

St German's Church

31 May 2020 - Pentecost Sunday



"However much we wish to evade or tame it, the power of the Holy Spirit is irrepressible. Selina Stone and Shermara Fletcher describe the origins of Pentecostalism in the Azusa Street Revival of 1906: "The Holy Spirit's action converted individuals, formed a church whose common life ran counter to the racial and social segregation of the day, and challenged structural injustice in the wider society." Those same marks of the Spirit are evident in the narrative of Acts, and echo down the centuries of the Church's life in countless moments of individual and corporate renewal.' (Angus Ritchie, Church Times 8202). We pray the God's Holy Spirit may not be tame on us as we pray and work towards renewing the portion of Church entrusted to us. Help us, O God, to receive willingly the means of our own renewal.

Parish Notes:

Preaching - Many thanks to Fr Rhys for preaching for us on Pentecost Sunday. It is good to hear another voice reflect on how we can live as Christians in lockdown and to hear something of his experience as a busy GP in West Cardiff. Diolch. Next Week Geraint will preach for us on Trinity Sunday.

Corpus Christi - We will celebrate the feast of the body and blood of Jesus Christ on Sunday 14 June.

Lockdown Transition - Unfortunately, there is still no sign of our churches opening for public worship or even private prayer. Whilst the online worship and meetings on zoom are not for everyone at this stage it is really all we can offer. We continue to pray for our leaders and those on the frontline of seeking an end to the pandemic. May they always be guided by compassion for those who are in greatest need and suffer the most and may make good and wise decisions on behalf of our common good.

St German's Zoom Coffee - Next meets this coming Tuesday 2 June at 10:30am. If you'd like to participate please let Fr Phelim know. It is very easy to join: all you need is a computer or phone with camera and the link we send by email explains the next steps. If you need help on the day and time please call Fr Phelim on the landline.

Memorial Garden - now open each day (according to latest restrictions from Welsh Gov = 2 households max can meet there). If you'd like to do a bit of gardening please let Fr Phelim know when and what time so that we can keep it safe.

Lift Up Your Hearts - Spiritual Support during the pandemic. This week's reflections are from the artist and poet, Roger Wagner. Copies available online.

Easter Course - Concludes this coming Wednesday when we ask 'why on earth would we bother with Jesus'. We will host a zoom meeting on this issue on Wednesday at 7pm. Ask Fr Phelim for details and an invitation. The course has been a great success and we hope to use this format of zoom meeting for our other nurturing courses, Faith QI and the Book Groups.

Foodbank - Please continue to donate food locally. Please see Cardiff Foodbank website for details of open collection sites and how and when to drop off food for those in need.

Recently Departed - Joyce Fish, Dudley Walwyn, Joan King, David Cornock (RIP)

READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104:1+24, 29-30,
31+34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exod 34:4b-6, 8-9
Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55
2 Cor 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

PSALM:

**Send forth your Spirit,
O Lord, and renew the
face of the earth. (3vv)**

Llandaff Diocese

Prayer Cycle:

Sun 31

PENTECOST

Colwinston, Llandow & Llysworney, Alan Kettle (PiNC); Anglican Church of Melanesia

Mon 1: RB

East Vale, Martin Davies (TR), David Morris (TV), Angela Cooper (C)

Tue 2:

10:30 Zoom Coffee St German's

RB Cowbridge, Stephen Adams (TR), Victoria Ashley (TV)

Wed 3:

10:30 Zoom Coffee St Saviour's

University Chaplains, David Sheen & Paul Fitzpatrick.

7pm Easter Course on Zoom

Thur 4:

RB Glamorgan Heritage Coast, Edwin Counsell (TR), Craig Vaughan (TV), Rhian Prime (TV), Jude Peters (C), Marc Walford (TV)

Friday 5:

Archdeaconry of Morgannwg, Christophe Smith ADN

Saturday 6:

Deanery of the Cynon Valley, Michael Jones (AD)

Sun 7

The Holy Trinity

Aberamnon & Cwmaman; Anglican Church of Mexico

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COLLECT

God, who at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Acts.

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 2:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R/**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they
came.
You send forth your spirit, they are
created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R/**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R/**

Psalm 104

SECOND READING

A reading from the 1st letter of Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. This is the word of the Lord.

1 Cor 12

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

John 20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of the faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!