

St German's Church

5 November 2017 - (Kingdom Season 1)



Kingdom-tide - A relatively recent addition to the Anglican liturgical calendar, it begins from the feast of All Saints to the beginning of Advent. It is a time to celebrate and reflect on the reign of Jesus Christ on earth and in heaven. It reminds us that God's Church, the people of God who make up the Body of Christ, worship and praised God from heaven and earth. Older Church theology often spoke of the Church as existing in three states: Church Militant (on earth), Church Penitent (in purgatory) and the Church Triumphant (in heaven). As members of the Church, on earth or in heaven, we rejoice in obeying the wishes of Christ to always pray: 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

Parish Notes:

Parish Lunch for All Saints of Ireland and Wales - There is to be a three-course Parish lunch today in celebration of our Celtic saints. We are anticipating this week's feasts for the Welsh and Irish saints today and pray that we may continue their ministry of hope to a secular world.

PCC Meeting - The next meeting of the parochial council is on Monday 13 November after the 6pm mass. The focus of this meeting will be on our mission and outreach. Our focus is: mission, outreach, worship for Advent & Christmas seasons.

Remembrance Sunday - is next Sunday and we will remember those who have sacrificed their lives for others in a special act of solemn remembrance.

November - We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

Thank You - To Peter and Hilary Lovitt for all their recent work in tidying and caring for our memorial garden. Please have a look to appreciate their efforts.

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter Forms are available at the back of the Church for those who want to sign up to help during the evening, the night or the morning teams. Our meetings last week were well attended and already we've a number of people committed to helping from St Saviour's and St German's yet we still need more help to make this work bearable.

Cardiff Deanery Conference - in St Mark's Gabalfa on Thurs 16 November at 7:30pm. Fr Phelim will be presenting on our ministry to the homeless and the Nightshelter.

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.

This week:

Mon 6:

6pm Mass (St G)
All Saints of Ireland

Tues 7:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 8:

10am Mass (St G)
All Saints of Wales

Thur 9:

5:45pm Mass (St S)
Dedication of Lateran
Basilica

Fri 10:

No mass this week
St Leo the Great

Sat 11:

11am Mass (St S.)
St Martin of Tours

Sun 12:

St Saviour:
Sung Mass 9:30;
St German:
11 am Sung Mass;

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READINGS THIS WEEK

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

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Wis 6:12-16
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
1 Thess 4:13-18 or 4:13-14
Matt 25:1-13

PSALM RESPONSE

'Keep my soul in
peace before you, O
Lord.' (3vs)

COLLECT:

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymns: 178 For all the Saints; 286 Holy, Holy, Holy; 378 Lead kindly light; 114 Come down O Love Divine

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

This is the word of the Lord.

Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me.

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's
breast,
even so is my soul.

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and forever.

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

Psalms 131

SECOND READING:

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

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 'The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practise what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 23:1-12