

## St Arvans Church mid-week Bulletin Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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

**This Sunday there will be a combined Celebration Service at St Mary's Priory Church at 10am – see below for details. No service at St Arvans**

**The next Sunday Eucharist at St Arvans will be on 28<sup>th</sup> November – which is the First Sunday of Advent (gulp!)**

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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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### Forthcoming services

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November: 10am St Mary's Priory Church, Chepstow.**

Bishop Cherry has asked us to join together in a service to celebrate our common life as Christians worshipping locally. Churches across the diocese will be coming together to worship in a number of different venues, but all using the same liturgy. Using the wonders of technology, the Bishop will preach to us all. **This will be the only service in the new Ministry Area that day.**

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### CAFÉ CHURCH



We are delighted to welcome Rev John Waters to lead our new venture: Café Church. This is an informal service of worship, preceded by tea, coffee and home made cakes.

All are welcome, including children (for whom there will be crafts / colouring).

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November** at 2.30pm in the Meeting Rooms

(at the rear of the church car park).

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## **Consultation on the Ministry Area**

The second of 3 consultation sessions took place in St Arvans last Saturday. Archdeacon Ian Rees explained why this was not a threat, but an opportunity. Other members of the Transition Team spoke about Ministry and Outreach, the Financial side (the parish Treasurers have already held one very useful meeting), the setting up of the Ministry Area Council, and the new Fabric Network. Some concerns people expressed were answered, other comments and questions we will be taking away to think about. A particular issue raised was the need to reach out to young people.

There is one further consultation session on **25<sup>th</sup> November in Mathern Church**. Please come along and learn some more details and have your say. Archdeacon Ian will be at all the sessions, so this is an opportunity to get the diocesan view too.

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November: 1pm in Mathern Church**

Anyone from any of the parishes is welcome at any of the sessions (even if you have already attended one of them).

If you are unable to attend in person but would like to join in via Zoom (listening and chat), please reply to this email so we can send you a link.

If you wish to send in any thoughts or comments, then please email [starvanschurchnews@btinternet.com](mailto:starvanschurchnews@btinternet.com), or speak to Hilary Hillier or Anne Octon, who are on the Transition Team.

The speaking notes used by those presenting the Transition Team views are attached to this bulletin (they include also the introduction by Archdeacon Ian Rees).

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## **Prayer and Meditation**

*“Knock, And He'll open the door  
Vanish, And He'll make you shine like the sun  
Fall, And He'll raise you to the heavens*

*Become nothing, And He'll turn you into everything."*

*~ Jalal Ad-Din Rumi*

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**A Life That Matters – unknown author**

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?  
What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you had, but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success, but your significance.

What will matter is not what you've learned, but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others.

What will matter is not your competence, but your character.

What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many people will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories, but the memories that live on in those that love you.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.

It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.

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**Psalm 17: 1-8**

Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;  
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

From you let my vindication come;  
let your eyes see the right.

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,  
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;  
my mouth does not transgress.

As for what others do, by the word of your lips  
I have avoided the ways of the violent.

My steps have held fast to your paths;  
my feet have not slipped.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O savior of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at your right hand.

Guard me as the apple of the eye;  
hide me in the shadow of your wings,

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## **A reading from the gospel of St Luke 19: 1-10**

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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## **Music**

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King.

Christ is the World's True Light, with music by Stanton, is sung by St John's Cathedral Children's Choir from the Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island. Aren't they gorgeous! Lovely singing, too.

['Christ Is The World's True Light'~Stanton. - YouTube](#)

Continuing the Far East theme, you might also like to listen to the award winning Gracias Choir from South Korea singing Rejoice the Lord is King.

[\[Gracias Choir\] J.Darwall : Rejoice, the Lord Is King / Eunsook Park - YouTube](#)

And a bonus track from the same choir, You Raise Me Up. This is another modern song which can be heard either as a love song, or a song of Praise

[\[Gracias Choir\] R.Løvland : You Raise Me Up / Taejik Woo,Julio,Jihyuk Shin,Kyungsu Park,Eunsook Park - YouTube](#)

(By the way, to access these links, you should just be able to press Control, and while holding it down, click your mouse – this will take you straight to the video in YouTube)

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