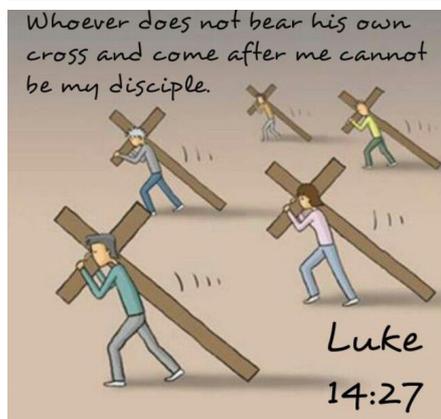


# St Saviour's Church

8 Sept 2019 - Trinity 12 (OT 23)



“Many leaders today (even in the church) are afraid of losing their followers, the great crowds who accompany them’, so rather than challenge them, they feed them with empty slogans which pander to their worst instincts, for example their feelings of superiority to others. Or else they make demands on others that they do not live up to themselves. We celebrate leaders like Jesus ... who speaks out of personal experiences. The choices he is asking from his followers he has made himself - and is glad he did”.

(Michel de Verteuil, 'Lectio Divina with the Sunday Gospels')

## Parish Notes:

**Messy Church** - the next Messy Church is on Sunday 6 October at 4pm in St Saviour's - theme: St Francis of Assisi.

**Sponsored Walk** - Final figure raised is £635. Many thanks to the walkers and their support.

**Faith Groups** - We hope to launch again the faith and theology discussion group 'Faith QI' this coming Autumn. We will also have trial a **book club** when we will read and discuss a book on faith and spirituality. The first book to be explored is 'Does Religion Do More Harm Than Good?' by Rupert Shortt, which looks at some challenges to religion today by modern atheism and whether religious believe is still reasonable, rational and worthy of our commitment and respect.

**PCC Meeting** - the next PCC meeting is on Tuesday 24 September at 7pm in St Saviour's.

**Festival of Faith** - Saturday 14 September - All Saints, North Street, Shrewsbury. Mass at 12 noon.

**Harvest Festival** Sat 29 Sept. We're collecting food/toiletry/sanitary items for Cardiff Foodbank

**McMillan Coffee Morning** after Mass Sunday 13 October - Donations of cakes and bakes needed!

**Walsingham Festival** - Sat 19 October, St. Mary's Butetown (for details see the poster in the hall). Next year's pilgrimage to our Lady's shrine at Walsingham is from 20-23 July 2020

**Autumn Confirmation Dates** - Diocesan confirmation in the Cathedral with Bishop Philip North on Thursday 3 October at 7:30pm. Other dates are available with Bishop June: Sunday 24 November in Ely or Sunday 1 December in Llandaff Cathedral. If you would like to be confirmed this Autumn please see Fr Phelim. Back to Church Sunday -

**Rome and Assisi Pilgrimage 2019** - 2-6 December. If you are interested in going please see Fr Phelim. Cost of flights from Bristol, transfers and transport in Rome and to Assisi will be £250.

**Recently Departed** Terence Clive James, Jennifer Freedman RIP

## This week:

### Sun 8: Trinity 12 (OT 23)

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

### Mon 9:

No Mass (St G)

### Tues 10:

10am Mass (St S)

### Wed 11:

10am School Mass (StG)

### Thur 12:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

### Fri 13:

6pm Mass (St S)

St John Chrysostom

### Sat 14:

No Mass (St S)

The exaltation of the Holy Cross

### Sun 15: Trinity 13 (OT 24)

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass;

*St German's:*

11:00 am Sung Mass

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Wis 9:13-18b

Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,  
14+17

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14:25-33

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exod 32:7-11, 13-14

Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17+19

1 Tim 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

## PSALM RESPONSE

O Lord, you have been  
our refuge from one  
generation to the next.  
(4vv)

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## GATHERING:

The church's one Foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is His new creation,  
by water and the Word;  
from heav'n He came and sought her  
to be His holy bride;  
with His own blood He bought her,  
and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.

The church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord, to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish,  
is with her to the end;  
tho' there be those that hate her  
and false sons in her pale,  
against the foe or traitor  
she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,

like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with Thee.

## OFFERTORY:

I cannot tell why he,  
whom angels worship,  
should set his love upon the sons of men,  
or why, as Shepherd,  
he should seek the wanderers,  
to bring them back,  
they know not how or when.  
But this I know, that he was born of Mary  
when Beth'lem's manger  
was his only home,  
and that he lived  
at Nazareth and laboured,  
and so the Saviour,  
Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,  
as with his peace  
he graced this place of tears,  
or how his heart  
upon the cross was broken,  
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, he heals  
the broken-hearted  
and stays our sin  
and calms our lurking fear  
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;  
for still the Saviour,  
Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,  
how he will claim his earthly heritage,  
how satisfy the needs and aspirations  
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.  
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,  
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,  
and some glad day  
his sun will shine in splendour  
when he the Saviour,  
Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands  
shall worship,  
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,  
or who can say how great the jubilation  
when every heart  
with love and joy is filled.  
But this I know,  
the skies will thrill with rapture,  
and myriad myriad human voices sing,  
and earth to heav'n,  
and heav'n to earth, will answer,  
'at last the Saviour,  
Saviour of the world, is King!'

## COMMUNION:

My Jesus, my Saviour,  
Lord there is none like You.  
All of my days, I want to praise,  
The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,  
Power of refuge and strength.

Let every breath, all that I am,  
Never cease to worship You.

**Shout to the Lord,  
all the earth let us sing,  
Power and Majesty,  
praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down  
and the seas will roar,  
At the sound of Your Name.**

**I'll sing for joy  
at the works of Your hands,  
Forever I'll love You,  
forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares  
to the promise I have in You**  
*(Sing through twice)*

## FINAL HYMN:

To God be the glory,  
great things He has done;  
So loved He the world  
that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life  
an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate  
that all may go in.

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father,  
through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory,  
great things He has done.**

O perfect redemption,  
the purchase of blood,  
To every believer  
the promise of God;  
The vilest offender  
who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus  
a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us,  
great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing  
through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher,  
and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport,  
when Jesus we see.

## FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Wisdom.

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Wisdom 9*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.**

You turn men back to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R/**

You sweep men away like a dream, like the grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R/**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R/**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R/**

You poured down,

O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R/**

*Psalms 68*

## SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from St Paul's letter to Philemon.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Philemon 1*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has

enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

*Luke 14*