

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. All those now going back to work and learning to live with the 'new normal'.

Sunday, 16 August 2020

Pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church

Mid Torfaen Ministry Area

Chaplain to Lay Ministers John Collier

Bishop's Officer for retired clergy Stephen James

Market Street, Marsh Court

Monday, 17 August 2020

Okigwe (Nigeria)

Okigwe North (Nigeria)

Okigwe South (Nigeria)

Kebbi (Nigeria)

Monmouth Ministry Area

Osbaston CiW Primary School

Children Youth Family Ministry Advisors Rachel

Nelmes

Ty Mawr Convent

Meadow Close, Meadow Lane

Tuesday, 18 August 2020

Okinawa (Japan)

Bukuru (Nigeria)

Newport East Ministry Area

Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Eucharistic Assistants

Meadway, Merthyr Road

Wednesday, 19 August 2020

Oklahoma (The Episcopal Church)

Bunbury (Australia)

Newport North Ministry Area

Malpas CiW Primary School

Koinonia Helping Hands Project

Work with the blind

Midway Close, Midway Lane

Thursday, 20 August 2020

Okrika (Nigeria)

Bungoma (Kenya)

Newport West Ministry Area

Diocesan ICME Officer Jeremy Harris

The Deaf Church – Honorary Chaplain Mary More

Friday, 21 August 2020

Oleh (Nigeria)

Bunyoro-Kitara (Uganda)

Raglan Ministry Area

Raglan CiW Primary School

Retired clergy and clergy and LLMs with

permission to officiate

Mill Close, Mill Street

Saturday, 22 August 2020

Kentucky (The Episcopal Church)

Kericho (Kenya)

Khartoum (Sudan)

Tredegar, Rhymney, Abertyswg Ministry

Area

St Padarn's Institute, Diocesan Learning

Link Charlie Shepherd

Lay Training Officer Jayne Collier

Monk Street, Monmouth Road

Sick:

Emily Chicken; Ian Clissold; Sian Davies;

Tania; Rosemary Aurelius; Max

Roebuck; Gwyneth Jones; Sheila Davies

Recently departed:

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, August 16

1 Chronicles 15.3-4,15-16; 16.1-2

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15.54-57

Luke 11.27-28

Monday, August 17

Ezekiel 24. 15-24

Psalms 79. 1-8

Matthew 19. 16-22

Tuesday, August 18

Ezekiel 28. 1-10

Psalms 60. 1-5

Matthew 19. 23-30

Wednesday, August 19

Ezekiel 34. 1-11

Psalms 23

Matthew 20. 1-16a

Thursday, August 20

Ezekiel 36. 22-28

Psalms 51. 7-12

Matthew 22. 1-14

Friday, August 21

Ezekiel 37. 1-14

Psalms 107. 1-8

Matthew 22. 34-40

Saturday, August 22

Ezekiel 43. 1-7

Psalms 85. 8-13

Matthew 23. 1-12

St Mary's Priory & Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Abergavenny, St Peter's, Llanwenarth Citra August 16 - Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Today we celebrate the promises of God fulfilled in the life of Mary. Mary was the first one to receive the Word, that is Jesus.

It was she who witnessed his deeds, who led a life not only touched by the Holy Spirit but dwelling with the Holy Spirit. 'The handmaid of the Lord' is now received into heaven both in 'spirit and in truth' that is 'body and soul', for as Christ says in John 4 'Woman'...'believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.'

That is the time when we will see him face to face. Mary is the first of the created order to fully enjoy the Resurrection life by the side of her Son, and today we celebrate our own hope that we too will be raised to that resurrection life where we too may worship in Spirit and in Truth, body and soul.

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of the promised Saviour:

Fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A Reading from the First Book of Chronicles.

David assembled all Israel in Jerusalem to bring up the ark of the LORD to its place, which he had prepared for it. Then David gathered together the descendants of Aaron and the Levites.

And the Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

David also commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their kindred as the singers to play on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise loud sounds of joy. They brought in the ark of God, and set it inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and they offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being before God. When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

A Reading from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'

'Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 138

I will give thanks unto thee O Lord with my / whole / heart:
even before the gods will I sing / praises / unto / thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple and praise thy name, * because of thy loving- / kindness · and / truth:
for thou hast magnified thy name and thy / word a- / bove / all things.

When I called upon thee thou / heardest / me:
and / gavest · me / increase s of / strength.

All the kings of the earth shall / praise · thee
O / Lord:
when they have / heard the / words of · thy / mouth.

Yea they shall sing of the / ways s of the / Lord:
that great is the / glory / of the / Lord.

For though the Lord be high, * yet hath he respect / unto s the / lowly:
as for the proud, he / humbleth s them / from a- / far.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt / thou pre-/serve me:
thou shalt stretch forth thy hand against the wrath of mine enemies, * and / thy right / hand shall / save me.

The Lord shall fulfil his purpose for me; * thy mercy O Lord en-/dureth · for / ever:
leave not unfinished_the / work of / thine own / hands.

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 Luke.
Glory to Christ our Saviour

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!'
But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!'

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

NOTICES

➤ **Farewell:** We say farewell today to Fr Tom and Paul as they prepare to leave us for Yorkshire. Both have brought so much to the parishes and we wish them well for the future.

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

➤ **Wednesday service:** There will also be a service streamed on the Facebook page at 5pm on Wednesday.

Both these 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 noon and Thursdays 2pm until 4pm. *Please note change of times.* 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.