

St Saviour's Church

18 Feb 2018 - Lent 1



The Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness.

Being in a wilderness or desert is hard for us who live in cities to comprehend. Because of this it might be difficult for us to relate to this Sunday's gospel. We have questions as to how he survived physically and mentally as well as how did he cope with boredom. However, our re-enacting of a desert pilgrimage can make sense if we understand that the desert may not necessarily be a physical location. In biblical context, the desert is any situation where a person can be in solitude. And in this solitude, two things can happen: an encounter with God, and an encounter with the Tempter. One other thing about deserts, they can be incredibly beautiful and clear the way for a closer encounter with God. May our own Lenten journey be as graceful.

Parish Notes:

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter Many thanks to all who continue to support our Nightshelter. Please keep our guests and helpers in your prayers over the remaining winter weeks and months. The Nightshelter will continue until 12 March 2018.

Prize Draw - Please support our parish draw which will be drawn on 15 April after mass. Proceeds will be used to support the work and mission of our parish. Tickets now available.

Confirmation Classes - The next meeting will be this Thursday 1 March at 6:30pm in St Saviour's. This is also for those wanting to deepen their understanding of our faith.

PCC Meetings and Vestry AGM - the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be: Tues 27 Feb at 7pm. A short meeting after mass on 18 March to approve the audited accounts. The Annual Vestry meeting is Tuesday 17 April at 7:30pm.

Lent Charity - This year we will support the Lasallian Developing World Project which looks to build schools and education provision in the developed world. See poster in the hall and take a collection box home.

Lenten Supper & Quiz - Sunday 18 March at 5pm. Please join us for this time of support and fellowship. Tickets now available.

Lent Stations of the Cross - We pray the Stations of the Cross each week preceded by a talk: St Saviour's - Tuesdays at 6:45pm; St German's - Mondays at 6:45pm.

Lent Courses - St Martin's, Roath will host a Lent talk by Mr John Guess on Thursdays at 7pm. Bishop June is also leading a Lenten course in Llandaff Cathedral on the first four Thursdays of Lent also at 7pm.

Walsingham - South Wales Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham 23-26 July 2018. Accom/Meals & Transport £280 (£150 5-16yrs) Accommodation & Meals only £205 (£120 5-16yrs) Under 5s Free. To book a place £20 deposit is required. Final payment due: 1 July 2018. For more details please contact Bill or Liz. Anyone wishing to save for the pilgrimage should speak to Bill.

Recently Departed: Beryl Denning. Maria Churcher, *RIP*

This week:

Mon 19:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 20:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 21:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 22:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

St Peter's Chair

Fri 23:

6:00pm Mass (St S)

St Polycarp

Sat 24:

11am Mass (St S.)

Sun 25: Sunday

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

13:30 Baptism

St German's:

8:00 am Said Mass

(Nightshelter);

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Gen 9:8-15

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1 Pet 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Ps 116:10,15, 16-19

Rom 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

PSALM RESPONSE

Your ways, Lord, are
faithfulness and love
for those who keep
your covenant. (3vv)

COLLECT:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through 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:

1 Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

2 Shall not we your sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with you to suffer pain?

3 Then if Satan on us press,
flesh or spirit to assail,
victor in the wilderness,
grant that we not faint nor fail!

4 So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as served you faithfully.

5 Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by your side,
that with you we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide

OFFERTORY:

1 Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earth-born passions
set me free,
and make me pure within.

2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
with care and woe oppressed,
let me Thy loving servant be,
and taste Thy promised rest.

3 Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;

through darkness and perplexity
point Thou the heav'nly way.

4 Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may eternal brightness see,
and share Thy joy at last.

COMMUNION:

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father,
There is no shadow
of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars
in their courses above,
Join with all nature
in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness,
mercy and love.

Pardon for sin
and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!

FINAL HYMN:

Praise to the Holiest
in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways!

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love!
that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh
against the foe,
should strive, and should prevail;

And that the highest gift of grace
should flesh and blood refine:
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

O generous love!
that he who smote
in man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo.

And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren,
and inspire
to suffer and to die.

1ST READING :

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Genesis 9

PSALM

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. **R/**

Remember your mercy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me.

because of your goodness, O Lord. **R/**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor. **R/**

2ND READING :

A reading from the 1st letter of St Peter.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Peter 3

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Mark 1