

St Saviour's Church

27 August 2017 - (Ordinary Time 21 - Trinity 11)



Questions of identity abound in today's gospel. Jesus asks his disciples 'Who do you say I am?' Part of this could be the growing understanding of Jesus himself in his ministry and relationship to the Father yet also a check to see whether his followers 'get it' or not. We then have the great commission given to Simon who will be renamed Peter (meaning 'the Rock' or 'Rocky') - 'You are Peter and upon this rock I shall build my Church'. The question is still alive for us: **Who do we say Jesus is?**

Parish Notes:

PCC Meeting -19 September 2017 at 7pm in the hall.

Back to Church Sunday 24 September - many churches traditionally use the last Sunday of September as an opportunity to invite a friend or former Church goer to join us in Church. More details about this and sample invitations in due course.

Election of New People's Warden - We hope to have an extraordinary AGM in late September or early October for the election of a new warden. In the meantime we'd appreciate any help on a range of roles and activities that Rachel did. Please see the list in the hall.

Hospital and Sick Visits - Please let Fr Phelim know of parishioners who are sick or in hospital or home bound would like a visit from a priest.

Welcome Back and Thank You - To Fr Ben Andrews for assisting us this morning.

Back to School - Next week we will have a special blessing at the end of Mass for all those involved in the work of our schools (pupils, parents, teachers, non-teaching staff, governors, school visitors and so on).

This week:

Mon 28:

No mass this week
St Augustine

Tues 29:

10am Mass (St S.)
Beheading of John the Baptist

Wed 30:

10am Mass (St G.)

Thur 31:

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

Fri 1:

6pm Mass (St S.)
St Louis of France

Sat 2:

11am Mass (St S.)
Lucien Tapiedi & Martyrs of PNG

Sun 3:

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

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isaiah 51:1-6-
Ps 138
Romans 11:33-36
Matt 16:13-20

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Jer 20:7-9
Ps 63
Romans 12:1-2
Matt 16:21-27

PSALM RESPONSE

'Your Love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.'

COLLECT:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GATHERING:

How sweet the Name
of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows,
heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the Rock
on which I build,
My Shield and Hiding Place,
My never failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace!

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath,
And may the music of Thy Name
Refresh my soul in death!

OFFERTORY:

Gifts of bread and wine,
gifts we've offered,
fruits of labour, fruits of love:
taken, offered, sanctified,
blessed and broken;
words of one who died:

*'Take my body, take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine:
Christ our Lord.*

Christ our Saviour, living presence
here, as He promised
while on earth:
'I am with you for all time,
I am with you
in this bread and wine.'

Through the Father, with the Spirit,
one in union with the Son,
for God's people, joined in prayer,
faith is strengthened
by the food we share.

COMMUNION:

Thou art the Christ, O Lord,
the Son of God most high!
For ever be adored
that Name in earth and sky,
in which, though mortal
strength may fail,
the saints of God at last prevail!

O surely he was blest
with blessedness unpriced,
who, taught of God, confessed
the Godhead in the Christ!
For of thy Church,
Lord, thou didst own
thy saint a true foundation-stone.

Thrice fallen, thrice restored!
The bitter lesson learned,
that heart for thee, O Lord,
with triple ardor burned.

The cross he took he laid not down
until he grasped the martyr's crown.

O bright triumphant faith,
O courage void of fears!
O love most strong in death,
O penitential tears!
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,
and make us go
where thou shalt call.

FINAL HYMN:

Forth in the peace of Christ we go
Christ to the world with joy we bring
Christ in our minds
Christ on our lips
Christ in our hearts
the world's true king

King of our hearts
Christ makes us Kings
Kingship with him his servants gain
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all
Christ's world we serve to share
Christ's reign

Priests of the world,
Christ send us forth
This world of time to consecrate
Our world of sin by grace to heal
Christ's world in Christ to re-create

Prophets of Christ we hear his word
he claims our minds
to search his ways
He claims our lips to speak his truth
He claims our hearts
o sing his praise

We are his church he makes us one
Here in one hearth for all to find
Here is one flock one shepherd king
Here is one faith one heart one mind

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS – ORDINARY TIME 21

ISAIAH 22:19–23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

This is the Word of the Lord.

PSALM 138

Response: 'Your Love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.'

1 I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. R/

2 I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. R/

3 The Lord is high yet he looks the lowly and the haughty heinous from afar. You love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. R/

ROMANS 11:33–36

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

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

MATTHEW 16:13–20

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

RCL Gospel:

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.