

## St Arvans Church mid-week Bulletin Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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

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

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### St Arvans online

Live service stream : [https://www.facebook.com/pg/vicaragecello1/videos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/vicaragecello1/videos/?ref=page_internal)

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### Ministry Areas

This Sunday 8th August, we meet to pray for the new Ministry Area in Mounton 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

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### 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.

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## St Arvans Annual Vestry Meeting

This will be held after the Sunday Eucharist on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

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## St James Photo Competition

The annual photo competition is now open for entries. Please see the details in the attached flyer. The closing date is Monday 6th September.

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## Prayer and Meditation

*“I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love.”*

*~ Mother Teresa*

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## Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place<sup>[a]</sup>  
in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.  
You turn us back to dust,  
and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”  
For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.  
You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning;  
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.  
For we are consumed by your anger;  
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.  
For all our days pass away under your wrath;  
our years come to an end like a sigh.  
The days of our life are seventy years,  
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;  
even then their span<sup>u</sup> is only toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.  
Who considers the power of your anger?  
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.  
So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.  
Turn, O LORD! How long?  
Have compassion on your servants!  
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and as many years as we have seen evil.  
Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.  
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!

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### **A Reading from the Gospel of St Matthew 15: 21-28**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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## **Music**

And this week for something completely different! This Bob Dylan song, sung in the clip by Billy Joel, is widely believed to have been written as a gospel song, rather than a love song.

[Billy Joel - To Make You Feel My Love \(Official Video\) - YouTube](#)

This week's hymn suggestion is When Morning Gilds the Skies. Sung by Chet Valley choirs, Norfolk.

[When Morning Gilds the Skies \(Tune: Laudes Domini - 5vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#)