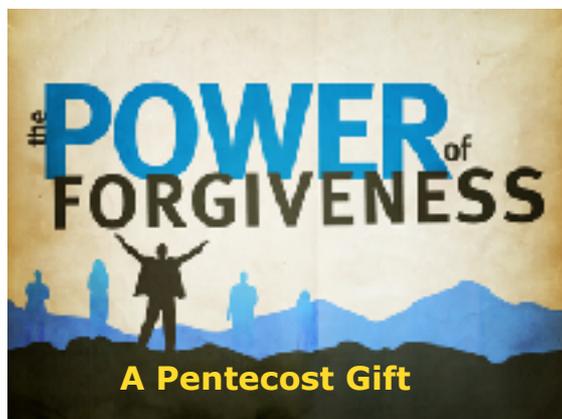


St German's Church

20 May 2018 - Pentecost Sunday



By the sending of the Holy Spirit, the disciples are given the power to forgive one another's sins, or to choose to retain them. This power sets out clearly how members of the Church of Christ must relate to each other. It is because we are forgiven so much by God, individually and corporately, that we receive a special calling to do the same. God's Holy Spirit helps us love, helps us believe and, finally, helps us to forgive.

Parish Notes:

Thank You - to all who helped tidy and clean up yesterday after we hosted the Eritrean Church.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Lenten Soup Lunches as this raised £400 for Christian Aid. A letter has been received from Christian Aid thanking everyone and explaining how contributions such as this, is vital to it's work (see letter on noticeboard).

Social Events - Quiz night (see poster at the back of the church). Summer Fete on Sunday 14 July from 12-4pm.

Memorial Garden Tidy - Saturday 23 June from 11:30 until lunch. Some cold wine might be available!

Croeso - Please take a copy of our diocesan magazine.

Evensong and Benediction - Sunday 17 June 2018 at 6pm.

Confirmation Classes - Next meets on Thurs 7 June at 6:20pm in St Saviour's. This is now for children and young people. For adult faith formation see Fr Phelim.

News items to go into the newsletter or website please email Fr Phelim

Recently Departed: John Thomas, Mary Debono, Ronald Oaten *RIP*

Today's Hymns: 37 - Angel Voices; 543 Our blest Redeemer, ere he breathed; 118 - Come Holy Spirit, our souls inspire; 114 - Come down, O Love Divine;

READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104
Gal 5:16-25
John 15:26-27;16:12-15

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40
Ps 33:4-5, 6+9, 18-19,
20+22
Rom 8:14-1
Matt 28:16-20

PSALM:

Send forth your spirit,
O Lord, and renew the
face of the earth.
(3vv)

This week:

Sun 20 Pentecost Sunday

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 21:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

Mary, Mother of the Church

Tues 22:

10am Mass (St S)

St Rita

Wed 23:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 24:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 25:

6pm Mass (St S)

St Bede the Venerable

Sat 26:

11am Mass (St S)

St Philip Neri

Sun 27: Trinity

Sunday

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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COLLECT:

God, who at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen**.

FIRST READING

The 1st reading is from the book of Acts.

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord.

Psalms 104

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Galatians.

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-

control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

Galatians 5

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 15-16