

# St Saviour's Church

7 January 2018 - The Baptism of Christ



**The Baptism of Jesus** - is a mystery that continues our celebration of Christ's Incarnation, his Epiphany and now the beginning of his public ministry to do the work of his Father in heaven. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him. We can only imagine the impact this would have had on all those present to this event and not least Jesus himself. The words of affirmation and the presence of God's Spirit are meant to convey encouragement and support to all those who undertake to follow the Way of the Lord.

## Parish Notes:

**Cardiff Churches Nightshelter** Many thanks to all who continue to support our Nightshelter. We've now been open for two nights and are pausing our collections of clothes etc. for now as your generosity means we now have more than enough for the next few months. For more details and how to help please see Fr Phelim.

**8:00am Said Mass** each Sunday in St German's for our homeless guests and other helpers for the duration of our Nightshelter this Winter only.

**Christian Unity** - the week of prayer for Christian Unity is from 18-25 January 2018. There will be a Churches Together joint service in St Alban's Church on Sunday 21 January 2018 at 6pm. We meet this Tuesday (9 Jan) at 2pm in St Alban's hall to prepare for this. All are welcome.

**Candlemas** - 2 February 2018 - we welcome the Cathedral Boys Choir for a service of Choral Evensong in St German's. All are welcome. Details and times to follow.

**Blessing of Chalk** - Today at the end of Mass 20+C+M+B+18

**Vintage Church** - We are hoping to form a team of people willing to visit nursing homes, day centres etc to provide some spiritual support for those no longer able to come to church. Please see Geraint for details on this.

**Confirmation Classes** - Will begin later this month on Thursday evenings after mass. If you would like to be confirmed or even would like a refresher on the key teachings and aspects of the Christian faith please join us. More details next week.

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

**Recently Departed:** Joyce Rohman

## This week:

### Mon 8:

6pm Mass (St G)

### Tues 9:

10am Mass (St S)

### Wed 10:

10am Mass (St G)

### Thur 11:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

### Fri 12:

6pm Mass (St S)

### Sat 13:

11am Mass (St S.)

St Hilary

### Sun 14:

#### Epiphany 2

*St Saviour's:*

9:30 Sung Mass;

*St German's:*

8:00 am Said Mass

(Nightshelter);

11:00 am Sung Mass

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## READINGS THIS WEEK

Isaiah 55:1-11  
Ps 28  
1 John 5:1-9  
Mark 1:7-11

## READINGS NEXT WEEK

1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19  
Ps 40  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
John 1:35-42

## PSALM RESPONSE

'The Lord will bless  
his people with  
peace.' (3vs)

**COLLECT:**

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant that we who are born again by water and the Spirit may rejoice to be called your children; 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:**

O God, our Help in ages past,  
our Hope for years to come,  
our Shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal Home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting Thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
are like an ev'ning gone,  
short as the watch  
that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our Help in ages past,  
our Hope for years to come,  
be Thou our Guide  
while life shall last,  
and our eternal Home!

**OFFERTORY:**

Come Holy Ghost,  
our hearts inspire,  
let us thine influence prove;  
source of the old prophetic fire,  
fountain of life and love.

Come, Holy Ghost,  
for, moved by thee,  
thy prophets wrote and spoke:  
unlock the truth, thyself the key,  
unseal the sacred book.

Expand thy wings, celestial Dove,  
brood o'er our nature's night;  
on our disordered spirits move,  
and let there now be light.

God, through himself,  
we then shall know,  
if thou within us shine;  
and sound, with all  
thy saints below,  
the depths of love divine.

**COMMUNION:**

Lord, the light of  
your love is shining  
In the midst of the  
darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world,  
shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth  
you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

**Shine, Jesus, shine**  
**Fill this land**  
**with the Father's glory**  
**Blaze, Spirit, blaze**  
**Set our hearts on fire**  
**Flow, river, flow**  
**Flood the nations**  
**with grace and mercy**  
**Send forth your word**  
**Lord, and let there be light**

Lord, I come to  
your awesome presence  
From the shadows  
into your radiance  
By the blood I may  
enter your brightness  
Search me, try me,  
consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your  
kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives  
tell your story  
Shine on me, shine on me

**FINAL HYMN:**

O worship the Lord  
in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him,  
his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience,  
and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him:  
the Lord is his Name!

Low at his feet  
lay thy burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart  
he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows,  
and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps  
as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter  
his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth  
thou wouldst reckon as thine;  
truth in its beauty,  
and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings  
to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them  
in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept  
for the Name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings  
of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling  
and hope for our fear.

## 1ST READING :

A reading from the prophet  
Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:  
Oh, come to the water all you who  
are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
Why spend money on what is not  
bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and you will  
have good things to eat  
and rich food to enjoy.  
Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.  
With you I will make an everlasting  
covenant  
out of the favours promised to  
David.  
See, I have made of you a witness to  
the peoples,  
a leader and a master of the nations.  
See, you will summon a nation you  
never knew,  
those unknown will come hurrying  
to you,  
for the sake of the Lord your God,  
of the Holy One of Israel who will  
glorify you.  
Seek the Lord while he is still to be  
found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his  
way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who  
will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your  
thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the  
Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above  
earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.  
Yes, as the rain and the snow come  
down from the heavens and do not  
return without watering the earth,  
making it yield and giving growth to  
provide seed for the sower and  
bread for the eating, so the word  
that goes from my mouth does not

return to me empty, without  
carrying out my will and succeeding  
in what it was sent to do.

This is the word of the Lord.  
*Isaiah 55:1-11*

## PSALM

**Response:**  
***The Lord will bless his people  
with peace.***

O give the Lord you sons of God,  
Give the Lord glory and power;  
Give the Lord the glory of his  
name. Adore the Lord in his holy  
court. **R/**

The Lord's voice resounding on  
the waters, the Lord on the  
immensity of Waters; the voice of  
the Lord, full of power, the voice  
of the Lord, full of splendour. **R/**

The God of Glory thunders, in his  
temple they all cry 'glory!'  
The lord sat enthroned over the  
flood; the Lord sits as king for  
ever. **R/**

*Psalm 28*

## 2ND READING :

A reading from the 1st letter of  
St John.

Whoever believes that Jesus is  
the Christ  
has been begotten by God;  
and whoever loves the Father  
that begot him  
loves the child whom he begets.  
We can be sure that we love  
God's children  
if we love God himself and do  
what he has commanded us;  
this is what loving God is –  
keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not  
difficult,  
because anyone who has been  
begotten by God  
has already overcome the world;  
this is the victory over the  
world –  
our faith.  
Who can overcome the world?  
Only the man who believes that  
Jesus is the Son of God:  
Jesus Christ who came by water  
and blood,  
not with water only,  
but with water and blood;  
with the Spirit as another  
witness –  
since the Spirit is the truth –  
so that there are three witnesses,  
the Spirit, the water and the  
blood,  
and all three of them agree.  
We accept the testimony of  
human witnesses,  
but God's testimony is much  
greater,  
and this is God's testimony,  
given as evidence for his Son.

This is the word of the Lord.  
1 John 5

## GOSPEL:

In the course of his preaching  
John the Baptist said:  
'Someone is following me,  
someone who is more powerful  
than I am, and I am not fit to  
kneel down and undo the strap  
of his sandals. I have baptised  
you with water, but he will  
baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'  
It was at this time that Jesus  
came from Nazareth in Galilee  
and was baptised in the Jordan  
by John. No sooner had he come  
up out of the water than he saw  
the heavens torn apart and the  
Spirit, like a dove, descending on  
him. And a voice came from  
heaven, 'You are my Son, the  
Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

OT Week 3:

**Jon 3:1-5, 10**

**Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

**1 Cor 7:29-31**

**Mark 1:14-20**