

## St Arvans Church mid-week Bulletin Wednesday 6th October 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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### Harvest Service at Holy Cross, Kilgwrrwg

Sunday 10th October at 11.30am, which will be attended by **Bishop Cherry**.

Plenty of parking is available, and access to the church has been improved with a new path, so please come along if you can.

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### Devauden Recipe Collection

Don't forget to pick up your copy of this book, which includes some really interesting recipes to try. And your purchase will also help 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 we commemorate William Tyndale, martyr and scholar c. 1494 – c. 1536. He was an English scholar who became a leading figure in the Protestant Reformation and is well known as a translator of the Bible into English.

A number of partial English translations had been made from the 7th century onwards, but the religious ferment caused by Wycliffe's Bible in the late 14th century led to the death penalty for anyone found in unlicensed possession of Scripture in English.

Tyndale's translation was the first English Bible to draw directly from Hebrew and Greek texts, the first English translation to take advantage of the printing press, the first of the new English Bibles of the Reformation, and the first English translation to use Jehovah as God's name.

In 1536, he was convicted of heresy and executed. However the authorised King James version drew very significantly on Tyndale's original work.

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*“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.” ~ C S Lewis*

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Lead Me

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Thomas Merton

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**Psalm 86: 1-10**

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.  
Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you.  
You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all day long.  
Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.  
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my cry of supplication.  
In the day of my trouble I call on you,  
for you will answer me.  
There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.  
All the nations you have made shall come  
and bow down before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.  
For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.

**A reading from the gospel of St Luke: 11, 1-4**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

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## Music

One of the great joys of producing this bulletin each week has been looking for music to suggest you might enjoy. Much of it is music I have sung myself in various choirs, or hymns suggested for that week's liturgy. Sometimes I come across a gem, like this one. I couldn't listen without smiling. O happy band of pilgrims is sung by a young black girl, accompanied by (I think) her brother on recorder and father on piano. No clue to where she comes from, though I suspect East Africa. She sings with great gusto, though I wonder if she understands much of the 19<sup>th</sup> century lyric! Enjoy !  
[O Happy Band Of Pilgrims - YouTube](#)

Inspired by today's psalm, I was looking for a beautiful motet written by John Amner. It is called Blessed be the Lord God (who only does wondrous things). Unfortunately, it doesn't seem to be available, but I found another written by him, O Come thou Spirit Divinest. It is sung by the Dublin Consort Singers.

[O come thou spirit divinest - YouTube](#)

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