

INTERCESSIONS—Please pray for...

The parish of St Mary's with Christchurch, Abergavenny, is twinned with the parish of Evanda with Secunda, Diocese of the Highveld. Please pray for the ministers and people of Evanda with Secunda.

All those suffering from coronavirus and all those caring for them.

Sunday, 21 June 2020

Pray for the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tredegar, Rhymney, Abertysswg Ministry Area

St Padarn's Institute, Diocesan Learning Link Charlie Shepherd

Diocesan churches development officer Isabel Thompson
Victoria Street, Waterside

Monday, 22 June 2020

Nimule Area (South Sudan)

Arkansas (The Episcopal Church)

Jerusalem (Jerusalem & Middle East)

Upper Islwyn Ministry Area

Diocesan office staff Beth Davies, Libbie O'Brien, Sarah Rosser, Zoe Ward and Libby Morgan-Owen

Wellfield Close, Western Road

Tuesday, 23 June 2020

Nnewi (Nigeria)

Armagh (Ireland) Vacant

Johannesburg (Southern Africa)

Upper Torfaen Ministry Area

Blaenavon Heritage CiW Primary School

Ty Mawr Convent

White Horse Lane, Whites Close

Wednesday, 24 June 2020

Nord Kivu (Congo)

Armidale (Australia)

Usk Ministry Area

Usk CiW Primary School

Assistant director of vocations Rebecca Stevens

Willow Close, Windsor Road

Thursday, 25 June 2020

North Ankole (Uganda)

Arochukwu/Ohafia (Nigeria)

Aru (Congo)

Wentloog Ministry Area

St Mellons CiW Primary School; Bishop Childs CiW

Primary School

Woodland Road, Wyndham Road

Friday, 26 June 2020

North Carolina (The Episcopal Church)

Asaba (Nigeria)

Wentwood Ministry Area

Diocesan parsonage inspector Garry Reeder

DAC officer Stephen Peel

Ysguborwen Crescent; Albany Road

Saturday, 27 June 2020

North Central Philippines (Philippines)

Asante-Mampong (West Africa)

Jos (Nigeria)

Parishes and benefices whose ministry areas are yet to be decided

Diocesan spirituality co-ordinator Jane

Butler

Diocesan communications Officer Debra

Goddard

Alexandra Road, Avenue Crescent

Sick:

Emily Chicken; Ian Clissold; Sian Davies;

Tania; Rosemary Aurelius; Max

Roebuck; Gwyneth Jones

Recently departed:

Samantha Dodd

Sunday, June 21

Jeremiah 20. 7-13

Psalms 69. 13-18

Romans 6. 1b-11

Matthew 10. 24-39

Monday, June 22

2 Kings 17. 5-8, 13-18

Psalms 60

Matthew 7. 1-5

Tuesday, June 23

2 Kings 19. 9-21, 31-36

Psalms 48

Matthew 7. 6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 24 – The Nativity of

John the Baptist

Isaiah 40. 1-11

Psalms 85. 5-12

Acts 13. 14b-2

Luke 1. 57-66, 80

Thursday, June 25

2 Kings 24. 8-17

Psalms 79

Matthew 7. 21-29

Friday, June 26 – Ember Day

Jeremiah 1. 4-9

Psalms 84. 8-12

Acts 20. 28-35

Matthew 9. 35-38

Saturday, June 27 – Ember Day

Numbers 11. 16, 17, 24-29

Psalms 122

1 Corinthians 3. 5-11

Luke. 4. 16-21

St Mary's Priory & Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Abergavenny, St Peter's, Llanwenarth Citra June 21 - Trinity 2

Today our readings tell us that our commitment to Jesus will be put to the test. It seems that we are making ourselves vulnerable to attack from every corner of our lives if we claim to be followers of Jesus.

Jeremiah talks about murmurings of denouncement, and Jesus tells his followers that even our families are places of conflict in seeking to be true to him.

We have to be true to our calling, no matter who we are with or what we are doing, in order to be faithful to Christ.

Our collect highlights the answer: All we do in his name must be imbued with love. Empty gestures are no good. All that we do in his name is driven by the dynamism of love which we pray the Holy Spirit to pour into our hearts.

Good and Gracious God,
Your Son, Jesus Christ,
invites all people to follow him
and become his disciples.
Touch our hearts, enlighten our minds,
and stir our spirit.
Help us daily to take up our cross
and follow him; by living his Word
and proclaiming his Good News
to those around us.

May our faith in you increase,
may our hunger for the Gospel intensify, and may our parish be strengthened
as we learn to love one another as he has loved us.

For this we pray,
Amen.



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THE COLLECT

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.
O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, 'I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name',
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
'Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
'Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him.'
But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonour
will never be forgotten.
O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

A Reading from the letter to the Romans.
Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means!
How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin.
But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.
The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 69. 13-18

But Lord I make my / prayer · unto / thee:
in / an ac-/cepta · ble / time.

Hear me O God in the multitude / of thy / mercy:
even in the sure / mercy · of / thy sal-/vation.

Take me out of the mire / that I / sink not:
O let me be delivered from the slime * and / out · of
the deep / waters.

Let not the water-floods sweep over me, * neither
let the deep / swallow · me / up:
and let not the pit shut its / mouth up-/on me.

Hear me O Lord, for thy loving- / kindness · is /
good:

turn thee unto me according to the / multi · tude / of
thy mercies,

And hide not thy / face · from thy / servant:
O haste thee and hear me when I / am in / trouble.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Speak Lord, for your servant is listening:
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit.

Hear the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew:
Glorify to Christ our Saviour

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!
'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.
'What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the rooftops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.
'Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.
'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.
'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his Father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy

of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

'Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to Christ our Lord.

NOTICES

➤ **Requiem Mass:** A Requiem Mass will be offered for Sam Dodd today at 6pm. The service will be live-streamed in the normal way.

➤ **Sunday service:** The 10.30am Parish Eucharist will be live-streamed on the Abergavenny Anglican Churches Together Facebook page.

➤ **Other services:** Also live-streaming each week will be:

- Midweek Mass Wednesday at 5pm
- Tues/ Weds/ Thurs Compline from the Holywell House @ 7pm

All the live-steamed services are available as videos on the Facebook site. You don't need to have a Facebook account in order to see this—just log on to <https://www.facebook.com/AberACT>

➤ **Garden of Rest:** St Mary's Garden of Rest will be open today, Father's Day.

➤ **From the Bishop:** It is good to know that there is a glimmer of light appearing at the end of the 'Zoom tunnel' with at least some churches now being allowed to open their buildings for private prayer. This will, of course, only happen if the necessary health and safety requirements can be put in place and the Archdeacons will be working with clergy over the coming weeks to determine where this is going to be realistically possible. This may be a small step, but it is a sign of hope that it may not be too long now before we can gather again for worship and fellowship in our church buildings. For this we give thanks.