

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, 6 September 2020

Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Bedwas with Machen Ministry Area

Diocesan Secretary Isabel Thompson

Pentre Lane, Pentre Road

Monday, 7 September 2020

Oru (*Nigeria*)

Canberra & Goulburn (*Australia*)

Blaenavon Ministry Area

Blaenavon Heritage CiW Primary School

Plantagent Court, Plas Derwan Close

Tuesday, 8 September 2020

Osaka (*Japan*)

Canterbury (*England*)

Caerleon Ministry Area

Charles Williams CiW Primary School and Ponthir CiW

Primary School

Poplars Close, Poplars Court

Plas Derwen View, Plas Derwen Way

Wednesday, 9 September 2020

Osun (*Nigeria*)

Cape Coast (*West Africa*)

Caldicot Ministry Area

Archbishop Rowan Williams CiW Primary School

Diocesan Director of Education Annette Daly

Poplars Road, Prince's Street

Thursday, 10 September 2020

Osun North (*Nigeria*)

Cape Town (*Southern Africa*)

Carlisle (*England*)

Chepstow Ministry Area

Acting Director of Vocations Becca Stevens

The Diocese of the Highveld

Priory Gardens, Priory Lane

Friday, 11 September 2020

Osun North East (*Nigeria*)

Cashel & Ossory (*Ireland*)

Cwmbran Ministry Area

Henllys CiW Primary School

Bishop's adviser for healing, wholeness & reconciliation

Beverley Smith

Priory Road, Prospect Lane

Saturday, 12 September 2020

Ottawa (*Canada*)

Central Buganda (*Uganda*)

Cyncoed Ministry Area

All Saints CiW Primary School and St

David's CiW Primary School

Queen Street, Radstock Court

Sick:

Emily Chicken; Ian Clissold; Sian Davies;

Tania; Rosemary Aurelius; Max

Roebuck; Gwyneth Jones; Sheila Davies;

David Edwards

Banns of marriage:

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Recently departed:

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, September 6

Ezekiel 33. 7-11

Psalms 119. 33-40

Romans 13. 8-14

Matthew 18. 15-20

Monday, September 7

1 Corinthians 5. 1-8

Psalms 5

Luke 6. 6-11

Tuesday, September 8 – Nativity BVM

1 Corinthians 6. 1-11

Psalms 149. 1-5

Luke 6. 12-19

Wednesday, September 9

1 Corinthians 7. 25-31

Psalms 45. 10-17

Luke 6. 20-26

Thursday, September 10

1 Corinthians 8. 1-13

Psalms 139. 1-10, 23, 24

Luke 6. 27-38

Friday, September 11 – Deniol, Bishop

1 Corinthians 9. 16-27

Psalms 84

Luke 6. 39-42

Saturday, September 12

1 Corinthians 10. 14-22

Psalms 116. 12-19

Luke 6. 43-49

St Mary's Priory & Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Abergavenny, St Peter's, Llanwenarth Citra September 6 - Trinity 13 (Proper 18)

Our readings this week contain the theme of reconciliation. The prophet Ezekiel is charged by God to act as a sentinel, warning the exiled nation of the need to amend their ways. God shows His wish for reconciliation by hoping that the people will turn from their wickedness.

Paul, writing to the church at Rome, shows the importance of reconciliation by speaking of the need to show love, reminding us that "love is the fulfilling of the law".

Jesus, in our Gospel reading, speaks of what we should do when we are attempting to be reconciled with someone whom we feel has hurt or offended us.

The consequences of a lack of reconciliation are evident in the world at large, in our local communities and even within the church.

We are both charged and challenged, as followers of Christ, to offer and practice reconciliation. It is not always an easy task, requiring courage, prayer and humility, but God will guide us and give us His support.

Lord, you see the point at which discussions turn to arguments and preferences to arguments.

You know the love inside our hearts for one another that sings and dances and aches and worries.

Work on us now in the depth of our being and bless our loved ones with a sense of joy.

Amen.



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THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

A Reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

A Reading from the letter to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the Law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the Law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

For salvation is nearer to us now than when we

became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 119.33-40

Teach me O Lord the / way of · thy / statutes:
if I keep it / I shall / be re- / warded.

Give me understanding, and I shall / keep thy / law:
yea I shall keep it / with my / whole / heart.

Make me to go in the path of / thy com- /
mandments:
for there- / in is / my de- / light.

Incline my heart / unto · thy / testimonies:
and / not to / covetous · de- / sires.

O turn away mine eyes* lest they be- / hold vain /
things:
and give me live ac- / cording / to thy / word.

Confirm thy word / unto · thy / servant:
and / unto / them that / fear thee.

Take away the reproach that / I am · a- / fraid of:
for thy / judgements / are / good.

Behold I / long for · thy / precepts:
in thy / righteous · ness / give me / life.

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples.

'If another member of the Church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have

regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the Church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the Church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. 'Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 'For where two or three are gathered in my name I am there among them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to Christ our Lord.

NOTICES

➤**Services:**

- Holy Eucharist at St Mary's at 10.30am. 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. Otherwise, please put your offering in an envelope in the postbox on St Mary's Vicarage gate. **Please note that as from Sunday, September 13, this service will revert to its pre-lockdown 11am start time.**
- Holy Eucharist at Holy Trinity: Sundays from today at 10.30am. Places are limited to 30 and no booking is required.
- Holy Eucharist/Morning Prayer at St Peter's: Sundays from August 13 (first service will be Holy Eucharist). Places are limited to 18, to book please contact Chris & Sheila Cotterill on 01873 85855674.
- Christchurch is working on re-opening shortly.

➤**Pew leaflet/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, or bring the printed one posted through your door. We have slightly updated the Order of Service and

this was included in weekly email and, again, it would be appreciated if you could print it out and bring it with you. There will be hard copies available in church.

➤**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.

➤**Fr Tom:** The churchwardens have received a lovely 'Thank You' letter from Fr Tom, which will be displayed in the churches and also printed in the October magazine. He greatly appreciated the gift we gave him and the kindness, friendship and prayers shown to both him and Paul during their time with us.