

St German's Church

17 June 2018 - Trinity 3 (OT 11)



The parable in this Sunday's gospel reading makes a comparison between small beginnings and the final flowering or flourishing of a project. The same is often true in our own lives and in the lives of faith communities: small acts of love, kindness, hospitality and inclusion can have long lasting impact and produce great results. As we pray today we might approach this story from either the time of sowing a little seed, a time of enormous potential, or we can look back from a time of full growth, and with deep gratitude, ponder our small beginning.

Parish Notes:

Evensong and Benediction - This evening 17 June 2018 at 6pm.

Messy Church - We hope to launch Messy Church this coming Autumn and are looking for volunteers. More information on this in coming weeks and months.

Social Events - Summer Fete on Sat 14 July from 12noon to 3pm.

Foodbank Members of St German's gave 47.1kg of food to the Cardiff Food Bank.

Data Protection - Please take time to read our Privacy Notice displayed on the Notice Board and the Consent forms that will be distributed in due course.

Readers & Intercessions - rota to be revised in July. If you'd like to be included please speak to Angela Parry. If you are unsure, please speak to me someone who already does it, as it is a very rewarding ministry.

PCC - The next PCC Meeting is on Monday 16 July.

Memorial Garden Tidy - Saturday 23 June from 11:30 until lunch. Some cold wine might be available!

Baptisms & Weddings - If you would like to book a baptism (or weddings) please speak to Fr Phelim after one of our services to arrange an initial meeting.

Llandaff Festival of Prayer - 14 July 2018 at St Teilo's CinW school. Information and booking forms available at the back of the Church and on our website.

Confirmation Classes - Next meets on Thurs 28 June at 6:20pm in St Saviour's.

Recently Departed: Doreen Michael, Doreen Finn, Matt Harken, Gareth Phillips

This week:

Sun 17 Trinity 3

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 18:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

St Barnabas

Tues 19:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 20:

10am Mass (St G)

Sts Alban, Julius &

Aaron (Martyrs)

Thur 21:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

St Aloysius Gonzaga

Fri 22:

6pm Mass (St S)

Sts Thomas More &

John Fisher

Sat 23:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 24: Trinity 4

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Ezek 17:22-24

Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

2 Cor 5:6-10

Mark 4:26-34

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Job 38:1, 8-11

Ps 107:23-24, 25-26,

28-29, 30-31

2 Cor 5:14-17

Mark 4:35-41

PSALM:

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord. (3vv)

Today's Hymns: 636 - The Church's One Foundation; 428 - Love Divine; 13 - All for Jesus; 238 - Go Forth and Tell. (Mass setting: Rizza 955)

COLLECT:

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 Ezekiel.

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Ezek 17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R/**

The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R/**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R/**

Psalm 92

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are

living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

This is the word of the Lord.

2 Cor 5

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark.

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Mark 4