

St German's Church

24 September 2017 - (Ordinary Time 25 - Trinity 15)



Back to Church Sunday - We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting (or revisiting) our church today. We hope you get a glimpse as to why people feel at home here. Please join us for refreshments afterwards. We try to ensure our Church is a community where everyone feels they belong. Fr Phelim

Parish Notes:

Ministry of Serving at the Altar - There is a meeting for current (and hopefully new) members of the serving team in the Church after mass tomorrow Mon 24 September. Please join us. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

Funeral of Elsie Packer (RIP) - Will be received into church at 5pm on Monday with a Requiem Mass on Tuesday at 2pm. Please pray for her family at this time.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 29 Sept in the Hall -10:00am until 12:00 noon

The Patronal Festival and Friends AGM will be held this year during the Octave of St German, on Sunday 8 October. A buffet lunch follows afterwards.

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter - we are hoping to join the Churches Nightshelter this Winter and are looking for interested people who might help us care for, feed and shelter some homeless people for one night a week. It will take place in St German's Hall on a Saturday evening/Sunday morning. (see our website for more details). If you can help please let Fr Phelim know. The more who volunteer for the rota the less others will have to do.

Rome Trip Meeting - After mass on Sunday 22 October when we will look in more detail at the proposed itinerary etc. Final instalments can be handed in then.

Croeso - The current edition is now available for people to take home with them.

Cardiff Foodbank - Please continue to support Cardiff foodbank. Urgent items: tinned tomatoes, fruit juice, rice pudding tins, sponge pudding, tinned fruit. Not currently needed: beans, breakfast cereals, tea.

Confirmation - For those who have not yet been confirmed but would like to be (adults or children) please contact Fr Phelim. Details of classes in due course.

Saying Goodbye Service - for those who have lost a child in pregnancy, birth or in infancy in Llandaff Cathedral on 21 October at 2:30pm. See poster at the back.

Newsletter and Sunday Readings - available on our website each week.

This week:

Mon 25:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 26:

10am Mass (St S.)
Sts Cosmas & Damian

Wed 27:

10am Mass (St G.)
St Vincent de Paul

Thur 28:

5:45pm Mass (St S.)
St Wenceslas

Fri 29:

6pm Mass (St S.)

Sat 30:

11am Mass (St S.)
Sts Michael, Gabriel
and Raphael
(archangels)

Sun 1:

St Saviour:
Sung Mass 9:30;
St German:
11 am Sung Mass;

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 55:6-9
Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Phil 1:20-24,27
Matt 20:1-16

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Deut 8:7-18
Ps 66:2-3,5,7-8 R/ v.7
2 Cor 9:6-15
Matt 21:28-32

PSALM RESPONSE

**'The Lord is close to
all who call him.'** (3vs)

Hymns: 314 Immortal Invisible, 35 A new commandment; 195 From heaven you came; 714 We hail thy presence

COLLECT:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**

Readings:

First: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Psalm 145 Response:

'The Lord is close to all who call him.'

1 I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **R/**

2 The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R/**

3 The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R/**

Second: A reading from St Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your

sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel: A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew.

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.