

St Arvans Church mid-week Bulletin Wednesday 28th July 2021

Night Prayer: Tonight at 8pm – online only

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

St Arvans online

Live service stream : https://www.facebook.com/pg/vicaragecello1/videos/?ref=page_internal

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Ministry Areas

This Sunday 1st August, we meet to pray for the new Ministry Area in St Deiniol's Church, Itton, at 4pm.

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.

Please "book in" via Alison Balmer - alison.balmer1@btinternet.com or 01291 689661 so we can let you know if for any reason the service is cancelled.

St Arvans Flower Fund

Liz Nash would like to remind people that they can sign up to arrange the flowers, or pay a contribution to buy flowers one week, perhaps in memory of a loved one. Please sign up in the porch, or reply to this bulletin email.

St Arvans Annual Vestry Meeting

This will be held after the Sunday Eucharist on Sunday 22nd August.

St James Photo Competition

The annual photo competition is now open for entries. There is no restriction on who can enter, but each entrant can only enter one photo, taken in the last 12 months, and (most importantly) taken within 5 miles of Mr Wesley's statue on Devauden village green.

We had 48 contributors last year, and managed to sell all 75 calendars that were printed - hopefully we will manage a few more of both photos and sales this year.

Closing date is Monday 6th September.

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Prayer and Meditation

"God will meet you where you are in order to take you where He wants you to go."

~ Tony Evans

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Tomorrow, 29th July, we commemorate William Wilberforce and Josephine Butler. Both were Victorians social reformers. Butler, less well-known, campaigned for women's suffrage, the right of women to better education, the abolition of child prostitution, and an end to human trafficking of young women and children.

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Isaiah 58: 6-11

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Psalms 72: 1-4, 12-14

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.

Reading from the Gospel of St Luke 4: 16-21

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Music

To commemorate William Wilberforce, click on the link to hear the wonderful Paul Robeson singing the spiritual “Let my People Go”.

[Let My People Go - Paul Robeson - YouTube](#)

This week’s hymn suggestion is God Moves in a Mysterious Way. It was written by William Cowper, English poet and hymn writer. After being institutionalised for insanity, Cowper found refuge in Christianity. He was a friend of John Newton (who wrote Amazing Grace) and who was an avid anti-slavery campaigner. Cowper also wrote a number of anti-slavery poems, one of which was titled The Negro’s Complaint, and was famously quoted by Martin Luther King Jr during the civil rights campaign. The hymn, to a melody from the Scottish Psalter, is sung by the Choir of Selwyn College Cambridge.

[God moves in a mysterious way \(London New\) - Choir of Selwyn College Cambridge - YouTube](#)

On the lighter side

While looking for a version of the hymn, I stumbled upon this clip by the inimitable Rowan Atkinson.

[Rowan Atkinson - God's Mysterious Ways - YouTube](#)
