

### 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, 23 August 2020

*Pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia*

Upper Islwyn Ministry Area

Diocesan office staff Beth Davies, Libbie O'Brien, Sarah Rosser, Zoe Ward and Libby Morgan-Owen

Mount Street, Nantgavenny Lane

#### Monday, 24 August 2020

Kibondo (*Tanzania*)

Kigali (*Rwanda*)

Kigeme (*Rwanda*)

Usk Ministry Area

Usk CiW Primary School

Nevill Street, Newlands

#### Tuesday, 25 August 2020

Olo (*South Sudan*)

Busan (*Korea*)

Kigezi (*Uganda*)

Wentloog Ministry Area

St Mellons CiW Primary School; Bishop Childs CiW

Primary School

North Street, Old Barn Way

#### Wednesday, 26 August 2020

Olympia (*The Episcopal Church*)

Busoga (*Uganda*)

Wentwood Ministry Area

Diocesan parsonage inspector Garry Reeder

DAC officer Stephen Peel

Old Hereford Road, Old Monmouth Road

#### Thursday, 27 August 2020

Omu-Aran (*Nigeria*)

Butare (*Rwanda*)

Butere (*Kenya*)

Parishes and benefices whose ministry areas are yet to be decided

Diocesan spirituality co-ordinator Jane Butler

Diocesan communications Officer Debra Goddard

Orchard Close, Orchard Mews

#### Friday, 28 August 2020

On the Lake (*Nigeria*)

Buye (*Burundi*)

Newport Night Shelter

Ordinands and LLMs in training

Raven House Trust

Orchard Street, Osbourne Court

#### Saturday, 29 August 2020

On the Niger (*Nigeria*)

Byumba (*Rwanda*)

Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh (*Ireland*)

Religious and New Monastic

Communities

The Representative Body

Roman Catholic Clergy and People

Ostringen Close, Oxford Street

#### Sick:

Emily Chicken; Ian Clissold; Sian Davies;

Tania; Rosemary Aurelius; Max

Roebuck; Gwyneth Jones; Sheila Davies;

David Edwards

#### Recently departed:

Richard Grey, Priest

#### Sunday, August 23 – Trinity 11

Isaiah 51. 1-6

Psalm 138

Romans 12. 1-8

Matthew 16. 13-20

#### Monday, August 24 – Bartholomew, Apostle

Isaiah 43. 8-13

Psalm 145. 1-7

Acts 5. 12-16

Luke 22. 24-30

#### Tuesday, August 25

2 Thessalonians 2. 1-17

Psalm 96. 7-13

Matthew 23. 23-26

#### Wednesday, August 26

2 Thessalonians 3. 6-10, 16-18

Psalm 128

Matthew 23. 27-32

#### Thursday, August 27

1 Corinthians 1. 1-9

Psalm 145. 1-7

Matthew 24. 42-51

#### Friday, August 28

1 Corinthians 1. 17-25

Psalm 33. 1-12

Matthew 25. 1-13

#### Saturday, August 29

1 Corinthians 1. 26-31

Psalm 33. 12-22

Matthew 25. 14-30

## St Mary's Priory & Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Abergavenny, St Peter's, Llanwenarth Citra August 23 - Trinity 11 (Proper 16)

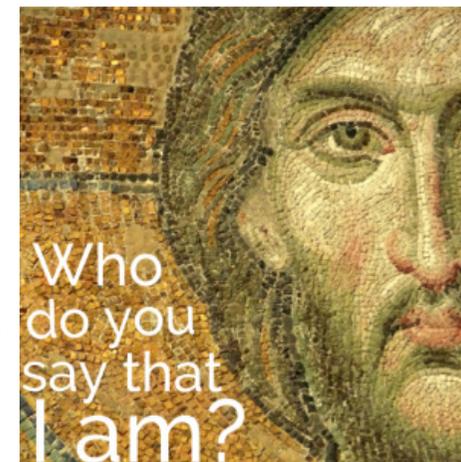
Our Gospel Reading today describes a pivotal moment in the ministry of Jesus. At Caesarea Philippi, surrounded by symbols of other religions, He asks the disciples “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” and then the more direct and searching question “But who do you say that I am?”.

Peter, on this occasion, gets it right! He answers “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God”.

In recognising Jesus as the Son of God, Peter and the disciples were making a commitment. As Christians, we profess Jesus as the Son of God, and also make a commitment. That commitment is that we may be the living sacrifices of which Paul writes in our New Testament Reading, using the gifts, skills and abilities which God has given to each of us in His service.

Set our hearts on fire with love of thee, O Christ our God, that in that flame we may love thee with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength, and our neighbours as ourselves; so that, keeping they commandments, we may glorify thee, the giver of all good gifts.

*Source unknown  
(Eastern Orthodox)*



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### THE COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 the Prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.  
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.  
Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.  
For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.  
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be for ever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

A Reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 · of the / Lord:  
that great is the / glory / of the / Lord.

For though the Lord be high, \* yet hath he respect /  
unto · the / lowly:  
as for the proud, he / humbleth · 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 Matthew  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

### **NOTICES**

➤ **Worship in church:** St Mary's will hold its first service of Holy Eucharist since lockdown next Sunday, August 30. Please note that places are limited. Full details of how you can attend and the safety measures around the service are on the attached/enclosed note.

➤ **Internet services:** The following services will be streamed on Abergavenny Anglican Churches Together Facebook page:

- **Sunday:** The 10.30am Parish Eucharist. (NB: From next Sunday, the service in St Mary's will be recorded and made available on the internet later in the day.)

- **Wednesday:** Evensong at 5pm.

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.

➤ **Enclosures:** Enclosed with this pew leaflet are:

- A copy of the 1984 Order of Service, as this will now be used from August 30 (copies will also be available in St Mary's for the 10.30am service). The 2004 service will be used for today's service.
- Fr Jeff's Pastoral Letter
- The notes
- Parfitt's Ponderings
- Information for those wishing to attend services