

St German's Church

26 August 2018 - Trinity 13 (OT21)



The realisation of Peter that following Jesus was his only hope, his only destination, his only source of meaning and wellbeing in this life is deeply moving. When we reflect on this, we too might realise that there are precious few people we can turn to in life when things get difficult. Indeed, for many people who are homeless or in need of refuge, they have no one to turn to. Yet, in our lives of faith, we are assured over and over by God's Word in scripture that he will be always with us. Jesus truly is for us the one who has the message of eternal life and his final promise to us needs to be remembered: he is with us always, even to the end of time.

Parish Notes:

Thank you - To Fr John Lewis for presiding and preaching today.

Messy Church - Messy Church is coming. First one at St Saviour's on Sun 30 Sept at 4pm and in St German's on Oct 28 at 4pm. If you could help at either of this it would be most appreciated. More details in Sept.

Confirmation Ceremony 2018 - 2 October 2018 in St German's. Bishop June will be coming to us for a confirmation service in October. If anyone would like to be confirmed please contact Fr Phelim. It is open to children and adults.

Faith QI - A new 6 week set of informal meetings for adults keen to know and understand more about our faith, liturgy, tradition and history (ideal for those exploring confirmation). Wednesdays 7:30 pm at the vicarage. Begins 5 Sept 2018. See website for more details. Places limited - first come first served basis.

Organ Recital - St German's on 29 August at 7pm. See website for more info.

PCC & Sub Committees - Pastoral Care - after mass on Sun 2 Sept; Finance - Monday 10 Sept at 7pm in the vicarage. PCC Meeting on 17 Sept.

Foodbank April - June 2018, St German's donated 64.7kg of food. In 2017 Cardiff Foodbank provided 3-day parcels of food for 11,556 people and demand is rising.

Clothes sale - Wed 5 Sept, a brand new clothes sale from 11:00am until 3:00pm.

The clothes have been donated by Anne & Michael's Cook's daughter and all proceeds are to be given to St German's. Coffee, tea and cakes will also be available

Quiz evening on Tuesday 11 September - there is a list at the back of the church for people to indicate if they would like to come

Recently Departed: Victoria Irene Hawkins

This week:

Sun 26 Trinity 13

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 27:

6pm Mass (St G)

St Monica

Tues 28:

10am Mass (St S)

St Augustine

Wed 29:

10am Mass (St G)

Beheading of John the Baptist

Thur 30:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 31:

6pm Mass (St S)

Sat 1:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 2: Trinity 14

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung

13:30 Baptism (St G)

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Josh 24:1-2,15-17, 18

Ps 34

Eph 5:25-32

John 6:60-69

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

Ps 15:2-3a, 3b-4a, 4b-5

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PSALM:

Taste and see that the Lord is good. (4vv)

Today's Hymns: 591 - See, the conqueror ...; 658 - There is a Redeemer; 70 - Be thou my vision; 511 - O Lord my God; (Mass setting: Rizza 955)

COLLECT:

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Joshua 24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Taste and see
that the Lord is good.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its
boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.
R/

Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere
him.
Strong lions suffer want and go
hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing. **R/**

Come, children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the
Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his
prosperity? **R/**

Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. **R/**

Psalm 34

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Follow Christ by loving as he loved you. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never

hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

This is the word of the Lord.

Ephesians 5

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 6