

St German's Church

9 September 2018 - Trinity 15 (OT23)



This healing story ends with the 'messianic secret' when Jesus asks for discretion about what has happened. One way of interpreting this 'secret' is that each of us must make sense of what happened from our own experience. Thus we model on our ministry on his: we preach out of the truth of who we are and who he is. In this story we hear he is one who does all things well and enables those who struggle to communicate to engage with society once more. Jesus is always with us to help us speak and listen more clearly.

Parish Notes:

Clothes sale - The Clothes Sale on Wednesday raised £94.00 for Church Funds and a further one is planned in the future. Grateful thanks to Anne and Michael Cook
PCC & Sub Committees - Finance - Monday 10 Sept at 7pm in the vicarage. PCC Meeting on 17 Sept

Faith QI - A new series of informal meetings for adults keen to know and understand more about our faith, liturgy, tradition and history. Open to everyone. Wednesdays 7:30 pm at the vicarage.

Messy Church - Messy Church is coming. First one at St Saviour's on Sun 30 Sept at 4pm and in St German's on Oct 28 at 4pm. If you could help at either of this it would be most appreciated. More details in Sept.

Autumn Clean - Wed 12 Sept after Mass there is to be a working party to clean the church in readiness for our Patronal Festival.

Memorial Garden - The scheduled clean (yesterday) was postponed until further notice due to the weather.

New tea rota starts on Sun 23 Sept and people are asked to volunteer for this worthwhile task. Ask the wardens for details about what is involved.

Confirmation Ceremony 2018 - 2 October 2018 in St German's. If anyone would like to be confirmed please contact Fr Phelim. It is open to children and adults.

Quiz evening on Tuesday 11 September – there is a list at the back of the church for people to indicate if they would like to come

Recently Departed: Victoria Irene Hawkins, Peter Wyatt

This week:

Sun 9 Trinity 15

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 10:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 11:

10am Mass (St S)

St Deiniol

Wed 12:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 13:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

St John Chrysostom

Fri 14:

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sat 15:

No mss today St S)

Sun 16: Trinity 16

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 35:4-7a
Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10
Jas 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 50:4-9a
Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Jas 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

PSALM:

My soul, give praise to the Lord.(3vv)

Today's Hymns: 16 - All hail the power of Jesus' name; 165 - Faithful shepherd feed me; 359 Jesus shall reign; 131 Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem; (Mass setting: Murray)

COLLECT:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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**

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the prophet Isaiah.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming, the retribution
of God; he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened, the ears of the deaf
unsealed, then the lame shall leap
like a deer and the tongues of the
dumb sing for joy; for water gushes
in the desert, streams in the
wasteland, the scorched earth
becomes a lake, the parched land
springs of water.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Isa 35

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for
ever,
who is just to those who are
oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the
hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R/**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the
blind,
who raises up those who are bowed
down.

It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R/**

The Lord upholds the widow and
orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R/**

Psalm 35

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of James

My brothers, do not try to combine
faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified
Lord, with the making of distinctions
between classes of people. Now
suppose a man comes into your
synagogue, beautifully dressed and
with a gold ring on, and at the same
time a poor man comes in, in shabby
clothes, and you take notice of the
well-dressed man, and say, 'Come
this way to the best seats'; then you
tell the poor man, 'Stand over there'
or 'You can sit on the floor by my
foot-rest.' Can't you see that you
have used two different standards in
your mind, and turned yourselves
into judges, and corrupt judges at
that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was
those who are poor according to the
world that God chose, to be rich in
faith and to be the heirs to the
kingdom which he promised to
those who love him.

This is the word of the Lord.

James 2

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to St John.

Then he returned from the region of
Tyre, and went by way of Sidon
towards the Sea of Galilee, in the
region of the Decapolis. They
brought to him a deaf man who had
an impediment in his speech; and
they begged him to lay his hand on
him. He took him aside in private,
away from the crowd, and put his
fingers into his ears, and he spat and
touched his tongue. Then looking up
to heaven, he sighed and said to
him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be
opened.' And immediately his ears
were opened, his tongue was
released, and he spoke plainly. Then
Jesus ordered them to tell no one;
but the more he ordered them, the
more zealously they proclaimed it.
They were astounded beyond
measure, saying, 'He has done
everything well; he even makes the
deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Mark 7