

St German's Church

1 October 2017 - (Ordinary Time 26 - Trinity 16)



Thanksgiving for the Harvest Each Sunday is a thanksgiving for all that God has done for us. Today we have a special focus on thanking God for the good things of this world that sustain our lives. Yet, in our abundance, we should always recall those who are in any kind of need. We have been blessed for a purpose and the teachings of scripture reveal to us that we are called to care for those who need us.

Today's Hymns: 719 We plough the fields; 133 Come ye thankful people come; 184 For the beauty of the earth; 172 Fill your hearts with joy

Parish Notes:

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

Thank You - to Fr Rhys Jenkins for leading our worship today.

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 take place in St German's Hall on a Saturday evening/Sunday morning. (see our website for more details). If you can help please let Fr Phelim know. The more who volunteer for the rota the less others will have to do.

Rome Trip Meeting - After mass on Sunday 22 October when we will look in more detail at the proposed itinerary etc. Final instalments can be handed in then.

Croeso - The current edition is now available for people to take home with them.

Cardiff Foodbank - Please continue to support Cardiff foodbank. Urgent items: tinned tomatoes, fruit juice, rice pudding tins, sponge pudding, tinned fruit. Not currently needed: beans, breakfast cereals, tea.

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.

Saying Goodbye Service - for those who have lost a child in pregnancy, birth or in infancy in Llandaff Cathedral on 21 October at 2:30pm. See poster at the back.

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

This week:

Mon 2:

6pm Mass (St G) The Guardian Angels

Tues 3:

10am Mass (St S.)

Wed 4:

9:30am School Family Service (St G.)

St Francis of Assisi

Thur 5:

5:45pm Mass (St S.)

Fri 6:

6pm Mass (St S.)

Sat 7:

11am Mass (St S.)

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 8:

St Saviour:

Sung Mass 9:30;

St German:

11 am Sung Mass;

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Deut 8:7-18
Ps 66:2-3,5,7-8 R/ v.7
2 Cor 9:6-15
Luke 12. 16-30

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 5:1-7
Ps 80:9+12, 13-14, 15-16,
19-20
Phil 4:6-9
Matt 21:33-43

PSALM RESPONSE

'Remember your mercy Lord.' (3vs)

COLLECT:

Lord of all creation, you give us the fruits of the earth in their season and crown the year with your goodness: help us so to receive your gifts with thankful hearts that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in want and to meet our daily needs; through Jesus Christ the Bread of life, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings:

First: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Psalm 25 Response:

'Remember your mercy Lord.'

1 Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.

Make walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R/**

2 Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R/**

3 The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R/**

Second: A reading from St Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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Gospel: A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke.

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.