

St German's Church

29 October 2017 - (Bible Sunday)



Finding our place in God's story - Today we celebrate Bible Sunday when we consciously give thanks for the Word of God contained within the Bible. We give thanks for many reasons because the Bible and its contents touches on almost every aspect of our lives as Christians: our prayer, our beliefs, our history, our worship, our laws, our morals, our love and care for each other. Behind of all this is the core belief that God's will for humanity is revealed in scripture and these divinely inspired words in turn inspire us to hear them, heed them and make them live.

Parish Notes:

Parish Lunch for All Saints of Ireland and Wales - There is to be a three-course Parish lunch next Sunday 5 November in celebration of some Celtic saints. There is a list at the back of the church for people to sign if they wish to come.

Remembrance - During November Christians often remember those who have died and offer lists of departed loved ones to be prayed for. If you would like us to pray for your loved ones please give your list to Fr Phelim. We will remember them all during the Masses on All Souls' Day, Thurs 2nd November at 9:45 in St German's and at 5:45 pm in St Saviour's.

Bible Sunday - Readings today (only) are from the Revised Common Lectionary.

Dementia café on Monday 13 November from 2:00pm until 4:00pm – this month we will be holding a 'Tea Dance' and everyone is invited to attend.

Bazaar – All contributions for the various stalls will be greatly appreciated as well as help beforehand to set it all up on the Friday evening and on the day itself. If you are able to help in any way please speak to Richard Hill

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter - information meetings for those interested in helping in this year's NS on Monday 30 Oct in St German's at 7:00pm and in St Saviour's on Tuesday 31 October at 7:00pm. (Please see our website for more details).

Cardiff Deanery Conference - in Roath Church House on Thursday 16 November at 7pm. Fr Phelim will be presenting on our ministry to the homeless and the Churches Nightshelter.

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

PCC - Advance notice that our next PCC meeting is on Monday 13 November after the 6pm mass. The focus of this meeting will be on our mission and outreach.

Recently Departed: Please pray for: Glenys Patricia Black and her family.

Charitable Giving - As a church we raised £220.00 from our Macmillan Coffee Morning and from our Sunday Morning Teas from January to October we have raised £320.00 for our nominated Charity Sight 2020 Direct

This week:

Mon 30:

6pm Mass (St G)
Richard Hooker

Tues 31:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 1:

10am Mass (St G)
ALL SAINT'S

Thur 2:

9:45 Mass (St G)
5:45pm Mass (St S)
ALL SOULS

Fri 3:

6pm Mass (St S.)
St Martin de Porres

Sat 4:

11am Mass (St S.)
St Charles Borromeo

Sun 5:

St Saviour:

Sung Mass 9:30;

St German:

11 am Sung Mass;

Keep in touch:

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 8-12
Ps 18:2-4,47,51
Col 3:12-17
Matt 24:30-35
(from RCL)

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10
Ps 131:1, 2, 3
1 Thess 2:7b-9, 13
Matt 23:1-12

PSALM RESPONSE

'I love you, Lord, my strength.' (2vs)

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. **Amen.**

Hymns: 646 The Kingdom of God is justice and joy; 684 Thou whose almighty word; 716 We have a gospel to proclaim; 137 Crown him with many crowns

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the

people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 8-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.

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Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

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SECOND READING:

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

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

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Matthew 24:0-35

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