

St German's Church

21 Jan 2018 - Epiphany 3

That All May Be Free
Fel y Bo Pawb yn Rhydd
Go saortar sinn go léir



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018 - This year's theme 'That all may be free' is presented by the churches of the Caribbean in response to the issues challenging that area: abuses of human rights, human trafficking and modern-day slavery, the debt crisis etc. In response, we are challenged to consider our manner of welcoming of the stranger into our midst. Family life also continues to be challenged by economic restrictions which lead to migration, domestic abuse and violence. The Caribbean Churches work together to heal the wounds in the body of Christ. Reconciliation demands repentance, reparation and the healing of memories. In praying for unity, we, as members of the whole Church, are called to be both a sign and an active agent of this reconciliation.

Parish Notes:

Christian Unity - this week we pray for Christian Unity begins this week and ask God for an increase in unity so that we might acknowledge the reality of divided Christianity which is also our inspiration to work together towards mutual appreciation and healing after decades and centuries of division. To help us do this locally, there is a Churches Together joint service in St Alban's Church this evening 21 January 2018 at 6pm.

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter Many thanks to all who continue to support our Nightshelter. Please keep our guests and helpers in your prayers over these winter weeks and months. If you were able to help us (especially for the night session) we'd be more than grateful.

PCC Meeting - the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be on Monday 22 January after the 6pm Mass.

Mass Settings - Please bear with us as this year we are expanding our mass settings from the Murray setting (introduced mid 1980s) to a setting by Margaret Rizza (no. 955 in the hymnals). We are introducing this gradually and today we learn and sing the Agnus Dei.

Candlemas - 2 February 2018 - we welcome the Cathedral Choir for a service of Choral Evensong in the Church. The service begins at 6:30pm and refreshments will follow.

Altar Servers - If you would like to join the serving team please come along to our next meeting which will be after the 6pm mass on Monday 29 January. It is open to all.

Confirmation Classes - Begin this Thursday 25 January. This year they will be on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. If you would like to be confirmed or maybe even enjoy a refresher on the key teachings and aspects of our Christian faith please join us. These classes may also serve as faith preparation and catechesis for adults wishing to be baptised.

Cardiff Foodbank - Urgent items: tinned tomatoes, fruit juice (concentrate), rice pudding tins, sponge pudding, tinned fruit. Not needed: beans, cereals, tea, pasta.

Vintage Church - We are hoping to form a team of people willing to visit nursing homes, day centres etc to provide some spiritual support for those no longer able to come to church.

Please see Geraint wjohn89@gmail.com for details on this.

This week:

Mon 22:

6pm Mass (St G)
St Vincent

Tues 23:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 24:

10am Mass (St G)
St Francis de Sales

Thur 25:

5:45pm Mass (St S)
Conversion of St Paul

Fri 26:

6pm Mass (St S)
Sts Timothy & Titus

Sat 27:

11am Mass (St S.)

Sun 28:

Epiphany 4

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

8:00 am Said Mass

(Nightshelter);

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Deut 18:15-20
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9
1 Cor 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

PSALM RESPONSE

'Lord, make me know
your ways.' (3vs)

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COLLECT:

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.**

Hymns: 636 The Church's one foundation; 714 We hail thy glorious presence...; 53 At the Lamb's high feast ... ; 417 Lord of our life

1ST READING :

A reading from the book of Jonah.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

This is the word of the Lord.

Jonah 3

PSALM

Response:

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. **R/**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from
of old.

In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

R/

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/**

Psalm 25

2ND READING :

A reading from St Paul's first letter
to the Corinthians.

Brothers: our time is growing short.
Those who have wives should live as
though they had none, and those
who mourn should live as though
they had nothing to mourn for;
those who are enjoying life should
live as though there were nothing to
laugh about; those whose life is
buying things should live as though
they had nothing of their own; and
those who have to deal with the
world should not become engrossed
in it. I say this because the world as
we know it is passing away

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7

GOSPEL:

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 1:35-42