

St Arvans Church On line Community Bulletin Wednesday 16th September 2020

Some reminders:

Evening Prayer: tonight at 8pm

Sunday Eucharist: Please note that from this Sunday – **FACEMASKS MUST BE WORN.**

You must book your place every time you would like to attend

A **Harvest Service** at St Deiniol's Itton – see below.

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**

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

Some tips for those attending services in St Arvans

You need to book a place if wishing to attend a Sunday Eucharist.

If you are not on our local mailing list, please leave a **Comment** asking for attendance details and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

Harvest Service at St Deiniols

An outdoor Harvest Service will be celebrated at St Deiniols, in the new church yard, at 3pm on Sunday 27 September, if weather permits.

All are very welcome, but because of current restrictions on numbers we are limited to 30 people, so attendance has to be by prior booking only. To book, please contact Cynthia Matthews on 641901 or email cynthiamatthews@gmail.com (giving your contact details).

Any harvest contributions you may wish to bring will be given to Chepstow Food Bank. Please bring your own chairs if you wish to sit during the service. If we decide we cannot hold the service because of bad weather, we will of course let everyone who has booked know beforehand, if possible by the Saturday evening.

We very much look forward to celebrating this our first service since lockdown.

Prayer and meditation

*Today is the feast of Ninian, Bishop. Tradition holds that Ninian was a **Briton** who had studied in **Rome**, that he established an episcopal see at **Whithorn**, in Galloway, and that he converted the southern **Picts** to **Christianity**. He died around 432 AD.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 13: 1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Psalm 28: 6-7

Blessed be the LORD,
for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.
The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts;
so I am helped, and my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.

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The Gospel of St Mark 16: 15-20

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news^[d] to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

Music

This week's hymn is Alleluya, Sing to Jesus to the beautiful welsh tune, Hyfrydol.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTrCIYH1Yw4>

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord – sung by Aled Jones on Songs of Praise at Gorton Monastery.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjAr9e9AzKk>

On the lighter side

Did anyone else have a chuckle at the second reading last Sunday?

In St Paul's letter to the Romans, he said:

"Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables."

I guess good old Paul was not a vegetarian, then?
