

NOTES:

- Here is the schedule of programmes you can catch on the BBC this week:
 - Celebration – a weekly act of worship – Sunday morning 7.30am BBC Radio Wales.
 - Sunday Morning Live BBC 1 9.30am
 - Choral Evensong, St Martin in the Fields -Sunday 3.00pm BBC Radio 3
 - Choral Evensong, St Martin in the Fields - Wednesday 3.30pm BBC Radio 3
 - Sunday Worship – When our plans change...a service led by the Rev Dr Stephen Wigley, chair of the Wales synod of the Methodist Church - Sunday 8.10am BBC Radio 4
 - Songs of Praise from Trentham Gardens – BBC 1 Sunday 1.15pm
 - Prayer for the Day – BBC Radio 4 daily at 5.43am
 - Daily Service – BBC Radio 4 LW daily 9.45am

- Wardens and clergy are working on risk assessments to enable some worship to resume. It is a complicated process and we'll keep you posted on progress. St Peter's has not had the go-ahead to reopen from insurers after the flood. We hope to hold one Sunday service at St Mary's from the end of the month – by this is yet to be confirmed. More details next week. If you can help with cleaning the church on Sundays please contact Tim Pratt.

- Christian Aid is one of the aid agencies working in Beirut through some partner agencies in the aftermath of the massive blast last week. If you are able to donate towards their work, you can do so via their website <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

- Churches open for private prayer:
 - St Mary's Priory continues to open to allow private prayer at the following times: 10am-2pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A one-way system is in operation and we are allowed to host up to six people at a time (plus stewards).
 - Please be aware that access to the church is restricted to the prayer area that has been created in the north aisle, and the rest of the church is taped off and out of bounds.
 - We are currently unable to offer visitors access to view the antiquities and historic tombs. Likewise, we are regrettably unable to accommodate church members who normally access cupboards, vestries and other areas. We are not permitted to open our toilets.
 - At the current time access is being allowed for those who wish to pray and spend time in quiet before God. We are immensely grateful for your help in respecting these guidelines which are allowing us to open.
 - The Memorial Garden at St Mary's will be open at the same times as the church to allow people to tend and visit graves.

- Holy Trinity Church on Tuesdays from 10am to noon, Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm and on some Sundays from 3pm to 5pm (please contact the wardens to check). A maximum of six people (plus stewards) are allowed to be in church at any one time. *Please note change of times.*

- Christchurch Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon. Four people are allowed in church at any one time (plus stewards)

- We are grateful to all those who are enabling our churches to be open for private prayer by volunteering to act as stewards and for cleaning.

- We are continuing to Livestream services on the 'Abergavenny Anglican Churches Together' Facebook page. You do not need to have a Facebook account in order to tune in. Simply go to this address and the live-stream should appear at the top of the page when we turn it on 5 minutes before the service: <https://www.facebook.com/AberACT>. Previous services are available under the 'videos' tab.

Services are as follows:

- Sunday Parish Mass is at 10.30am
- Wednesday service at 5pm

- Many thanks to those who are continuing to send their Church giving, which is vital for keeping them viable for the future.

From August 17 onwards: If you deliver this to Fr Tom, as from August 17, you will need to give this directly to your church treasurer or wardens as Fr Tom and Paul prepare to move to Yorkshire in a week or so. Envelopes can also be left in the red postbox on the gates to St Mary's Vicarage, which is checked every weekday.

- If you know that someone is unwell or that they are in need of pastoral care please tell the clergy. Anyone requiring the services of a priest is welcome to contact Fr Tom on 01873 855889 or at subprior@stmaryspriory.org, or Fr Jeff Pearse on 07985241700 or jeff.pearse@hotmail.co.uk

From August 17 onward: Fr Jeff will be available in the parishes on Thursdays and Sundays. If you have an urgent pastoral need on other days, please contact the Area Dean, Fr Julian Gray on 01873 859881 or 07968 937371 or at mardyvicarage@yahoo.co.uk. Monday is normally Fr Julian's day off and on this day, for urgent pastoral matters please contact either Fr Jeff or Fr Julian.

- Lydia Warburton, facilities co-ordinator at the Tithe Barn/Priory Centre, has returned to work from furlough for two days a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at the Tithe Barn.