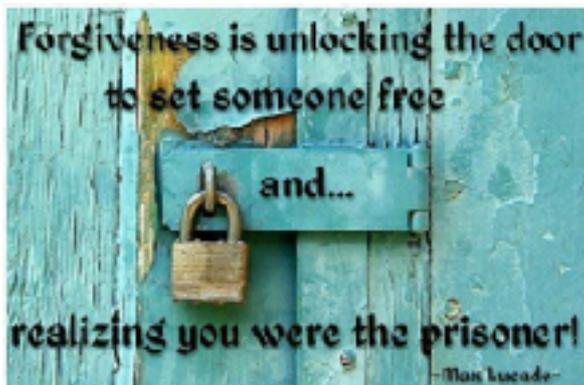


St German's Church

17 September 2017 - (Ordinary Time 24 - Trinity 14)



Why does Christ command us to forgive? Why not try something more realistic like, turn the other cheek and walk away or 'Turn away and forget about it'. Perhaps his command to us that we must practice forgiveness is because God forgave us first. God hasn't just forgotten or walked away but gets involved. Also, God knows how corrosive 'not-forgiving' can be to souls that yearn to love and follow him.

Parish Notes:

Benediction and Taize Music - This evening at 6pm in St Saviour's Church. Please join us for a time of quiet prayer and thanksgiving for the beauty of God's creation.

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter - we are hoping to join the Churches Nightshelter this Winter and are looking for interested people who might help us care for, feed and shelter some homeless people for one night a week. It will probably take place in St German's Hall on a Saturday evening. See our website for more details. Please let Fr Phelim know if you'd like to help in this way.

Confirmation - For those who have not yet been confirmed but would like to be (adults or children) please contact Fr Phelim. Details of classes in due course.

Newsletter and Sunday Readings - available on our website each week.

Back to Church Sunday 24 September - many churches traditionally use the last Sunday of September as an opportunity to invite a friend or former Church goer to join us in Church. See poster for copying and sharing on social media.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 29 Sept in the Hall -10:00am until 12:00 noon
Benediction with Taize Music - Next Sunday at 6pm in St Saviour's.

The Patronal Festival and Friends AGM will be held during the Octave of St German, on Sunday 8 October. A buffet lunch follows afterwards.

Ministry of Serving at the Altar - There is a meeting for current (and hopefully new) members of the serving team in the Church after mass on Mon 24 September. Please join us. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

This week:

Mon 18:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 19:

10am Mass (St S.)

St Theodore of Tarsus

Wed 20:

10am Mass (St G.)

Sts & Martyrs

Australasia and Pacific

Thur 21:

5:45pm Mass (St S.)

ST MATTHEW, apostle

Fri 22:

6pm Mass (St S.)

Sat 23:

11am Mass (St S.)

St Pius of Pietrelcina

Sun 24:

St Saviour:

Sung Mass 9:30;

St German:

11 am Sung Mass;

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Eccles. 27:30—28:7

Ps 103:

Rom 14:7-9

Matt 18:21-35

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 55:6-9

Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Phil1:20-24,27

Matt 20:1-16

PSALM RESPONSE

**'The Lord is
compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich
in mercy.' (4vs)**

COLLECT:

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMNS (COMPLETE ANGLICAN):**32, 755, 570, 34****ECCLES. 27:30-28:7**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creatures of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

This is the Word of the Lord.

PSALM 95

Response: ‘The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.’

1 My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
and never forget all his blessings. R/

2 It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. R/

3 His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. R/

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who rear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. R/

ROMANS 14: 7-9

A reading from St Paul’s letter to the Romans.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living

This is the Word of the Lord.

MATTHEW 18:21-35

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew.

‘Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘‘Pay what you owe.’’ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt.

When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?’’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

This is the gospel of the Lord.