

# St Saviour's Church

19 January 2020 - Ordinary Time 2 (Epiphany 2)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020  
Unusual kindness



Hospitality is a much needed virtue in our search for Christian unity. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions did not yet know Christ, and yet it is through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together. Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith. In such tempestuous journeys and chance encounters, God's will for his Church and all people comes to fulfilment. As Paul will proclaim in Rome, this salvation of God has been sent to all peoples. (See Acts 28:28).

## Parish Notes:

**Fr Graham Francis RIP** - His funeral mass will be in St Mary's on Wed 22 Jan at 12noon. His body will be received into church on Tuesday 21 at 7pm. We offer our prayer and support to Eleri and her family at this time. He will be sorely missed in our community, in Walsingham and throughout our diocese.

**PCC** - The next PCC meeting is on Tuesday 25 Feb (Shrove Tuesday) at 7pm.

**Foodbank** - Thank you to all who continue to support this ministry here at St Saviour's in both volunteering and donating. Current urgent items: Tinned Fruit, Long life fruit juice, UHT milk, Rice Pudding, Sponge Puddings. Tinned potatoes.

**Choir Practice** - Meeting to look at music for the coming few months in St Saviour's on Tuesday 28 January at 6:30pm. Open to everyone.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020** - Is from 18-25 January each year. This year's theme focuses on the hospitality of God 'Unusual Kindness'. This year we will celebrate our common faith with a nightshelter based joint service. The joint service will be in St German's this Wednesday 22 January at 6:30pm.

**Nightshelter** - If you would like to help in any way please contact Fr Phelim. Please pray for our guests and helpers.

**I Ffordd Tangnefedd** - (Into the Way of Peace from Luke 1:79) - Starts next Sunday 26 January 2020 at 6:30pm. A new contemplative service to begin in St German's on Sunday evenings. Services will begin with coffee at 6pm followed by a time of reflective prayer and then, hopefully, involve a visit to a local pub for fellowship.

**Recently Departed:** David Pugh, Kenneth Vivian Parry, Fr Graham Francis *RIP*.

## This week:

**Sun 19: Epiphany 2 (OT2)**

**St Saviour's:**  
9:30 Sung Mass;

**St German's:**  
8am Nightshelter Mass  
11:00 am Sung Mass

**Mon 20:**

6pm Mass (St G)  
St Sebastian

**Tues 21:**

10am Mass (St S)  
St Agnes

**Wed 22:**

10am Mass (St G)  
6.30pm Ecumenical Service (St G)  
St Vincent, deacon

**Thur 23:**

5:45pm Mass (St S)

**Fri 24:**

No Mass  
St Francis de Sales

**Sat 25:**

11am Mass (St S)

**Sun 26: Epiphany 2 (OT2)**

**St Saviour's:**  
9:30 Sung Mass;

**St German's:**  
8am Nightshelter Mass  
11:00 am Sung Mass  
6:30pm I Ffordd Tangnefedd

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 49:3, 5-6  
Ps 40:2+4, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10  
1 Cor 1:1-3  
John 1:29-34

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 8:23b—9:3  
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14  
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17  
Matt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

## PSALM RESPONSE

Here I am, Lord! I  
come to do your will.  
(vv.3)

**COLLECT**

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.**

**GATHERING:**

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today:  
with thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear thy people as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father,  
laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory,  
while unending ages run.

**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.  
(*Chorus*)

Your'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.  
(*Chorus*)

**COMMUNION:**

*Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together  
with cords that cannot be  
broken;  
bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together,  
O bind us together with love.*

There is only one God,  
there is only one King,  
there is only one Body -  
that is why we sing:  
*Bind us together....*

Made for the glory of God,  
purchased by His precious Son.  
Born with the right to be free:  
Jesus the victory has won.  
*Bind us together....*

We are the family of God,  
we are His promise divine,  
we are His chosen desire,  
we are His glorious new wine.  
*Bind us together....*

**FINAL HYMN:**

**Love is his word, love is his way,**  
feasting with all, fasting alone,  
living and dying, rising again,  
love, only love, is his way:

**Richer than gold  
is the love of my Lord,  
better than splendour and  
wealth.**

Love is his way, love is his mark,  
sharing his last Passover feast,  
Christ at his table, host to the  
twelve,  
love, only love, is his mark:

Love is his mark, love is his sign,  
bread for our strength, wine for  
our joy,  
'This is my body, this is my blood' -  
love, only love, is his sign:

Love is his sign, love is his news,  
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget  
all my deep sorrow, all my dear  
blood' -  
love, only love, is his news:

Love is his news, love is his name,  
we are his own, chosen and called,  
family, brethren, cousins and kin,  
love, only love, is his name:

Love is his name, love is his law,  
hear his command, all who are his  
'Love one another, I have loved  
you'  
love, only love, is his law.

Love is his law, love is his word:  
love of the Lord, Father and Word,  
love of the Spirit, God ever one,  
love, only love, is his word:

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified’; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: ‘It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.’

This is the word of the Lord.

*Isa 49*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Here I am, Lord!  
I come to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. *R/*

You do not ask for sacrifice and  
offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. *R/*

In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. *R/*

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord. *R/*

*Psalm 29*

## SECOND READING

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are

called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

This is the word of the Lord.

*1 Cor 1*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

This is the gospel of the Lord.

*John 1*