

St German's Church

18 July 2021 - Trinity 7 (OT16)

**Come ye yourselves apart
into a desert place,
and rest a while**



"Today, calling people "sheep" is not a compliment. Sheep are silly. They can eat themselves to death. They walk in front of cars when roaming free. They startle at the slightest thing. They follow a leader unthinkingly, which is a behaviour no human being wants to be charged with. Yet many of us secretly prefer to be followers rather than leaders. It brings a certain freedom, despite the risks if you put your faith in the wrong person. When Jesus has compassion on the crowd, we are told that he sees them as "sheep without a shepherd" (v.34). The truth is that, whereas hitherto they may have been just that, right now they are certain that they have found their shepherd. They are determined to follow him, even when he is (to put it politely) somewhat evasive." (Cally Hammond, ChurchTimes)

Parish Notes:

Farewell to Fr Phelim - we will have a special celebration after mass today to say our farewells to Fr Phelim and his family. His last Sunday with us will be next Sunday 25 July and his last service a wedding in St German's on 30 July before he takes the first weeks of August for a holiday and some retreat time.

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.

Hymns: Christ is made the sure foundation (97), Loving shepherd of thy sheep (434), This is my body (674) Lord of all hopefulness (413)

Covid Risks Update - With the Welsh government now allowing more people to meet indoors and outdoors we will be updating our own risk assessment accordingly. The CinW has also no permitted churches to offer tea and coffee after our services. Please continue to adhere to social distancing whilst in church and wear a face covering.

Gardening Club - meets on the first Saturday of the month at 11:00am. This is open to all. Next meets on Saturday 7 August.

Tea/Coffee Rotas - we can meet in groups of six in the hall after mass. If you could help us serve refreshments please see Angela about joining the rota.

Singing - The CinW guidelines only permit singing in our churches if the local 7 day Covid case rate is below 50 per 100,000. Currently, it is 158 and so congregational singing is suspended this week. This will change week by week.

Recently Departed - Maggie Davies, David Pine, Doris Rose Tweney.

This week:

Sun 18 Trinity 7

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 19:

11:00 Funeral (St S)

6:00pm Mass (St G)

Tues 20:

No Mass today (St S)

Wed 21:

10am Mass (St G)

13:00 Funeral (St G)

Thur 22:

No Mass today (St S)

Fri 23:

No Mass (St S)

Sat 24:

No Mass (St S)

Sun 25: Trinity 8

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Jer 23:1-6

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,

Eph 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

READINGS NEXT WEEK

2 Kgs 4:42-44

Ps 145:10-11, 15-16,

17-18

Eph 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

PSALM:

**The Lord is my
shepherd: there is
nothing I shall want.**

COLLECT:

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all
good things: graft in our
hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep
us in the same; 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
Jeremiah.

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow
the flock of my pasture to be
destroyed and scattered – it is the
Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is
what the Lord, the God of Israel,
says about the shepherds in charge
of my people: You have let my flock
be scattered and go wandering and
have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for
your misdeeds – it is the Lord who
speaks! But the remnant of my flock
I myself will gather from all the
countries where I have dispersed
them, and will bring them back to
their pastures: they shall be fruitful
and increase in numbers. I will raise
up shepherds to look after them and
pasture them; no fear, no terror for
them any more; not one shall be
lost – it is the Lord who speaks!
‘See, the days are coming – it is the
Lord who speaks – when I will raise
a virtuous Branch for David, who
will reign as true king and be wise,
practising honesty and integrity in
the land. In his days Judah will be
saved and Israel dwell in confidence.
And this is the name he will be
called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Jer 23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord is my shepherd: there is
nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk
in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook
and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Psalm 23

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to
the Ephesians.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be
so far apart from us have been
brought very close, by the blood of
Christ. For he is the peace between
us, and has made the two into one
and broken down the barrier which
used to keep them apart, actually
destroying in his own person the
hostility caused by the rules and
decrees of the Law. This was to
create one single New Man in
himself out of the two of them and
by restoring peace through the cross,
to unite them both in a single Body
and reconcile them with God: in his
own person he killed the hostility.

Later he came to bring the good
news of peace, *peace to you who
were far away and peace to those who
were near at hand.* Through him,
both of us have in the one Spirit our
way to come to the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ephesians 2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen
to my voice, says the Lord, I know
them and they follow me
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to St Mark.

The apostles gathered around Jesus,
and told him all that they had done
and taught. He said to them, ‘Come
away to a deserted place all by
yourselves and rest a while.’ For
many were coming and going, and
they had no leisure even to eat. And
they went away in the boat to a
deserted place by themselves. Now
many saw them going and
recognized them, and they hurried
there on foot from all the towns and
arrived ahead of them. As he went
ashore, he saw a great crowd; and
he had compassion for them,
because they were like sheep
without a shepherd; and he began to
teach them many things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Mark 6