

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Church of St German of Auxerre exists to offer praise to Almighty God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and to witness not just in proclamation but in presence to the life and love of God in Jesus Christ. Believing that the fruit of our worship is our action, we at St German's desire to be a community that is explicit in our understanding that the Church is a place where all of God's children are welcome. St German's seeks therefore to be a place in which all whatever their race, disability, class, sexuality, religion, gender, economic background, language, family make-up, appearance, relationship status or age feel loved and welcomed. We are committed in our conviction that God's love embraces all people without exception.

As Catholic Anglicans we cherish the treasure which is the apostolic faith as received by the Apostles and practiced by the earliest Christians. We rejoice in our place in the Diocese of Llandaff, The Church in Wales, the wider Anglican Communion and the place to which tradition, scripture and reason have brought us. As a community we recognise our shared deep need of God, and in recognising this we acknowledge Jesus Christ as the only one who can make us truly whole. We are a people gathered together from various walks of life who take Scripture seriously, God's love literally, and our walk with Jesus Christ honestly. In doing so, we seek to honour the visionary sacrifice of the countless people who have worshipped here before us, endeavouring to be faithful servants of God, and our neighbours whoever they may be.

St German's strives to love the world as it is, but accepts the challenge that the responsibility laid upon us by our baptism means that we must all do what we can both to undo and to transform the societal structures and injustices which do not honour the image and likeness of God in every part of Creation. As part of our commitment to the transformation of this corner of the world we seek to listen always, and be faithful to, the voice of the Holy Spirit, and as we do so, we commit:

- *To hold daily in our public and private prayers the entire people of this parish, holding them in our hearts before God and holding God before the people of this parish.*
- *To be faithful in our worship offered to the Holy Trinity in the beauty of holiness and the holiness of beauty.*
- *To strive always give up all that is unreal and insincere, artificial and narrow – not seeking any reward, but because God is God, and to do all this, with God's help, until our work here is complete.*

### ~ Our Ethos ~

*Worship in the beauty of Anglo-Catholic ritual  
Preaching which is relevant and scriptural  
Love which receives all people just as they are  
Humble yet confident public witness to Jesus Christ  
Working for justice, peace and flourishing for Adamsdown*