

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, 27 September 2020

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
Parishes and benefices whose ministry areas are yet to be decided

Diocesan spirituality co-ordinator Jane Butler
Diocesan communications Officer Debra Goddard
Sunnyvale, Sycamore Avenue

Monday, 28 September 2020

Patna (North India)
Chandigarh (North India)
South Wales Pilgrimage Association and all places of pilgrimage
St Padarn's Institute – Jeremy Duff
Street Pastors

The Courtyard, The Orchard
Tuesday, 29 September 2020

Pelotas (Brazil)
Chelmsford (England)
The Church in Wales Jubilee Fund
The Prison Service and Chaplains
The Order of Jacob's Well
The Pines, Tiverton Place

Wednesday, 30 September 2020

Pennsylvania (The Episcopal Church)
Chester (England)
The recovery of healing in the parishes
The World Council of Churches

Additional Curates Society

Thursday, 1 October 2020

Perth (Australia)
Chhattisgarh (North India)
Chicago (The Episcopal Church)
The Bishop's Office: Bishop Cherry, Vicki Stevens
Diocesan Chancellor Mark Powell
Diocesan Registrar Tim Russen
Tudor Street, Underhill Crescent

Friday, 2 October 2020

Peru (South America)
Chichester (England)
Newport Cathedral: Jonathan Williams
Cathedral Chapter Canons and Honorary Canons
Union Road East, Union Road West

Saturday, 3 October 2020

Peshawar (Pakistan)
Chotanagpur (North India)

Koforidua (West Africa)

The Archdeacons of Monmouth, Newport and the Gwent Valleys, the Archdeacons and the Area Deans.
Vale View, Victoria Court

Sick:

Emily Chicken; Ian Clissold; Sian Davies;
Tania; Rosemary Aurelius; Max Roebuck;
Gwyneth Jones; Sheila Davies; David Edwards

Banns of marriage: St Mary's (3)

Paul David Clark and Leanne Katie Warner,
both of this parish

Recently departed:

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, September 27

Ezekiel 18. 1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25. 1-9
Philippians 2. 1-13
Matthew 21. 23-32

Monday, September 28

Job 1. 6-22
Psalm 17. 1-8
Luke 9. 46-50

Tuesday, September 29 – Michael & All Angels

Genesis 28. 10-17
Psalm 103. 19-22
Revelation 12. 7-12
John 1. 47-51

Wednesday, September 30 – Jerome, Doctor

Job 9. 1-16
Psalm 88. 9-14
Luke 9. 57-62

Thursday, October 1

Job 19. 21-27
Psalm 27. 7-14
Luke 10. 1-12

Friday, October 2

Job 38. 1, 12-21: 40. 1-5
Psalm 139. 1-18
Luke 10. 13-16

Saturday, October 2

Job 42. 1-6, 12-17
Psalm 119, 169-176
Luke 10. 17-24

St Mary's Priory & Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Abergavenny, St Peter's, Llanwenarth Citra September 27 - Trinity 16 (Proper 21)

Today:

9am Holy Eucharist Christchurch
10am Holy Eucharist St Peter's
10.30am Holy Eucharist Holy Trinity
11am Holy Eucharist St Mary's

Next Sunday: (October 4)

10am Holy Eucharist St Peter's
10.30am Holy Eucharist Holy Trinity
11am Holy Eucharist St Mary's
3pm Evensong Christchurch

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Friday, October 2*

10.15am Holy Eucharist (Holy Trinity)

Monday, October 5:

4pm Vespers (St Mary's)

Tuesday, October 6:

4pm Vespers (St Mary's)

Wednesday, October 7**

10am Holy Eucharist (St Mary's)
5pm Evensong—internet service

Thursday, October 8:

4pm Vespers (St Mary's)

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

- St Mary's—Sundays and Wednesdays (32 places): please call Maggie on 01873 858787 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday 10am to 2pm (please leave a message if no-one answers). Evensong and Wednesday service (16), again please call Maggie
- 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 at Holy Trinity will be held fortnightly. No need to book, but please give your name and contact details to the warden as you enter.

**The Wednesday service at St Mary's will also be held fortnightly—please book with Maggie (details above).

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

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THE COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 book of Ezekiel
The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

A Reading from St Paul’s letter to the Philippians.
If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in

humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 25. 1-8

Unto thee O Lord will I lift up my soul; * my God I have put my / trust in / thee:
O let me not be disappointed, * neither let mine / enemies / triumph / over me.

For all they that hope in thee shall not · be a- / shamed:
but such as deal untruly / shall be put · to con- / fusion.

Shew me thy / ways O / Lord:
and / teach me / thy / paths.

Lead me forth in thy / truth and / teach me:
for thou art the God of my salvation; * in thee hath been my / hope / all the · day / long.

Call to remembrance O Lord thy / tender / mercies:
and thy loving-kindnesses, which / have been ever · of / old.

O remember not the sins and offences / of my / youth:
but according to thy mercy * think thou upon me
O / Lord / in thy / goodness.

Gracious and righteous / is the / Lord:
therefore will he teach / sinners in the / way.

Them that are meek shall he guide in / right / paths:
and such as are gentle, / them · shall he / teach his / way.

All the paths of the Lord are / mercy · and / truth:
unto such as keep his / cove · nant / and his / testimonies.

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’

Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’

And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven,” he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin,” we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’

And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’

They said, “‘The first.’”

Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.’ This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to Christ our Lord.

NOTICES:

➤ **Evensong:** Our Evensong services resume on October 4—following the usual pattern of first Sunday at Christchurch and other Sundays at St Mary’s. The time, however, is changing to 3pm to take account of the nights drawing in. The limit on numbers at each church will still apply.

➤ **Vespers:** The monastic office of Vespers will be held at St Mary’s at 4pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, led by Tim Pratt.

➤ **Harvest:** All the churches will celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving on October 11. This year we are collecting items for the Food Bank and also for the Church in Wales Centenary Appeal—full details in the October magazine, out today.

➤ **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, Vespers or Compline 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, Tuesday, 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 or cheques in the post box on St Mary’s Vicarage gate.