

# St Saviour's Church

18 March 2018 - Lent 5 'Passion Sunday'



"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains but a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit." It is difficult to comprehend the will of God, difficult to grasp just what He has done. Difficult too to get to grips with the reasons and purpose of Jesus' death. But we know this: **(and we are called to accept it - and to embrace it)** that his dying was done for us, so that we might live!

## Parish Notes:

**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.

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

**PCC Meeting** - the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council will be after mass today 18 March to approve the audited accounts.

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

**Annual Vestry Meeting (AGM)** at Easter - 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 please take a collection box home.

**Holy Week Services** - Details on the poster at the back and online.

**Flowers for Easter** - Last orders today for those wishing to order thanksgiving flower arrangements for Easter should speak to Gwyneth. Prices are £20 & £35. Payment with order please by Sunday 18th March. Those wishing to make a donation to the

**A Chrism Mass** presided over by The Bishop of Ebbsfleet on Monday 26th March in Bathwick, near Bath at 2pm. A coach has been arranged and will leave St Mary's Church at 11.15am. Anyone interesting in attending should give their names LizMemorial/

**Thanksgiving Lamps** - Anybody wishing to sponsor either The Blessed Sacrament Lamp or The Lamp to Our Lady should speak to Suzy. The cost of a lamp is £3.

**Palm Sunday** - Next Sunday we will begin with a procession of the palms. It is also when the clock's spring forward.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage July 2018** - we need deposits (£20) very soon. Please see Liz or Bill for details.

**Recently Departed:** *Pamela Carr, Joan Sylvia Ford RIP*

## This week:

### Mon 19:

6pm Mass (St G)

### St Joseph

6:45pm Stations of the Cross

### Tues 20:

10am Mass (St S)

6:45pm Stations of the Cross

### Wed 21:

10am Mass (St G)

### Thur 22:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

St John of God

### Fri 23:

6:00pm Mass (St S)

### Sat 24:

11am Mass (St S.)

### Sun 25: Sunday

**(Palm Sunday)**

**St Saviour's:**

9:30 Sung Mass;

**St German's:**

11:00 am Sung Mass

## Keep in touch:

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Jer 31:31-34

Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Heb 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,  
23-24

Phil 2:6-11

Mark 15:1-39

## PSALM RESPONSE

A pure heart create  
for me, O God (3vv)

**GATHERING:**

I bind unto myself today  
the strong name of the Trinity  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever,  
by power of faith,  
Christ's incarnation,  
his baptism in the Jordan river,  
his death on cross for my salvation,  
his bursting from the spiced tomb,  
his riding up the heavenly way,  
his coming at the day of doom,  
I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today  
the virtues of the starlit heaven,  
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,  
the whiteness of the moon at even,  
the flashing of the lightning free,  
the whirling wind's  
tempestuous shocks,  
the stable earth, the deep salt sea  
around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today  
the power of God to hold and lead,  
God's eye to watch,  
God's might to stay,  
God's ear to hearken to my need,  
the wisdom of my God to teach,  
God's hand to guide,  
God's shield to ward,  
the word of God to give me speech,  
God's heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend & stranger.

I bind unto myself the name,  
the strong name of the Trinity  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One and One in Three,  
of whom all nature has creation,  
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation;  
salvation is of Christ the Lord!

**OFFERTORY:**

As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul pants after you  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you

*You alone are  
my strength, my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you*

I want you more than gold and silver  
Only you can satisfy  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and  
you are my brother  
Even though you are a king  
I love you more than any other  
So much more than anything.

**COMMUNION:**

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  
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!'

**FINAL HYMN:**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
All thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation;  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
Never more Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without  
ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

## FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Jeremiah.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Jeremiah 31*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*A pure heart create for me, O God.*

Have mercy on me, God,  
in your kindness.  
In your compassion  
blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more  
from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart  
create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away  
from your presence,  
nor deprive me  
of your holy spirit.

Give me again  
the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour  
sustain me,  
that I may teach  
transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you.

*Psalms 51*

## SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from the letter to the Hebrews.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Hebrews 5*

## GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.