

St German's Church

8 March 2020 - Lent II



The Gospel according to Matthew insists on the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. This is why Matthew's Gospel is the Gospel of the Church, that is of the People of God guided by its Head and Master Jesus, the Christ. The text which narrates the event of the Transfiguration forms part of a section of the Gospel in which, the Evangelist develops the theme of the beginning of the coming of the Kingdom in a group of disciples who gradually will constitute the Body of the Church. In the Transfiguration the Father declares that Jesus is "My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him" We give thanks during this Lenten season that through Christ we are also sons and daughters of the same Father. (Lectio Divina excerpt from ocarm.org)

Parish Notes:

Coronavirus Precautions - The Church in Wales has issued new guidance on how we as a community should respond to this latest crisis. See our website for the full document. In light of this advice we will discontinue sharing the peace until further notice. Likewise communion will be offered under one kind until further notice. The celebrant alone is to receive from the chalice. For more details please see Fr Phelim.

Lenten Charity - We encourage everyone to follow Christian Aid's count your blessings prayer cycle during Lent. We also have our Friday Soup Lent lunches in support of Christian Aid with reflections from Fr Malcolm (12pm).

Stations of the Cross - Praying the stations of the cross during Lent helps us walk with Christ in our pilgrimage back to our heavenly Father. As we walk and pray we realise he is already walking with us. Mondays in St G's after the evening mass.

Social Committee - The next social event will be Irish Coffees after mass next Sunday 15 March in honour of St Patrick whose feast day is on 17 March.

Gardening Club - resumes next Saturday from 11am. Meets 1st Sat of each month.

I Ffordd Tangnefedd - IFT, our new Sunday evening contemplative services, will pause during Lent for a time of reflection and consolidation before a bigger launch later in the spring (26 April).

Nightshelter - Rota for March now available. Nightshelter finishes at the end of March (22 March). Many thanks to all who give generously of their time.

Easter Vestry - The AGM for our Church will be on Sunday 15 March after the Sunday mass when we hear reports from the incumbent, wardens, treasurer and also elect our PCC for the coming year. We also need to renew the Electoral Roll by next Sunday to allow members to vote at the vestry.

Recently Departed: David Pinder, Harry Rohman *RIP*.

This week:

Sun 8: Lent II

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

8am Nightshelter Mass

11:00 am Sung Mass

Mon 9:

6pm Mass (St G)

6:30pm Stations of the Cross (St G)

Tue 10:

10am Mass (St S)

6.45m Stations of the Cross (St S)

Wed 11:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 12:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 13:

No Mass

12pm Lent lunch (St G)

Sat 14:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 15: Lent III

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

8am Nightshelter Mass

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Gen 12:1-4a

Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20+22

2 Tim 1:8b-10

Matt 17:1-9 -

Transfiguration

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exod 17:3-7

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42 - Samaritan

Woman

PSALM RESPONSE

May your love be upon us,
O Lord, as we place
all our hope in you.
(vv.3)

Today's hymns: (104) Christ triumphant; (343) Jesu lover of my soul; (232) God that madest earth; (931) Jesus remember me; (511) O Lord my God. Mass Setting: Murray.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant that all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, may reject those things that are contrary to their baptism, and follow in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the boom of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gen 12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R/**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R/**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R/**

Psalm 33

SECOND READING

A reading from the 2nd letter of Paul to Timothy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News. This is the word of the Lord.

2 Tim 1

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Matt 17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's
voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the
Beloved. Listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!