

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, 30 August 2020

Pray for the United Church of South India—The Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam - Moderator of CSI and Bishop of South Kerala.

Royal School of Church Music

Schools in the Diocese

Social workers, counsellors and all working with

vulnerable adults and children

Pant Lane, Park Avenue

Monday, 31 August 2020

Kimberley & Kuruman (*Southern Africa*)

Kindu (*Congo*)

Kinkiizi (*Uganda*)

Society of Catholic Priests

Society of the Sacred Cross

Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge

United Society Partners in the Gospel

Park Close, Park Court

Tuesday, 1 September 2020

Ondo (*Nigeria*)

Calabar (*Nigeria*)

Kinshasa (*Congo*)

The Bishop's Office: Bishop Cherry, Vicki Stevens

Diocesan Chancellor Mark Powell

Diocesan Registrar Tim Russen

Pant Lane, Park Avenue

Wednesday, 2 September 2020

Ontario (*Canada*)

Calcutta (*North India*)

Newport Cathedral: Jonathan Williams

Cathedral Chapter Canons and Honorary Canons

Park Close, Park Court

Thursday, 3 September 2020

Ogbomoso (*Nigeria*)

Caledonia (*Canada*)

Calgary (*Canada*)

The Archdeacons of Monmouth, Newport and the

Gwent Valleys, the Archdeacons and the Area Deans.

Park Crescent, Park Lane

Friday, 4 September 2020

Oregon (*The Episcopal Church*)

California (*The Episcopal Church*)

Abergavenny Ministry Area

Llantilio Pertholey CiW Primary School

Director of Ministry Ambrose Mason

Park Road, Park Street

Saturday, 5 September 2020

Orlu (*Nigeria*)

Cameroon (*West Africa*)

Kirinyaga (*Kenya*)

Pen-y-Fal Road, Pen-y-Pound Court

Sick:

Emily Chicken; Ian Clissold; Sian Davies;

Tania; Rosemary Aurelius; Max

Roebuck; Gwyneth Jones; Sheila Davies;

David Edwards

Recently departed:

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, August 30 – Trinity 12

Jeremiah 15. 15-21

Psalms 26. 1-8

Romans 12. 9-21

Matthew 16. 21-28

Monday, August 31

1 Corinthians 2. 1-5

Psalms 119. 97-103

Luke 4. 16-30

Tuesday, September 1

1 Corinthians 2. 10-16

Psalms 145. 8-14

Luke 4. 31-37

Wednesday, September 2

1 Corinthians 3. 1-9

Psalms 62

Luke 4. 38-44

Thursday, September 3 – Gregory the Great

1 Corinthians 3. 18-23

Psalms 24. 1-6

Luke 5. 1-11

Friday, September 4

1 Corinthians 4. 1-5

Psalms 37. 1-11

Luke 5. 33-39

Saturday, September 5

1 Corinthians 4. 6-15

Psalms 145. 13b-21

Luke 6. 1-5

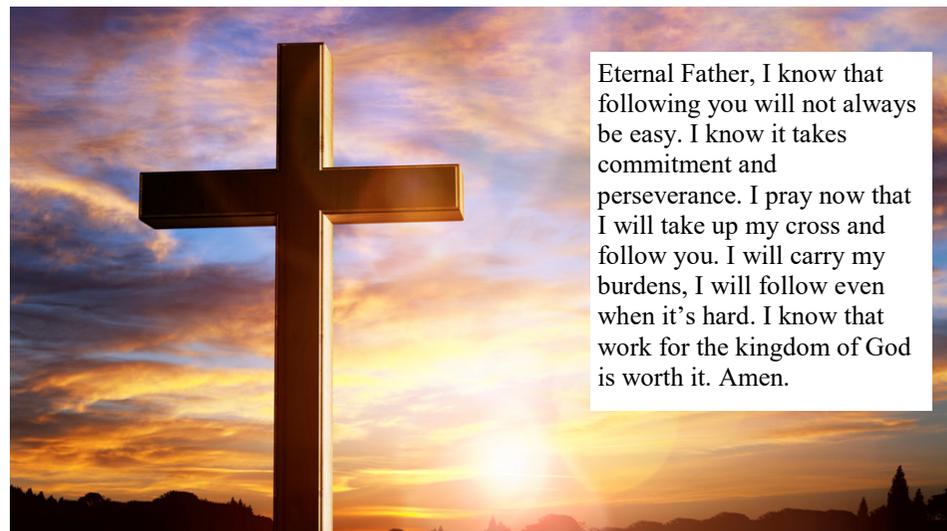
St Mary's Priory & Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Abergavenny, St Peter's, Llanwenarth Citra August 30 - Trinity 12 (Proper 17)

Having earned plaudits from Jesus in last week's Gospel Reading for recognising Him as the Messiah, Peter again speaks in this week's reading – but this time is rebuked by Jesus.

We should not criticise Peter. Having been told that the leader whom he admires and loves is the Messiah, he is then told that the Messiah has to go to Jerusalem, suffer and be put to death. Possibly the shock of this was so great that he did not hear the point about being raised after three days. It is therefore understandable that he cannot believe that this will happen.

The rebuke by Jesus is harsh, possibly because in the shock and love expressed by Peter, he saw temptation to avoid suffering, hence the reference to Satan.

Jesus continues by telling the disciples what is required to be one of His followers. The words of Paul to the church at Rome in our New Testament reading tell us what is required of us in our daily lives when we accept that task.



Eternal Father, I know that following you will not always be easy. I know it takes commitment and perseverance. I pray now that I will take up my cross and follow you. I will carry my burdens, I will follow even when it's hard. I know that work for the kingdom of God is worth it. Amen.

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THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 Jeremiah.

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,

but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you

to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

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

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly, do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.'

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 26. 1-8

Be thou my judge O Lord, * for I have / walked / innocently:

and my trust hath been / steadfast / in the / Lord.

Examine me O / Lord and / prove me:

try out my / heart / and my / mind.

For thy loving—kindness is ever be-/fore mine / eyes:

and / I will / walk in · thy / truth.

I have not sat with / wicked / doers:
neither will I have / fellow · ship / with · the de- / ceitful.

I have hated the company / of the / wicked:
and will not / sit a-/ mong · the un-/ godly.

I will wash my hands in innocence / O / Lord
and so will I / go a- / bout thine / altar,

That I may lift up the / voice of / thanksgiving:
and tell of / all thy / wondrous / works.

Lord I have loved the habitation / of thy / house:
and the / place · where thine / honour / dwelleth.

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

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who would save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what does it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to Christ our Lord.

NOTICES

➤ **Welcome back to church:** St Mary's will hold its first service of Holy Eucharist since lockdown today. If you would like to attend next week's service, please book your place by contacting Maggie at the Tithe Barn (01873 858787) on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 10am and 2pm. These will be allocated on a "first-come-first-served" basis. You are now able to give your weekly offering via contactless technology at St Mary's. Details of how this works, as well as more information on booking, are included in the September magazine, out this weekend.

➤ **Order of Service:** If you are attending the St Mary's service it would be much appreciated if you could print out your pew leaflet, and the Order of Service included in last week's emailing/letters, and bring them with you. There will be spare copies in church if you unable to do this. Thanks.

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

- **Sunday:** The 10.30am Parish Eucharist. (NB: The service will be recording at St Mary's and made available on the internet later today.)

- **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, Christchurch and Holy Trinity remain open for private prayer. For details of days and times please see the additional notes. *Please note St Mary's will not be open on Bank Holiday Monday.*

➤ **Next steps:** Fr Tom will be licensed by the Bishop of Wakefield as Associate Priest of Grimethorpe with Bierley, Ryhill and South Kirby on September 3. Please pray for him as he takes this next step on his ministerial journey.