of the Body ... has in her case been anticipated and is already an accomplished fact. That does not mean, however, that she is dissociated from the rest of humanity and placed in a wholly different category: for we all hope to share one day in that same glory of the Resurrection of the Body that she enjoys even now. (Bishop Kallistus Ware on the Dormition or Assumption of the BVM)

Parish Notes:

Thank you - to Fr Keith Kimber who has kindly agreed to be with us for as long as we need during the coming weeks and months.

Interregnum - We are hopeful the bishop will appoint a successor to Fr Phelim who will serve throughout the new Ministry Area. Canon Stewart and the MA lay chair and Peter Lovitt have submitted a proposal as to why continuity of priestly ministry in St German's and Adamsdown is crucial for our worshipping life and outreach to those in need locally. In the meantime from September the church wardens and the Area Dean, Fr Dyfrig Lloyd, will be the first point of contact for any church related or PCC related matters.

Weekday Services - No weekday services this week.

Hymns: See hymn board each week for hymn numbers.

Farewell - Many thanks to all who turned up and supported the farewell to Fr Phelim and his family. It was a lovely occasion and we wish them all every blessing and success in the midlands. Fr Phelim adds: "It was lovely and humbling to see so many friends we've made over the past four years at last Sunday's gathering. We were blessed with wonderful weather in the memorial garden and I am deeply grateful for all that you've done to support us as a family. It has been a wonderful, and ministerially fulfilling, four years and we pray that the next priest (God willing) will have as much support in friendship and ministry outreach as I've enjoyed. Thank you also for the many cards, bottles and very generous gift. We will miss you all dearly".

Covid Risks Update - Despite the relaxation of most measures the CinW advises we continue with our precautions against infection and ensuring our churches remain as safe as possible for vulnerable people. Masks are still a legal requirement in public buildings (including churches) and social distancing is advised as are an ongoing assessment of risks by each PCC moving forward.

Recently Departed -

This week:

Sun 15 Mary Mother of Christ (Assumption)

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)
11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 16:

No Mass Mass (St G)

Tues 17:

10:00 Mass (St S)

Wed 18:

No Mass (St G)

Thur 19:

17:45 Mass (St S)

Fri 20:

No Mass (St S)

Sat 21:

No Mass (St S)

Sun 22: OT21

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

1 Chronicles 15-16:2
Ps 131
1 Cor 15:54-57
Luke 11:27-28

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Josh 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-21
Eph 5:21-32
John 6:60-69

PSALM:

Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your strength.

COLLECT:

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the 1st book of the Kings.

David gathered all Israel together to bring the ark of God up to the place he had prepared for it. David called together the sons of Aaron and the sons of Levi. And the Levites carried the ark of God with the shafts on their shoulders, as Moses had ordered in accordance with the word of the Lord. David then told the heads of the Levites to assign duties for their kinsmen as cantors, with their various instruments of music, harps and lyres and cymbals, to play joyful tunes. They brought the ark of God in and put it inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and they offered holocausts before God, and communion sacrifices. And when David had finished offering holocausts and communion sacrifices, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Chronicles 15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your strength.

At Ephrata we heard of the ark;
we found it in the plains of Yearim.
'Let us go to the place of his dwelling;
let us go to kneel at his footstool.'

Your priests shall be clothed with holiness;
your faithful shall ring out their joy.
For the sake of David your servant
do not reject your anointed.

For the Lord has chosen Zion;
he has desired it for his dwelling:
'This is my resting-place for ever;
here have I chosen to live.'

Psalm 34

SECOND READING

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?* Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Cor 15

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are those
who hear the word of God
and keep it.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

As Jesus was speaking, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said, 'Happy the womb that bore you and the breasts you sucked!' But he replied, 'Still happier those who hear the word of God and keep it!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 6