

St Arvans Church On line Community Bulletin Wednesday 2nd 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

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 at: starvanschurchnews@btinternet.com

Copies of all our bulletins are also on our webpage.

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

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Prayer and meditation

The Archbishop of Canterbury spoke on Thought for the Day earlier this year. The text is below:

On Monday Pope Francis spoke powerfully of the bashfulness of poverty. A few weeks back I was in a nearby hospital as a Chaplain meeting some of the lowest paid, the most invisible. Invisible, yet indispensable. Their worth and necessity not measured in pounds - although it should be - but in love.

It was a meeting in which I found great blessing. As often during lockdown it was a glimpse of interdependence. We've seen it in the kindness of one neighbour to another, the service of our key workers, and the care of people for those they may not even know. We've been given inklings, reminders, of the God-given value and calling of every single person.

The first move for a hoped-for future must be a change of direction to make that glimpse a reality. Christians call it "repentance" meaning "to reverse direction". Repentance can't come without justice, because changing direction means actively righting wrong.

The second move accompanying repentance with justice is forgiveness. Facing the challenge of our interdependence asks us: what does it mean to be truly in relationship with each other? It requires us to recognise the dignity and value of every person, *especially* those that we too readily overlook, those hidden by the bashfulness of suffering - the old, the poor, those with disabilities, and minority communities of all kinds.

Relationships require the hard graft of saying sorry and changing, repenting where we have hurt others, of seeking strength to forgive where we ourselves have been hurt, and committing to work together across welcomed difference. Right relationships in our households and our neighbourhoods, across our cities and our regions, and around our nation and the world require new hearts, what the Pope called conversion. Repentance and forgiveness convert us and offer a future of hope.

This new future requires of us the ability to receive as gift, with wonder and gratitude, the gift of each other with our differences, the gift of creation, supremely the gift of God. Those are the gifts with which to rethink, to rebuild the future. Repentance, forgiving, conversion of heart and of morals, gifts given and received of love: these are the greatest tools to build the greatest hope for the greatest future.

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Psalm 62

For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall never be shaken.
How long will you assail a person,
will you batter your victim, all of you,
as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence?
Their only plan is to bring down a person of prominence.
They take pleasure in falsehood;
they bless with their mouths,
but inwardly they curse.*Selah*
For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. *Selah*
Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.
Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.
Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.
For you repay to all
according to their work.

The Gospel of St Luke 4: 31-37

He went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the sabbath. They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority. In the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, "Let us alone! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" When the demon had thrown him down before them, he came out of him without having done him any harm. They were all amazed and kept saying to one another, "What kind of utterance is this? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and out they come!" And a report about him began to reach every place in the region.

Music

Jerusalem the Golden, sung by the Ely Cathedral Choir:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iLvN-R13KE>

Bruckner's beautiful motet, Locus Iste, is sung by the Tenebrae Choir:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQRYwe4KDDQ>

On the lighter side

In the cafeteria of a Christian school, there was a plate of fruit on the table. Next to it was a sign that said "Take one. God is watching."

Next to the fruit was a plate of cookies, which had a sign next to it, written by a fellow student, that said "Take as many as you want. God is watching the fruit."

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

Places must be reserved in advance, through Maureen Stephens.

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Readers and Sidespersons rota

	Sidespeson	Readers	
30 August	M Taylor	M Taylor	P Farley
6 September	Mrs S Banfield	Mrs S Banfield	J Banfield
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