

St Arvans Church Mid-Week Bulletin Wednesday 24th March 2021

Night Prayer: Tonight at 8pm – online only

Palm Sunday Eucharist: at 10am on Sunday – online and in person

St Arvans online

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Holy Week Services

*Palm Sunday. Holy Eucharist at 10am

Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th: live streamed-only celebrations of the Eucharist from the Lady Chapel at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday: Night Prayer & reflection at 8 p.m (live streamed only).

*Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 p.m. - Watch until 9 p.m.

*Good Friday. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m.

*Easter Eve/ Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil beginning at 7.30 p.m.

* Easter Sunday: Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.

***Places must be pre-booked.** All services are live-streamed and available to watch later.

Prayer and Meditation

Some special prayers on the Coronavirus pandemic, as we reach the anniversary of the start of lockdown.

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

Amen.

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We remember before God those who have died and we pray that God's love will surround all who mourn them, now and always:
Gracious God, as we remember before you the thousands who have died,
surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion.
Be gentle with us in our grief, protect us from despair, and give us grace to persevere
and face the future with hope in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.
Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.
They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*
Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory. *Selah*

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A reading from the Gospel of St John 8: 31-47

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word. I declare what I have seen in the Father's presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father."

They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing what Abraham did, but now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. You are indeed doing what your father does." They said to him, "We are not illegitimate children; we have one father, God himself." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on my own, but he sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot accept my word. You are from

your father the devil, and you choose to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. Which of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is from God hears the words of God. The reason you do not hear them is that you are not from God."

Music

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Sadly, again this year as in 2020, we won't be able to process together with our palms. But here for you to enjoy is the processional hymn All Glory, Laud and Honour to Thee Redeemer King. This is sung with great gusto by a 150 voice choir somewhere in India. I'm sorry, I couldn't identify precisely where.

["All Glory Laud And Honour - 150 Voice Mass Choir "Classic Hymns album " Old Rugged Cross" - YouTube](#)

Tomorrow, being the 25th March, and therefore 9 months before Christmas, is the feast of the Annunciation. I thought it would be appropriate to include a couple of different musical settings of Mary's great song of praise, the Magnificat. The first is from the Mozart Solemn Vespers, and is sung by the King's College Choir and soloists. The second is a version based on the Gregorian plain chant, sung by the Daughters of Mary in Douay, France.

[Choir of King's College - Magnificat k339 - Mozart - YouTube](#)

[Magnificat, Douay, Latin, English, sung by the Daughters of Mary - YouTube](#)

On the lighter side

Our thanks to David Priddis for getting the floor re-laid just inside the door. It will now be possible to get in without having to strong-arm the door, and any latecomers will now be able to come in unobtrusively!!

Poster found in a Church in
France... (translated):

"When you enter this church
it may be possible that you
hear "the call of God".

However, it is unlikely that He
will call you on your mobile.

Thank you for turning off
your phones. If you want to
talk to God, enter, choose a
quiet place and talk to Him.
If you want to see Him, send
Him a text while driving."