

St Arvans Church On line Community Bulletin Wednesday 22nd September 2021

Night Prayer: Tonight at 8pm – online only

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

St Arvans online

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Services at Holy Cross, Kilgwrrwg

A **Harvest Service** will be held on Sunday 10th October at 11.30am.

Bishop Cherry will be joining us for this special service – please put this date in your diary and come along to meet her.

Devauden Recipe Collection

Many of you will have contributed recipes to this collection, which is being sold in aid of St James Church. Over 75 delicious recipes are included. Copies (price £7.50) are available from Devauden Shop, or post a Comment on the website

The St Deiniol Lectures

“Mysticism: its Relevance Today”

By Professor John Clarke, Professor Emeritus in the History of Ideas, Kingston University, London.

Monday 4th October 7pm at Itton Village Hall.

To allow for Covid safety measures, places must be pre-booked.

Prayer and Meditation

Morning Coffee

Good morning, good God!

Seems in my part of the world, Lord,

you're easing us into autumn

with warm sunny days wrapped

in cool mornings and evenings...

The balance, just now, is near perfect

but soon a chill will spill into afternoon hours

and slowly pick the leaves from trees

until they're bared of beauty,

summer's glory fading fast...

Something in me longs to stall the seasons changing,

to stay the summer and hold back the dying

that comes 'round this time each year

as sunlight plays its game of hide-and-seek...

This is fall's time, Lord:

time for a brisk nip in the air quickening my step and pace,

for branches scratching prayers across a harvest moon,

and for such, such rare, spare beauty -

I offer you my praise and thanks...

Inside and out, Lord,

my body and soul stand between the seasons:

no change in nature's phases fails

to change in turn the seasons of my heart...

The rhythms of creation,

of suns and planets, moons and tides

all echo in my heart and my soul knows

how all that lives will die

and all that dies will rise again

when comes the spring that has no end...

Walk me from summer into fall, Lord,

without losing an hour's sunlight

or a day's warmth

or a moment's memory of sand and shore...

Walk me from summer into fall, Lord:

show yourself in all your leafy autumn beauty,

dropping down to lay a colored carpet,

a path beneath my steps...

Help me let go what I hold too tightly,

what cannot last the whole year through,

and let my empty arms embrace what comes

with trust that even in the falling, in the dying,

you are with me, faithfully present
and abiding in all the seasons of my life...
Be my bridge, Lord, from summertime to fall
and ready me for all that lies ahead:
the winter and the cold, the springtime and its promise
and summer once again...
Receive my prayer today, Lord,
my Monday morning offering,
and keep me through the week
and through the season's change ahead...
Amen.

~ George Mendoza

Psalm 107: 23 - 32

Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters;
they saw the deeds of the LORD,
his wondrous works in the deep.
For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.
They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their calamity;
they reeled and staggered like drunkards,
and were at their wits' end.
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he brought them out from their distress;
he made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.
Then they were glad because they had quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

(in the music section below, I suggest you might like to listen to the evocative setting of this psalm by Herbert Sumsion)

A reading from the gospel of St Luke 12: 35-43

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^(s) 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.”

Peter said, “Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?” And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives.

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Music

Herbert Sumsion’s setting of Psalm 107, sung by Ely Cathedral Choir.

[They That Go Down to the Sea in Ships — Choir of Ely Cathedral - YouTube](#)

This is the Day the Lord has made – by John Rutter, sung by Westminster Abbey Choir and the Choristers of the Chapel Royal.

[This Is The Day - Westminster Abbey Choir and the Choristers of the Chapel Royal - YouTube](#)
