

## St Arvans Church On line Community Bulletin Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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

**Sunday Eucharist:** Sunday 10am. *Back at St. Arvans this Week* (places must still 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)

Instagram: starvanschurch

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### Forthcoming services

#### **CAFÉ CHURCH AT ST ARVANS**

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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Services at Itton

November 28<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Holy Eucharist

December 12<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Holy Eucharist

December 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm Nine Lessons Nine Carols - please book with Elaine Cavill (via e mail or phone 01291 641615)

December 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Eucharist

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## **Back again ! Carols at Penterry on Christmas Eve**

*We are delighted to be able to hold a traditional Christmas Eve carol service once again at Penterry Church this year, starting as usual at 4:30pm.*

*For those who are not comfortable inside the church, we plan to light a firepit and to broadcast the service outside.*

*As in recent years, we need to manage the numbers inside the church, so we are asking you to let us know by e-mail to [info@penterry.org.uk](mailto:info@penterry.org.uk) no later than Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December if you are planning to come, stating how many places you would like inside the church and how many outside (alternatively telephone Chris Balmer on 01291 689661). Places inside the church will be offered first to regular supporters and attendees of Penterry Church, then by geographic proximity.*

*All attendees will be welcome to join us for mulled wine (or non-alcoholic alternative) and mince pies following the service.*

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## **Ministry Area**

Our Celebration Service took place at St Mary's Priory last Sunday. It was well attended, and there was a wonderful friendly atmosphere – helped along by the presence of Dunstan, the vicarage spaniel, who welcomed everyone. The feast was Christ the King, and Bishop Cherry gave the address by video – she spoke about Christ the Servant King, and the importance of service to others for all Christians. Holy Eucharist was concelebrated by Philip, Michael and Julian – we hope it will be the first of many joint Ministry Area services. Afterwards, there was a chance to have coffee and chat with Christians from the other MA churches.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final consultation session will take place at **1pm** tomorrow, **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.

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.

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## **2021 Lions appeal: Box for Living**

We have been asked to promote this initiative, which is being run by The Lions, in conjunction with Social Services. It will provide local young people who have been living in care with a box of essential items to help them in setting up home and living independently for the first time. This is a terrifying experience for many youngsters who have no experience of living in the wider world, and no family to support them.

You can make a donation at: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/boxforliving>

Alternatively, cheques made payable to Chepstow and Caldicot Lions Club, can be sent to:

Box for Living  
The Lion Secretary,  
31 Edmond Locard Court,  
Chepstow,  
NP16 6FA

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## **Prayer and Meditation**

*“If we do not fill our mind with prayer, it will fill itself with anxieties, worries, temptations, resentments and unwelcome memories.”*

*~ Scott Hahn*

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## A prayer for Advent

Advent God,  
we journey with you,  
to Bethlehem's stable  
and a new-born King,  
ears attuned  
to the song of angels,  
eyes alert  
for Bethlehem's star.  
Forgive us  
if on our journey  
we are distracted  
by the tempting offers  
of this world.  
Keep our hearts aflame  
with the hope  
of Christmas,  
and the promise  
of a Saviour. Amen

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## Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have gotten him victory.  
The LORD has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.  
Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.  
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.  
Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy  
at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

**A reading from the gospel of St Luke 21:10-19**

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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**Music**

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent.

The first musical suggestion this week is the Taize chant, Wait for the Lord.

[WAIT FOR THE LORD \(Taize\) - YouTube](#)

An Advent hymn, sung by the Bath Abbey Choir, Creator of the Stars of Night.

[Creator of the Stars of Night, Plainsong - 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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