

# St Saviour's Church

26 August 2018 - Trinity 13 (OT21)



The realisation of Peter that following Jesus was his only hope, his only destination, his only source of meaning and wellbeing in this life is deeply moving. When we reflect on this, we too might realise that there are precious few people we can turn to in life when things get difficult. Indeed, for many people who are homeless or in need of refuge, they have no one to turn to. Yet, in our lives of faith, we are assured over and over by God's Word in scripture that he will be always with us. Jesus truly is for us the one who has the message of eternal life and his final promise to us needs to be remembered: he is with us always, even to the end of time.

## Parish Notes:

**Thank you** - To Fr Graham for presiding and preaching today.

**Messy Church** - Messy Church is coming. First one at St Saviour's on Sun 30 Sept at 4pm and in St German's on Oct 28 at 4pm. More details in Sept.

**PCC Meeting** - Tuesday 18 September at 6:30pm.

**MacMillan Coffee Morning** after mass Sunday 23rd September

**Faith QI** - A new 6 week set of informal meetings for adults keen to know and understand more about our faith, liturgy, tradition and history. Wednesdays 7:30 pm at the vicarage. Begins 5 Sept 2018. Places limited - first come first served basis.

**Foodbank** - needed items: UHT milk, long life fruit juice, tinned potatoes and chocolate/sweets, jam & sponge puddings. Many thanks.

**Fundraising Walk** - Thank you to all who helped raise £355 (with more to come) for parish funds. It is much appreciated especially at this time when we need to look seriously at our parish finances and fundraising.

**Eco Church** - If anyone is interested in joining a group to help take a lead on this please see Fr Phelim.

**Education Sunday** - Next week with blessing for those in Education ministry.

**Deanery Confirmation** - This year one of the deanery dates will be at St German's with Bishop June Osborne on 2 October. If anyone would like to be confirmed on this date please see Fr Phelim

**Harvest Celebrations** Sun 30 Sept. Donations to Cardiff Foodbank please. Followed by sausage sandwiches!

**Recently Departed:** Victoria Irene Hawkins

## This week:

### Sun 26 Trinity 13

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

### Mon 27:

6pm Mass (St G)

St Monica

### Tues 28:

10am Mass (St S)

St Augustine

### Wed 29:

10am Mass (St G)

Beheading of John the Baptist

### Thur 30:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

### Fri 31:

6pm Mass (St S)

### Sat 1:

11am Mass (St S)

### Sun 2: Trinity 14

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass;

*St German's:*

11:00 am Sung

13:30 Baptism (St G)

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Josh 24:1-2,15-17, 18

Ps 34

Eph 5:25-32

John 6:60-69

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

Ps 15:2-3a, 3b-4a, 4b-5

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## PSALM:

**Taste and see that the Lord is good. (4vv)**

**COLLECT:**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**GATHERING:**

1 Firmly I believe and truly God is Three and God is One; and I next acknowledge duly manhood taken by the Son.

2 And I trust and hope most fully in that manhood crucified; and each thought and deed unruly do to death, as he has died.

3 Simply to his grace and wholly light and life and strength belong, and I love supremely, solely, him the holy, him the strong.

4 And I hold in veneration, for the love of him alone, Holy Church as his creation, and her teachings as his own.

5 Adoration ay be given, with and through the angelic host, to the God of earth and heaven, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**OFFERTORY:**

Be Thou my Vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
be all else but naught to me,  
save that Thou art;  
be Thou my best thought  
in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom,  
and Thou my true Word;  
be Thou ever with me,  
and I with Thee, Lord;  
be Thou my great Father,  
and I Thy true son;  
be Thou in me dwelling,  
and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my Breastplate,  
my Sword for the fight;  
be Thou my whole Armor,  
be Thou my true Might;  
be Thou my soul's Shelter,  
be Thou my strong Tow'r,  
O raise Thou me heav'nward,  
great Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not,  
nor man's empty praise;  
be Thou mine inheritance,  
now and always;  
be Thou and Thou only  
the first in my heart,  
O high King of heaven,  
my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven,  
Thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys,  
after vict'ry is won;  
Great Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
still be Thou my vision,  
O Ruler of all.

**COMMUNION:**

There is a redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own son,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy one,

Jesus my redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,  
Oh, for sinners slain.

**Thank you oh my father,  
For giving us your son,  
And leaving your spirit,  
'til the work on earth is done.**

When I stand in glory,  
I will see his face,  
And there I'll serve my king forever,

In that holy place.

There is a redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own son,  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy one

**FINAL HYMN:**

O Lord my God,  
when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works  
Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars,  
I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r thru-out  
the universe displayed!

*Then sings my soul,  
my Saviour God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art,  
how great Thou art! (x2)*

When thru the woods  
and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds  
sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty  
mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the  
gentle breeze, **(Chorus)**

And when I think that God,  
His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die,  
I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross,  
my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my  
sin! **(Chorus)**

When Christ shall come  
with shout of acclamation  
And take me home,  
what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow  
in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how  
great Thou art! **(Chorus)**

## FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*Joshua 24*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Taste and see  
that the Lord is good.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its  
boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad.  
**R/**

Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere  
him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go  
hungry  
but those who seek the Lord lack no  
blessing. **R/**

Come, children, and hear me

that I may teach you the fear of the  
Lord.

Who is he who longs for life  
and many days, to enjoy his  
prosperity? **R/**

Then keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
seek and strive after peace. **R/**

*Psalm 34*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to  
the Ephesians.

Follow Christ by loving as he loved  
you. Husbands should love their  
wives just as Christ loved the Church  
and sacrificed himself for her to  
make her holy. He made her clean  
by washing her in water with a form  
of words, so that when he took her  
to himself she would be glorious,  
with no speck or wrinkle or anything  
like that, but holy and faultless. In  
the same way, husbands must love  
their wives as they love their own  
bodies; for a man to love his wife is  
for him to love himself. A man never  
hates his own body, but he feeds it  
and looks after it; and that is the  
way Christ treats the Church,  
because it is his body – and we are  
its living parts. For this reason, a  
man must leave his father and  
mother and be joined to his wife,  
and the two will become one body.  
This mystery has many implications;  
but I am saying it applies to Christ  
and the Church.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Ephesians 5*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to St John.

When many of his disciples heard it,  
they said, 'This teaching is difficult;  
who can accept it?' But Jesus, being  
aware that his disciples were  
complaining about it, said to them,  
'Does this offend you? Then what if  
you were to see the Son of Man  
ascending to where he was before?  
It is the spirit that gives life; the

flesh is useless. The words that I  
have spoken to you are spirit and  
life. But among you there are some  
who do not believe.' For Jesus knew  
from the first who were the ones  
that did not believe, and who was  
the one that would betray him. And  
he said, 'For this reason I have told  
you that no one can come to me  
unless it is granted by the Father.'  
Because of this many of his disciples  
turned back and no longer went  
about with him. So Jesus asked the  
twelve, 'Do you also wish to go  
away?' Simon Peter answered him,  
'Lord, to whom can we go? You have  
the words of eternal life. We have  
come to believe and know that you  
are the Holy One of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*John 6*