

### 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. All those now going back to work and learning to live with the 'new normal'.

### Sunday, 20 September 2020

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Newport West Ministry Area

Diocesan ICME officer Jeremy Harris

The Deaf Church – Honorary Chaplain Mary More

St Faiths Close, St Francis Close

### Monday, 21 September 2020

Kiteto (Tanzania)

Kitgum (Uganda)

Kitui (Kenya)

Raglan Ministry Area

Raglan CiW Primary School

Retired clergy and clergy and LLMs with permission to officiate

St Helens Road, St Johns Square

### Tuesday, 22 September 2020

Panama (Central America)

Central Pennsylvania (The Episcopal Church)

Kivu (Rwanda)

Tredegar, Rhymney, Abertyswg Ministry Area

St Padarn's Institute, Diocesan Learning Link Charlie

Shepherd

Lay Training Officer Jayne Collier

St Johns Street, St Marys Court

### Wednesday, 23 September 2020

Pankshin (Nigeria)

Central Philippines (Philippines)

Upper Islwyn Ministry Area

Diocesan office staff Beth Davies, Libbie O'Brien, Sarah

Rosser, Zoe Ward and Libby Morgan-Owen

St Marys Road, St Michaels Road

### Thursday, 24 September 2020

Panyana (South Sudan)

Central Solomons (Melanesia)

Central Tanganyika (Tanzania)

Usk Ministry Area

Usk CiW Primary School

St Ronans, St Teilos Road

### Friday, 25 September 2020

Central Zambia (Central Africa)

Wentloog Ministry Area

St Mellons CiW Primary School and Bishop Childs CiW

Primary School

Stanhope Street, Station Road

### Saturday, 26 September 2020

Paraguay (South America)

Central Zimbabwe (Central Africa)

Kobe (Japan)

Wentwood Ministry Area

Diocesan Parsonage Inspector Garry Reeder

DAC officer Stephen Peel

Summerfield Road, Sunnybank

### Sick:

Emily Chicken; Ian Clissold; Sian Davies;

Tania; Rosemary Aurelius; Max Roebuck;

Gwyneth Jones; Sheila Davies; David

Edwards

### Banns of marriage: St Mary's (2)

Paul David Clark and Leanne Katie Warner,

both of this parish

### Recently departed:

Carl Richards (Funeral at St Mary's on

Wednesday, September 23, at 1pm)

### DAILY READINGS

#### Sunday, September 20

Jonah 3.10 – 4.11

Psalms 145. 1-8

Philippians 1. 21-30

Matthew 20. 1-16

#### Monday, September 21 – Matthew

Proverbs 3. 13-18

Psalms 119. 65-72

2 Corinthians 4. 1-6

Matthew 9. 9-13

#### Tuesday, September 22

Proverbs 21. 1-6, 10-13

Psalms 119. 1-8

Luke 8. 19-21

#### Wednesday, September 23 – Ember Day

Numbers 27. 15-23

Psalms 134

1 Peter 4. 7-11

John 4. 31-38

#### Thursday, September 24

Ecclesiastes 1. 1-11

Psalms 90. 1-6

Luke 9. 7-9

#### Friday, September 25 – Ember Day

Numbers 27. 15-23

Psalms 134

1 Peter 4. 7-11

John 4. 31-38

#### Saturday, September 26 – Ember Day

Numbers 27. 15-23

Psalms 134

1 Peter 4. 7-11

John 4. 31-38

## St Mary's Priory & Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Abergavenny, St Peter's, Llanwenarth Citra September 20 - Trinity 15 (Proper 20)

### Today:

9am Holy Eucharist Christchurch

10am Morning Prayer St Peter's

10.30am Holy Eucharist Holy Trinity

11am Holy Eucharist St Mary's

### Next Sunday: (September 27)

9am Holy Eucharist Christchurch

10am Holy Eucharist St Peter's

10.30am Holy Eucharist Holy Trinity

11am Holy Eucharist St Mary's

### Friday, October 2:\*

10.15am Holy Eucharist Holy Trinity

**If you require a gluten-free Communion wafer, please let the sidesmen know.**

Due to the pandemic, places are limited for each service. To book a place, on a first-come, first-served basis:

- St Mary's (32 places): please call Maggie on 01873 858787 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday 10am to 2pm (please leave a message if no-one answers).
- Christchurch (21): please call Sheila Woodhouse on 01873 855773
- St Peter's (18): please call Chris & Sheila Cotterill on 01873 855674
- Holy Trinity (30): No need to book

\*At the present the Friday service will be held fortnightly. No need to book, but please give your name and contact details to the warden as you enter.

*Social distancing will be in place at all these services. For more information, please contact your churchwardens.*

**PLEASE NOTE FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN WHILE IN CHURCH**

Teach us Good Lord;  
To serve you as you deserve;  
To give and not to count the cost;  
To fight and not to heed the wounds;  
To toil and not to seek for rest;  
To labour and to ask for no reward,  
Save that of knowing we do your will.

Amen



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### THE COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, ‘O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.’ And the LORD said, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, ‘It is better for me to die than to live.’

But God said to Jonah, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?’ And he said, ‘Yes, angry enough to die.’ Then the LORD said, ‘You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

A reading from St Paul’s letter to the Philippians. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalms 145. 1-8

I will exalt you, O / God my / King :  
and I will bless thy / name for / ever · and / ever.

Every day will I give / thanks · unto / thee :  
and praise thy / name for / ever · and / ever.

Great is the Lord, \* and marvellous / worthy · to  
be / praised :  
his greatness is / past all / searching / out.

One generation shall praise thy works / unto · an- /  
other :  
and / shall / de- / clare thy / power.

As for me \* I will be talking of the glorious  
brightness / of thy majesty:  
and of / all thy / wonderful / works.

Men shall speak of the might of thy / marvel · lous /  
acts :  
and I will / also / tell of · thy / greatness.

The memory of thine abundant kindness shall ever  
be / on their / lips:  
and / men shall / sing of · thy / righteousness.

The Lord is / gracious · and / merciful :  
long-suffering / and of / great / goodness.

### 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:

**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

Jesus said: ‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went.

When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.”

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.”

But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord:  
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

### **NOTICES:**

➤ **Harvest:** All the churches will celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving on October 11.

➤ **Church worship:** All our churches are now open for worship. *Please note that you need to wear masks while you are in church. Thank you.*

➤ **Pew leaflet/Order of Service:** If you are attending the services it would be much appreciated if you would print out your pew leaflet and the Order of Service, which was in a previous emailing. There will be printed copies available if you are unable to do this.

➤ **Internet services:** The following services will be streamed on Abergavenny Anglican Churches Together Facebook page:

- **Sunday:** The 11am Parish Eucharist. (NB: The service will be recording at St Mary’s and made available on the internet later today.)
- **Wednesday:** Evensong at 5pm.

Both these 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>

➤ **Private prayer:** St Mary’s will be open for private prayer from 10am to 2pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

➤ **Offerings:** A reminder that any offering envelopes should be given to your churchwardens or left at the Tithe Barn (*please wear a mask*) rather than put through Holy Trinity Vicarage door. Thanks. Recent advice is that we should not put cash in the post box on St Mary’s Vicarage gate.

➤ **For your prayers:** On September 21, Fr Mark will be instituted by the Bishop of Burnley and inducted by the Archdeacon of Blackburn as Rector of Rufford and Tarleton; and on September 26, Deacon Samuel Patterson, a founder member of the Holywell Community, will be ordained Priest by the Archbishop of Wales. Please do hold both of them in your prayers.