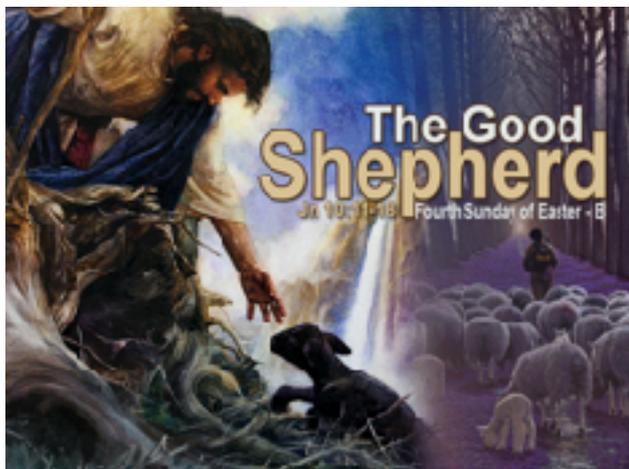


St German's Church

22 April 2018 - Easter IV



A good shepherd loves his sheep. This is more than just 'liking' or a 'fondness'. In our Christian context this love for those in our care is valued because it is not something we create; this love comes from God, the source of all that is good and loving. This love within us, divinely given, is what makes it possible for us to lay down our lives for those close to us. This is how God calls us to be.

Parish Notes:

Social Events - Night at the Races & Bingo this coming Saturday 28 April at 7:15pm. Please join us for an enjoyable evening that also helps support our church.

Sick Visits - If you know of anyone who'd like a visit please contact Fr Phelim.

PCC - Next meeting of the parochial church council will be on 14 May beginning with Mass at 6pm. At this meeting we will consider some review questions from Bishop June and confirming the officers of the PCC for the coming year.

Rome and Montecassino Pilgrimage 3-8 December 2018 - If you'd like to go this trip or for more details please see Fr Phelim. It is open to everyone and pricing will be roughly the same as last year c. £260 which will include flight, excursion by coach/taxi to Subiaco and Montecassino, Rome travel card, Capitoline museum entry). Pilgrims book their own accommodation separately.

Thy Kingdom Come Novena - Advance notice that we will be joining in the world wide movement of prayer between 10-20 May (Ascension to Pentecost).

Caritas Consort - 5th Anniversary Charity Concert - 7pm in Church. See website for more details www.caritaschoir.co.uk Proceeds to NSPCC and an educational charity.

Confirmation Classes - The next meeting will be this Thurs 10 May at 6:20pm in St Saviour's. This is also for those wanting to deepen their understanding of faith.

Altar Servers - The next meeting for those called to this liturgical ministry will be on Monday 30 April after mass at 6pm. Open to current and new servers.

Recently Departed: Matthew Andrews, Jeffrey John Lewis, Susan Smith, Rene Pliska *RIP*

This week:

Sun 22 Easter IV

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 23:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

St George

Tues 24:

10am Mass (St S)

St Fidelis

Wed 25:

10am Mass (St G)

ST MARK

Thur 26:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 27:

No Friday mass this week (St S)

Sat 28:

11am Mass (St S)

St Peter Chanel

Sun 29: Easter V

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 4:8-12

Ps 118

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 9:26-31

Ps 22

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

PSALM RESPONSE

The stone which the
builders rejected has
become the corner
stone. (3vv)

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Today's Hymns: 649 The King of love my shepherd is; 625 Take my life and let it be; 156 Faithful shepherd feed me; 680 This joyful Eastertide

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Acts.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord
for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **R/**

I will thank you
for you have answered
and you are my saviour.
The stone which
the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R/**

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you
from the house of the Lord;
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord
for he is good;
for his love has no end. **R/**
Psalm 118

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are

to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 John 3

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 10