

St Arvans Church – Mid-Week Bulletin Wednesday 13th January 2021

Night Prayer: Tonight at 8pm

Sunday Eucharist: in St Arvans Church at 10am each Sunday. Places MUST be pre-booked.

We understand that the Bench of Bishops is meeting this week to discuss whether churches may remain open for worship. A separate notice will be sent out when we know the result of this. All services will continue to be live-streamed.

St Arvans online

Live service stream : https://www.facebook.com/pg/vicaragecello1/videos/?ref=page_internal

Facebook : St Arvan's Parish group – please like us and become a follower

Webpage at: www.starvanschurch.org.uk

Instagram: starvanschurch

Twitter: St Arvans Church @Arvanschurch

Tea together on Zoom

During this period of lockdown, we will be holding regular on-line chats via Zoom. Anyone who would like to join in is most welcome, whether a member of the church or not – we have a natter, and a good laugh, maybe even a bit of singing. The next one will be next Monday, 18th, at 4.30pm. Please **Post a Comment** if you wish to join this and do not receive our local email bulletin.

Prayer and Meditation

“God is to be believed when he speaks of himself, and whatever he grants us to think concerning himself is to be followed.” *St Hilary of Poitiers, whose feast day is today.*

Meditative prayers of Intercession for use during the Coronavirus pandemic (taken from the Church in Wales website)

Each of these intercessions begins with an echo from one of the Psalms (slightly adapted in some cases) in order to root our prayer in Scripture and find inspiration there.

Trusting in God's care for his children, we pray in the name of Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

For those who are sick

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Psalm 36:5

We pray for those who are unwell due to the coronavirus: in your compassion, grant them strength and healing.

[We pray especially for N.]

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

For our health workers

In the day of trouble you answer us, O Lord, and you protect us;
you send us help and give us support.

Psalm 20:1-2

We pray for all who minister to the sick throughout our health service, that they may renew their strength in you and be channels of restoration and renewal for those who suffer.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

For the anxious

You are near to the broken-hearted, O Lord,
and you save the crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:18

We pray for all who are anxious about loved ones, friends and neighbours: enable them to trust in you and be steadfast in hope.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

For the lonely and the isolated

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me.

Psalm 23:4

We pray for all those who feel isolated or alone, that they may experience your loving presence.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

For the strong and the vulnerable

Lord, you raise the poor and lift the needy.

Psalm 113:7

We pray that you would inspire those who are strong to care for the vulnerable and to serve them in love.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

For the Church

How can we sing your song, O Lord, in these strange times?

(cf. Psalm 137:4)

We pray for your Church who longs to praise you throughout this strange and confusing time; through your creative Spirit fire our imaginations to proclaim your unchanging love in new ways.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

For those in authority

We cast our burden upon you, O Lord,
and you sustain us.

Psalm 55:22

We pray for all in authority who face difficult decisions that affect the lives of many; grant them wisdom and courage.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

For those engaged in research

O Lord, you are great and abundant in power;
your understanding is beyond measure

Psalm 147:5

We pray for all engaged in research, who are seeking to develop a vaccine and remedies for coronavirus: grant them wisdom, understanding and effectiveness in their endeavours.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

For traders and employees

Lord, you are our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?
You are the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

We pray for traders and employees who are fearful of the future,
that businesses may be secured, jobs protected and families supported.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

For those who face hardship

The eyes of all look to you
and you give them their food in due season.

Psalm 145:15

We pray for all those facing financial hardship that you would support and sustain them.
We remember also those who seek to fulfil Christ's command to love one another
through the work of foodbanks and charities and through acts of simple kindness.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

For those in education

Lord, you give strength to your people
and you bless them with peace.

Psalm 29:11

We pray for all in education at this uncertain time: inspire those who feel bored or directionless,
protect the vulnerable and give fresh hope to the dismayed.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

For the departed

Lord, you show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 16:11

With sadness, we remember those who have lost their lives due to the coronavirus
[in particular N.].

Give us thankful hearts for the privilege of knowing them and strengthen our faith in your Son who
died for us and rose again in glory that we might share in his victorious life.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

For the grieving

O God, for you alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from you.
You alone are my rock, my salvation and my fortress.

Psalm 62:5-6

We pray for those who weep and mourn, that they may find comfort and hope in you.

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Closing prayer

Lord of life, in this time of crisis for our families and communities, our nation and our world, we turn to you in faith, to seek your guidance and receive your blessing, knowing that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love made known to us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We ask this in the name of him who took our infirmities and bore our diseases, who suffered the cross and rose again triumphant, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

Music

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning. Filmed for BBC Songs of Praise. I'm not sure where it was filmed, I'm afraid.

[EPIPHANY-BRIGHTEST AND BEST - YouTube](#)

Another hymn for this Epiphany season, Sing of God made Manifest.

[Sing of God Made Manifest ,Salzburg , recorded 02-02-20 - YouTube](#)

I came upon this while I was browsing for music for this week. I have never heard it before, it is written by Pepper Choplin. "We are never alone, for God is with us." It is sung by members of a group called Oasis Chorale, which describes itself as including singers from across North America, "inviting singer and listener to thoughtful worship through artistic choral music sung skilfully".

["We Are Not Alone" - YouTube](#)

On the lighter side

The Hills are closed

Not today Love



**When we go into
another lock down
just train all the
Amazon delivery
drivers to give the
vaccine. Entire
population immunised
by Saturday.
Wednesday if you've
got Prime.**

