

St Arvans Church mid-week Bulletin Wednesday 21st July 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

This Sunday, we meet to pray for the new Ministry Area in St Tewdric's Church, Mathern, at 4pm. Over the next few weeks, the schedule is:

July	August
25th - Mathern	1st - Itton 8th - Mounton 15th - Penterry 22nd - St Arvans 29th – Newchurch

The Ministry Area Prayer:

Dear Lord, we thank you for the opportunity to work together as a Ministry Area.

May we engage with each other with faith and encouragement.

May we manage each situation with wisdom and mutual respect.

May we serve with integrity, creativity and purpose.

May we speak with openness and gentleness.

May we offer our gifts, time and finances with generosity.

May we face each challenge with courage and the desire to grow through it.

May we all be drawn deeper into our relationship with You and be known as your disciples.

Help us to show your love, proclaim your Good News and grow your Kingdom in this place.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. AMEN

Service at Penterry - Sunday 1st August

There will be an outdoor service at Penterry Church on Sunday 1 August at 11.30 am. It will be a short service - readings, prayers and a sermon. Please bring a picnic chair or rug. Well behaved dogs on a lead are welcome too.

Places must be booked via 01291 689 661

Prayer and Meditation

“Prayer is where pride is abandoned, hope is lifted, and supplication is made. Prayer is the place of admitting our need, of adopting humility, and claiming dependence upon God. Prayer is the needful practice of the Christian. Prayer is the exercise of faith and hope. Prayer is the privilege of touching the heart of the Father through his Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord.”

~ Rev Joey Burns

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Tomorrow, 22nd July, we commemorate St Mary Magdalene. In St John’s gospel, she was the first to see the risen Lord.

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Song of Solomon 3: 1-4

Upon my bed at night
I sought him whom my soul loves;
I sought him, but found him not;
I called him, but he gave no answer.^[a]
“I will rise now and go about the city,
in the streets and in the squares;
I will seek him whom my soul loves.”
I sought him, but found him not.
The sentinels found me,
as they went about in the city.
“Have you seen him whom my soul loves?”
Scarcely had I passed them,
when I found him whom my soul loves.
I held him, and would not let him go

until I brought him into my mother's house,
and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

Psalm 42: 1-8

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When shall I come and behold
the face of God?
My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"
These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng,^[a]
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.
Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.
My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.
Deep calls to deep
at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows
have gone over me.
By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

A Reading from the Gospel of St John 20: 1,2, 11-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look^(a) into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Music

The hymn suggestion this week is Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken, sung by the Congregation of the Metropolitan Tabernacle.

[Glorious things of thee are spoken - YouTube](#)

As it is the feast of Mary Magdalene tomorrow, I am also including a link to the song, I Don't Know how to Love Him. This comes originally, of course, from the show / film Jesus Christ Superstar. Ostensibly it is a love song, but (most of) the lyrics could apply in a different way to anyone whose life is changed and challenged by following Jesus. Anyway, I like it !! This version is sung by Sara Bareilles.

[I Don't Know How To Love Him \(Jesus Christ Superstar\) - Sara Bareilles - YouTube.](#)
