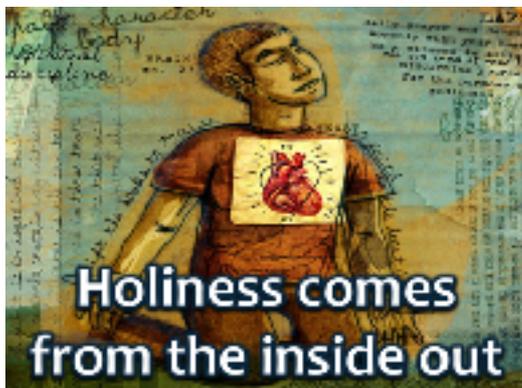


St German's Church

2 September 2018 - Trinity 14 (OT22)



In today's Gospel, Jesus is criticised by the Pharisees and some of the scribes because his disciples are eating with unwashed hands. He responds by attacking these religious leaders for adding their own regulations to the "commandments of God" — something that is explicitly forbidden in Deuteronomy 4.2. Jesus is also forming his disciples as a radically hospitable community, in which the ritually unclean and Gentiles are included. Precisely because of this, his community will remain a distinctive "contrast society" to the culture around it. (Angus Ritchie, Church Times 30/8/18)

Parish Notes:

Clothes sale - Wed 5 Sept, a brand new clothes sale from 11:00am until 3:00pm. The clothes have been donated by Anne & Michael's Cook's daughter and all proceeds are to be given to St German's. Coffee, tea and cakes will also be available

PCC & Sub Committees - Pastoral Care - after mass on Sun 2 Sept; Finance - Monday 10 Sept at 7pm in the vicarage. PCC Meeting on 17 Sept

Faith QI - A new 6 week set of informal meetings for adults keen to know and understand more about our faith, liturgy, tradition and history (ideal for those exploring confirmation). Wednesdays 7:30 pm at the vicarage. Begins 5 Sept 2018.

Messy Church - Messy Church is coming. First one at St Saviour's on Sun 30 Sept at 4pm and in St German's on Oct 28 at 4pm. If you could help at either of this it would be most appreciated. More details in Sept.

Autumn Clean - Wed 12 Sept after Mass there is to be a working party to clean the church in readiness for our Patronal Festival.

Memorial Garden - Sat 8 Sept a working party for the Garden from 11:00am

New tea rota starts on Sun 23 Sept and people are asked to volunteer for this worthwhile task. Ask the wardens for details about what is involved.

Confirmation Ceremony 2018 - 2 October 2018 in St German's. If anyone would like to be confirmed please contact Fr Phelim. It is open to children and adults.

Quiz evening on Tuesday 11 September – there is a list at the back of the church for people to indicate if they would like to come

Recently Departed: Victoria Irene Hawkins

This week:

Sun 2 Trinity 14

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 3:

6pm Mass (St G)

St Gregory the Great

Tues 4:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 5:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 6:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 7:

No mass this week

Sat 8:

11am Mass (St S)

Birthday of the BVM

Sun 9: Trinity 15

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung

13:30 Baptism (St G)

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8
Ps 15:2-3a, 3b-4a, 4b-5
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 35:4-7a
Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10
Jas 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

PSALM:

The just will live in the
presence of the Lord.
(3vv)

Today's Hymns: 716 - We have a gospel to proclaim...; 723 - We sing the praise of him who died; 68 - Be still my soul; 249 - Great is thy faithfulness; (Mass setting: Rizza 955)

COLLECT:

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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**

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

This is the word of the Lord.

Deut 4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. **R/**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R/**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R/**

Psalm 15

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

This is the word of the Lord.

James 1

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Mark 7