

St German's Church

8 October 2017 - (Ordinary Time 27 - Trinity 17)



Parable of the Vineyard: Lord, we thank you that not all tenants are like those in today's gospel. We recall with gratitude those who have loved us without being possessive: parents, teachers, leaders. When the time came they were able to let go. Help us to also let go and return to you the fruits of our labour and living. Help us to welcome those you send us and the messages they bear.

Parish Notes:

The Patronal Festival and Friends AGM will be held this year during the Octave of St German, today after mass. A buffet lunch follows afterwards. If anyone who is not yet a 'Friend' but would like to consider joining please let us know.

Next Sunday - We warmly welcome Lindsay Gray and the Caritas Choir who will sing a mixture of different mass settings (from Palestrina to Mozart). Please join us.

Rome Trip Meeting - After mass on Sunday 22 October when we will look in more detail at the proposed itinerary etc. Final instalments can be handed in then.

Saying Goodbye Service - for those who have lost a child in pregnancy, birth or in infancy in Llandaff Cathedral on 21 October at 2:30pm. See poster at the back.

New Vestments - thank you to an anonymous donor for enabling us to buy a new Green Chasuble and tunics for the liturgical ministry of sub-deacon (which Geraint does for us).

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter - information meetings for those interested in helping in this year's NS on Monday 30 Oct in St German's at 7:00pm and in St Saviour's on Tuesday 31 November at 7:00pm. The Nightshelter will take place in St German's Hall on a Saturdays and starts on 18 December. (see website for details).

Memorial Garden - Next Sunday after Church a working party on the garden and flower beds in the Church Yard - light refreshments provided.

BBC Morning Worship from St German's at 9:45am on Monday 16 October

Dementia Café - Monday 9 October from 2:00pm until 4:00pm

Recently Departed: Please pray for: Gareth Furnish, Sylvia Ross, Baby Madison Balmont, Roger Dutton and their families at this time.

This week:

Mon 9:

6pm Mass (St G)
St Denis

Tues 10:

10am Mass (St S.)

Wed 11:

10am Mass (St G.)
St John XXIII

Thur 12:

5:45pm Mass (St S.)

Fri 13:

6pm Mass (St S.)
Edward the Confessor

Sat 14:

11am Mass (St S.)
St Callistus

Sun 15:

St Saviour:

Sung Mass 9:30;

St German:

11 am Sung Mass;

13:45 Baptism of

Terrell Burnett

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Deut 6:4-9
Ps 100:1-4
Phil 3:8-10
Matt 21:33-43

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Matt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

PSALM RESPONSE

'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.' (4vs)

HYMNS:

St German's Hymn (tune - Abbots Leigh); 252 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer; 200 Gifts of Bread and Wine; 187 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

COLLECT:

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1ST READING:

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

This is the word of the Lord

PSALM:

Response: You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

The Lord's revelation to my master "Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet **R**

The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes **R**

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains: from the womb before the daybreak I begot you **R**

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change "You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old." **R**

2ND READING:

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed

another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord