

St German's Church

28 Jan 2018 - Epiphany 4



Holocaust Memorial Day - Words can make a difference – both for good and evil.

Anne Frank, in her diary, wrote on 5 April 1944: 'I want to go on living even after my death! And that's why I am so grateful to God for having given me this gift, which I can use to develop myself and to express all that's in me. When I write I can shake off all my cares; my sorrow disappears; my spirits are revived.'

Today we pray that our words may be used to build up and heal and proclaim the good news of Jesus, the Risen Christ.

Parish Notes:

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter Many thanks to all who continue to support our Nightshelter. Please keep our guests and helpers in your prayers over these winter weeks and months. If you were able to help us (especially for the night session) we'd be more than grateful.

PCC Meeting - the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be on Sunday 11 March at 1pm. The Vestry meeting at Easter will be on Sun 15 April at 1pm.

Mass Settings - Please bear with us as this year we are expanding our mass settings from the Murray setting (introduced mid 1980s) to a setting by Margaret Rizza (no. 955 in the hymnals). Today we learn and sing the memorial acclamation.

Candlemas - 2 February 2018 - we welcome the Cathedral Choir for a service of Choral Evensong in the Church. The service begins at 6:30pm. We'd really appreciate if as many church members as possible came along to support this service.

Altar Servers - If you would like to join the serving team please come along to our next meeting which will be after the 6pm mass tomorrow, Monday 29 January. It is open to all.

Confirmation Classes - The next confirmation meeting will be on Thursday 8 February at 6:30pm in St Saviour's.

Lent 2018 - Each week in Lent St Saviour's and St German's will celebrate the Stations of the Cross preceded by a talk on a Eucharistic theme. Details of days and times to follow.

Lent Courses - St Martin's, Roath will host a Lent talk by Mr John Guess on Thursdays at 7pm. Please see flyers and poster at the back of the church. Bishop June is also leading a Lenten course in Llandaff Cathedral on the first four Thursdays of Lent also at 7pm.

Cardiff Foodbank - Urgent items: tinned tomatoes, fruit juice (concentrate), rice pudding tins, sponge pudding, tinned fruit. Not needed: beans, cereals, tea, pasta.

Readings next week are from the Revised Common Lectionary for Creation Sunday.

Recently Departed: Craig Newbury; Jean Davis; Marilyn Soloman, Avril Fielding, Vivian Warren, Betty Evelyn Griffiths, Alice Lewis. *RIP*

This week:

Mon 29:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 30:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 31:

10am Mass (St G)

St John Bosco

Thur 1:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 2:

6pm Mass (St S)

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (Candlemas)

6:30pm Choral Evensong (St G)

Sat 3:

11am Mass (St S.)

Sun 28:

Creation Sunday

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

8:00 am Said Mass (Nightshelter);

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Deut 18:15-20
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9
1 Cor 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Proverbs 8:1,22-31
Ps 104:24-35
Col 1:15-20
John 1:1-14

PSALM RESPONSE

'O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.' (3vs)

COLLECT:

Creator God, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymns: 314 Immortal invisible; 658 There is a Redeemer; 610 Soul of my Saviour ; 379 Lead us heavenly Father lead us

1ST READING :

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

This is the word of the Lord.

Deut 18

PSALM

Response:

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R/**

Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R/**

O that today you would listen to his
voice!
Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me though they saw my
work. **R/**

Psalm 95

2ND READING :

A reading from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7 :32-35

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Mark 1:21-28