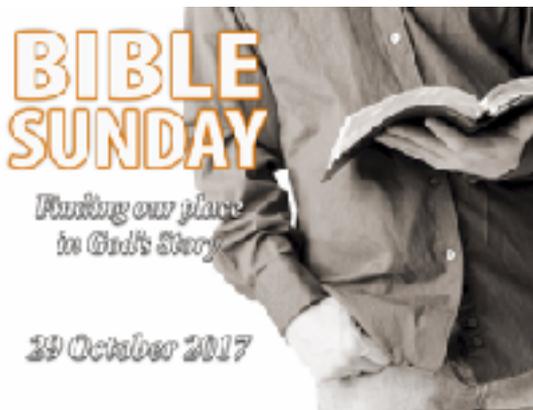


St Saviour's Church

29 October 2017 - (Bible Sunday)



Finding our place in God's story - Today we celebrate Bible Sunday when we consciously give thanks for the Word of God contained within the Bible. We give thanks for many reasons because the Bible and its contents touches on almost every aspect of our lives as Christians: our prayer, our beliefs, our history, our worship, our laws, our morals, our love and care for each other. Behind of all this is the core belief that God's will for humanity is revealed in scripture and these divinely inspired words in turn inspire us to hear them, heed them and make them live.

Parish Notes:

Remembrance - If you would like us to pray for your departed loved ones please give your list to Fr Phelim. We will remember them all during Mass on All Souls' Day, Thurs 2 November at 9:45 am in St German's and at 5:45 pm in St Saviour's.

Fundraising Team - If you would like to help and be part of a fundraising team please contact Fr Phelim.

Remembrance Sunday - There will be an act of Remembrance at 11am led by Geraint on Sunday 12 November. Geraint will also play the Last Post. Please join us.

Fr Graham - We wish Fr Graham well over the next week or so as he goes into hospital. Please keep him and his family in your prayers during this time.

Bible Sunday - Readings today (only) are from the Revised Common Lectionary.

PCC Meeting - The next meeting of the parochial council is on 7 November at 7pm. The focus will be on: mission, outreach and our worship during Advent & Christmas.

Cardiff Churches Nightshelter - Information meetings for those interested in helping in this year's NS on Monday 30 Oct in St German's at 7pm and in St Saviour's on Tuesday 31 Oct at 7pm. (See our website for more details).

Cardiff Deanery Conference - in Roath Church House on Thursday 16 November at 7pm. Fr Phelim will be presenting on our ministry to the homeless and the Churches Nightshelter.

Service Times - We are currently consulting about what might be the best time for our Sunday service. Please let us know your opinion.

Walsingham - If anyone wants intercessions or candles at the shrine please let Liz know.

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

Sung Mass - Please note that we now sing 'Christ will come in glory' after the Christ has died, Christ is risen proclamation. Also, we are currently rehearsing a new Mass setting by Steven Janco (see our website for a video of the music). We will introduce this for Advent.

Recently Departed: Please pray for: Glenys Patricia Black, Barbara Ann Martin

This week:

Mon 30:

6pm Mass (St G)
Richard Hooker

Tues 31:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 1:

10am Mass (St G)
ALL SAINT'S

Thur 2:

9:45 Mass (St G)
5:45pm Mass (St S)
ALL SOULS

Fri 3:

6pm Mass (St S.)
St Martin de Porres

Sat 4:

11am Mass (St S.)
St Charles Borromeo

Sun 5:

St Saviour:

Sung Mass 9:30;

St German:

11 am Sung Mass;

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 8-12
Ps 18:2-4,47,51
Col 3:12-17
Matt 24:30-35
(from RCL)

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10
Ps 131:1, 2, 3
1 Thess 2:7b-9, 13
Matt 23:1-12

PSALM RESPONSE

'I love you, Lord, my strength.' (2vs)

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. **Amen.**

GATHERING:

Here in this place,
new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space,
our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you
in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young -
our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung
throughout all of history,
called to be light
to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take
the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call
your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place,
the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone

OFFERTORY:

Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine
own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it,
Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
til earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round,
the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become
mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power
of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
till they become the place
where-in the Holy Spirit
finds a dwelling.

COMMUNION:

**We have been told.
We've seen his face
and heard his voice
alive in our hearts.
Live in my love
with all your heart.
As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.**

I am the vine; you are the branches,
and all who live in me
will bear great fruit.

Refrain:

You are my friends,
if you keep my commands,
no longer slaves; I call you friends.

Refrain:

No greater love is there than this:
to lay down one's life for a friend.

Refrain:

FINAL HYMN:

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with all, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way:

**Richer than gold
is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.**

Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,
love, only love, is his mark:

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood' -
love, only love, is his sign:

Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood' -
love, only love, is his news:

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
family, brethren, cousins and kin,
love, only love, is his name:

Love is his name, love is his law,
hear his command, all who are his
'Love one another, I have loved you'
love, only love, is his law.

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one,
love, only love, is his word:

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they

had understood the words that were declared to them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 8-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take
refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my
foes.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his
king
and shown his love for his
anointed.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING:

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

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all

wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Matthew 24:0-35