

St Arvans Church On line Community Bulletin Wednesday 25th March 2020

Please send any contributions to this bulletin to starvanschurchnews@btinternet.com

The Sunday readings and meditation will be circulated separately.

Please share it with others whom you think will be interested, and invite them to contact us if they want to go on the mailing list.

Father Michael invites anyone who needs assistance or wants a chat to call him on 622064 or 07867 803479

Statement by The Archbishop of Wales 23 March 2020

Whilst the Government measures announced this evening by the Prime Minister and endorsed by the First Minister of Wales are unprecedented, they are specifically designed for the health and well-being of the people of our communities and nation. We unreservedly urge everyone to follow the instructions given. A fuller statement and further advice will follow as soon as possible but, in the meantime we ask you to continue in your prayers and in your love and care for vulnerable members of our communities. Even though we are apart and inevitably anxious, we must remain strong and resolute in doing all that is asked of us at such a critical time.

The life of prayer will go on at St Arvans, following the Prime Minister's announcement last night, but will only be accessible on-line.

St Arvans ONLINE !

Sunday Morning Eucharist will be broadcast live at **10am**

Wednesday evening: Night Prayer will be broadcast live at **8 pm**

(for details of how to access these, see the end of the bulletin)

On **Facebook** : St Arvan's Parish group – please like us and become a follower *

On **Instagram**: starvanschurch

On **Twitter**: St Arvans Church @Arvanschurch

(*ie of the Facebook page. We assume you are already a follower of Christ !)

Admittance to the church

There will be strictly no admittance to the church while services are taking place.

Diocesan instruction is that the church must remain closed even for private prayer. Fr Michael may go to the church as it is adjacent to the vicarage, in order to broadcast the services.

Some Prayers and Reflections

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.
Amen.

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For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to
health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference

Music

I am so glad I stumbled across this! It is extraordinary. It is quite a long clip, but worth viewing! I love the orchestra!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ifSS9NZGqRs>

Wednesday this week is the feast of the Annunciation. So our second musical suggestion is this beautiful and unusual setting of Ave Maria by boys' chorale Libera (so unusual that I don't know the composer!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91ucurJ4yAw>

Broadcasts / Social media etc

A consolidated list of resources to date is on the attached document. This week we are adding:

- Bishop Cherry: a weekly reflection broadcast via Facebook live every Tuesday at 5pm
- Sunday Service from Newport Cathedral at 10.30am <https://youtube/o9DB74PPX9U>.
- A Podcast: "The Sacred" with Elizabeth Oldfield; she talks to different people about what they hold sacred . (For those like me who don't know, a podcast is like a radio show that you decide when you listen to). Accessing them depends on the computer or tablet or phone you are using but some common ones are:
(for apple):
<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-sacred-podcast/id1326888108>
for PC: using Soundcloud
<https://soundcloud.com/thesacredpodcast>
- A daily mass (audio only) from All Saints Margaret Street in Westminster (Cof E) <https://youtube/nUaALwonyA>
- Their parish website is: <https://www.allsaintsmargaretstreet.org.uk/>

On the lighter side

(below is a selection of a wider set you can view on the web if you search for “A nun grading papers”. Some of them weren’t suitable for printing here!)

Some answers to a school test written by children: (exactly as written)

1. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah’s wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built and Ark and the animals came on in pears .
2. Lots wife was spiller of salt during the day but a ball of fire during the night.
3. Samson slayed the Philistines with the Axe of the Apostles.
4. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments.
5. The first commandments was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
6. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
7. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkesteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
8. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
9. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
10. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says do unto others before they do one to you.
11. It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
12. The Epistles were the wives of the Apostles.
13. St Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached Holy Acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

To watch the live streaming:

a) on Facebook (strongly recommended):

to watch live or play back later, search for: [St Arvan's Parish group](#)

b) if not on Facebook:

go to Google. In the search box, enter: [St Arvan's Parish group Facebook page](#)

That should bring up a video link to the service.

Please be aware: you may need to turn on the sound: make sure your own computer sound is on (normally there is a small speaker icon in the lower right hand corner on the tool bar). You may also need to turn on the sound in the video itself - again, a speaker icon in the lower right hand corner. Please note that there is no sound on the video anyway for the first 60 seconds.