

PARISH NEWSLETTER

St Arvans with Penterry, Itton, Devauden & Kilgwrrwg

Welcome to our new look Newsletter during this time period when our churches are not open for public worship. Sunday readings are included so that we may join spiritually in the Church's offering of the Eucharist, which will now take place without a public congregation.

St Arvans Church is open for private prayer in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and for the lighting of candles; Holy Cross Kilgwrrwg – in a beautiful and isolated location - also remains open for private prayer

Please help to keep us informed of anyone who is in need or is isolated over the next weeks and months, and anyone in need of our prayer and support
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The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

The Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of thy presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN

A reading from the book of Exodus [2. 1 - 10]

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she

said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Psalm set for today is 127

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians [1; 3 - 7]

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all

our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Praise to thee, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of end-less glory.
God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son;
Everyone who believes in him
has eternal life.

**Praise to thee, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.**

Hear the Holy Gospel
according to St John
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. (St John 19. 25b-27)

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to thee, O Christ

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**Please pray** for all who are suffering from the Coronavirus and for all doctors and medical staff

## Thought for the Week

"Let nothing trouble you,  
Let nothing scare you,  
All is fleeting  
God alone is unchanging.  
Patience,  
Everything obtains.  
Who possesses God  
Nothing wants.  
God alone suffices"

- *St. Teresa of Avila* -



**Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow  
of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and  
fearful, and lift up all who are brought  
low; that we may rejoice in your  
comfort knowing that nothing can  
separate us from your love in Christ  
Jesus our Lord.**