

St Saviour's Church

24 June 2018 - Trinity 4 (Nativity of John the Baptist)

WHO WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST?



John is the precursor of Jesus in everything. Since his birth and childhood he points out to Christ. "Who will this child be? He is "the voice which cries out in the desert" (Jn 1:23), impelling all to prepare the way of the Lord. He is not the Messiah (Jn 1:20), but he indicates this with his preaching, and above all, with his lifestyle of asceticism in the desert. His call to 'repent and believe' is vital to all who sincerely seek to follow Christ.

Parish Notes:

Messy Church - We hope to launch Messy Church this coming Autumn and are looking for volunteers. More information on this in coming weeks and months.

Strawberry Tea - today at 3pm we are holding a Strawberry Tea. All proceeds to church funds. See Liz to buy a ticket. £5 for adults £2 for children.

Foodbank - As a parish we continue as part of our mission to support Cardiff Foodbank by being a Collection Point as well as a Distribution Centre. A reminder that we are always happy to receive packet & tinned food donations. For details of specific items needed see the shopping list in the foyer or the Church wardens.

Lamp to Our Lady & Blessed Sacrament Lamps - 7 day lamps are available for thanksgiving or memorial dedications. Should you wish to sponsor either of these lamps please place your name & dedication on the list situated on the table at the back of church and give the £4 donation to John Stuart please.

Lasallian World Developing Project - Bro. John Deeney will visit us on 8 July to receive our Lenten collection and speak with us about his ministry and work.

Llandaff Ordinations - Please pray for all those being ordained deacons or priests for our diocese next Saturday in the Cathedral.

Baptisms & Weddings - If you would like to book a baptism (or weddings) please speak to Fr Phelim after one of our services to arrange an initial meeting.

Llandaff Festival of Prayer - 14 July 2018 at St Teilo's CinW school. Information and booking forms available at the back of the Church and on our website.

Confirmation Classes - Next meets this Thurs 28 June at 6:20pm in St Saviour's.

Recently Departed: Doreen Michael, Doreen Finn, Judith Coverdale.

This week:

Sun 24 Trinity 4

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 25:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

Tues 26:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 27:

10am Mass (St G)

St Cyril of Alexandria

Thur 28:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

St Irenaeus

Fri 29:

6pm Mass (St S)

STS PETER & PAUL

Sat 30:

Petertide Ordinations
in Llandaff Cathedral

Sun 1: Trinity 5

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm 139

Acts 13:22-26

Luke 1:57-66, 80

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Ps 30:2+4, 5-6,

11-12a+13b

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Mark 5:21-43

PSALM:

See Hymn Page

COLLECT:

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching, and after his example constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GATHERING:

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the LORD
with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth,
His praise forth tell;
come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the LORD is God indeed;
without our aid He did us make;
we are His flock, He doth us feed,
and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,
approach with joy His courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless
His name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

Because the LORD our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood
and shall from age to age endure.

Praise God from whom
all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

PSALM 139

O God, you search me
and you know me.
All my thoughts
lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down,
you are before me,
Ever the maker
and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting
you besiege me:
In ev'ry moment of life
or death, you are.

Before a word
is on my tongue, Lord,
you have known its meaning
through and through.
You are with me
beyond my understanding:
God of my present,
my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter
from your light.
There is nowhere
on earth I can escape you:
Even the darkness
is radiant in your sight.

For you created me
and shaped me,
gave me life
within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am,
I praise you:
Safe in your hands,
all creation is made new.

OFFERTORY:

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind
the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves
submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give for wild confusion peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Your children shield
in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest,
fire, and foe,
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise
from land and sea.

COMMUNION:

God called great prophets to foretell
The coming of his Son
The greatest, called before his birth,
Was John, the chosen one.

John searched in solitude for Christ
And knew him when he came;
He showed the world
the Lamb of God,
And hailed him in our name.

That lonely voice cried out the truth
Derided and denied;
As witness to the law of God
His mighty martyr died.

We praise you, Trinity in One,
The light of unknown ways,
The hope of all who search for you,
Whose love fills all our days.

FINAL HYMN:

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the prophet Isaiah.

Islands, listen to me, pay attention, remotest peoples. The Lord called me before I was born, from my mother's womb he pronounced my name. He made my mouth a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me into a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, 'You are my servant (Israel) in whom I shall be glorified'; while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing'; and all the while my cause was with the Lord, my reward with my God. 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

I thank you for the wonder of my being.

O Lord, you search me and you know me,

you know my resting and my rising,

you discern my purpose from afar. You mark when I walk or lie down, all my ways lie open to you. **R/**

For it was you who created my being,

knit me together in my mother's womb.

I thank you for the wonder of my being,

for the wonders of all your creation. **R/**

Already you knew my soul,
my body held no secret from you
when I was being fashioned in secret
and moulded in the depths of the earth. **R/**

Psalms 139

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul said: 'God deposed Saul and made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 13

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No;

he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 1