

St Saviour's Church

8 March 2020 - Lent II



The Gospel according to Matthew insists on the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. This is why Matthew's Gospel is the Gospel of the Church, that is of the People of God guided by its Head and Master Jesus, the Christ. The text which narrates the event of the Transfiguration forms part of a section of the Gospel in which, the Evangelist develops the theme of the beginning of the coming of the Kingdom in a group of disciples who gradually will constitute the Body of the Church. In the Transfiguration the Father declares that Jesus is "My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him" We give thanks during this Lenten season that through Christ we are also sons and daughters of the same Father. (Lectio from ocarm.org)

Parish Notes:

Coronavirus Precautions - The Church in Wales has issued new guidance on how we as a community should respond to this latest crisis. See our website for the full document. In light of this advice we will discontinue sharing the peace until further notice. Likewise communion will be offered under one kind until further notice. The celebrant alone is to receive from the chalice. For more details please see Fr Phelim.

Lenten Charity this year is Christian Aid - collecting tins are now available.

Stations of the Cross - Praying the stations of the cross during Lent helps us walk with Christ in our pilgrimage back to our heavenly Father.. Tuesdays in St Saviour's at 6:45pm.

PCC & Electoral Roll - Roll needs to be renewed in 2020 and everyone has to reregister. All those eligible (those aged over 16 who are confirmed) should fill in a new form. Please see Wendy, our Electoral Roll Registrar. The next PCC meeting is Sun 29 March after mass.

Easter Flowers - Please see Gwyneth if you'd like to sponsor an Easter flower arrangement.

Walsingham Pilgrimage - £20 deposit by next Sunday 22 March. Accommodation, Meals, and Transport £290 (£165 for those aged 5-16 years) Accommodation and meals only £215 (£130 for those aged 5-16 years) Children under the age of 5 free. Full payment is due the 1st July, 2020. For more details see Liz. Non returnable deposit of £20 to secure a place.

Holy Week Services - this year's Holy Week services page will be available next Sunday. For those who like to attend the Ebbsfleet Chrism mass there will be a bus to Bristol Cathedral on Mon 6 April. List at the back. Llandaff Chrism mass will be on Maundy Thursday.

Geraint's Farewell - leaving party on Sun 10 May at 3pm. (his last day with us).

Nightshelter - Ends for us next weekend 21/22 March (although some other churches will be continuing on through the year). Many thanks for all those who have helped so generously in this ministry.

Easter Vestry - The AGM for our Church will be on Tuesday 28 April at 7pm.

Recently Departed: David Pinder, Harry Rohman *RIP*.

This week:

Sun 8: Lent II

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

8am Nightshelter Mass

11:00 am Sung Mass

Mon 9:

6pm Mass (St G)

6:30pm Stations of the Cross (St G)

Tue 10:

10am Mass (St S)

6.45m Stations of the Cross (St S)

Wed 11:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 12:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 13:

No Mass

12pm Lent lunch (St G)

Sat 14:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 15: Lent III

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

8am Nightshelter Mass

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Gen 12:1-4a

Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20+22

2 Tim 1:8b-10

Matt 17:1-9 -

Transfiguration

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Exod 17:3-7

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42 - Samaritan

Woman

PSALM RESPONSE

May your love be upon us,
O Lord, as we place
all our hope in you.
(vv.3)

COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant that all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, may reject those things that are contrary to their baptism, and follow in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GATHERING:

Thanks be to God whose love has gathered us this day;
thanks be to God who helps and guides us on our way.
Thanks be to God who gives us voice that we may thank him:

Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.

Thanks be to God for all the gifts of life and light;
thanks be to God whose care protects us day and night.
Thanks be to God who keeps in mind us who forget him:

Thanks be to God who knows our secret joys and fears;
thanks be to God who when we call him always hears.
Thanks be to God our rock and strength ever sustaining:

Thanks be to God who never turns his face away;
thanks be to God who heals and pardons all who stray.
Thanks be to God who welcomes us into his kingdom:

Thanks be to God who made our world and all we see;
thanks be to God who gave his Son to set us free.

Thanks be to God whose Spirit brings warmth and rejoicing:

OFFERTORY:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side
which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath
and make me pure.

Not the labour of my hands
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes
shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

COMMUNION:

From heaven you came
helpless babe
Entered our world,
your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life
that we might live

**This is our God,
The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives
as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King**

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not My will
but Yours,' He said

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

FINAL HYMN:

You who dwell in the shelter
of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust."

**And He will raise you up
on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the
breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm
of His Hand.**

The snare of the fowler
will never capture you,
And famine will bring you
no fear;
Under His Wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear
the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.

For to His angels
He's given a command,
To guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands
they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot
against a stone.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gen 12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. *R/*

The Lord looks on those who revere
him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. *R/*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. *R/*

Psalms 33

SECOND READING

A reading from the 2nd letter of Paul to Timothy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour

Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News. This is the word of the Lord.

2 Tim 1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Matt 17