

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

St Arvans with Penterry, Itton, Devauden & Kilgwrrwg

24<sup>th</sup> October 2010



## The Last Sunday after Pentecost

- 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
at Devauden  
10 a.m. Sung Eucharist  
at St Arvans

*The Sunday Seekers meet during  
the first part of the liturgy*

- 10.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
at Itton  
1 p.m. Holy Baptism  
at St Arvans

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## “The Mary Moxley Murder”

St Arvans Memorial Hall  
Next Saturday: 30<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 p.m.  
Proceeds to St Mary's Penterry  
Tickets available from Parkfield  
Stores

**Tickets are now available** for the  
**Sausage & Mash Supper** at St  
Arvans on 11<sup>th</sup> November 7 p.m.

## For Your Prayers

For ourselves: that we may be honest  
and disciplined in our prayer lives  
For Scarlett, to be baptised today

### For the Church:

Dominic, Bishop of Monmouth,  
Andrew, Bishop of Ebbsfleet,  
Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury  
For the reunion of all Christians: for  
Pope Benedict & Patriarch  
Bartholomew & the leaders of the  
Reformed traditions.

### For the Sick:

Roy Staples, Patricia Hamilton; Anne  
Kelway-Bamber, Sammy Porter,  
Jeanette White, Trish Davison, Martin  
Flower, Fergus Hunter, Lucy,  
Margot Brookes, Hazel Hoskins,  
Georgina Lysaght, Pam Murray,  
Owen Bevan, Audrey Jenkins

### For the Departed:

The recently departed; for our own  
departed loved ones, and for those  
whose year's minds fall this week:  
Horace Collard

Please help to keep the clergy  
informed of anyone who is sick.  
Home Communion (from the  
Reserved Sacrament), the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(confessions) and the Anointing of  
the Sick are administered on  
request in time of need.  
Baptisms & Weddings are  
celebrated by arrangement with the  
clergy. The Blessed Sacrament is  
reserved at St Arvans and at St  
James', Devauden.

## Masses this week at St Arvans 30<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year

**Tuesday:** 8 a.m.  
**Wednesday:** 10 a.m.  
**Thursday:** SS Simon & Jude 7 p.m.  
**Friday:** 8 a.m.  
**Saturday:** 10 a.m.

## NEXT SUNDAY

31<sup>st</sup> October 2010

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

10 a.m. Sung Eucharist  
at St Arvans  
followed by consecration of the  
new churchyard extension

"Adoration is the first and greatest  
of life's responses to its  
spiritual environment; the first and  
most fundamental of spirit's  
movement towards the Spirit, the  
seed from which all other prayer  
must spring. It is among the most  
powerful of the educative forces  
which purify the understanding,  
form and develop the spiritual  
life."

*Evelyn Underhill*

## ALL SOULS LISTS

are now at the back of our churches.  
Please enter the names of those you  
wish to be prayed for on October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
All Souls Day

**The Remembrance Sunday  
Requiem & Act of Remembrance** is  
at Itton this year - 14<sup>th</sup> November  
10.30 a.m.

Future Event:

**Decorations for Christmas**  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December at the  
St Arvans Meeting Rooms.  
Please let us know if you are  
interested

On Sundays, coffee and tea are  
served in the Meeting Rooms after  
the Sung Eucharist at St Arvans.  
Please stay and chat.

**St Arvans Christmas cards** and  
notelets are now on sale.

# The Jereboam

## Interview

We continue our series of extracts from the *Jerusalem and Galilee Gazette*, an imaginary first-century newspaper. Week by week, the correspondent Jereboam interviews various people whose lives have been affected in some way by Jesus Christ and his teaching.

## The Maid-servant

**Maid-servant:** Excuse me: you haven't seen a sandal around here, have you?

**Jereboam:** A sandal? I don't think so, no...You've lost it, presumably.

**Maid-servant:** Yes: I took off my sandals while I was listening to Jesus here earlier. I know this sounds really stupid, but when the whole thing had finished, I could only find one of them. Mind you, once you've heard Jesus, a sandal doesn't really seem terribly important.

**Jereboam:** He made a strong impression on you, then?

**Maid-servant:** Oh, very much so. To think that I wasn't even supposed to be coming to hear him!

**Jereboam:** Really?

**Maid-servant:** No. The people I work for told me that it was inappropriate for a maid-servant to see Jesus. They said I didn't look smart enough either. I'm sure they spotted me: they'll be furious when I get back.

**Jereboam:** But I can't imagine that Jesus made you feel awkward about being here...

**Maid-servant:** No, no – he was wonderful. You know, at one point he even put his hands on my shoulders. He didn't say anything when he did it, but it was almost as if he was talking to me through his fingers. He seemed to be saying: "You really matter to me; I care about you." Suddenly I felt that he regarded me like his sister...or maybe his daughter, I don't know...a sort of cross between the two, really.

**Jereboam:** Jesus has a reputation for showing favour to people that the rest of the world tends to ignore.

**Maid-servant:** I don't know that he was exactly favouring anyone today, but he certainly treated everybody equally,

regardless of their social standing. He taught us how we must all recognise our need for God's forgiveness and remain humble towards God... and towards everybody we meet too. I suppose that might come more easily to people who don't seem so important – you know, poor people and so on.

**Jereboam:** Perhaps, yes. Anyway, what about your clothes? Surely Jesus wasn't bothered about how smartly you're dressed?

**Maid-servant:** Not in the slightest. He didn't seem very interested in people's outward appearances; it was as if he spoke directly to our souls. For me that was very refreshing. It's strange though: after seeing Jesus, I may well end up taking more care over my outward appearance – in his honour, I suppose. Finding that sandal might help, for a start...

**Disciple:** Excuse me: I couldn't help overhearing you. Might this be what you're looking for?

**Maid-servant:** My sandal – yes! Thank you so much. Where was it?

**Disciple:** Somebody found it when we were clearing up earlier, so Jesus asked me to come back and see whether anyone had lost it.

**Maid-servant:** He's such a lovely man: could you please thank him from me?

**Disciple:** Certainly.

Today we hear Jesus' dramatic story of the Pharisee and the tax collector standing in the temple, the Pharisee relieved that "I am not like the rest of humanity" and the tax collector with eyes down, begging for mercy. "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Thursday is the Feast of **Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**, with its own special readings.

St Luke's Gospel offers us lessons this week about humility. We see a vivid example of the compassion. Jesus heals a woman on the Sabbath over the protests of the synagogue leaders. "This daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound for eighteen years now, ought she not to have been set free on the Sabbath day from

this bondage?" He compares the Kingdom of God to a tiny mustard seed which flourishes into a large bush and he compares it to yeast a woman uses to make bread, mixing until the whole batch was leavened. He cautions his followers to be humble: "For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." When Pharisees warn Jesus that Herod wants to kill him, he warns the people of Jerusalem: "how many times I yearned to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were unwilling!" Jesus cures a man with dropsy under the critical eyes of the Pharisees. He turns to those at the table and tells them a story about guests at a banquet scrambling for places of honour. He tells them to take the lowest place, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Next Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of **All Saints**, that great festival of all those who rejoice with us but on another shore and in a greater light.

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