

St German's Church

24 June 2018 - Trinity 4 (Nativity of John the Baptist)

WHO WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST?



John is the precursor of Jesus in everything. Since his birth and childhood he points out to Christ. "Who will this child be? He is "the voice which cries out in the desert" (Jn 1:23), impelling all to prepare the way of the Lord. He is not the Messiah (Jn 1:20), but he indicates this with his preaching, and above all, with his lifestyle of asceticism in the desert. His call to 'repent and believe' is vital to all who sincerely seek to follow Christ.

Parish Notes:

Messy Church - We hope to launch Messy Church this coming Autumn and are looking for volunteers. More information on this in coming weeks and months.

Summer Fete on Sat 14 July from 12noon to 3pm. We would like this to be similar in focus to our Christmas fayre and a real community celebration. If you can help us please see the wardens or Angela.

Llandaff Ordinations - Please pray for all those being ordained deacons or priests for our diocese next Saturday in the Cathedral.

Foodbank Members of St German's gave 47.1kg of food to the Cardiff Food Bank.

Data Protection - Please take time to read our Privacy Notice displayed on the Notice Board and the Consent forms that will be distributed in due course.

Readers & Intercessions - rota to be revised in July. If you'd like to be included please speak to Angela Parry. If you are unsure, please speak to me someone who already does it, as it is a very rewarding ministry.

Funerals - Doreen (RIP) will be received into St German's on Monday 2 July at 5:30 and funeral service will be on Tuesday 3 July at 11:45 am. Doreen Michael's funeral details will be published as soon as we know them.

PCC - The next PCC Meeting is on Monday 16 July.

Memorial Garden - Thank you to all who helped out at yesterday's garden tidy.

Baptisms & Weddings - If you would like to book a baptism (or weddings) please speak to Fr Phelim after one of our services to arrange an initial meeting.

Llandaff Festival of Prayer - 14 July 2018 at St Teilo's CinW school. Information and booking forms available at the back of the Church and on our website.

Confirmation Classes - Next meets on Thurs 28 June at 6:20pm in St Saviour's.

Recently Departed: Doreen Michael, Doreen Finn, Judith Coverdale.

This week:

Sun 24 Trinity 4

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 25:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

Tues 26:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 27:

10am Mass (St G)

St Cyril of Alexandria

Thur 28:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

St Irenaeus

Fri 29:

6pm Mass (St S)

STS PETER & PAUL

Sat 30:

Petertide Ordinations
in Llandaff Cathedral

Sun 1: Trinity 5

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm 139

Acts 13:22-26

Luke 1:57-66, 80

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Ps 30:2+4, 5-6,

11-12a+13b

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Mark 5:21-43

PSALM:

I thank you for the
wonder of my being.
(3vv)

Today's Hymns: 21 - All people that on earth; 153 - Eternal Father strong to save; 68 - Be still, my soul; 379 - Lead us heavenly Father. (Mass setting: Rizza 955)

COLLECT:

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching, and after his example constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and 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 prophet Isaiah.

Islands, listen to me, pay attention, remotest peoples. The Lord called me before I was born, from my mother's womb he pronounced my name. He made my mouth a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me into a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, 'You are my servant (Israel) in whom I shall be glorified'; while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing'; and all the while my cause was with the Lord, my reward with my God. I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Isa 49

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I thank you for the wonder of my being.

O Lord, you search me and you know me,
you know my resting and my rising,
you discern my purpose from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down,
all my ways lie open to you. **R/**

For it was you who created my being,
knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for the wonder of my being,
for the wonders of all your creation. **R/**

Already you knew my soul,
my body held no secret from you
when I was being fashioned in secret
and moulded in the depths of the earth. **R/**

Psalm 139

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul said: 'God deposed Saul and made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is

coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 13

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 1