

St Arvans Church On line Community Bulletin Wednesday 9th September 2020

Some reminders:

Evening Prayer: tonight at 8pm

Sunday Eucharist: you must book your place every time you would like to come – via Maureen Stephens (details at the end of the newsletter). Please book before Saturday evening.

Please also check the list (at the end of this newsletter) to see if you are on the sidesperson / readers rota, and book your place to confirm that you will be coming.

St Arvans ONLINE !

Find our live service stream at:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/vicaragecello1/videos/?ref=page_internal

Sunday Morning Eucharist will be broadcast live at 10am

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

On our webpage at: www.starvanschurch.org.uk

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

On Instagram: starvanschurch

On Twitter: St Arvans Church @Arvanschurch

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

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

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I have been asked to tell everyone about the **Devauden Photography Competition**. 1 photo can be entered per person and it must be taken within 5 miles of Mr Wesley's statue, which would include St Arvans. Please see the poster attached to this newsletter for details.

Churches are emerging from Lockdown with a fresh spirit

From live-streamed services to digital coffee mornings, lockdown had spurred churches onto new and exciting ways to offer ministry, said the Archbishop of Wales in a keynote speech today (Sept 9).

Archbishop John Davies said the pandemic had brought unexpected opportunities and churches were emerging with a fresh spirit and a “can do” attitude.

“You and I, and much of the world, might currently think of itself as emerging very slowly and with some hesitation, and with justifiable and abiding anxiety, from a dark exile, the exile caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. You do not need me to rehearse for you the radical and frightening components of that exile, but it will serve our purpose if I affirm that it has provided and continues to provide us, as a church, with unexpected opportunities to reflect upon our life and to it. There has been much talk in many quarters of a new normal, including within the church, and it affords us the chance to recognise what it might mean for us and to be excited by it. I might describe this as a happy accident, an unforeseen benefit of potential good emerging from a highly unpromising set of circumstances.”

Embracing digital ministry had enabled churches to be in touch with thousands of people, said Archbishop John.

“It would be naïve of anyone to believe that every hit upon every church website or Facebook page represents an individual participating from beginning to end of what is on offer, but it cannot be doubted that, in such ways, we have been in touch with thousands of people whom we might not otherwise encounter; we have touched their minds, hearts and lives, and in different ways we have revealed a church that is capable of walking alongside them, welcoming them and teaching them. This is newness and this must last.”

“I really do have a growing sense that new things which we have hoped for, some of the impetus which we have lacked, have been forced upon us by present circumstances, and that far from lying down and allowing such circumstances to overwhelm us, we are emerging with a fresh spirit and a growing ‘can do’ conviction which is renewing, rather than a ‘no way’ one which simply leaves it being relentlessly repeated.

“For this I rejoice; and I commend wholeheartedly all who are contributing to the renewal. And, to the reluctant I urge just two things: please trust and please try.”

This is an extract: the full text can be read here:

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/news-and-events/churches-are-emerging-lockdown-fresh-spirit-archbishop/>

Prayer and meditation

Yesterday, September 8th, was the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Psalm 45: 6-11, 17

Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

Your royal sceptre is a sceptre of equity;
you love righteousness and hate wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;
daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;
forget your people and your father's house,
and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him;

I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;
therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.

The Gospel of St Luke 11: 27-28

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!” But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!”

Music

Salve Regina: a Gregorian chant by Monastic Choir of the Abbey of Notre-Dame Fontgombault

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

Hayley Westenra sings Mary Did You Know

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CgAiXs-8LA>

On the lighter side

A Minister got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: *"I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."*

A little girl became bored as the preacher's sermon dragged on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, *"Mummy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"*

After Adam and Eve had eaten the apple, Adam put on a fig leaf. So Eve put one on as well. Then she went behind a bush and tried on a maple leaf, a sycamore leaf and an oak leaf....

St Arvans Church is open for Sunday Eucharist this Sunday, 6th, at 10am.

Places must be reserved in advance, Please post a Comment on our Website and we will get back to you as soon as we are able to.

Readers and Sidespersons rota

	Sidesperson	Readers	
13 September	Mrs M Howells	Mrs M Evans	Mrs E Nash
20 September	Mr A Jones	Mrs E Jones	Mr A Jones
27 September	Mr A Morgan	Mrs H Hillier	Mrs M Howells
4 October	Mrs G Smith	Mr A Ker	Mr D Priddis
11th Oct.	Mr M Taylor.	Mr M Taylor.	Mrs E Nash
18th Oct.	Mrs S Banfield.	Mr J Banfield.	Mrs S Banfield
25th Oct.	Mrs A Branch.	Mrs C Horsfield.	Miss R Key