

## 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.

### Sunday, 19 July 2020

*Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines*

Panteg and Griffithtown Ministry Area

Chaplain to Lay Ministers John Collier

Bishop's officer for retired clergy Stephen James

Firs Road, Flannel Street

### Monday, 20 July 2020

Northern Uganda (*Uganda*)

Bauchi (*Nigeria*)

Kansas (*The Episcopal Church*)

Raglan Ministry Area

Raglan CiW Primary School

Retired clergy and clergy and LLMs with permission to officiate

Fosterville Crescent, Francombe Way

### Tuesday, 21 July 2020

Northern Zambia (*Central Africa*)

Belize (*West Indies*)

Kanyakumari (*South India*)

Tredegar, Rhymney, Abertyswg Ministry Area

St Padarn's Institute, Diocesan Learning Link Charlie

Shepherd

Lay Training Officer Jayne Collier

Frogmore Street, Gavenny Court

### Wednesday, 22 July 2020

Northwest Ankole (*Uganda*)

Bendigo (*Australia*)

Upper Islwyn Ministry Area

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

Rosser, Zoe Ward and Libby Morgan-Owen

Gavenny Way, Glan Gavenny

### Thursday, 23 July 2020

Northwest Texas (*The Episcopal Church*)

Benin (*Nigeria*)

Bermuda (*Bermuda*)

Upper Torfaen Ministry Area

Blaenavon Heritage CiW Primary School

The Deaf Church – Honorary Chaplain Mary More

Glyndwr Gardens, Gobannium Way

### Friday, 24 July 2020

Northwestern Pennsylvania (*The Episcopal Church*)

Bethlehem (*The Episcopal Church*)

Usk Ministry Area

Usk CiW Primary School

Assistant director of vocations Rebecca Stevens

Greystone Avenue, Greystone Close

### Saturday, 25 July 2020

Norwich (*England*)

Bhopal (*North India*)

Kapoeta (*South Sudan*)

Wentloog Ministry Area

St Mellons CiW Primary School; Bishop

Childs CiW Primary School

Greystone Crescent, Greystone Road

### Sick:

Emily Chicken; Ian Clissold; Sian Davies;

Tania; Rosemary Aurelius; Max

Roebuck; Gwyneth Jones

### Recently departed:

### Readings for the week

#### Sunday, July 19

Wisdom 12. 13, 16-19

Psalms 86. 11-17

Romans 8. 12-25

Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

#### Monday, July 20

Micah 6. 1-8

Psalms 50. 5-15

Matthew 12. 38-42

#### Tuesday, July 21

Micah 7. 14, 15, 18-20

Psalms 85. 1-7

Matthew 12. 46-50

#### Wednesday, July 22 – Mary Magdalene

Song of Solomon 3. 1-4

Psalms 42. 1-8

2 Corinthians 5. 14-17

John 20. 1, 2, 11-18

#### Thursday, July 23

Jeremiah 2. 1-3, 7-13

Psalms 36. 5-10

Matthew 13. 10-17

#### Friday, July 24

Jeremiah 3. 14-18

Psalms 121

Matthew 13. 18-23

#### Saturday, July 25 – James, Apostle

Jeremiah 45

Psalms 126

Acts 11.27 – 12.2

Matthew 20. 20-28

# St Mary's Priory & Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Abergavenny, St Peter's, Llanwenarth Citra July 19 - Trinity 6 (Proper 11)

The Parable of the Wheat and Tares, told in today's Gospel Reading, points out to us that there is both good and evil in the world - in the current time and throughout history. The distinction between good and evil, between wheat and tares, might be more complex than we would ideally like. We have been created with freedom of choice and, if we are honest, there is a conflict between good and evil in all of us. We can take either course.

At the end of our reading, Jesus describes a rather frightening warning of the judgement to come. However, as well as containing a warning, it has a message of hope for those who wish to follow the teachings and example of Christ.

May God give us guidance and strength so that we are the good seed and the wheat in His field.

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Lord of the Harvest, be with us now as we pray. May we will sow good seed by the goodness of our lives and look forward to a bountiful harvest.

- For the eyes of faith to see both goodness and evil in the world. Lord, open our eyes.
- For prayerful discernment in difficult circumstances. Lord, sensitise our minds.
- For a focused commitment to your Word. Lord, centre our hearts.
- For patience and mercy as we trust in a future we cannot see. Lord, we surrender our lives.

With these prayers we seek the kingdom of heaven. We make them with confidence in Jesus' name. Amen.



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### THE COLLECT

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 Wisdom.

For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly.

For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.

For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.

Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,

and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

A Reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans  
Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

For the Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the Creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the Creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole Creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the Creation, but also we ourselves who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 86. 11-17

'Teach me thy way O Lord, \* that I may / walk in · thy / truth:

O let my heart rejoice in / reverence / for thy / name.

I will thank thee O Lord my God with / all my / heart:

and will praise thy / name for / ever- / more.

For great is thy loving- / kindness / toward me: and thou hast delivered my / life · from / the nether · most / pit.

O God the proud are / risen · a-/gainst me: and a company of violent men seek after my life\*, and set not / thee be- / fore their / eyes.

But thou O Lord God art full of com- / passion · and / mercy: long-suffering, / plenteous · in / goodness · and / truth.

O turn thee then unto me and have / mercy · up- / on me: give thy strength unto thy servant, \* and / help the son of · thine / handmaid

Shew me a token of thy favour, \* that they who hate me may see it and / be a- / shamed: because thou Lord hast been my / helper / and my comforter.

### THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening:

You have the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

The Lord be with you

**And with your spirit.**

Hear the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew:

**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable:

'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well.

And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this."

The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to gather them?"

But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain the parable of the weeds of the field.'

He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the Devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

'Just as the weeds are collected and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears, listen!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

### **NOTICES**

➤**Sunday service:** The 10.30am Parish Eucharist will be streamed on the Abergavenny Anglican Churches Together Facebook page.

➤**Wednesday service:** A service of Evensong will be streamed on Wednesdays at 5pm while Fr Tom is on leave.

All the live-steamed services are available as videos on the Facebook site. You don't need to have a Facebook account in order to see this—just log on to <https://www.facebook.com/AberACT>

➤**Church opening times for private prayer:**

- St Mary's: From 10am to 2pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Six people (plus the stewards) will be allowed in the church at any one time. The Garden of Rest will also be open during these times.
- Holy Trinity: Tuesdays 10am until 1pm and Thursdays 1pm until 4pm. Some Sundays (check with Wardens) 3pm until 5pm. Six people will be allowed in the church at any one time (plus stewards).
- Christchurch: Thursdays 10am to noon. Four people allowed in the church at any one time (plus stewards).

Please note that you may be asked to give your name and telephone number for track and trace purposes and please do follow the stewards' guidance. Many thanks.

➤**Leave:** Fr Tom will be on annual leave until July 25. If you need to speak to a priest please contact Fr Jeff (details on the front page).

➤**Gift:** Fr Tom's last day with the parishes will be August 16—if you would like to contribute to a farewell gift for him please give your contributions to your church treasurer. Many thanks.