

# St German's Church

25 July 2021 - Trinity 8 (OT17)



Over the next few weeks our gospel readings come from John 6. This amazing chapter is a deep meditation on Jesus as the bread of life and how we are spiritually renewed, refreshed and transformed by his self giving to us. Not surprisingly, it also has deep significance for our appreciation of Eucharist and our growth as a Eucharistic community. Today we begin our reflection with the story of the feeding of the 5 thousand and how Jesus attends to their (and our) hunger with a miracle of multiplication.

## Parish Notes:

**Farewell** - Many thanks to all who turned up and supported the farewell to Fr Phelim and his family. It was a lovely occasion and we wish them all every blessing and success in the midlands. Fr Phelim adds: "It was lovely and humbling to see so many friends we've made over the past four years at last Sunday's gathering. We were blessed with wonderful weather in the memorial garden and I am deeply grateful for all that you've done to support us as a family. It has been a wonderful, and ministerially fulfilling, four years and we pray that the next priest (God willing) will have as much support in friendship and ministry outreach as I've enjoyed. Thank you also for the many cards, bottles and very generous gift. We will miss you all dearly".

**Interregnum** - We are hopeful the bishop will appoint a successor to Fr Phelim who will serve throughout the new Ministry Area. Canon Stewart and the MA lay chair and Peter Lovitt have submitted a proposal as to why continuity of priestly ministry in St German's and Adamsdown is crucial for our worshipping life and outreach to those in need locally. In the meantime from September the church wardens and the Area Dean, Fr Dyfrig Lloyd, will be the first point of contact for any church related or PCC related matters.

**Hymns:** I bind unto myself (302), Do not be afraid (150), Nearer my God to thee (674) Going home moving on (239).

**Covid Risks Update** - With the Welsh government now allowing more people to meet indoors and outdoors we will be updating our own risk assessment accordingly. The CinW has also no permitted churches to offer tea and coffee after our services. Please continue to adhere to social distancing whilst in church and wear a face covering. We will also resume singing due to social distancing, the size our building and wearing face coverings.

**Gardening Club** - meets on the first Saturday of the month at 11:00am. This is open to all. Next meets on Saturday 7 August.

**Christian Aid** - Many thanks to all who supported our recent fundraising for Christian Aid - we managed to raise and donate over £300.

**Recently Departed** - Maggie Davies, David Pine, Doris Rose Tweney.

## This week:

### Sun 25 Trinity 8

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

### Mon 26:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

### Tues 27:

10:00 Mass (St S)

### Wed 28:

10am Mass (St G)

### Thur 29:

17:45 Mass (St S)

### Fri 30:

No Mass (St S)

13:00 Wedding (St G)

### Sat 31:

No Mass (St S)

St Ignatius Loyola

### Sun 1: Trinity 9

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass;

*St German's:*

11:00 am Sung Mass

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

2 Kgs 4:42-44

Ps 145:10-11, 15-16,  
17-18

Eph 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exod 16:2-4, 12-15

Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25+54

Eph 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35

## PSALM:

**You open wide your  
hand, O Lord, and  
grant our desires.**

**COLLECT:**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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**

**FIRST READING**

The First reading is from the 2nd book of Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

This is the word of the Lord.  
*2 Kings 4*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live.

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.  
*Psalm 145*

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

This is the word of the Lord.  
*Ephesians 4*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words are Spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd

coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*John 6*