

NOTES FOR 06.09.20

- Here is the schedule of programmes you can catch on the BBC this week:
 - Celebration – a weekly act of worship, this week led by the Sean Stillman, founder of Zac's Place in Swansea – 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, from St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh -Sunday 3.00pm BBC Radio 3
 - Choral Evensong, from Neresheim Abbey, Germany, with the Royal Academy of Music Chamber Choir - Wednesday 3.30pm BBC Radio 3
 - Sunday Worship – Heaven is a noisy place: Neil MacGregor finds spiritual inspiration in the religious art of the National Gallery - Sunday 8.10am BBC Radio 4
 - Songs of Praise: Claire McCollum visits Cornwall's Eden Project, and JB Gill goes surfing with a Christian who came back to faith whilst catching waves. from
 - Prayer for the Day – BBC Radio 4 daily at 5.43am
 - Daily Service – BBC Radio 4 LW daily 9.45am

- Sunday church services:
 - St Mary's: Holy Eucharist at 10.30am today – this service will be at 11am with effect from next Sunday, September 13. If you would like to book a place, 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. 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.
 - Holy Trinity: Holy Eucharist at 10.30am today and subsequent Sundays. Places are limited to 30, no booking is required.
 - St Peter's: Holy Eucharist/Morning Prayer at 10am from next Sunday, September 13 (when there will be Holy Eucharist). Places are limited to 18 and should be booked with Chris and Sheila Cotterill (telephone 01873 855674).
 - Christchurch is working on re-opening as soon as possible.
 - Please note that social distancing, hand sanitizing and Test, Trace, Protect procedures will be in operation at all churches. Single sheet Orders of Service will be used (on screen at Holy Trinity). There will be no tea and coffee after any of these services.

- 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. 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 stalls 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.
 - 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: <https://www.facebook.com/AberACT>. Previous services are available under the 'videos' tab.
- Services are as follows:
- Sunday Parish Mass from St Mary's – please note this service will be recorded and then put on the internet during the afternoon.
 - 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.