

St Arvans Church On line Community Bulletin Wednesday 28th April 2021

Evening Prayer: Tonight at 8pm – online only

Sunday Eucharist: Sunday 10am. In person (please book via Maureen) and online

A list of Readers and Sidespersons for the next couple of weeks is at the end of the bulletin.

St Arvans online

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Devauden Cook Book – more recipes urgently needed!

Katherine Marland has written to me again, asking for more recipes. Come along ladies and gentlemen – we have heard so many tales of people doing more cooking during lockdown. Surely you tried something new, or have a longstanding favourite. This is to support the parish and congregation in St James Devauden, who are in urgent need of funds for repairs. Attached to this email is another entry form, or just send your recipe to the starvanschurchnews@btinternet.com address, and it will be forwarded.

Prayer and Meditation

“The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion.”

~ Paulo Coelho

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Yesterday, April 27th, is a day that the Church of England commemorates Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). She was an English poet who wrote romantic, devotional and children's poems. She also wrote the words of two well-known carols: In the Bleak Midwinter, and Love Came Down at Christmas. Here is one of her lesser known poems, “Beloved, let us love one another,” says St John.

“Beloved, let us love one another,” says St. John
by [Christina Georgina Rossetti](#)

“Beloved, let us love one another,” says St. John,
Eagle of eagles calling from above:
Words of strong nourishment for life to feed upon,
“Beloved, let us love.”

Voice of an eagle, yea, Voice of the Dove:
If we may love, winter is past and gone;
Publish we, praise we, for lo! it is enough.

More sunny than sunshine that ever yet shone,
Sweetener of the bitter, smoother of the rough,
Highest lesson of all lessons for all to con,
“Beloved, let us love.”

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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 12: 44-50

Then Jesus cried aloud: "Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge, for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me."

Music

Last Sunday was Good Shepherd Sunday. Of course, there are so many settings of the 23rd Psalm, but this one, Brother James' Air is one of my favourite. It was composed by a Scotsman, James Leith Macbeth Bain, a healer, mystic and poet who was known as Brother James.

It is sung here by Canterbury Cathedral Choristers. Don't they all look angelic!!

[Brother James Air - YouTube](#)

Of course, another version of this is the hymn, The King of Love my Shepherd is. This is the lovely Irish tune, and it is sung by the magnificent Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

[The King of Love My Shepherd Is \(arr. Wilberg\) | The Tabernacle Choir - YouTube](#)

As it is the last week of April, I cannot resist returning to my seasonal favourite, "All in the April Evening". It is sung here in the classic version, by the Glasgow Orpheus Choir, who are conducted by the composer of the music, Sir Hugh Robertson. I just think some of the harmonies in this are gorgeous !

[All in the April Evening - YouTube](#)

On the lighter side

When I was typing the Bishop's name recently, my computer's spell checker, in its wisdom, replaced her first name with an alternative – from now on, she will always be Cheery Vann to me !

For bookings for all services:

Places must be reserved in advance, through Maureen Stephens. Please book by the evening prior to the service.

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Readers and Sidespersons

2nd May

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