

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICES

DECEMBER 2023

Readings: Year B

SUNDAY 3rd December: The First Sunday of Advent (Purple)

- 9 a.m. Family Service at Devauden
- 10 a.m. Sung Eucharist at St Arvans
- 11.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Penterry

Isaiah 64. 1-9; Psalm 80. 1-7 1 Corinthians 1. 3-9 St Mark 13. 24-37

SUNDAY 10th December: The Second Sunday of Advent (Rose / Purple)

- 10 a.m. Sung Eucharist at St Arvans
- 10.30 a.m. Advent Liturgy of the Word at Itton

Isaiah 40. 1-11; Psalm 85. 8-13; 2 Peter 3. 8-15a; St Mark 1. 1-8

Friday 15th December:

- 6 p.m. Carols around the Christmas Tree in St Arvans Churchyard**
with Chepstow Town Band (*held in church if bad weather*)

SUNDAY 17th December: The Third Sunday of Advent (Rose / Purple)

- 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Devauden
- 10 a.m. Sung Eucharist at St Arvans

*Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or Canticle: Magnificat (Luke 1. 47-55)
1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24; John 1. 6-8, 19-28*

Wednesday 20th December:

- 7 p.m. Nine Lessons & Carols by candlelight at Itton

Friday 22nd December:

- 6 p.m. Nine Lessons & Carols at St Arvans

SUNDAY 24th December: The Fourth Sunday of Advent (Purple)

- 10 a.m. Sung Eucharist at St Arvans

*2 Samuel 7. 1-11, 16; Canticle: Magnificat (Luke 1. 47-55); or Psalm 89. 1-4, 19-26 or
Psalm 89. 1-8; Romans 16. 25-27; Luke 1. 26-38*

CHRISTMAS EVE

(White)

- 4.30 p.m. Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's, Penterry
- 6.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Carol Service at St James, Devauden
- 11. p.m. Midnight Mass** (*The first Eucharist of Christmas*)
at St Arvans

This is the 'midnight' celebration for all our parishes – please join us!

Monday December 25th: CHRISTMAS DAY (White)

The Nativity of Our Lord

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Carols at St James, Devauden
10 a.m. Christmas Morning Family Eucharist at St Arvans
11.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Carols at St Deiniol's, Itton

There will be a celebration of the Eucharist in the Lady Chapel at St Arvans each day at 10 a.m. throughout Christmas Week

SUNDAY 31st December: The First Sunday of Christmas (White)

(The Holy Family)

10 a.m. Sung Eucharist at St Arvans

Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4. 4-7; St Luke 2. 15-21

Some Saints' Days in December:

St Francis Xavier (3rd) St Nicholas (6th) St Ambrose (7th) The Immaculate Conception (8th) St Lucy (13th) St John of the Cross (14th) St Stephen (26th) St John (27th) Holy Innocents (28th) St Thomas of Canterbury (29th)

JANUARY 20243

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SUNDAY 7th January: kept as THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

(White)

9 a.m. Family Service at Devauden
10 a.m. Sung Eucharist at St Arvans
11.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with hymns at Penterry

Isaiah 60. 1-6; Psalm 72. 10-15; Ephesians 3. 1-12; St Matthew 2. 1-12

SUNDAY 14th January: The Second Sunday of Epiphany

10 a.m. Sung Eucharist at St Arvans
10.30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word at Itton

1 Samuel 3. 1-10, [11-20]; Psalm 139. 1-6, 13-18 or 139. 1-10; Revelation 5. 1-10; St John 1. 43-51

Sunday 21st January: The Third Sunday of Epiphany

(Green)

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Devauden
10 a.m. Sung Eucharist at St Arvans

Genesis 14. 17-20; Psalm 128; Revelation 19. 6-10; St John 2. 1-11

SUNDAY 28th January:

kept as **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** (*White*)

'Candlemas'

10 a.m. Sung Eucharist at St Arvans

11.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Itton

Malachi 3. 1-5; Psalm 24. [1-6,] 7-10; Hebrews 2. 14-18; St Luke 2. 22-40

Some Saints' Days in January:

Mary, Mother of God / The Naming of Jesus (1st) St Basil & St Gregory Nazianzen (2nd)

The Baptism of the Lord (this year on 8th) St Aelred of Rievaulx (12th) St Hilary of Poitiers (13th) St Anthony of Egypt (17th) St Francis de Sales (24th)
The Conversion of St Paul (25th) Ss Timothy & Titus (26th) St John Chrysostom (27th)

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from the 18th – 25th January
Prayers will be offered at all liturgies for the unity of all who follow Christ

Weekdays: (*except Mondays and vacation periods*) the Eucharist is celebrated at 9 a.m.
at St Arvan's.

Please check the weekly newsletter for current details of all services & for Festivals

Night Prayer in Advent

Night Prayer of Compline, preceded by a short reflection, is celebrated at the Lady Chapel St Arvan's normally on a Wednesday evening (although sometimes on a Thursday) throughout the year. It has been up to now only a live-streamed service. During Advent, as a way of preparing for Christmas, we are opening it up to a congregation for anyone wishes who to attend throughout the Ministry Area and beyond. It begins at 8 p.m. and lasts, with a period of silent prayer following the liturgy, for about twenty five minutes.