

# St German's Church

7 October 2018 - Trinity 19 (OT 27) Harvest Thanksgiving



**Consider the lilies.** A simple line of teaching from Jesus in today's gospel but a deep reminder of the power of nature to heal and transport us to the spiritual depths. Today's image (by the artist Stanley Spencer) imagines Jesus lost in wonder at the beauty of simple daisies. In this image he is not active but contemplative - marvelling at the beauty of the whole of creation. Yet, in the same way God holds us in awe and wonder - we are his creatures - the sheep of his flock. Our theme of thanksgiving allows us to glory in being part of creation and, for a moment, get a glimpse into how God loves us into existence. If only we could allow ourselves to bask in that love and awe.

## Parish Notes:

**Welcome Back and Thanks** - To Fr David Sheen, Chaplain to Cardiff University who is preaching and presiding at mass today.

**Messy Church** After a successful launch (50 new people turned up) at St Saviour's last Sunday it is now the turn of St German's on 28 October at 4pm. More details on what is involved in Messy Church next Sunday. We especially need people to help staff the craft activities. Please spread the word to any local young families.

**Faith QI** - No meeting this Wednesday but they resume on 17th October. It is a series of meetings for adults keen to know and understand more about our faith, liturgy, tradition and history. Wednesdays 7:30 pm at the vicarage.

**Back to Church Sunday** - next Sunday 14 October 2018 - Please consider inviting someone to join you at Church; it is the invitation that counts. There will be an evening celebration of Benediction with Music from Taize at 6pm at St Saviour's.

**Confirmation Ceremony 2018** - Sunday 21 October 2018 in St German's. This is a major event in the life of our Church (the last confirmation was a number of years ago. Consequently, we'd love a good attendance and to show St G's at its best. We also need help with catering on that day and volunteers at this stage would be most appreciated.

**Rome Pilgrimage** - Meeting next Sunday 14 October after mass when we will look at some further details of the itinerary and the significance of Subiaco & Montecassino.

**Recently Departed:** Paul Gordon Wilmot

## This week:

### Sun 7 Trinity 19

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

1:30 Baptism (St S)

### Mon 8:

6pm Mass (St G)

### Tues 9:

10am Mass (St S)

### Wed 10:

9:30 Harvest Schools Service (St G)

### Thur 11:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

### Fri 12:

No mass today (St S)

### Sat 13:

No mass today (St S)

### Sun 14: Trinity 20

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass

*St German's:*

11:00 am Sung Mass

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Joel 2:21-27  
Ps 126  
1 Tim 6:6-10  
Matt 6:25-33

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Wis 7:7-11  
Ps 90  
Heb 4:12-13  
Mark 10:17-27

## PSALM:

**What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.(4vv)**

**Today's Hymns: 6 All creatures of our God and King; 37 Angel voices ever singing; 552 O worship the Lord; 719 We plough the fields;(Mass setting: Rizza 955)**

## COLLECT:

Lord of all creation, you give us the fruits of the earth in their season and crown the year with your goodness: help us so to receive your gifts with thankful hearts that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in want and to meet our daily needs; through Jesus Christ the Bread of life, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

The First reading is from the prophet Joel.

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Joel 2*

## 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/

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. R/

*Psalm 126*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the 1st letter to Timothy

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness

to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

This is the word of the Lord.

*James 5*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Matt 6*