

St Arvans Church On line Community Bulletin Thursday 5th November

Evening Prayer: Wednesday nights at 8pm

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Please note that the church will still be closed for services this Sunday. We hope to re-open on Sunday 15th November.

Sunday Eucharist will continue to be live-streamed as before, at

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Service of Remembrance

Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. Many people will be particularly distressed at not being able to attend a service in person. Father Michael will be holding a Remembrance Sunday mass at 10am on Sunday, which will be streamed as usual.

There will also be a Service of Remembrance at Itton at 10.45 on Wednesday 11th November.

Or, for those who wish to watch a Remembrance Day service in their own home, the Diocese has produced a video, with the Bishop preaching, which you can view at:

<https://youtu.be/Q-JXbHrWhvs>

I'm sure many of you have picked up from the news that the Royal British Legion is very concerned that their annual fund-raising appeal will raise less money this year, as the biggest contribution normally comes in from cash in collecting tins. If anyone would like to make an on-line donation, this can be done at:

Prayer and meditation

They shall grow not old, as we who are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them. (Laurence Binyon, from the poem For the Fallen)

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans. 14: 7-12

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Psalm 27: 1-4, 13-14

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.
Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.
One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

A reading from the Gospel of St Luke 15: 1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins,²⁴ if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Music – for Remembrance Sunday

The Airmen's hymn: this comes from the RAF centenary service in Westminster Abbey in 2018. The tune is that of Eternal Father Strong to Save – so I think this one is appropriate for both the Senior Service and the RAF.

O Ruler of the earth and sky, Be with our airmen when they fly;
And keep them in Thy loving care Amid the perils of the air.
O let our cry come unto Thee For those who fly o'er land and sea.

Strong son of man, save those who fly Swift-winged across the unchartered sky;
Each anxious hour and lonely flight Serenely challenged, day and night.
O'er land and ocean safely bear All those in peril in the air.

O Holy Spirit, God's own power, Give peace in sudden danger's hour
Bring calm of heart and be Thou near To those who watch and those who fear.
To Thee will rise the grateful prayer Of those who serve Thee in the air.

O Trinity of love and grace, True guide of all who fly through space;
In peace or war, mid friend or foe, Be with them whereso'er they go.
So shall our praise with heaven blend And joyful hearts to Thee ascend.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAz7nm8lZzc>

Abide with Me, Evening Hymn and Last Post. By the band of HM Royal Marines

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7FUcu5OD3Y>

I Vow to thee my Country, from the Festival of Remembrance 2017

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

On the lighter side

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing and stopped at the crossing, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through.

The tailgating woman behind him was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the light. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer.

The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, giving the guy in front of you the finger, and cursing at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally I assumed you had stolen the car."
