

St German's Church

28 October 2018 - Bible Sunday

Bible Sunday 2018



On Bible Sunday we celebrate the way that the Holy Scriptures have played an irreplaceable role in the church's worship ever since Jesus commissioned his disciples to take the gospel to the nations. St Paul in his writing to Timothy offers many ways to make sure we take the Bible seriously for ourselves and also consider how we make sure it is made available to everyone. For example: **1.** Scripture makes us wise for salvation (3.15); **2** Scripture brings us intimacy with God (3.16); **3.** Scripture is God's means of our development and growth as Christians (3.16); **4.** Scripture equips us for every good deed (3.17); **5.** Scripture keeps us on God's path (4.3-4) (written by Krish Kandiah)

Parish Notes:

Messy Church launches in Adamsdown today at 4pm in St German's. Many thanks to all who have agreed to help. Please join us to 'come and see' and enjoy a coffee on us.

Parish Lunch for All Saints of Wales and Ireland - next Sunday 4 November 2018 after mass. Three course lunch for £10.00 and there is a list at the back of the church for people to sign up, with a vegetarian option available.

PCC - next meeting of the parish council will be on Monday 12 November at 6:45pm but please join us if you can for mass at 6pm.

Nightshelter - Very soon our focus will return to helping those who are homeless in our city. Our hope is to build on last year's nightshelter nights and host it again on a Saturday evening/Sunday morning from December to March. We will have an information and training evening on Monday 10 December at 7pm. If you would like to help out in any way please contact Fr Phelim.

Remembrance - During November Christians remember the departed and offer lists of departed loved ones to be prayed for at each mass. If you'd like to join us please give your list to Fr Phelim. We will remember them all during the Masses on All Souls' Day, Friday 2nd November at 9:45 in St German's and at 6pm in St Saviour's.

Pre Christmas Fayre - Advance notice - Saturday 17 November. See Richard for details.

Faith QI - Final one This Wednesday at 7:30pm at the Vicarage.

Rome, Subiaco & Montecassino Pilgrimage - Next and final meeting will be on Sunday 18 November after mass when any outstanding amount need to be settled.

Recently Departed: David Phillips, Jeanette Brown, Elaine Moorcraft, Colin Silverthorne RIP

Today's Hymns: 684 Thou whose almighty word; 32 And can it be; 286 Holy Holy Holy; 231 God's Spirit is in my heart; (Rizza 955)

This week:

Sun 28

Bible Sunday

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

4pm Messy Church (StG)

Mon 29:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 30:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 31:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 1:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

ALL SAINTS DAY

Fri 2:

9.45 am Mass (St G)

6:00pm Mass (St S)

ALL SOULS DAY

Sat 3:

11am Mass (St S)

St Martin de Porres

Sun 4: Trinity 23

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Bible Sunday

Isa 55:1-11

Ps 126:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6

2 Tim 3:14-4:5

John 5:36-47

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Deut 6:2-6

Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47+51

Heb 7:23-28

Mark 12:28b-34

PSALM:

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (3vv)

COLLECT:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the prophet Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not

return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Isaiah 55

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R/**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R/**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap **R/**

Psalms 126

SECOND READING

A reading from second letter of Paul to Timothy.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable;

convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the word of the Lord.

2 Tim 3-4

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. 'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 5