

St Saviour's Church

28 October 2018 - Bible Sunday

Bible Sunday 2018



On Bible Sunday we celebrate the way that the Holy Scriptures have played an irreplaceable role in the church's worship ever since Jesus commissioned his disciples to take the gospel to the nations. St Paul in his writing to Timothy offers many ways to make sure we take the Bible seriously for ourselves and also consider how we make sure it is made available to everyone. For example: **1.** Scripture makes us wise for salvation (3.15); **2** Scripture brings us intimacy with God (3.16); **3.** Scripture is God's means of our development and growth as Christians (3.16); **4.** Scripture equips us for every good deed (3.17); **5.** Scripture keeps us on God's path (4.3-4) (written by Krish Kandiah)

Parish Notes:

Messy Church launches in Adamsdown today at 4pm in St German's. Many thanks to all who have agreed to help. Please join us to 'come and see' and enjoy a coffee on us.

Sanctuary Lamps - A reminder that sanctuary lamps can be sponsored with personal intentions either for the Blessed Sacrament Lamp or for Our Lady for £4. Please see the folders on the table at the back of church to record your name and intention. All monies to be paid to John.

Help Needed - We're looking for some additional volunteers to help with our ministry of cleaning and hospitality (tea making on a Sunday!) Anyone who can spare a little time to help, please speak to either of the wardens or Liz.

Nightshelter - Very soon our focus will return to helping those who are homeless in our city. Our hope is to build on last year's nightshelter nights and host it again on a Saturday evening/Sunday morning from December to March. We will have an information and training evening on Monday 10 December at 7pm. If you would like to help out in any way please contact Fr Phelim.

Remembrance - During November Christians remember the departed and offer lists of departed loved ones to be prayed for at each mass. If you'd like to join us please give your list to Fr Phelim. We will remember them all during the Masses on All Souls' Day, Friday 2nd November at 9:45 in St German's and at 6pm in St Saviour's.

Faith QI - Final one This Wednesday at 7:30pm at the Vicarage.

Cardiff Foodbank - so far this year St Saviour's has donated 763.6kg of food to Cardiff Foodbank. Many thanks to everyone who so generously donate to this local charity. This week they need...UHT milk, Long life fruit juice, Sponge Puddings and Coffee

Recently Departed: David Phillips, Jeanette Brown, Elaine Moorcraft, Colin Silverthorne RIP

This week:

Sun 28

Bible Sunday

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

4pm Messy Church (StG)

Mon 29:

6pm Mass (St G)

Tues 30:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 31:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 1:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

ALL SAINTS DAY

Fri 2:

9.45 am Mass (St G)

6:00pm Mass (St S)

ALL SOULS DAY

Sat 3:

11am Mass (St S)

St Martin de Porres

Sun 4: Trinity 23

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Bible Sunday

Isa 55:1-11

Ps 126:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6

2 Tim 3:14-4:5

John 5:36-47

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Deut 6:2-6

Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47+51

Heb 7:23-28

Mark 12:28b-34

PSALM:

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (3vv)

COLLECT:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

GATHERING:

For all the saints,
who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith
before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock,
their Fortress and their Might;
thou, Lord, their Captain
in the well fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear,
their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening
brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful
warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm
of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks
a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant
rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams
in the countless host,
and singing to Father,
Son and Holy Ghost:²
Alleluia, Alleluia!

OFFERTORY:

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose,
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

COMMUNION:

Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race
and now, from sin released,
behold your Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good or ill,
who ever lives!

My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above:
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise!

FINAL HYMN:

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings
give my spirit voice;
tender to me
the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour
shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might,
the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure,
from age to age to same;
his holy Name—
the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions
lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills
are put to flight,
the hungry fed,
the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul,
the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise,
and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord
to children's children
and for evermore!

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the prophet Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Isaiah 55

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,

it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R/**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R/**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap **R/**

Psalm 126

SECOND READING

A reading from second letter of Paul to Timothy.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the word of the Lord.

2 Tim 3-4

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 5