

INTERCESSIONS—Please pray for...

The parish of St Mary's with Christchurch, Abergavenny, is twinned with the parish of Evanda with Secunda, Diocese of the Highveld. Please pray for the ministers and people of Evanda with Secunda.

All those suffering from coronavirus and all those caring for them.

Sick:

Emily Chicken; Ian Clissold; Andrea Corley; Sian Davies; Tania; Rosemary Aurelius; Malcolm Meadows; Max Roebuck

Sunday, 26 April

Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East
Wentwood Ministry Area

Diocesan parsonage inspector Garry Reeder
DAC officer Stephen Peel
Laundry Place, Lewis's Lane

Monday, 27 April

Mount Kenya Central (Kenya)
Mount Kenya South (Kenya)
Mount Kenya West (Kenya)
Parishes and benefices whose ministry areas are yet to be decided

Diocesan spirituality co-ordinator Jane Butler
Diocesan communications Officer Debra Goddard
Lime Tree Court, Lim Tree Meadows

Tuesday, 28 April

Mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania)
Wusasa (Nigeria)
Ijesha North (Nigeria)
Society of Catholic Priests
Society of the Sacred Cross
Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge
United Society Partners in the Gospel
Linden Avenue, Lion Street

Wednesday, 29 April

Mpumalanga (Southern Africa)
Wyoming (The Episcopal Church)
South Wales Pilgrimage Association and all places of pilgrimage
St Padarn's Institute – Jeremy Duff
Street Pastors

Llanover Way, Llanwenarth Lane

Thursday, 30 April

Mpwapwa (Tanzania)
Yambio (South Sudan)
Yangon (Myanmar)
The Church in Wales Jubilee Fund
The National Assembly of Wales
The Prison Service and Chaplains
Llwyn Du, Llwynu Lane

Sick

Emily Chicken; Ian Clissold; Andrea Corley; Sian Davies; Tania; Rosemary Aurelius; Malcolm Meadows; Max Roebuck; Gwyneth Jones

Recently departed:

Maureen Samuel
Michael Knight
Glyn Ingram Jones
Alan Cox
Margaret Thatcher
Joyce Lewis
Susan Generalovic
Owen Davies

Readings for the week**Easter 3 – April 26**

Zephaniah 3. 14-20
Psalm 116. 1-8
Acts 2.14a, 36-41
Luke 24. 13-35

Monday, April 27

Acts 6. 8-15
Psalm 119. 161-168
John 6. 22-29

Tuesday, April 28

Acts 7. 51 – 8.1a
Psalm 31. 1-5
John 6. 30-35

Wednesday, April 29

Acts 8. 1b-8
Psalm 66. 1-7
John 6. 35-40

Thursday, April 30

Acts 8. 26-40
Psalm 66. 8, 9, 16-20
John 6. 44-51

Friday, May 1 – Philip and James, Apostles

Isaiah 30. 15-21
Psalm 119. 1-8
Ephesians 1. 3-10
John 14. 1-14

Saturday, May 2

Acts 9. 31-42
Psalm 116. 12-19
John 6. 60-69

St Mary's Priory & Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Abergavenny, St Peter's, Llanwenarth Citra

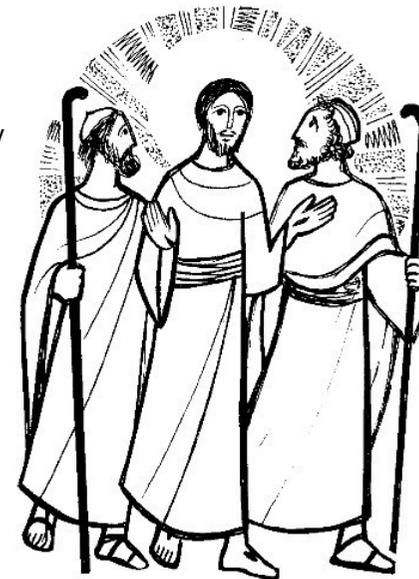
April 26 - Easter 3

Today, although we are not able to meet together physically we are in solidarity alongside our friends and neighbours. In the Emmaus story Jesus journeys with his disciples, even though they don't recognise him. Through confidence in our prayers and remembering the power of faith which can move mountains we know that we are never alone and never abandoned. Jesus journeys with us even through the darkest valley, giving us hope and encouragement so that we can come to know him and live his resurrection life. Alleluia Christ is Risen

Lord Jesus Christ,
Stay with us, too, we pray,
in every part of our journey,
no matter how full of doubt or fear we may
be today.

Through your Holy Spirit,
we pray that you will open our eyes, too
Help us see you as our risen Lord
in all your beauty,
and in all your loving power.

Amen.



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THE COLLECT [Please stand if Eucharist]

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A Reading from the book of Zephaniah
Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles
On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'
Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?'
Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized

every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.'
So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 116. 1-8

I love the Lord because he / heard my / voice:
when I made my / suppli- / cations · be- / fore him,

Because he inclined his ear / unto / me:
when I / called up- / on his / name.

The cords of death compassed me round about, *
and the snares of the grave laid / hold up- / on me:
I suffered / sore dis- / tress and / sorrow.

Then I called upon the / name · of the / Lord:
'O Lord I be- / seech · thee de- / liver · my / soul.'

Gracious is the / Lord and / righteous:
yea our / God is / full · of com- / passion.

The Lord pre- / serveth · the / simple:
I was brought / low, / and he / saved me.

Turn again then unto thy rest / O my / soul:
for the Lord hath / dealt so / loving · ly / with thee.

For thou hast saved my / soul from / death:
mine eyes from / tears · and my / feet from / falling.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit.

Hear the Holy Gospel according to St Luke:

Glorify to Christ our Saviour

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?'

Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

'Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 'Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.'

Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?'

Then, beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near to the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took

bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight.

They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to Christ our Lord.

NOTICES

➤ **Announcement:** The pew leaflet was later than usual this week because of the announcement in Fr Tom's pastoral letter, which was embargoed until today so that it could be announced here and in South Yorkshire at the same time. While we will miss him and Paul greatly, we'd like to take this first opportunity to wish them both well and congratulate Fr Tom on his new appointment.

➤ **Sunday service:** The 10.30am Parish Eucharist will be live-streamed on the Abergavenny Anglican Churches Together Facebook page. A reminder that you don't need to have a Facebook account in order to see this.

➤ **May magazine:** The next edition of the Four Churches magazine will be out on the weekend of May 3. Given that there are no events on at the moment, it would be lovely if we could share how you are coping with the lockdown (gardening, talking to the children on Zoom, etc, etc). If you could contribute a picture (with captions please) please email carolinewoollard@outlook.com

➤ **Choir Anthem:** *If Ye Love Me* by Thomas Tallis, available on You Tube at <https://youtu.be/qYV64XG9vI8>