

**SUNDAY 13 October 2024      Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

**HARVEST SUNDAY IN ST ARVANS**

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**COLLECT**

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; through 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 Amos (5:6-7. 10-15).*

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

**PSALM 90** (13-end)

**R** *We shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.*

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?

be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. **R**

Make us glad by the measure of the days

that you afflicted us

and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works

and your splendour to their children. **R**  
May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork. **R**

## **SECOND READING**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (4:12-end)*

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

## **GOSPEL St. Mark**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (10:17-31). **R: Glory to you O Lord***

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'" He said to Jesus, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything

and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord* **R: Praise to you O Christ**

## **POST COMMUNION**

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

### **Our services:**

#### **St Arvans: 10am Sung Eucharist**

(available to view on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/vicaragecello1>)

#### **St Deiniol, Itton 11.30am** Liturgy of the Word

You can find details of services across the whole Ministry Area on our website [www.severnwyema.co.uk](http://www.severnwyema.co.uk)

.....

**HARVEST DONATIONS IN ST ARVANS:** We have decided to accept donations for DIGNITY ( a local women’s charity ) instead of fruit and vegetables

There will be a BOX in St Arvans Church for donations of LADIES UNDERWEAR ( pants small sizes : size 10 only ) ; sanitary towels etc and deodorants.

The donation box will be available for the MONTH OF OCTOBER. CASH DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

## **TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Wave of Light is an opportunity to join with bereaved parents, families and friends around the globe to commemorate all babies who sadly died too soon. There will be a commemorative Service of Light in St Mary’s Priory at 7pm on Tuesday. Alternatively people are invited to light a candle for one hour at home, starting at 7pm to join the global Wave of Light at the end of Baby Loss Awareness week.

**FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER** the children from LITTLE TREES NURSERY will visit St Arvans Church. Rev Zoe, the Ministry Area Leader will be there to greet them. If you would like to come along to welcome the children you would be very welcome.

**ST ARVANS PARISH SUPPER ON FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER** ( see poster in September magazine, and posters in the Church ).

**LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD:**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE** 10TH NOVEMBER WILL BE HELD IN ST ARVANS CHURCH : 10.00 a.m. With the Act of Remembrance at 11am

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Carols around the Tree** with Chepstow Town Band to be held on FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER: The collection will be for the SALVATION ARMY.

**NINE LESSONS & CAROLS** : to be held on SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 6.00 p.m

Mr Tim Hill, the Musical Director from St Martins, Roath will be leading the choir this year. And Mrs Dorothy Wilson our own talented organist will take local rehearsals in St Arvans Church for those who usually are in the Choir.

**MIDNIGHT MASS:** as normal 11.00 p.m. on Tuesday 24th December

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** 10.00 a.m. Christmas morning Eucharist at St Arvans

-----

**The Ministry Area Prayer Group meets every Thursday 7.45pm – 9pm**

Future prayer meetings will be held in:

17<sup>th</sup> October St. Arvans

24<sup>th</sup> October St. Tewdric, Mathern

31<sup>st</sup> October St. Thomas a Becket, Shirenewton

-----

**The Ministry Area Bible Study Group meets every Tuesday in Shirenewton Church Rooms at 2.45pm** Everyone is most welcome - we are a small and very friendly group, and our study is very practically based: what does the bible mean for the way we should be living our lives today.

=====

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October: An Evening of Music.** Sarah Waycott on Flute, Olivia Dance of Piano. St Pierre Church 7pm. Tickets £10 in aid of the church.

---

---