

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, 9 August 2020

Pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda
Caldicot Ministry Area

Archbishop Rowan Williams CiW Primary School
Diocesan Director of Education Annette Daly
Lime Tree Court, Lime Tree Meadows

Monday, 10 August 2020

Ohaji / Egbema (Nigeria)
Brisbane (Australia)

Chepstow Ministry Area
Acting director of vocations Becca Stevens
The Diocese of the Highveld
Linden Avenue, Lion Street

Tuesday, 11 August 2020

Ohio (The Episcopal Church)
Bristol (England)
Katanga (Congo)

Cwmbran Ministry Area
Henllys CiW Primary School
Bishop's adviser for healing, wholeness & reconciliation
Beverley Smith
Llanover Way, Llanwenarth Lane

Wednesday, 12 August 2020

Oji River (Nigeria)
British Columbia (Canada)
Cyncoed Ministry Area
All Saints CiW Primary School and St David's CiW
Primary School
Llwyn Du, Llwynu Lane

Thursday, 13 August 2020

Okene (Nigeria)
Buhiga (Burundi)
Bujumbura (Burundi)
Goetre Ministry Area
Bishop's advisor for deliverance ministry John Connell
Llwynu Road, Lower Castle Street

Friday, 14 August 2020

Oke-Ogun (Nigeria)
Bukavu (Congo)
Lower Islwyn Ministry Area
Aneurin Bevan Health Board ministry team
Lower Monk Street, Maes Y Llarwydd

Saturday, 15 August 2020

Oke-Osun (Nigeria)
Bukedi (Uganda)
Katsina (Nigeria)
Magor Ministry Area
Magor CiW Primary School
The Mothers' Union
Majors Close, Maple Close

Sick:

Emily Chicken; Ian Clissold; Sian Davies;
Tania; Rosemary Aurelius; Max
Roebuck; Gwyneth Jones; Sheila Davies

Recently departed:

Anne Morgan

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, August 9 – Trinity 9

1 Kings 19. 9-18

Psalms 85. 8-13

Romans 10. 5-15

Matthew 14. 22-33

Monday, August 10

Ezekiel 1. 1-5, 24-28

Psalms 148. 1-4, 13, 14

Matthew 17. 22-27

Tuesday, August 11

Ezekiel 2.8 – 3.4

Psalms 119. 65-72

Matthew 18. 1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 12

Ezekiel 9. 1-7; 10. 18-22

Psalms 113

Matthew 18. 15-20

Thursday, August 13

Ezekiel 12. 1-16

Psalms 39. 10-13

Matthew 18.21 – 19.1

Friday, August 14

Ezekiel 16. 1-15, 59-63

Psalms 11

Matthew 19. 3-12

Saturday, August 15 – Mary,

Mother of our Lord

Isaiah 6. 1, 10-11

Psalms 45. 10-17

Galatians 4. 4-7

Luke 1. 46-55

St Mary's Priory & Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Abergavenny, St Peter's, Llanwenarth Citra August 9 - Trinity 9 (Proper 14)

When looking at our current circumstances it is easy to say 'What strange times we live in!'.

Like the disciples in the boat today we may feel that we are in the midst of a whirling storm. The dangers and confusion which seems to swirl around us can leave us feeling vulnerable and insecure.

Jesus is our rock of certainty in such times. He cuts through the storm his followers are facing to give them faith and reassurance. Peter gets out of the boat to walk to Jesus on the water and while he focuses on Jesus he makes progress, but when he gets overwhelmed by the storm he cries out for help.

In the midst of these troubled times we are called to keep our gaze fixed, not on the hurley burley around us, but on Jesus, who created order out of chaos in the beginning, who loves us and who has a plan for each of our lives.

Lord Jesus, strengthen my faith so that
I will neither fear nor doubt you.

Grant me the strength of your hand to
help others who are afraid, like Simon
Peter.

We give thanks that you are ever with
us, our strength and shield, our
protector and our joy.

Help us to share that joy with those
around us, in love and prayer.

Amen.



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THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A Reading from the First Book of Kings.

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

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

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the Law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved'.

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 85. 8-13

I will hearken what the Lord / God will / say:
for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his servants * even / unto · the / upright · in / heart.

Surely his salvation is nigh / them that / fear him:
that his / glory · may / dwell · in our / land.

Mercy and truth are / met to- / gether:
righteousness and / peace · have em- / braced each / other.

Truth shall flourish / out · of the / earth:
and righteousness / shall look / down from / heaven.

Yea the Lord shall / give pros- / perity:
and our / land shall / yield her / increase.

Righteousness shall / go be- / fore him:
and where he / walketh · there / shall be / peace.

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

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to Christ our Lord.

NOTICES

➤ **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.

All 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.