

## St Arvans Church mid-week Bulletin Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Night Prayer:** Tonight at 8pm – online only

**Sunday Eucharist:** Sunday 10am. Places must be booked.

### St Arvans online

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### Ministry Areas

Over the next few weeks, we are asked to pray for the new Ministry Area. There will be a series of prayer meetings, each Sunday at 4pm, in each of our churches in rotation. All are invited:

June	July	August
13th - Newchurch 20th - Shirenewton 27th - Devauden	4th - St Pierre 11th - Kilgwrrwg 18th - St Arvans 25th - Mathern	1st - Itton 8th - Mounton 15th - Penterry 22nd - St Arvans 29th – Newchurch

### Prayer and Meditation

Today we commemorate St Columba (521-597). He was Abbot of Iona, having founded the monastery there, and is credited with having brought Christianity to the pagan Scots.

#### Prayer of St Columba

Let me bless Almighty God  
Whose power extends over sea and land,  
Whose angels watch over all.

Let me study sacred books to calm my soul:  
I pray for peace  
Kneeling at heaven's gates.

Let me do my daily work,  
Gathering seaweed, catching fish,  
giving food to the poor.

Let me say my daily prayers,  
Sometimes chanting, sometimes quiet,  
Always thanking God.

Delightful it is to live  
On a peaceful island, in a quiet cell,  
Serving the King of Kings.

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### **Jeremiah 17: 7-10**

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.  
They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.  
The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?  
I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

### **Psalms 119: 33-40**

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,  
and I will observe it to the end.  
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law  
and observe it with my whole heart.  
Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for I delight in it.  
Turn my heart to your decrees,  
and not to selfish gain.

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;  
give me life in your ways.  
Confirm to your servant your promise,  
which is for those who fear you.  
Turn away the disgrace that I dread,  
for your ordinances are good.  
See, I have longed for your precepts;  
in your righteousness give me life.

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## **A Reading from the Gospel of St Luke 12: 35-40**

*Jesus said*

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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## **Music**

VOCES8 sing Bring us O Lord God, by William Harris

[VOCES8: Bring Us, O Lord God - William Harris - YouTube](#)

This week's hymn is All People that on Earth do dwell. It is rather an old film (2008) and a bit grainy, but the arrangement, by Vaughn Williams, is lovely.

[All People That on Earth Do Dwell - YouTube](#)

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## On the lighter side

In the past, I have commented a couple of times about St Paul, and the difficulty of reading and understanding his rather convoluted sentences! Looking at the reading for today, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter to the Corinthians, we find one of the finer examples.

*'Now if the ministry of death, chiselled in letters on stone tablets, came in glory so that the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses' face because of the glory of his face, a glory now set aside, how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, much more does the ministry of justification abound in glory! Indeed, what once had glory has lost its glory because of the greater glory; for if what was set aside came through glory, much more has the permanent come in glory!*

All I can say to that is, "Glory!"

