

St German's Church

27 August 2017 - (Ordinary Time 21 - Trinity 11)



Questions of identity abound in today's gospel. Jesus asks his disciples 'Who do you say I am?' Part of this could be the growing understanding of Jesus himself in his ministry and relationship to the Father yet also a check to see whether his followers 'get it' or not. We then have the great commission given to Simon who will be renamed Peter (meaning 'the Rock' or 'Rocky') - 'You are Peter and upon this rock I shall build my Church'. The question is still alive for us: **Who do we say Jesus is?**

Parish Notes:

PCC Meeting -11 September 2017 begins at 6pm with mass.

Back to Church Sunday 24 September - many churches traditionally use the last Sunday of September as an opportunity to invite a friend or former Church goer to join us in Church. More details about this and sample invitations in due course.

Quiz Evening – Monday 4 September – Mass at 6:00pm and the Quiz will follow afterwards. Why not come and join us. There will also be refreshments and a list at the back of the Church for you to sign and indicate your choice of food.

Welcome and Thank You - to Fr Edward Dowding for presiding and preaching for us today.

Wales' Best Church - we need your vote for St German's (vote via sacredwales.org.uk)

Thank You to all who supported last Sunday's Parish Lunch - it was a great success and we raised £156. Thanks to all who cooked, and helped in any way.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 29 September in the Church Hall from 10:00am until 12:00 noon

The Patronal Festival will be held during the Octave of St German, on Sunday 8 October. There will be the usual meeting of the Friends of St German's following the Mass and a buffet lunch afterwards. Further details in due course.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Isaiah 51:1-6-
Ps 138
Romans 11:33-36
Matt 16:13-20

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Jer 20:7-9
Ps 63
Romans 12:1-2
Matt 16:21-27

PSALM RESPONSE

'Your Love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.'

This week:

Mon 28:

No mass this week
St Augustine

Tues 29:

10am Mass (St S.)
Beheading of John the Baptist

Wed 30:

10am Mass (St G.)

Thur 31:

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

Fri 1:

6pm Mass (St S.)
St Louis of France

Sat 2:

11am Mass (St S.)
Lucien Tapiedi & Martyrs of PNG

Sun 3:

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

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Hymns: (New English Hymnal): 374, 376, 172, 361

COLLECT:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ISAIAH 22:19-33:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

This is the Word of the Lord.

PSALM 138

Response:

'Your Love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.'

1 I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words

of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. R/

2 I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. R/

3 The Lord is high yet he looks the lowly and the haughty heinous from afar. You love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. R/

ROMANS 11:33-36

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

MATTHEW 16:13-20

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not

This is the Gospel of the Lord.