

St Saviour's Church

26 May 2019 - Easter VI



Prayer Novenas (9 days) allow communities to consciously engage in a time of renewed commitment to daily prayer. In this way they remain an immense gift of the church to people everywhere. We all know we need to pray more, and give more time to God yet it is really us who need this rather than God. Please join us this week as we pray each day between Ascension and Pentecost.

Parish Notes:

Ascension Day - Please note changes for mass times: morning mass at 11am in St Saviour's and 6pm in St German's. No 5:45pm mass in St Saviour's.

Parochial Church Council - Next PCC meeting is after mass on 16 June.

Choir Practice - Tuesday 4 June at 7pm. All are welcome.

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Novena - begins on Friday 31st and ends at Pentecost. It is hoped that everyone who takes part will: - Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ; - Pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know; - Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer. This year we will emphasise prayer through daily mass and a reflective Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. See flyer at the back for details or on our website.

Messy Church - please join us on Sun 9 June at 4pm for our Pentecost themed MC. Open to all esp. the curious. Join us for a cuppa if you want to watch from the side.

Stewardship Campaign - we will be launching our stewardship campaign at Pentecost and will conclude it two weeks later.

Walsingham Pilgrimage - Those travelling to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham (22-25 July) should pay final monies by Sun 30 June. See Liz for details.

Rome and Assisi Pilgrimage 2019 - 2-6 December. If you are interested in going please see Fr Phelim. Cost of flights from Bristol, transfers and transport to Assisi and within Rome will be £250. Pilgrims arrange their own accommodation.

Christian Aid - Many thanks to all who supported our fundraising for CA. We raised a fantastic £145.40.

Easter Course - Mondays at 6:30pm in St G's & Tuesdays at 10:45am in St Saviour's.

Social Events - Sun 30 June - Strawberry Tea at 3pm. Tickets on sale soon.

Recently Departed: Steven Hart, Jeffrey Edwards, Jean Leach RIP

This week:

Sun 26 Easter VI

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 27:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

St Augustine of Canterbury

Tues 28:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 29:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 30:

ASCENSION DAY

11am mass (St S)

10am Funeral (St S)

6pm Mass (St G)

Fri 31:

Visitation of BVM

9am Holy Hour (St G)

6:00pm Mass (St S)

Sat 1:

St Justin, Martyr

11am Mass (St S.)

12pm Holy Hour (St G)

Sun 2: Easter VII

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

6pm Novena Holy Hour

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6+8
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 7:55-60
Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9
Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
John 17:20-26

PSALM RESPONSE

Let the peoples praise you,
O God; let all the
peoples praise you.
(3vv)

COLLECT

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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:

I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

*Dance, then,
wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance,
said he.
And I'll lead you all,
wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all
in the Dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe
and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John;
they came with me
and the Dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame,
the holy people
said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high;
and they left me there
on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black;

it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back;
they buried my body
and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the Dance,
and I still go on.

They cut me down
and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll
never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.

OFFERTORY:

God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's
foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes
through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human
hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love:
and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

COMMUNION:

This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness,
making you free,
take it and eat it,
and when you do,

do it in love for me.

This is my blood
poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness,
making you free.
Take it and drink it,
and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon shall I go.
Do not forget me;
then you will see
I am still with you,
and you will know
you're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit,
how you will grow!
You are my branches;
I am the tree.
If you are faithful,
others will know
you are alive in me.

Love one another –
I have loved you,
and I have shown you
how to be free;
serve one another,
and when you do,
do it in love for me.

FINAL HYMN:

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

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Acts.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.
R/

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. *R/*

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. *R/*
Psalm 67

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from the book of Revelations.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Rev. 21

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to St John.

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.'

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 14

REGINA CAELI

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven,
alleluia]He whom thou wast meet to
bear, alleluia.]As he promised, hath
arisen, alleluia.]Pour for us to him
thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad,
O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray:
O God, by the Resurrection of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, you have brought
joy to the whole world: grant that, by
the help of his mother, the Virgin Mary,
we may obtain the joys of everlasting
life; through Christ the Lord.
Amen.