

St German's Church

19 January 2020 - Epiphany 2 (OT2)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020
Unusual kindness



Hospitality is a much needed virtue in our search for Christian unity. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions did not yet know Christ, and yet it is through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together. Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith. In such tempestuous journeys and chance encounters, God's will for his Church and all people comes to fulfilment. As Paul will proclaim in Rome, this salvation of God has been sent to all peoples. (See Acts 28:28).

Parish Notes:

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020 - Is from 18-25 January each year. this year's theme focuses on the hospitality of God 'Unusual Kindness'. This year we will celebrate our common faith with a nightshelter based joint service. The joint service will be in St German's this Wednesday 22 January at 6:30pm.

Nightshelter - If you would like to help in any way please contact Fr Phelim. Please pray for our guests and helpers.

PCC etc - The next PCC meeting is on Monday 10 Feb after the 6pm mass in the church. There will be a brief meeting of the social committee after next Sunday's mass and the finance team next meets in the vicarage on Monday 20 Jan at 7pm.

Foodbank - Current urgent items: Tinned Fruit, Long life fruit juice, UHT milk, Rice Pudding, Sponge Puddings. Tinned potatoes.

I Ffordd Tangnefedd - (Into the Way of Peace from Luke 1:79) - Starts next Sunday 26 January 2020 at 6:30pm. A new contemplative service to begin in St German's on Sunday evenings. Services will begin with coffee at 6pm followed by a time of reflective prayer and then, hopefully, involve a visit to a local pub for fellowship.

Social Committee - Met after last mass last week and agreed a number of events (roughly once a month) for us to celebrate as a community in different ways, e.g., parish lunches, cream teas, Summer fayre etc. The next one will be on 9 February when we will have 'Aperitif Sunday' after mass. This one will be hosted by Richard Davey and offerings will go to his nominated charity.

Recently Departed: David Pugh, Kenneth Vivian Parry, Fr Graham Francis *RIP*.

This week:

Sun 19: Epiphany 2 (OT2)

St Saviour's:
9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:
8am Nightshelter Mass
11:00 am Sung Mass

Mon 20:

6pm Mass (St G)
St Sebastian

Tues 21:

10am Mass (St S)
St Agnes

Wed 22:

10am Mass (St G)
6.30pm Ecumenical Service (St G)
St Vincent, deacon

Thur 23:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 24:

No Mass
St Francis de Sales

Sat 25:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 26: Epiphany 2 (OT2)

St Saviour's:
9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:
8am Nightshelter Mass
11:00 am Sung Mass
6:30pm I Ffordd Tangnefedd

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 49:3, 5-6
Ps 40:2+4, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
1 Cor 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 8:23b—9:3
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Matt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

PSALM RESPONSE

Here I am, Lord! I
come to do your will.
(vv.3)

Today's hymns: 636 The church's one foundation; 72 Bind us together; 625 Take my life and let it be; 187 Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Mass Setting: Rizza (955).

COLLECT

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R/**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R/**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R/**

Psalm 29

be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

John 1

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Isa 49

SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Cor 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Here I am, Lord!
I come to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R/**

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might