

# St German's Church

16 September 2018 - Trinity 16 (OT24)



Jesus pops the question: who do you say I am? Who amongst us is not curious as to how others see us? Yet this question comes at almost the exact central point in Mark's gospel. It points to a turning point where from here on the real identity and purpose of Jesus will be ever more revealed. He is the Christ, God's Son, our Saviour and Redeemer. His wish? That we follow him.

## Parish Notes:

**Evensong and Benediction** - Tonight at 6pm in St German's. All are welcome.

**PCC & Sub Committees** - PCC Meeting on Monday 17 Sept beginning with the usual Monday evening mass at 6pm.

**Faith QI** - A new series of informal meetings for adults keen to know and understand more about our faith, liturgy, tradition and history. Open to everyone. Wednesdays 7:30 pm at the vicarage.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** - on Friday 28 Sept from 10-12. All welcome.

**Messy Church** - Messy Church is coming. First one at St Saviour's on Sun 30 Sept at 4pm and in St German's on Oct 28 at 4pm. If you could help at either of this it would be most appreciated. More details in Sept.

**Confirmation Ceremony 2018** - 2 October 2018 in St German's.

**Quiz evening** thank you to all who helped support our quiz. Further detail on how much was raised for parish funds in due course.

**Rome Pilgrimage** - Meeting on Sunday 14 October after mass when we will look at some further details of the itinerary and the significance of Subiaco & Montecassino.

**Recently Departed:** Victoria Irene Hawkins, Peter Wyatt

**Today's Hymns:** 450 Morning has broken; 590 Seek ye first; 610 Soul of my Saviour; 511 O Lord my God; (Mass setting: Murray)

## This week:

### Sun 16 Trinity 15

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

### Mon 17:

6pm Mass (St G)

St Robert Bellarmine

### Tues 18:

10am Mass (St S)

### Wed 19:

10am Mass (St G)

11:30 Funeral (St G)

### Thur 20:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

### Fri 21:

1:30pm Wedding (St G)

6pm Mass (St S)

### ST MATTHEW,

Apostle

### Sat 22:

11am Mass (St S)

### Sun 16: Trinity 23

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass &

Baptism;

*St German's:*

11:00 am Sung Mass

1:30pm Baptisms

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 50:4-9a

Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Jas 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Wis 2:12, 17-20

Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8

Jas 3:16—4:3

Mark 9:30-37

## PSALM:

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. (4vv)**

**COLLECT:**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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**

**FIRST READING**

The First reading is from the prophet Isaiah.

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.  
My vindicator is here at hand.  
Does anyone start proceedings against me?  
Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who will dare to condemn me?

This is the word of the Lord.

*Isa 50*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. **R/**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord, my God, deliver me! **R/**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. **R/**

He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. **R/**

*Psalm 35*

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*James 2*

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Mark 7 8*