

St Saviour's Church

24 September 2017 - (Ordinary Time 25 - Trinity 15)



Back to Church Sunday - We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting (or revisiting) our church today. We hope you get a glimpse as to why people feel at home here. Please join us for refreshments afterwards. We try to ensure our Church is a community where everyone feels they belong. Fr Phelim

Parish Notes:

Extra-ordinary AGM - On Sunday 15 October at

10:15 am (after a shortened mass). The main purpose of this meeting is to elect a new people's warden for the parish. Nomination forms available at the back of the church as are electoral roll forms for those not yet enrolled but would like to vote.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - After Mass next Sunday. All are welcome.

Service Times - We are currently consulting about what might be the best time for our Sunday service. Please let us know your opinion. If this is your first time in a long time does a 9:30 beginning suit your needs and those of your family or would an earlier time be better? Please let us know.

Harvest Celebration and Brunch Please join us today after mass.

Cardiff Foodbank - Urgent items: tinned tomatoes, fruit juice (concentrate), rice pudding tins, sponge pudding, tinned fruit. Not now needed: beans, cereals, tea.

Bishop June Osborne - Visited St Saviour's last week to meet us and see how we run our Foodbank. She was also able to join us for mass in honour of St Matthew. See our website or Facebook page for some photos.

Croeso - The current edition is now available for people to take home with them.

Confirmation - For those who have not yet been confirmed but would like to be (adults or children) please contact Fr Phelim. Details of classes in due course.

Newsletter and Sunday Readings - available on our website each week.

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter - we are hoping to join the Churches Nightshelter this Winter and are looking for interested people who might help us care for, feed and shelter some homeless people for one night a week. It will take place in St German's Hall on a Saturday evening/Sunday morning. (see our website for more details). If you can help please let Fr Phelim know. The more who volunteer for the rota the less others will have to do.

This week:

Mon 25:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 26:

10am Mass (St S.)
Sts Cosmas & Damian

Wed 27:

10am Mass (St G.)
St Vincent de Paul

Thur 28:

5:45pm Mass (St S.)
St Wenceslas

Fri 29:

6pm Mass (St S.)

Sat 30:

11am Mass (St S.)
Sts Michael, Gabriel
and Raphael
(archangels)

Sun 1:

St Saviour:
Sung Mass 9:30;
St German:
11 am Sung Mass;

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 55:6-9
Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Phil 1:20-24, 27
Matt 20:1-16

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Deut 8:7-18
Ps 66:2-3, 5, 7-8 R/ v.7
2 Cor 9:6-15
Matt 21:28-32

PSALM RESPONSE

**'The Lord is close to
all who call him.'** (3vs)

COLLECT:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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:

We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand:
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft, refreshing rain.

**All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
For all his love.**

He only is the maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread.

We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all thy love imparts,
And what thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

OFFERTORY:

Beauty for brokenness
hope for despair
Lord, in the suffering
this is our prayer.
Bread for the children
justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak

*God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars
havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary
freedoms to share
Peace to the killing-fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned
Our future, our dreams
Lord, end our madness
Carelessness, greed
Make us content with
The things that we need

Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until your justice burns brightly again
Until the nations learn of your ways
Seek your salvation
And bring you their praise

COMMUNION:

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.

**Rejoice, and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice
and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!**

Blest are they, the lowly ones:
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they,
who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill.

Blest are they, who show mercy; mercy
shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they
shall see God!

Blest are they, who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the
glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you, who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
yours is the kingdom of God;
shine for all to see.

FINAL HYMN:

Sing of the Lord's goodness,
Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us,
his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.

**Come, then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.**

Power he has wielded,
honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken,
one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness,
comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary,
pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God.

Praise him with your singing,
praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals,
praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.

SUNDAY'S READINGS – ORDINARY TIME 25

ISA 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your
thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

PSALM 145

Response: 'The Lord is close to all who call him.'

- 1 I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. R/
- 2 The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. R/
- 3 The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. R/

PHIL 1:20-24,27

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or
by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then
death would bring me something more; but then again, if
living in this body means doing work which is having
good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am
caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with
Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me
to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your
sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be
unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

MATTHEW 20:1-16

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew.

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went
out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard.
After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage,
he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about
nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-
place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard,
and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When
he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he
did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and
found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why
are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him,
"Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also
go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of
the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and
give them their pay, beginning with the last and then
going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock
came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now
when the first came, they thought they would receive
more; but each of them also received the usual daily
wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against
the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour,
and you have made them equal to us who have borne the
burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied
to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did
you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take
what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last
the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I
choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious
because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the
first will be last.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.