

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, 19 April

Pray for the Church of Church of Ireland
Panteg and Griffithtown Ministry Area
Diocesan ICME Officer Jeremy Harris
Chaplain to Lay Ministers John Collier
Hillgrove Avenue, Hillside

Monday, 20 April

Montana (The Episcopal Church)
Wiawso (West Africa)

Igbomina - West (Nigeria)

Raglan Ministry Area

Raglan CiW Primary School

Lay Training Officer Jayne Collier
Holywell Close, Holywell Crescent

Tuesday, 21 April

Montreal (Canada)

Willowchra (Australia)

Ijebu (Nigeria)

Ijebu - North (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Solomon Kuponu

Tredegar, Rhymney, Abertysswg Ministry Area

St Padarn's Institute, Diocesan Learning Link Charlie

Shepherd

Diocesan churches development officer Isabel Thompson

Holywell Road, Holywell Road East

Wednesday, 22 April

Moosonee (Canada)

Winchester (England)

Upper Islwyn Ministry Area

Diocesan office staff Beth Davies, Libbie O'Brien, Sarah

Rosser, Zoe Ward and Libby Morgan-Owen

Jubilee Court, Junction Yard

Thursday, 23 April

Moray, Ross & Caithness (Scotland)

Windward Islands (West Indies)

Wondurba (South Sudan)

Upper Torfaen Ministry Area

Blaenavon Heritage CiW Primary School

Ty Mawr Convent

The people of England

King Street, Knoll Road

Friday, 24 April

Morobo (South Sudan)

Worcester (England)

Usk Ministry Area

Usk CiW Primary School

Assistant director of vocations Rebecca

Stevens

Laburnam Walk, Lamb Close

Saturday, 25 April

Morogoro (Tanzania)

Wulu (South Sudan)

Ijesa North East (Nigeria) The Rt Revd

Joseph Olusola

Wentloog Ministry Area

St Mellons CiW Primary School; Bishop

Childs CiW Primary School

Lansdown Drive, Lansdown Road

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

Susan Generalovic

Readings for the week**Easter 2 – April 19**

Exodus 14. 10-31; 15. 20, 21

Psalm 16

Acts 2. 14a, 22-32

John 20. 19-31

Monday, April 20

Acts 4. 23-13

Psalm 2

John 3. 1-8

Tuesday, April 21

Acts 4. 32-37

Psalm 93

John 3. 7-15

Wednesday, April 22

Acts 5. 17-26

Psalm 34. 1-8

John 3. 16-21

Thursday, April 23

Acts 5. 27-33

Psalm 34. 15-22

John 3. 31-36

Friday, April 24

Acts 5. 34-42

Psalm 27. 1-6, 13, 14

John 6. 1-15

Saturday, April 25 – Mark, Evangelist

Proverbs 15. 28-33

Acts 15. 35-41

Mark 13. 5-13

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

April 19 - Easter 2

The empty tomb leaves Jesus's followers many questions. Not only his first followers who we read about in today's readings, but each of us here, and now. What does the empty tomb mean for us? Jesus's disciples journeyed with him through his ministry on earth, and even they puzzled over who Jesus was. So often we are invited to learn on the back of their mistakes, but even after the authorities think they have pinned Jesus down and wiped the puzzle from people's minds Jesus continues to lead us on into the great mystery that is life in relationship with God. Through Jesus God offers us his hand through the veil, and as we through faith cling to Jesus he draws us through the veil into the fullness of life with him.

Lord Jesus, Give Us Your Peace

Give us confidence in the depths of danger.

Give us hope when we are surrounded by fear.

Still our worries, calm the anxieties pressing in on us from the world we live in.
Lord Jesus, give us Your peace.

Reassure us that You are with us when we seem alone.

Ease our doubting, as You did Thomas' doubt.
Lord Jesus, give us Your peace.

Guide our searching for peace,
so that we may not seek it where it is not to be found,
but we may seek it in You.

Lord Jesus, live in us and give us Your peace. Amen.



Sub Prior: The Revd Tom Bates-Bourne subprior@stmarys-priory.org
01873 855889

NSM Curate: The Revd Jeff Pearse **07985 241700** jeff.pearse@hotmail.co.uk

01873 858787 pa@stmarys-priory.org www.stmarys-priory.org

THE COLLECT [Please stand if Eucharist]

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, ‘Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, “Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians”? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.’ But Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.’ Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots and his chariot drivers.’

The Angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them.

It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots and chariot

drivers.

At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: ‘Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

A Reading from the Book of Acts

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

‘For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will

live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”’

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the Resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

‘This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16. 1-8

Preserve / me O / God:
for in / thee · have I / put my / trust.

I have said unto the Lord / ‘Thou · art my / God:
I have no / good a-/ part from / thee.’

All my delight is upon the godly that are / in the /
land:
and upon / such · as ex- / cel in / virtue.

But as for them that turn back to / other / gods:
their / sorrows / shall be / multiplied.

Their drink-offerings of blood will / I not / offer:
neither make mention of their / names up-/ on my /
lips.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine
inheritance / and my / cup:
thou / dost main-/ tain my / lot.

The lines have fallen for me in / pleasant / places:
yea I / have a / goodly / heritage.

I will thank the Lord for / giving · me / counsel: my
heart also / teacheth · me / in the / night-season.

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.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John.

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut Jesus came and stood among them and said ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt, but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to Christ our Lord.

NOTICES

➤ **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.

➤ **Music:** If you’re missing hearing St Mary’s choir, you can listen to an archive recording on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0SAROHrlxQ>