

Message from our Superintendent Minister

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God, of Your goodness give me yourself, for You are enough for me. And only in You do I have everything. Julian of Norwich so often hits the mark.

Prayer is the heartbeat of Christian faith. Not in a set language nor formula, but from the heart, the God of all blessing revealed in Jesus Christ who is enough for me. In Christ we have everything we need to commune with our heavenly Father, the Creator of all that is seen and unseen.

In these trying weeks prayer has sustained us as a Circuit. Daily we have opened our hearts to God pouring out supplication and seeking wise council. We have been housebound trying to make sense of a world out of kilter. As Christians we know the world *is* out of kilter; we call it sin. It is in confession we find forgiveness, in thanksgiving we find blessing, in intercession we dare to ask God to bring this world back into balance, always enfolded in our prayers of adoration.

Please do take time to pray these prayers through. Please envisage the folk of each Chapel and ask God's blessing upon them. Please do give your hearts to Jesus, for in Him we have everything, for, as the hymn (StF 147) says;

*'so be it, Lord, thy throne shall never, like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever, till all thy creatures own thy sway.'*

Gordon

Bishpool Methodist Church

Service: Sunday 10.30AM

Lord Jesus

Loving Father

As we journey through another year, give us the grace to look around us to see what we can do to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. May we be always ready to open our eyes, hearts and our arms to comfort those who are going through difficult times.

We ask this prayer in and through the name of Jesus

Amen.

Activities:



Monday: 10am Craft Group

2nd & 4th Tuesday: 10.30am Bible Study

Tuesday: 2.30pm Choir Practice

4th Wednesday: 10.30am Coffee Morning

3rd Thursday: 11am Communion

3rd Thursday: 7.15pm Friendship Circle

Broad Oak/Llancloudy Methodist Chapels

Service: Sunday: 3PM at alternate churches with Sunday School

Lord we praise and bless you for all your care of people throughout this time of anxiety and illness.

We thank you for all the medical staff, support staff and emergency workers who are struggling to cope with the increasing numbers of people with coronavirus. Be with those we know and love, members of our families who are part of this army of carers. Encourage, support and protect them as they minister to those in need. We especially pray that you will protect them from any long-term effects of what they are experiencing. Build up your church and help each of us to value more deeply the fellowship of our congregation who meet in different churches. As we endure social self-isolation, help us to lean on your strength.

Deepen our prayerful relationship with you, acknowledging that you have everything in hand and that in all things you work for our good.

Hold us in your care and keeping. In Jesus name. Amen

Broad Oak



Llancloudy



Caldicot Methodist Church

Service: Sunday: 9.40am First Steps Prayer Meeting, 10AM Worship

3rd Sundays 3PM 'All Friends Together' Fellowship/worship/prayer and more...

Heavenly Father,

We give thanks for the life and witness of our church here Caldicot. We remember all those who over the years have served you and this community through their faithful service and witness.

May we always seek your guidance and direction as we work together in outreach and mission in our community. Help us to reach out to others in faith and hope as we serve you in this time of change.

Amen

Activities:

Monday: 7.30pm Bible Study in short courses

Tuesday (Market Day): All Morning Coffee Morning 11am 'Space To Be' short informal service/7.30pm Friends & Neighbours & 7pm Men's Fellowship (alternately)



Wednesday: Mothers and Toddlers

Thursday: Coffee with God Bible Study

2.30pm Sisterhood

Friday: All Morning Coffee Morning

7pm Choir Practice

Chepstow Methodist Church

Services: Sunday 9AM Worship with Holy Communion on 1st Sunday of month

Sunday 10AM Worship and Junior Church/5PM Healing and Wholeness 3rd Sunday

Holy God, Heavenly Father

In Jesus you showed your true nature which is generous love for all and eager forgiveness to all who turn to you. We praise you that you are always with us so that we are NEVER alone even in times of self-isolation from loved ones, friends and neighbours. We praise you for the generosity of love in the offers of help from our Church fellowship and neighbours others, even those we hardly know. In this season of Spring with evidence of new life and resurrection we are reminded of the death and resurrection of Jesus for our sin, and for the gift of the Holy Spirit who moves among us and in us and again are moved to sing "how great thou art, how great thou art!"

We pray for all missed worshipping together and for those who serve and lead in our Church and in government and we offer ourselves as servants in prayer and worship. For all your love and support we sing "how great thou art, how great thou art!"

Accept these prayers we ask in the Name of Jesus, your Son and our Saviour. Amen

Activities:

Monday: 10am-1.30pm Beacon Coffee Shop/10-11.15am Parents&Tods/7-8pm Prayer-Go make-Teach

Tuesday: 10-1.30pm Beacon Coffee Shop/10-11.15am Parents&Tods/7.30pm Wesley Guild

Wednesday: 10-1.30pm Beacon Coffee Shop/10-11.15am Parents&Tods/

2.45pm Women's Fellowship

Boys Brigade (girls&boys 5-18yrs)) from 5.30-9pm

Thursday: 9.30am Bible Study/11.45am Worship/

12.30pm Community Luncheon / 7pm 'Encounter'

Friday: 10-1.30pm Beacon Coffee Shop/10-11.15am

Parents&Tods/10.30-11.30 Food Co-op

Saturday: 1st-Messy Church/2nd-Men's Breakfast/3rd Lunchtime Saturday Singles Club



Crosskeys Methodist Church

Service: Sunday 11AM

Heavenly Father, We offer our grateful thanks, to Rev Les Jones and all who conduct services of worship, and share fellowship with our church. We give thanks for the weekly Wesley Guild Meetings, with its Theme, 'One Heart / One Way' Also for the weekly Ladies Meeting, now celebrating over 50 years service. We offer our grateful thanks, for the activities, involving young people, held at the church premises.

At this moment in time, we remember natural disasters and the worldwide disease of Coronavirus, that has affected so many people. We offer our grateful thanks to everyone involved in caring for all people directly affected by the disease, and especially think of those scientists who are researching, trying to find a cure for the disease.

O Lord, we pray that once the virus eases, as a church, that a Revival will come, and find many people re – committing their lives in becoming followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. So let us fix our eyes upon Jesus, the author & finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the Cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne on high, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with You always. Amen.



Activities:

Monday: 7pm Wesley Guild

Tuesday: 10am-12pm Playgroup

Thursday: 2-4pm Ladies Group

Dan-Y-Graig (LEP)

Service: Sunday 11AM with Sunday School

Sunday 6PM

Father,

We thank you for all the blessings our church has enjoyed over the first 150 years of life, and for the many opportunities for service and witness. Will you bless the efforts of our current members as we plan changes to take us into the next stages of development in a much different community. Help our younger people and children to recognise the church still has an active role to play in their future. Bless us as we continue to witness to the Kingdom of Christ and we ask this in His name.

Amen

Activities:

Messy Church 1st Saturday of month 3-5pm

Tuesday: 10.30-12pm Coffee Morning

Thursday: 10.30-12pm Coffee Morning



Earlswood (Hope) Chapel

Service: Sunday 3pm on alternate weeks with Earlswood Valley

Loving Father God,

We pray for those who are in ill health at this time, for those who are awaiting surgery which has been cancelled.

We pray for doctors and nurses and all those who support our health services, cleaners, cooks, potters.

We give thanks for those in emergency services and pray that you will be with them as they carry out their jobs. Amen



Occasional Bible study group and
Outreach events together with
Earlswood Valley

Earlswood (Valley) Chapel

Service: Sunday 3pm on alternate Sundays with Earlswood Hope

Faithful provider,

In this spring time we witness the birth of new life.

We praise you that you bring life in all its fullness.

We pray for all who farm the land to bring food to our tables, for all who look after farm animals who get up before most of us are awake, especially at this time.

We thank you for your provision to us both physically and spiritually. Amen

Activities



Occasional Bible Study Group and
Outreach events in village hall with
Earlswood Hope

Gwehelog Chapel

Service: Sundays – 3PM during Winter and 4PM during Summer

Lord Jesus,

We thank you for the unity of your church, that even though we worship in many different ways you unite us in love of Jesus.

We thank you for the many different skills and gifts we have that we can serve your church with.

And we thank you that we are able to pray to you at all times and in all circumstances.

Thank you for your life and salvation.

Amen



Langstone Church

Service: Sunday 6PM

Lord, we thank you for the care of this faithful fellowship and ask that you bless our Sunday evenings with new faces, bless the Torch fellowship with new faces on Sunday mornings, and bless each and every person who enters your house, Lord, here in Langstone.

We ask for your blessing to be upon the Circuit Leadership Team who meet here. May they be able to accept new challenges and be guided by You, O Holy Spirit of God.

Amen.

Activities:



Sunday: 11am: Torch Christian Ministries Sunday Worship

Tuesday: 9.30am-12pm:

Cheeky Monkeys (term-time)

Wednesday: 7.15-9.15pm :

Newport Speakers (1st & 3rd week)

Monmouth Methodist Church

Services: Sunday 10.30AM / 2nd Sunday 4PM

Bountiful God,

We praise and bless you for your steadfast love, your never faltering presence with us.

Thank you that you call us into community together, the body of Christ. As people with many and varied gifts and graces, help us to live in the unity of Jesus' love as we worship and serve you through the activities of our church.

Loving God, sustain us by your Holy Spirit as, currently, we experience church in a very different way. Thank you for the people and technology that gathers and strengthens the scattered people of your church.

Thank you for the opportunities it provides for people to engage in worship in a new way, especially those who haven't done so before.

O Lord, in this time of uncertainty and anxiety, may we continue to proclaim the good news of Jesus, who is the hope of new and eternal life. Amen

Activities:



1st & 3rd Mon: St James Street Kitchen

2nd & 4th Mon: Monday Morning Meet-ups

Tuesday: 2-3.30pm Womens Fellowship

Every 1st Tues Mission Academy Live 7pm

Alternate Thursdays: 9.15-9.45am Holy Communion

Friday: 10.30-12pm Toddler Group/

Singing For Fun 7pm

House Grps: Alt Tues: 10.30-12.45pm

Wednesday 8pm

Penycaemawr Chapel

Service: 2nd and 4th Sunday of month: 3PM

Lord our Creator,

We thank You for Your wonderful creation, of which we are a part. We join in praise with the writer of the psalms when he says: 'Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!'

Nature around us speaks of Your greatness. We praise You for the beautiful countryside and stunning views that surround our Chapel. We thank You for fruitfulness of the land; please continue to pour out Your blessings upon our farmers and gardeners and all who care for the land. We thank You for the butterflies and flowers, birds and bees, stars and trees; all of these beautiful things You created for us.

May we show our love and reverence to You, our Lord, by caring for all You have created. Grant us, as stewards of Your creation, the wisdom to care for the Earth with gentleness and love. Show us the way to redeeming the harm we have done to the planet and to protecting the environment.

We pray for boldness and opportunity to speak of Your love and for wisdom in using our church buildings to serve those in our rural communities and to bring them closer to you, Lord.

Help us to build up Your Church so Your Kingdom may come, in all its fullness, here at Penycaemawr.
Amen.

Activities:



Bible Study Group and occasional
reach events with Earlswood Chapels

Pontywaun (Trinity)

Service: Sunday 11AM with Sunday School

Father,

We thank you for all the blessings our church has enjoyed over the first 150 years of life, and for the many opportunities for service and witness. Will you bless the efforts of our current members as we plan changes to take us into the next stages of development in a much different community.

Help our younger people and children to recognise the church still has an active role to play in their future. Bless us as we continue to witness to the Kingdom of Christ and we ask this in His name.

Amen

Activities:

Wesley Guild with Crosskeys Methodist Church

Thursday: Parents and Toddlers during term-times from 10am



Rogiet Methodist Chapel

Service: Sunday 10.30AM

Loving God,

We thank you that through these difficult times, we have been aware of your presence holding us.

We have seen our community at Rogiet reaching out to help those in need and know that you are here amongst us.

These last weeks have resulted in many things having to be done differently.

Open our eyes to see the new opportunities you give us and the willingness to adapt our outreach to serve those in need in new ways

Amen.

Activities:

In Rogiet we are trying to be more involved with the community in order that we may spread the love of God further afield. We support the community café which gives us a good opportunity to interact with people of all ages.

We have close relationships with our local school through taking fortnightly assemblies.



Once every 3 months a community meal is held at our Chapel. Every 3rd Thursday we have a knit and natter group..

Shaftesbury Methodist Church

Service: Sunday 10.30AM

Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit we praise you.

Father, we thank you for the completion of work to our building making this a place of safety and welcome. We thank you for U3A who share your house with us and ask that you continue to open hearts.

We thank you for all who come on Tuesdays for our fun, fellowship and frivolity, and,

Lord Jesus, we ask that you bless our Sunday congregation, young and old. May we be strengthened in our gatherings together and may our Church be a beacon of light in Newport.

Amen.

Activities:



Tuesday: 10am – 12pm Friendship Group

U3A on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

St. David's Church

Service: Sunday 11AM Worship / 6PM every 2nd Sunday with Church in Wales

Majestic Creator God

You are the God of the infinite and the minute. The God who created galaxies and atoms. Your very will sustains and holds us.

While on this earth you went to the cross for the sins of the whole world but you also wept when your friend died

Lord, help us to realise that our faith is not just in the large global things but also in the small intimate things. Let us not confine our faith to Sunday mornings but accept that it permeates all aspects of our lives. Let us strive for justice in this world around and seek change whilst also showing small acts of kindness to all we meet.

And as our patron St David said, may we be joyful, keep our faith and our creed and do the little things.

Amen

Activities

Teulu Duw – Celtic family church: Sunday 4.00 – 5.00 follow by a shared meal 5.00 – 6.00



St Julian's Methodist Church

Services: Sunday 10.30AM with Sunday School 'Junchun 25'

1st and 3rd Sunday: 6.30PM

Heavenly Father,

No matter what difficulties we face, may we be a shining light within the community we serve. Help us to be faithful and strong. Give us your peace, that transcends all human understanding. May we praise You and honour You in everything we do; caring for others, praying for others, sharing the good news of the gospel and giving people hope. May we glorify Your Name, in everything we do and say.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Activities:

Monday: 11am Exercise Class/2pm Monday Club (all ages)

Tuesday: 10am Lydia Prayer Meeting/1-3.30pm during school terms, Little Stars Pre-school Playgroup/7pm Musical Society/7.30pm Wives group

Wednesday: 9.30am Stroke Association/6pm Brownies/
7.30pm Guides



Thursday: 10am (fortnightly) Bible Study

11am Coffee Morning

Friday: 10.30am Cwm Bayeux Stitchers

Saturday: 10.30am Coffee Morning

3pm Messy Church on 2nd Sat of month
(subject to changes, please check notices)

Trellech Methodist Chapel

Service: Sunday 6PM

Dear Lord Jesus

We thank you for the opportunity to serve you in Trellech and the surrounding villages.

We pray for your help in our fellowship with The Church in Wales as we share 5th Sunday

Services and share going into Trellech Primary School to perform bible stories using 'Open the Book' for their assemblies.

Amen.



20 Trinity Methodist Church

Heavenly Father

Above the noise of the busy M4, Lord, help this church to draw the community quietly into the heart of God.

Come in and enter through the newly crafted glass doors of welcome.

Share the variety that makes up Trinity in worship and music.

Thank God for generous hearts supporting our chosen charities and we continue to pray for the Alice Foundation in Pakistan.

Bless the hands that skilfully write names of loved ones in the Memorial Book,

Fingers that place flowers so thoughtfully; feet that slip out silently to offer refreshment after services; hearts warmed by pastoral care and silent prayer.

Praise God that Church never stands still, but grows from a spark to a flame

Until our hearts are set on fire and we no longer hear the noise around us

But hear Your still small voice encouraging, inspiring, comforting and loving us onwards...

Amen

Services: Sunday Morning 10,30AM. Sunday Evening 6PM.

Activities:

Assembly Group (Church Members visiting local schools)

Afternoon Ladies Group; Men's Group

T.Legs (Trinity Evening Ladies Group)

Bible Study Group

House Group

Messy Church;

Social Committee Events

