

# St Saviour's Church

3 December 2017 - Advent 1 (HOPE)



The Advent wreath is a symbol of advent, the season of preparation and anticipation for the coming of Jesus Christ. The wreath is made of a circle of evergreens with different coloured candles that symbolise the following: 1. **Candle of Hope** - that God is faithful and keeps his promises to us; 2. **Candle of Preparation** - or getting ready to welcome God made flesh in Jesus Christ; 3. **Candle of Joy** - that God is with us - our light in the darkness; 4. **Candle of Love** - God sent his only Son to earth to announce the good news of the Kingdom out of a deep and everlasting love for us. 5. **The Christ Candle** - the moment of Christ's birth at Christmas.

## Parish Notes:

**Cardiff Churches Nightshelter** There will be a training session on Mon 11 Dec in St German's Hall at 7pm for all our helpers. We also have a collection of smaller items for the homeless: hats, scarfs, socks, gloves etc. (toiletries no longer needed).

**Lights of Love** - Evening of traditional carols and readings run by the Sands charity in St Saviour's on Friday 8 December at 7:30pm.

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

**Advent Benediction** - St Saviour's at 6pm next Sunday 10 December. Please join us.

**Reconciliation Service** - St Saviour's at 7pm on 13 December. A chance to reconnect with the mercy and forgiveness of God in time for Christmas.

**Posada** - If you'd like to be part of this year's posada please sign the list at the back of the Church. For more details see our website.

**Flowers at Christmas** - Parishioners wishing to order Christmas flowers should see Gwyneth for order forms & prices. Final orders & monies by Sun 17th Dec please.

**Praying the O Antiphons** - in the week before Christmas we will have some quiet reflections at 7pm, inspired by the O Antiphons (prophetic titles of Christ).

**Rotas** - We are looking to update our church tea & cleaning rotas and are hoping to recruit a few more helpers for both groups. Please see Liz if you can help us.

**Carols and a Cuppa** - Noon on Sat 23 Dec when we will offer a warm drink and carols. We'll also be supporting the 'Great Christmas Get Together'.

**Christian Unity** - the week of prayer for Christian Unity is 18-25 January 2018.

There will be a Churches Together meeting in St Alban's Presbytery on Tues 12 December at 2pm for those interested in Ecumenism and this year's joint service.

## This week:

### Mon 4:

6pm Mass (St G)  
St John Damascene

### Tues 5:

10am Mass (St S)

### Wed 6:

10am Mass (St G)  
St Nicholas

### Thur 7:

5:45pm Mass (St S)  
St Ambrose

### Fri 8:

6pm Mass (St S)  
Immaculate  
Conception of BVM

### Sat 9:

11am Mass (St S.)  
St Francis Xavier

### Sun 10: Advent 2

#### St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;  
6:00pm Benediction w  
Music for Advent

#### St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass  
with Bishop June;

## Keep in touch:

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 63:16b-17, 19b;  
64:2-7  
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
1 Cor 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

Isa 40:1-5, 9-11  
Ps 85:9ab+10, 11-12,  
13-14  
2 Pet 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

## PSALM RESPONSE

'God of hosts bring us  
back; let your face  
shine on us and we  
shall be saved' (3vs)

**COLLECT:**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING:**

Hark! a herald voice is calling:  
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning,  
Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from  
heaven;  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes with glory,  
Wrapping all the earth in fear,  
May he then as our defender  
Of the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
To the Father and the Son,  
With the co-eternal Spirit,  
While unending ages run. **Amen.**

**O JESSE TREE**

O Jesse tree, O Jesse tree,  
you stand through all the ages.  
O Jesse tree, O Jesse tree,  
your prophets and your sages.  
Remind us all of every sign  
that speaks of Jesus' love divine.  
O Jesse tree, O Jesse tree,  
you stand through all the ages.

O Jesse tree, O Jesse tree,  
you speak of Jesus' advent.  
We see in you the promised King  
who heals our hurts  
and helps us sing.  
O Jesse tree, O Jesse tree,  
you speak of Jesus' advent.

**OFFERTORY:**

Lo! He comes,  
with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of His train.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught  
and sold Him,  
pierced, and nailed Him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Every island, sea, and mountain,  
heav'n and earth, shall flee away;  
all who hate Him must, confounded,  
hear the trump proclaim the day:  
Come to judgment!  
Come to judgment!  
Come to judgment, come away!

Now redemption, long expected,  
see in solemn pomp appear!  
And His saints, by men rejected,  
coming with Him in the air.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen! Let all adore Thee,  
high on Thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory,  
claim the kingdom for Thine own:  
O come quickly, O come quickly,  
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

**COMMUNION:**

**One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing  
which we bless.  
And we, though many,  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew,  
servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. **Refrain**

Many the gifts,  
many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. **Refrain**

Grain for the fields,  
scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all. **Refrain**

**FINAL HYMN:**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, thou dayspring,  
come and cheer,  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows  
put to flight.

O come, thou key of David, come  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way  
that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.

O come, O come,  
thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.

## FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!  
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.  
No ear has heard,  
no eye has seen  
any god but you act like this for those who trust him.  
You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.  
You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.  
We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.  
No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.  
For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand..

*Isaiah 63*

Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **R/**

May your hand be on the man  
you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R/**

*Psalms 80*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Mark 13:33-37*

## SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

***God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.***

O shepherd of Israel hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord come to our help. **R/**

God of hosts, turn again we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.

## GOSPEL:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark.