

## St Arvans Church mid-week Bulletin Wednesday 29th September 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)

Facebook : St Arvan's Parish group – please like us and become a follower

Webpage at: [www.starvanschurch.org.uk](http://www.starvanschurch.org.uk)

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### Service at Penterry Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

There will be an outdoor service, weather permitting, at Penterry Church on Sunday 3 October 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](mailto:alison.balmer1@btinternet.com) or 01291 689661 so we can let you know if for any reason the service is cancelled.

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## The St Deiniol Lectures

### “Mysticism: its Relevance Today”

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

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 7pm at Itton Village Hall.

To allow for Covid safety measures, please pre-book with Anne Octon (01291 641918; [anneocton@gmail.com](mailto:anneocton@gmail.com))

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## 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 by emailing:

[katherine.marland@mac.com](mailto:katherine.marland@mac.com)

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## Prayer and Meditation

Today is the feast of St Michael and All Angels

*“God does not give us everything we want, but He does fulfill His promises, leading us along the best and straightest paths to Himself.” ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

## Genesis 28: 10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder<sup>ladder</sup> set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him<sup>him</sup> and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

**Psalm 103: 19-22**

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the LORD, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,  
obedient to his spoken word.

Bless the LORD, all his hosts,  
his ministers that do his will.

Bless the LORD, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

**A reading from the gospel of St John 1: 47-51**

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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**Music**

I will be with you, wherever you go. Sung by Kathryn Crowweler.

[I Will Be With You - YouTube](#)

This week's hymn is O thou who camest from above – appropriately sung by the St Michaels Singers. The words to this hymn were written by Charles Wesley. The tune Hereford was composed by his grandson Samuel Sebastian Wesley.

[O Thou who camest from above \(Hereford\) St Michaels Singers - YouTube](#)

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## **On the lighter side**

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly sidesman greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please." she answered.

"You really don't want to do that", the usher said, "The vicar is really boring, and you might fall asleep."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No." he said.

"I'm the vicar's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No." she said.

"Good," he answered.