

NOTES FOR 30.08.20:

- Here is the schedule of programmes you can catch on the BBC this week:
 - Celebration – a weekly act of worship led by the Revd Sue Lawler, Superintendent Minister in the Gwent Hills and Vales Circuit of the Methodist Church – Sunday morning 7.30am BBC Radio Wales
 - Sunday Morning Live BBC 1 10.00 am –Sean Fletcher and Sally Phillips take a look at the week’s talking points and explore the ethical and religious issues of the day
 - Choral Evensong, St Martin in the Fields -Sunday 3.00pm BBC Radio 3
 - Choral Evensong, St Patrick’s Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh- Wednesday 3.30pm BBC Radio 3
 - Sunday Worship – Wild at Home: Paul Kerensa leads prayers and preaching from this year’s online Greenbelt festival - Sunday 8.10am BBC Radio 4
 - Songs of Praise from Blenheim Palace: Aled Jones visits Blenheim Palace to explore the private chapel and magnificent grounds – 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

- St Mary’s will hold the first service Holy Eucharist since lockdown today – this is fully booked.
 - If you would like to join us next Sunday, please contact Maggie on 01873 858787 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday 10am to 2pm. Please note this will take place on a first come first served basis. Full details are on St Mary’s website – stmarys-priory.org – and in September’s magazine, out today.
 - You are now able to give your collection using contactless technology. It’s incredibly simple, with the default donation set at £5, although it is also very easy to either increase or decrease that amount.

- Our other churches are working on opening for worship in September. More details as they become available.

- 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. **Please note the church will not be open on Bank Holiday Monday.** A one-way system is in operation and we are allowed to host up to six people at a time (plus stewards).
 - We now have permission to open more of the church, so people who come to pray can now view the monuments, although not the choir and we are still not permitted to light votive candles. 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.

- 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 our churches viable for the future. Please give your collection directly to your church treasurer or wardens or leave it 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. 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, will be at work at the Tithe Barn on Tuesdays and Thursdays.