

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.

Sunday 23 January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
Cwmbran Church in Wales Ministry Area
Henllys and Ponthir CiW Primary Schools
Lower Monk Street, Maes Y Llarwydd

Monday 24 January

Kafanchan – Nigeria
Upper Eastern Valleys Ministry Area
Blaenavon Heritage CiW Primary School
Abertillery Centre of Mission – lead evangelist Hannah Seal CA

The Church Army
Majors Close, Maple Close

Tuesday 25 January The Conversion of Paul

Kagera – Tanzania
Mid-Torfaen Ministry Area
The Church Lads & Church Girls' Brigades
Market Street, Marsh Court

Wednesday 26 January

Kajiado – Kenya
Aneurin Bevan Health Board Chaplaincy Team
The Deaf Church – Honorary Chaplain Mary Moore

Ministry to disabled people
Word with blind people
Those who suffer for their faith
Meadow Close, Meadow Lane

Thursday 27 January

Kajo-Keji – South Sudan
Bishop's advisers for prayer and spirituality
Jane Butler; healing, wholeness & reconciliation
Beverley Smith; and

deliverance John Connell
Ministry of healing
The Order of Jacobs Well
Meadway, Merthyr Road
Friday 28 January

Kamango – L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
Diocesan rural life adviser Tim Clement
Bishop's officer for the retired clergy
Stephen James
Retired clergy and LLMs & those with permission to officiate
Clergy spouses & families
Clergy widows & Dependents Society
Midway Close, Midway Lane

Saturday 29 January

Kampala – Uganda
Archbishop for Wales Fund for Children
Church Mission Society
Church Pastoral Aid Society
Mill Close, Mill Street

Sick:

Emily Chicken; Sian Davies; Tania;
Rosemary Aurelius; Sheila Davies; David
Rowe Beddoe; Keith Hopkinson; Penny
Evans; Derrick Berrington; Bill Craze; Ewan
Macrae

Banns of Marriage:**Faithful departed:**

Paul Wilfred Hughes
Anthony Lapping
Richard Howells
Pam Walters

Today's readings— Epiphany 3

Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19. 1-6
1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a
Luke 4. 14-21

St Mary's Priory & Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Abergavenny, St Peter's, Llanwenarth Citra January 23, 2022 - Epiphany 3

Today:

8am	Holy Eucharist	St Mary's	Fr John
9am	Holy Eucharist	Christchurch	Fr Jeremy
10am	Holy Eucharist	St Peter's	Mtr Jan
11am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Trinity	Mtr Lea
11am	Priory Eucharist	St Mary's	Fr John
5pm	Evensong	St Mary's	Fr Jeff

Next Sunday: January 30—Presentation of Christ

8am	Holy Eucharist	St Mary's	Fr Malcolm
9am	Holy Eucharist	Christchurch	Fr John
10am	To be confirmed	St Peter's	To be confirmed
11am	Holy Eucharist	Holy Trinity	Canon Stephen
11am	Priory Eucharist	St Mary's	Fr John
5pm	Evensong	St Mary's	Gaynor

If you require a gluten-free Communion wafer, please let the sidesmen know

WEEKDAY SERVICES (all services at St Mary's unless otherwise stated)**Monday, January 24:**

No services

Tuesday, January 25:

No services

Wednesday, January 26:

10am Holy Eucharist (modern rite)

Thursday, January 27:

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.45am Holy Eucharist (modern rite)

Friday, January 28:

10.15am Holy Eucharist (Holy Trinity– modern rite)
7pm Evensong

Saturday, January 29:

No services

Please remember: Masks must be worn at all times while in church

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COLLECT [Please stand if Eucharist]

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 Nehemiah.
All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands.

Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.'

For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19.1-6

The heavens declare the / glory · of / God:
and the / firma · ment / sheweth · his / handy-work.

One day speaketh / to an- / other:
and one night giveth / knowledge / to an- / other.

There is neither / speech nor / language:
neither are their / voices / heard a- / mong them;

But their sound is gone out into / all / lands:
and their words / into · the / ends · of the / world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle / for the / sun:
which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, * and rejoiceth as a strong / man to / run his / course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven,
* and runneth about unto the end of / it a- / gain:
and there is nothing / hid · from the / heat there- ' of.

SECOND READING

A Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body.

And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body.

If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing be?

If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'

On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe

with great honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations;
and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke.
Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread throughout the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the

attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture had been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to Christ our Lord.

NOTICES:

► **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** The Abergavenny & District Council of Churches has decided that the prayer meetings for this week will still take place, as will the united service, but soup will not be served. All start at noon, except for the united service.

Monday 24th: Abergavenny Baptist Church
Tuesday 25th: The new ADCC President, Lt. Jenni Pryor from the Salvation Army, will lead on Zoom, the link will be circulated before the meeting.

► **Four Churches magazine:** The February edition of the magazine will be available on the last weekend in January. As you know, we are now returning to the previous subscription model for people to receive the magazine—the price has been held again at £10 for the year (for 10 or 11 editions). If you have not already subscribed, it would be appreciated if this could be done by next Sunday, January 23, so that distribution lists can be created. Many thanks.

► **Four Churches magazine deadline:** The deadline for copy for the February edition of the magazine is today, January 23. Please note that copy received after this date may not be included.

► **200 Club:** Thank you to everyone who supported the 200 Club at St Mary's last year. If you would like to join the club again (or for the first time) and be in with a change of winning between £10 and £300 in the quarterly draws—and help your church—please contact Sylvia Jones, club secretary, on 01873 854595.

► **100 Club at Christchurch:** Thanks, too, to everyone who supported this at Christchurch. If you would like to subscribe again, or for the first time, please contact Sheila on 855773 or Caroline on 598811. Thanks.

► **Internet service:** Today's Priory Eucharist at 11am will be livestreamed on Abergavenny Anglican Churches Together Facebook page (facebook.com/AberACT) and St Mary's website (and then available as a video).