

St Gall's Church
A Service of Morning Prayer

On the 10th Sunday after Trinity - 8th August 2021

The Collect for 10th Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

1st Lesson : 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33

The king gave orders to Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging* between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.' The king said to the Cushite, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' The Cushite answered, 'May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.'

*The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'

2nd Lesson John 6: 35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has

eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Church Notices

Next Sunday - 11th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m.. BYO bread & wine.

10 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday - Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m. BYO bread & wine.

The Church Magazine We will be printing a September edition. Do you have a story to share? Have it with the Rector by the 13th August.

Circle of Change

At 6.00pm Wednesday 18th August we plan to have a BBQ at Church hosted by Mary Gilfillan. Liza Wilkinson will tell us about Circle of Change 3 and how the group raises money to support communities in Northern Ireland. Richard O'Leary will be there to tell a story; Paul Westwood said he will sing and play the guitar and I hope to raise sponsorship for Coc3 by arranging to have a tattoo which I promise to reveal.

Restrictions and social distancing are still in place and for catering we need to know the number attending. Please contact mary.gilf@btinternet.com or 07747845720.

Indoor Bowling Club

Want to try something new? Come along to St. Gall's Indoor Bowling Club. It is hoped to resume the club (Covid Restrictions Permitting) at 7pm to 9pm on Thursday 23 September 2021. Everyone welcome, this is more a social event. Have a chat, make friends and bowl at the same time. Equipment and coaching provided. New members of all abilities are welcome. If interested, contact Gary Ballentine 07733616229 for further information and updates.

Please remember Storehouse You can leave a donation for Storehouse here at church on a Sunday. Our thanks to Anne and Bertie who deliver our donations.

Summertime on the Lawn Could we have coffee after church? Maybe.

Standing suggestion going forward - bring a wee flask with you to church on Sundays. A biscuit? Whatever you fancy. Promise: If the sun is shining we shall have chairs available on the lawn beside the church after the service. A place to sit and have a socially distanced chat. Reconnect with friends in the safety of the fresh air.

Worship on Sunday

It would be lovely to have an organist of our own. However, that is proving to be something of a challenge at the moment so we are making our own music. Question : Are you a pianist? A musician? Get in touch with the Rector if you'd like to help.

Worship on Wednesday - Mid Week Holy Communion

A return to a mid week Holy Communion service is what's happening- **on**

Wednesday at 10.30

This service will be held in the main church to allow for ample social distancing. As a service of Holy Communion it will be held as per our previous Holy Communion services with members of the congregation bringing along their own bread and wine. Communion will be received in your own seat.