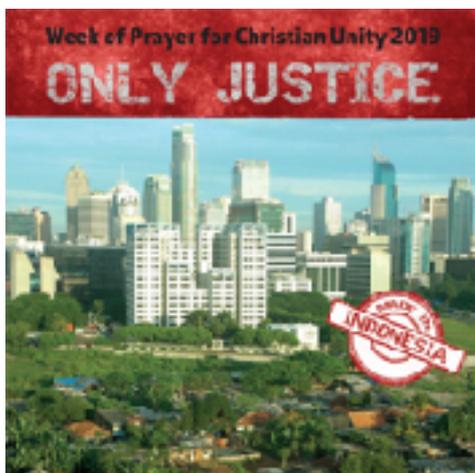


St German's Church

20 January 2019 - Epiphany 3 (OT2)



The Christian population of Indonesia is about 10% of the total. It is a society riven by division, corruption and injustice. The words of Deuteronomy 16 "Justice, and only justice you shall pursue" speaks powerfully to the situation of the Church in Indonesia and its needs. Before the people of God enter the promised land they need to renew the essential covenant with their God. This renewal is inclusive: sons, daughters, slaves, Levites, strangers, orphans and widows are called upon to rejoice. True, Godly, inclusion is always rooted in justice - living in right relationships with those around us. Today we pray for mercy for the sin of division and for grace to end all injustice.

Parish Notes:

Week of prayer for Christian Unity Continues this week until Friday. Please join us this evening in St Saviour's at 6pm for our ecumenical service. There will be prayer resources for individual use during the 8 days and also laminated copies in each church for people to pray when visiting the church. The theme for the week of prayer is 'Only Justice'.

Nightshelter Appeal - This year, we are looking specifically for coats (male and female) that are in a very good condition (new or nearly new). We are also in need of gloves. Please see Fr Phelim or the wardens for details. The 8:00 am mass is open to all but is focused mainly on provision for our night shelter guests and helpers. Please continue to pray for our guests and helpers each Saturday and Sunday morning.

First Aid - There are still places available for the deanery first aid training to help us become more safe and healthy as churches. If you are interested please let Fr Phelim know (either Sat 26 Jan or Tues 12 Feb from 10-4pm).

Treorchy Male Voice Choir -concert at St German's Church commencing at 7pm (doors open at 6pm) on Sat, 23 March 2019. Early indications suggest that this will be a very popular event and you are strongly advised to book tickets (£15 from Angela Parry) as soon as possible.

PCC Meeting - the Parish Council next meets on Mon 4 Feb 2019 at 6pm for mass with the business items at 6.45 pm.

Recently Departed: Bert Hopkins RIP

This week:

Sun 20

8am Said Mass (St G)
9:30 Sung Mass (St S)
11am Sung Mass (St G)

6pm Ecumenical Service (St S)

Mon 21:

6pm Mass (St G)
St Agnes

Tues 22:

10am Mass (St S)
St Vincent

Wed 23:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 24:

5:45pm Mass (St S)
St Francis de Sales

Fri 25:

6pm mass (St S)
Conversion of St Paul

Sat 26:

11am Mass (St S)
Sts Timothy & Titus

Sun 27: Epiphany 4 (OT3)

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass

St German's:

8am Said Mass
11am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 62:1-5
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8,
9-10
1 Cor 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
1 Cor 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

PSALM:

**Proclaim the wonders
of the Lord among all
the peoples. (4vv)**

Today's Hymns: 97 Christ is made; 45 As the deer pants; 72 Bind us together; 429 Love is his word. (Mass setting: A New People's Mass, by Dom A. G. Murray)

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**

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Isaiah.

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Isa 62

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in his temple.

O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'

He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Psalm 96

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the

work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Cor 12

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 2