

St Arvans Church On line Community Bulletin Wednesday 21st April 2021

Night Prayer: Tonight at 8pm – online only

Sunday Eucharist: Sunday 10am. In person places must be booked.

St Arvans online

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Devauden Cook Book

The cookbook deadline has been extended until the end of April, so there is still time to get your recipes included. If you have lost the details, just send your recipe to the starvanschurchnews@btinternet.com address, and it will be forwarded.

Prayer and Meditation

“Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

Friday is the feast of **St George**, who supposedly died on 23 April 303. According to tradition he was a soldier in the Roman army. His parents were Christians of Greek origin. His father, Gerontius, was a Cappadocian serving in the Roman army. His mother, Polychronia, was a Christian from the city of Lod in Palestine. Saint George was a member of the Praetorian Guard for Roman emperor Diocletian. He was sentenced to death for refusing to recant his Christian faith. He has been especially venerated as a military saint since the Crusades.

He is immortalized in the legend of Saint George and the Dragon. The tradition tells that a fierce dragon was causing panic at the city of Silene, Libya, at the time George arrived there. In order to prevent the dragon

from devastating people from the city, they gave two sheep each day to the dragon, but when the sheep were not enough they were forced to sacrifice humans instead of the two sheep. The human to be sacrificed was elected by the city's own people and one time the king's daughter was chosen to be sacrificed but no one was willing to take her place. George saved the girl by slaying the dragon with a lance. The king was so grateful that he offered him treasures as a reward for saving his daughter's life, but George refused it and instead he gave these to the poor. The people of the city were so amazed at what they had witnessed that they became Christians and were all baptized.

England, Ethiopia, Georgia, Catalonia and Aragon in Spain, Moscow in Russia, and several other states, as well as various organisations claim George as their patron.

Saint George is buried in the Church of Saint George, Lod, Israel.

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Today is the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen. It will be a sad day for her. This prayer was written when she became the longest serving British monarch:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne for the form of a servant, we thank you that you have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people, and have kept her devoted in this service beyond all who were before her: encourage us by her example to serve one another, and to seek the common good, until you call us all to reign with Christ in your eternal kingdom. Amen.

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Psalm 66 1-9, 16-20

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.
All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name." *Selah*
Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
There we rejoiced in him,
who rules by his might forever,

whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let the rebellious not exalt themselves. *Selah*
Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.
Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
I cried aloud to him,
and he was extolled with my tongue.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
But truly God has listened;
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.

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A reading from the Gospel of St John 6: 35-40

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Music

From today's Gospel, the hymn "I am the Bread of Life" sung by the Notre Dame Folk Choir (from the Notre Dame University, Indiana). [I Am the Bread of Life - Toolan | Notre Dame Folk Choir - YouTube](#)

Panis Angelicus by Cesar Franck. Sung by a soloist and consort from the Czech Republic.

[LVHF 2017: César Franck - Panis Angelicus / Patricia Janečková - soprán - YouTube](#)

For the feast of St George later this week: Who are these like stars appearing. Sung by Wakefield Cathedral Choir.

[Who are these like stars appearing - YouTube](#)

On the lighter side

