

## St. Arvans – Mid-week Bulletin – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Night Prayer:** tonight at 8pm

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### Prayer and meditation

*Today, is the feast of St Jerome (c347-420). He was a great scriptural scholar and translated most of the Bible into Latin, in what is known as the Vulgate translation. He also wrote many commentaries on the bible, and works on several areas of theology, as well as lives of the saints and the history of the Church. His knowledge was so wide ranging that St Augustine said of him that 'what Jerome is ignorant of, no mortal has ever known'. However, he was also well known for his bad temper and the sarcastic letters he wrote!*

### Psalm 89: 8-18

O LORD God of hosts,  
who is as mighty as you, O LORD?  
Your faithfulness surrounds you.  
You rule the raging of the sea;  
when its waves rise, you still them.  
You crushed Rahab like a carcass;  
you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.  
The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours;  
the world and all that is in it—you have founded them.  
The north and the south—you created them;  
Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.  
You have a mighty arm;  
strong is your hand, high your right hand.  
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.  
Happy are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;  
they exult in your name all day long,  
and extol your righteousness.  
For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favour our horn is exalted.  
For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

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### The Gospel of St Luke 9: 57-62

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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### Music

This week's hymn is O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holines, from Chester Cathedral

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

Thomas Tallis' beautiful Salvator Mundi. Performed by the Viols of the Consort of Musicke & Winchester Cathedral Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xn52A6wK1es>

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## **Spuds and Apples**

Many of you may have a glut of apples or potatoes at this time of year. These are being accepted at the Chepstow Food bank. The Food Bank is only open 10am-12.30pm on Wednesdays at The Bridge Church, Unit 1A Critchcraft Buildings, Bulwark Industrial Estate, NP16 5QZ

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## **On the lighter side**

*It has to be true, I read it in the Bible\* .....*

Regular readers of the bulletin (if there are any of you who don't just send this straight to your trash folder) know that I have a soft spot (!! ) for St Paul.

Not only did Paul write very long, convoluted sentences, but apparently he would preach for hours as well. One evening, while visiting Troas, he carried on preaching to the disciples until midnight. Just picture the scene, the lamps are flickering, everyone has had dinner, probably drunk some wine, and Paul is droning on and on.

It is not surprising, then, that one young man called Eutychus (but we won't hold that against him) fell asleep. This was rather unfortunate, since he was sitting in the window at the time, and he fell out and crashed down to the ground below. Rather more unfortunately, it was a third floor window!

To be fair, Paul did rush down the stairs to check poor Euty was ok, and finding he was still alive, gave him a big hug.

You might think this incident would have caused Paul to take the hint and wind up for the evening, but not a bit of it! Undeterred, our redoubtable friend went back upstairs and carried on preaching until dawn!!

(\*Acts 20)

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