

# The Priory Church of St Mary



## Reflection



You are my hiding place O Lord.  
You know me by name.  
My thoughts and deeds are seen by you  
and their memory brings pain.

I come to you with a tear worn soul,  
I come to you in grief.  
I need the love from your loving heart  
that I may be at peace.

Reach out my Lord and touch my soul  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
Reach out and draw me from the dark  
And let your love-light in.

Your love that fills my soul with joy,  
That makes the wild wind sing.  
In whiteness, brightness, claim my soul  
My loving heavenly King.

Pat Robson (Shared by Richard Welsford)

### Christian Aid

Christian Aid calls on us to be global good neighbours as it launches its Autumn appeal.

In communities across Wales in the last few months, one thing has been key to help us through the Coronavirus pandemic – good, loving neighbour. They have gone the second mile and, crucially, they have loved their communities and its people with a passion.

Without that love, the Covid crisis would have been far tougher to face.

Christian Aid wants to celebrate that neighbourly love in a special Autumn Appeal and it wants to do so by extending the same support given to those neighbours who are near, to those who are far.

Jesus called on us to love our neighbours as ourselves (Mark 12:31) and the Autumn Appeal is an opportunity to do just that. Further information to follow from the Church in Wales

## St Mary's Services

Holy Eucharist services will be held at the following times over the next month:

30<sup>th</sup> August: 8am

6<sup>th</sup> September: 10.30am

13<sup>th</sup> September: 8am

20<sup>th</sup> September: 10.30am

27<sup>th</sup> September: 8am

Please bring a pen to complete your information on the track and trace form.

Social distancing will be observed.

## Ministry Area News



Bishop Cherry has brought to the attention of the members of Usk Ministry Area Council that a potential candidate for the position of priest in charge of the Usk Ministry Area has come forward from within the Diocese.

The Ministry Area Council has agreed that this person should be called for interview, and if found to be suitable, duly appointed.

We are sure you will agree that this is positive news during this time of anxiety and uncertainty.

**Usk Ministry Area Council**

**Llantrisant and Llanllowell:** " We are obviously very blessed to have a church which is sufficiently large to be able to accommodate its small regular congregation for common worship whilst complying with Government Regulations and Church Guidance. However nature always has a way of providing other challenges: in the last week part of the churchyard wall at Llanllowell has fallen into the adjacent stream, whilst at Llantrisant a very large oak tree has come down over numerous graves and torn up one of the entry gates. **Sandy Blair**

### Diocesan News

You are invited to an open discussion on Digital Ministry

We knew that God would help us make the best of our struggles with coronavirus and lockdown. We probably didn't realise that being forced to use online worship to support our churches would teach us so much about outreach and technology and how they can work for the growth of the Kingdom. Monmouth Diocese would like to learn from you: how have you used online worship and social media to keep church alive during the lockdown; how did congregations respond; who responded who hadn't been part of your church community before the virus; how can we keep these new contacts and bring them into church; and what we can do to provide resources and training to make the most of the opportunities for outreach and fellowship that lie ahead?

So we're holding two Zoom meetings to share experiences and make the most of what we have learned. One meeting will be in the daytime, one in the evening, so that all who want to take part should get their chance. Later in the year, we'll follow up this sharing of ideas and ambitions with training and support for churches and church leaders.

You will need to register on the website or if unable to join on line you can complete a survey – contact a member for a copy of the PCC if you cannot access the website.  
<https://mobile.twitter.com/MonmouthDCO/status/1296477790041251845>

#### Remember in your prayers

We were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Mrs Pamela Davies, widow of the late Rev Rendle Davies who was Vicar of St Mary's for 36 years. She was a devoted member of the church community, taking part in the Mothers Union, the Guild and Ladies Group. She was well-known for the magnificent sponge cakes - very popular at our coffee mornings- and also her wonderful work at Sweets Fishing Tackle Shop.

Our thoughts and prayers are with their daughter, Catherine.

Please also remember in your prayers the families of the recently departed Bob Pegington and Marilyn Williams.

Congratulations to the young people in our community who, in the most difficult of circumstances, have achieved good grades in their academic and vocational awards.

May God bless them, and be with them as they move forward into their chosen path of higher or further education, or into the world of work.

We pray also for all children returning to school next month, especially those moving from primary into secondary education. May they be safe, happy and eager to learn.



This prayer, written by a gap-year student when receiving her own results was still fresh in her mind, issued on social media the day before this year's A Level results were released.

Jesus,  
 Keep reminding me of the bigger picture over the next few weeks,  
 Keep me in your hands when all other hands disappear  
 For I am convinced that neither entry requirements nor exam results neither anticipation nor doubts, neither success nor failure, nor any expectations, neither last minute fears nor anxieties, nor anything else in life, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
 Please, don't let me forget it!  
 Amen



**The Archbishop of Wales** calls for us to pledge ourselves to justice, truth and freedom from tyranny as we mark the 75th anniversary of Victory in Japan Day. In his address at the Wales National Service of Thanksgiving for VJ Day.

Archbishop John Davies pays particular tribute to the prisoners of war held by the Japanese who showed "extraordinary spirit" in appalling conditions. He adds, "He and I hope they, would wish us, in our time, to continue to work for and call for a world where brutality and ignorance lie in the dust, defeated by the noble quest for justice and truth, and for freedom from tyranny in any shape or for "This day, may each one of us willingly pledge ourselves to such a noble quest."

Watch the service on the Llandaff Cathedral YouTube channel

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