

St Saviour's Church

9 February 2020 - Ordinary Time 5 (Septuagesima)



Jesus tells his disciples that they are “the light of the world”. It is not a statement about what the Church *should* be, but rather about what it *must* be. In Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s words, “any community of Jesus which wants to be invisible is no longer a community that follows him” (*Discipleship*) Jesus commands us, his disciples, to “let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” His followers are to be a community of faithful witness, with a righteousness that “exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees”. (Church Times 8186)

Parish Notes:

I Ffordd Tangnefedd - (no service this evening) but continues next Sunday evening 16 Feb in St German’s at 6:00pm when we will have a Compline Service. We begin with coffee at 6pm followed by a time of reflective prayer and then, hopefully, a visit to a local pub for fellowship.

Thank You - Eleri, with Iltyd, Kate and their families are grateful for every expression of condolence received at the time of Fr Graham’s death. They would like to thank Fr Phelim for saying a Requiem here in S. Saviour’s. Also to those who attended that and the vigil and funeral mass. Particular thanks to S. Saviour’s choir for the moving rendition of Psalm 23. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Ash Wednesday and Lent - Please return, if possible, last year’s palm crosses for Ash Wednesday. Lent stations of the cross will be on Tuesdays at 6:45pm.

Nightshelter - If you would like to help in any way please contact Fr Phelim. Please pray for our guests and helpers. Rota for February and March now available. Nightshelter finishes at the end of March.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - 20-23 July 2020. To book a place and for more details please contact Liz Norman. Non returnable deposit is £20 per person.

PCC - The next Parochial Church Council meeting is Tue 25 Feb at 7pm in the hall..

Book Group - Continues in St Saviour’s after mass on Tuesdays at 11am. The next book will be Henri Nouwen’s ‘The Return of the Prodigal Son’. If you’d like to borrow a copy please let Fr Phelim or Geraint know.

Messy Church - The next Messy Church will be in St Saviour’s on 1 March at 4pm. Theme: St David of Wales. All are welcome.

Recently Departed: Kenneth Lewis, Marina Williams *RIP*.

This week:

Sun 9:
Septuagesima (OT5)

St Saviour’s:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German’s:

8am Nightshelter Mass

11:00 am Sung Mass

Mon 10:

6pm Mass

(St G)

St Scholastica

Tues 11:

10am Mass

(St S)

Wed 12:

10am Mass

(St G)

Thur 13:

5:45pm Mass

(St S)

Fri 14:

No Mass

Sts Cyril & Methodius

Sat 15:

11am Mass

(St S)

Sun 16:

Sexagesima (OT6)

St Saviour’s:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German’s:

8am Nightshelter Mass

11:00 am Sung Mass

6:00pm I Ffordd

Tangnefedd - Compline

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Isa 58:7-10

Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1 Cor 2:1-5

Matt 5:13-16

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Sir 15:16-21

Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18,

33-34

1 Cor 2:6-10

Matt 5:17-37

PSALM RESPONSE

The good man is a
light in the darkness
for the upright. (vv.3)

COLLECT

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And his righteousness;
And all these things
shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!
*Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door
shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!
*Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

You shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds
from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!
*Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

OFFERTORY:

You are the salt
for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

***Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
bring forth the Kingdom of justice;
bring forth the City of God!***

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the kingdom of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

You are a seed
of the word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice:
Grow in the Kingdom of God!

We are a blessed
and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey
and love our homeland
Love is the Kingdom of God!

COMMUNION:

Beauty for brokenness
hope for despair
Lord, in the suffering
this is our prayer.
Bread for the children
justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak

***God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame***

Refuge from cruel wars
havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary
freedoms to share
Peace to the killing-fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned
Our future, our dreams
Lord, end our madness
Carelessness, greed
Make us content with
The things that we need

Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until your justice
burns brightly again
Until the nations learn of your ways
Seek your salvation
And bring you their praise

FINAL HYMN:

All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew,
Me through change
and chance He guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown, He alone
Calls my heart to be His own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray His trust;
What with care and toil He buildeth,
Tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep His wisdom, passing thought:
Splendor, light and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from His store
Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'almighty Giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at His hand;
Joy doth wait on His command.

Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ, His Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and do not turn from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

This is the word of the Lord.

Isa 58

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:

he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. *R/*

The just man will never waver:

he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

R/

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever.

His head will be raised in glory. *R/*

Psalms 112

SECOND READING

A reading from the 1st letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should

not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Cor 2

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Matt 5

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Rejoice, and be glad!

Blessed are you, holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad!

Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones: they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

Blest are they, who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God!

Blest are they, who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you, who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God; shine for all to see.