

## St Arvans Church Mid-Week Bulletin Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

**Evening Prayer:** tonight at 8pm

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**Sunday Eucharist:** 10 am in St Arvans Church.

Please note that **FACEMASKS MUST BE WORN.**

If you do not receive our local email copy of this Bulletin and wish to attend on Sunday, or to join the Harvest Songs of Praise, please POST A COMMENT on our website requesting to attend. We will get back to you with booking details as soon as we are able.

### St Arvans online

Find our live service stream at: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/vicaragecello1/videos/?ref=page\\_internal](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](http://www.starvanschurch.org.uk)

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### HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE

We will be holding another **Songs of Praise** on Zoom next Monday, 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm.

The Zoom invitation will be sent out separately. Now that we are back in church, I'm sure we all miss singing, and this is a great opportunity to sing all those much loved (especially by Michael!) harvest hymns – and one you may not know written by cricket commentator John Arlott: God, whose farm is all creation.

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## **Prayer and meditation**

Today is the feast of Esther John, a modern day Christian martyr. She was a Pakistani Christian nurse who was murdered in 1960. Her statue stands above the great west door of Westminster Abbey, among nine other Christian martyrs of the twentieth century.

### **Psalm 1**

Happy are those  
    who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
    or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
    and on his law they meditate day and night.  
They are like trees  
    planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
    and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.  
The wicked are not so,  
    but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
    nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
    but the way of the wicked will perish.

### **A reading from the Gospel of St Matthew 10: 24-32**

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven”.

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## Music

This week's hymn suggestion is O Lord of heaven and earth and sea. It is sung by the Joint Hymnal Choir, an Anglican Church Choir of choristers from different Churches within the Diocese of Namirembe and Kampala. It is based at St Francis Chapel Makerere University.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-KRHSg6Q3Kc>

Jubilate Deo: O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands. Charles Villiers Stanford. Sung by Ensemble Acapense.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BQf8GoHncc>

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## On the lighter side

I'm afraid St Paul has figured in a few of these! Here's a true story from an Anglican priest in a south London parish, a few years ago.

One Sunday an older lady was reading the second lesson, which was from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy.

"Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet."

At the end of the lesson, the reader said:

"And now, I am supposed to say, *This is the Word of the Lord*. But it's just St Paul being silly!"

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