

# St German's Church

26 May 2019 - Easter VI



Prayer Novenas (9 days) allow communities to consciously engage in a time of renewed commitment to daily prayer. In this way they remain an immense gift of the church to people everywhere. We all know we need to pray more, and give more time to God yet it is really us who need this rather than God. Please join us this week as we pray each day between Ascension and Pentecost.

## Parish Notes:

**Finance Team** - meets in the vicarage on Monday 10 June at 7pm.

**Ascension Day** - Please note changes for mass times: morning mass at 9 in St Saviour's and 6pm in St German's. No 5:45pm mass in St Saviour's.

**Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Novena** - begins on Friday 31st and ends at Pentecost. It is hoped that everyone who takes part will: - Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ; - Pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know; - Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer. This year we will emphasise prayer through daily mass and a reflective Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. See flyer at the back for details or on our website.

**Rome and Assisi Pilgrimage 2019** - 2-6 December. If you are interested in going please see Fr Phelim. Cost of flights from Bristol, transfers and transport in Rome and to Assisi will be £250.

**Summer Fayre** - A planning meeting for the summer fair will take place after mass next Sunday along with consideration of other social and fundraising items. We launched this last year and hope to build on that success and produce a truly family friendly event that engages our local community.

**Renovations and Works** Thanks again all for your forbearance during these essential works. Thanks to Peter Lovitt for coordinating and overseeing it all.

**Easter Course** - 'Faith Pictures' faith nurturing course - Mondays after 6pm mass in St German's & Tuesdays after 10am Mass in St Saviour's. Resumes tomorrow.

**Social Events** - 22 June Summer Fayre; 20 July Ceili Night). BBQ cancelled.

**Framed Prints of St German's Church** available - see Ron for details.

**Recently Departed:** Steven Hart, Jeffrey Edwards, Jean Leach RIP

## This week:

### Sun 26 Easter VI

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)  
11am Sung Mass (St G)

### Mon 27:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

### Tues 28:

10am Mass (St S)

### Wed 29:

10am Mass (St G)

### Thur 30:

#### ASCENSION DAY

10am Funeral (St S)

11am mass (St S)

6pm Mass (St G)

### Fri 31:

9am Holy Hour (St G)

6:00pm Mass (St S)

### Sat 1:

11am Mass (St S.)

12pm Holy Hour (St G)

### Sun 2: Easter VII

**St Saviour's:**

9:30 Sung Mass;

**St German's:**

11:00 am Sung Mass

6pm Novena Holy Hour

## Parish Priest:

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29  
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6+8  
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23  
John 14:23-29

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 7:55-60  
Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9  
Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20  
John 17:20-26

## PSALM RESPONSE

Let the peoples praise you,  
O God; let all the  
peoples praise you.  
(3vv)

## Today's Hymns: 131 Come ye faithful; 255 Hail the day; As I kneel before you (separate page); 37 Angel voices ever singing. Mass setting: Rizza (955)

### COLLECT

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 book of Acts.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the

meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*Acts 15*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R/**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R/**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R/**  
*Psalm 67*

### SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from the book of Revelations.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Rev. 21*

### GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*John 14*

### REGINA CAELI

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia]He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.]As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia.]Pour for us to him thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad,  
O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
**For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray:  
O God, by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have brought joy to the whole world: grant that, by the help of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**