

# St German's Church

20 August 2017 - (Ordinary Time 20 - Trinity 10)



'God always listens to the cry of the poor'. Mostly this is true in the Old and New Testaments but in today's gospel he appears to ignore and harden his heart to the Canaanite women's pleas. It remains a mystery as to why Jesus doesn't respond in his usual way. At the end he does respond (obeying the Father) and with God's typical generosity to those who show great faith. Yet, for us, we are left wondering why the delay? Indeed, for those who persevere with prayer we often wonder: why Lord aren't you answering my prayer in the way I want? Unfortunately, God doesn't work like that.

## Parish Notes:

**PCC Meeting** -11 September 2017 begins at 6pm with mass.

**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. More details about this and sample invitations in due course.

**Quiz Evening** – Monday 4 September – Mass at 6:00pm and the Quiz will follow afterwards. Why not come and join us. There will also be refreshments and a list at the back of the Church for you to sign and indicate your choice of food.

**Wales' Best Church** - we need your vote for St German's (vote via [sacredwales.org.uk](http://sacredwales.org.uk))

**Thank You** to Richard Davey for his 'Replacing the Organ Bellows and updating our Log Book and Terrier.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** – Friday 29 September in the Church Hall from 10:00am until 12:00 noon

**The Patronal Festival** will be held during the Octave of St German, on Sunday 8 October. There will be the usual meeting of the Friends of St German's following the Mass and a buffet lunch afterwards. Further details in due course.

### READINGS THIS WEEK

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Ps 67  
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32  
Matt 15:21-28

### READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 51:1-6-  
Ps 138  
Romans 11:33-36  
Matt 16:13-20

### PSALM RESPONSE

'Let the peoples  
praise you, O God, let  
all the peoples praise  
you'.

### This week:

#### Mon 21:

No mass this week  
St Pius X

#### Tues 22:

10am Mass (St S.)  
Our Lady, Queen &  
Mother

#### Wed 23:

10am Mass (St G.)  
St Rose of Lima  
2pm Funeral (St G)

#### Thur 24:

5:45pm Mass (St S.)  
ST BARTHOLOMEW

#### Fri 25:

6pm Mass (St S.)  
St Louis of France

#### Sat 26:

11am Mass (St S.)

#### Sun 27:

St Saviour:  
Sung Mass 9:30;  
St German:  
11 am Sung Mass;

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**HYMNS OLD AND NEW: 518, 209, 45, 463****COLLECT:**

Almighty God, Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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**

**1st Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant — these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

*Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

**Psalm 67 - Response: 'Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you'**

1 O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. R/

2 Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. R/

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. R/

**2nd Reading: A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans.**

I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now[a] receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

*Romans 11:13-15, 29-32*

**Gospel: A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew.**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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*Matthew 15:21-28*