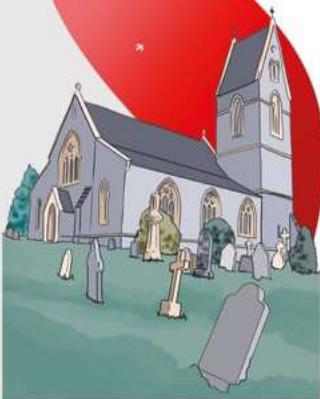


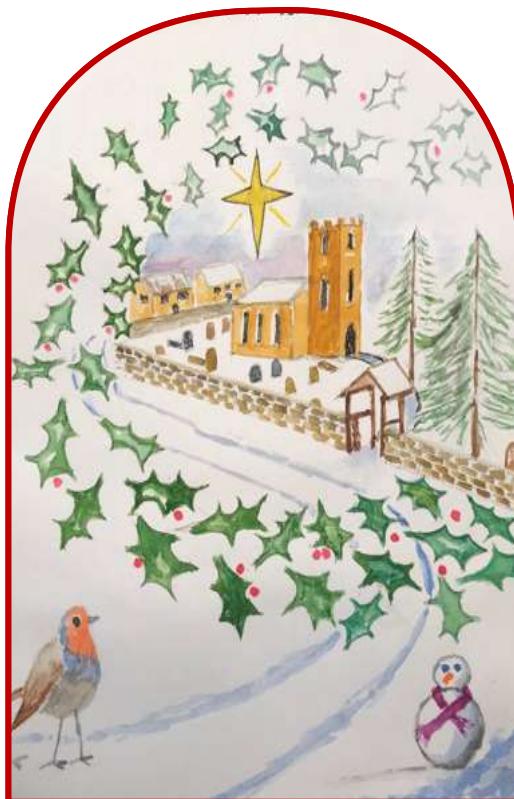


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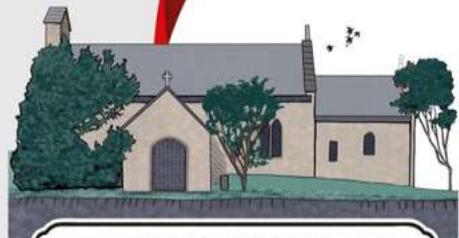
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- St Peter's Church, Old Cogan, Penarth, CF64 2TQ

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EDITORIAL

This will be the last monthly edition of PMAM: as mentioned in the last editorial, the magazine will be produced quarterly in 2026. The magazine will still depend on your contributions, so please keep them coming: features, regular items, news and reports, but adjusted to reflect the quarterly frequency if appropriate. The quarterly magazines will appear in February, May, August and November. There will also be a change in the cost of PMAM: please make sure to read the item from our subscription manager John Caldwell on page 12.

This Christmas edition of PMAM contains several lists of events scheduled for December in the Ministry Area. There is some overlap between the lists, possibly justified by the need to keep track of the many events. There is also a travelogue by David Warner this month and a reflection on the Remembrance Day service at Old St Lawrence Church, Lavernock by Michael Lawrence.



We've got online carol-singers again!

PMAM Editors: Tom Blenkinsop, Katie Cooper, Mel Griffin and Jan Knight

Our cover illustration is meant to be a pastiche of an Edwardian Christmas card. There are some fine Christmas cards around that feature views of Penarth.

THE CLERGY LETTER

Dear friends,

At the risk of copying Jimmy, I'm going to start this letter with a confession too. Last month, Jimmy confessed that he doesn't spend much time on 'high-brow pursuits' – this month, I'm going to confess that I don't really like Christmas. This is a bit of an awkward confession for someone in my particular job.



But perverse as it may sound, I find the pressure to be jolly in the lead up to Christmas sends me off in completely the opposite direction, and the more jingling bells I hear and the more flashing lights I see, the more grumpy and Scrooge-y I become...

December is full of shops and companies trying to capitalise on the sense that we should make this time special, trying to convince us that the only way to show you love and appreciate someone is to spend more money on them, trying to show us a 'picture perfect' Christmas that is impossible to live up to.

It is a predictable and repetitive time of year – with the same songs played in shops, the same pictures appearing on cards, the same tea-towels on children's heads. And of course, would the scene really be complete without the grumpy cleric writing about the 'true meaning of Christmas'?

This is of course that familiar scene with Mary and Joseph in the stable, surrounded by the ox and the ass, with visiting shepherds and kings galore (except the stable was a spare room, the ox and ass never get a mention, and the kings weren't really kings...). It's familiar and predictable - but some messages are important enough to repeat every year and some stories are good enough to keep hearing even when you know every plot twist and every side character. Because the thing is, for all my scroogy-ness about capitalism and commercial Christmas, I do actually love the Christmas story.

I love the Christmas story with every grumpy fibre of my being and I love all that it tells us about who God is and who is held closest to God's heart. The idea that God decided to become human is absolutely wild, and not just that – God became a *really vulnerable* human. God became a *baby* – a baby born in an

occupied country, to a people without any power, to a mother who people suspected of being unfaithful to her fiancé. God spent the first few years of his life on earth as a refugee in Egypt and the first three decades living such an ordinary life that no one would have known his name outside his hometown.

And *that's* the bit of Christmas that I really love. Because in the depths of winter, when it starts to become hard to remember how we could possibly have ever even considered wearing shorts, when the sun never seems to quite reach its full brightness, and the natural world seems to have faded almost to greyscale – we remember that even the greatest things can come in the most boring, ordinary and fragile ways. God could have chosen to be anyone. God could have been born into a famous or powerful family – He could have been the eldest son of the Roman Emperor. God didn't *need* to do it this way. But God chose to – which tells us a lot about who God values and relates to.

It is a pretty definite statement about the vulnerable, the oppressed, the refugee, the outcast – all the people society thinks are worthless or immoral or easy to ignore – those are exactly the people that God values *most*. Because for all its familiarity, every time I hear the Christmas story, I hear a different people's cry echoing through it.

I hear the cry of the refugee child who has had to flee their home.

I hear the worry of the young mother judged by her community.

I hear the fear of a people living under occupation.

And I hear the murmur of wonder from the shepherds – from the edges of society, where the first whispers of a new hope began. I hear the hope of the world in a baby's cry – the Creator of all born as a tiny, vulnerable baby, not because He had to, but because He wanted to. The message of Christmas is a message of hope – a hope that no one is forgotten, a hope that everyone is loved, that those forgotten by the world are the most important to God – a hope that God has loved us from the beginning and will love us to the end.

Susannah (on behalf of the clergy team)



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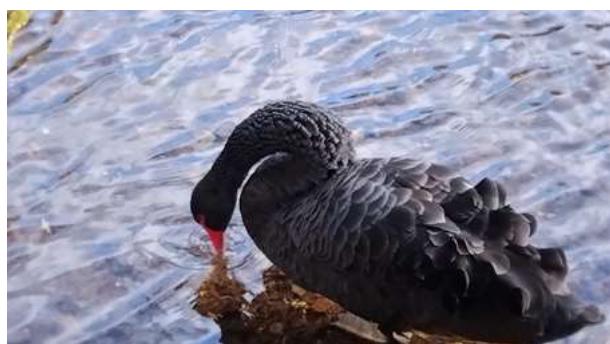
Adrian Warner has:

Another Short Adventure

“Variety is the spice of Life” was one of my mother's expressions; beware - once you set out, there is no knowing what will lie ahead. Fortunately, the weather was good throughout.

I feel a duty to visit my older sister (who now cannot speak) in Paignton, at least annually, and to make an adventure of the journey. This year there was a hotel with a reasonable rate and mention of a swimming pool. A senior railcard reduces train fares by 30%. Train times can be easily found 'on-line' and for variety my elevenses is somewhere different every day. So, Jill Dando's Memorial Garden in Weston-super-Mare was the peaceful setting and a walk along the prom to see the decaying Birnbeck Pleasure Pier.

The walk from Dawlish Warren to Dawlish is exhilarating, especially as a notice says it is dangerous at high water. Some waves were splashing onto the concrete path but could be avoided. This is where Brunel tried to use air pressure to pull trains; his pumping house at Starcross was spotted. It is also where a storm washed away the trackbed and left the rails swinging above the waves in February 2014. At Dawlish, a short walk inland leads to the stream which is home to some black



swans. After a brief walk on the prom at Torquay, the hotel check in was pleasant as my single room had been already freely upgraded to 'a small double'. Soon the warm water of the excellent pool enveloped me.

Next morning came the hard part: spending a couple of hours with my sister and her children as carers. What a wonderful family. One son and his wife gave up their jobs and bought a small hotel with an annex where he could look after

his mother as she developed dementia. They have enhanced her quality of life for ten years, while making a living and getting their children through college. My admiration is unbounded for this unique achievement. It was difficult to say goodbye and catch a train to Torquay to find the path to Cockington Forge and country park. It is full of exciting walks with vistas and a large orchard with apple trees bowed down with fruit. The buildings are filled with craftspeople creating a stunning range of items. That evening, when I left the swimming pool, I noticed the remaining bather begin to text on her phone while in the warm water.

The public library was enjoyed next morning while waiting to catch the steam hauled train past Agatha Christie's home to Kingswear. A ferry takes a few minutes to cross the busy river to Dartmouth which is full of interest. Here, Newcomen invented the steam pump for draining mines; the original is preserved. The Church is magnificent, the shops and market varied, the museum and the walk to the rivermouth castle easy. Another church doubles as a tearoom with an autumn woodland video running. My return was leisurely on the ferry and steam hauled train; my swim was alone but with video camera surveillance.

Trip over, everything done, so homeward, firstly on a local train to Exeter, where a climb to the city centre leads over a cast iron viaduct spanning an urban valley. New graduands were processing into the Cathedral for their awards ceremony. Then on the express in a quiet carriage. However, despite the ticket inspector telling someone near me not to use her mobile phone, when he had gone, she used it continuously and so I decided to get off at Weston and continue later. New to me, the streets behind the prom have much history to absorb and photograph. Lunch was in Jill's tranquil garden. A fatality on the track meant that all trains were halted and many cancelled. An option was offered: catch a bus to Bristol 20 miles away. It was Friday afternoon and this took a long time, plus the walk from the city centre to Temple Meads. A train was imminent and although crowded, soon Penarth was reached. You can explore for yourself by using the internet to see all the places mentioned.

Penarth Ministry Area Magazine- Subscriptions in 2026

As in previous years, for those of you who will be less wealthy after Christmas, we will be accepting our new Area Magazine Subscriptions for 2026 from now (though we will collect fully in January). A subscription form is included with your December magazine.

We are moving to quite a significantly different approach to the magazine for 2026. It will become quarterly rather than a monthly publication, so only 4 issues a year (Feb, May, August and Nov). The focus will be more on feature articles and less on short term notices/announcements as those are better covered in the weekly newsletter and on the website.

From January 2026, the Penarth Ministry Area Magazine will cost £3.00 per issue, so £12.00 for annual subscription. This is the cost for either collecting from the church or having one of our local deliverers pop it through the door. It is an additional £4.00 per year to cover postage for postal subscribers. Digital subscribers will pay their subscriptions the same way as everyone else, but it will be a lower amount of £2.00 per issue (no printing costs) or £8.00 for the year (a saving of £4.00). They then read their magazine online.

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I am sure you will agree that with its increased and more varied content, the quality of our magazine remains consistent and still represents excellent value for money.

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If you have any queries about subscriptions for 2026, please do contact me:

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John Caldwell (Volunteer Subscriptions Manager)

Remembrance at Lavernock

Michael Lawrence reflects

On 9th November, we held our Remembrance Service at Old St Lawrence Church, Lavernock. The service was taken by Rev Margaret Stark, and we lit candles to remember those lost and had a recording of the Last Post played.

The sermon was about making a point of remembering those who had died in the World Wars. Because the wars were so long ago, we must make a determined effort to remember them every November. The reasons for wars are human greed, self-defence or to right a terrible injustice. Jesus' sacrifice defeated sin, so why is there still sin in the world? Why are humans so cruel to each other? Our Lord's battle with sin was decisive but there are still skirmishes to be fought against the sin that remains, because what the Lord did has not been proclaimed in all the world. So today we evoke that great gift of God's mercy and remember those lost in wars over many years.

As always, a big thank you is due to Margaret, to Anne for playing the harmonium and to all those involved in preparing the church. The next service will be the Carol Service, which is on 7th December at 2pm – we look forward to seeing you.

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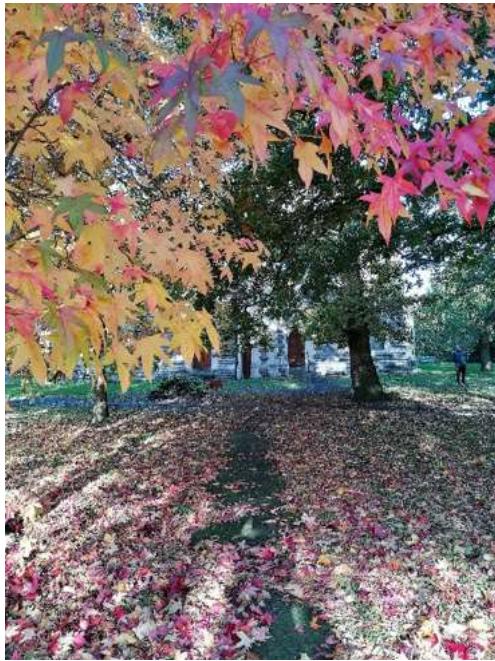
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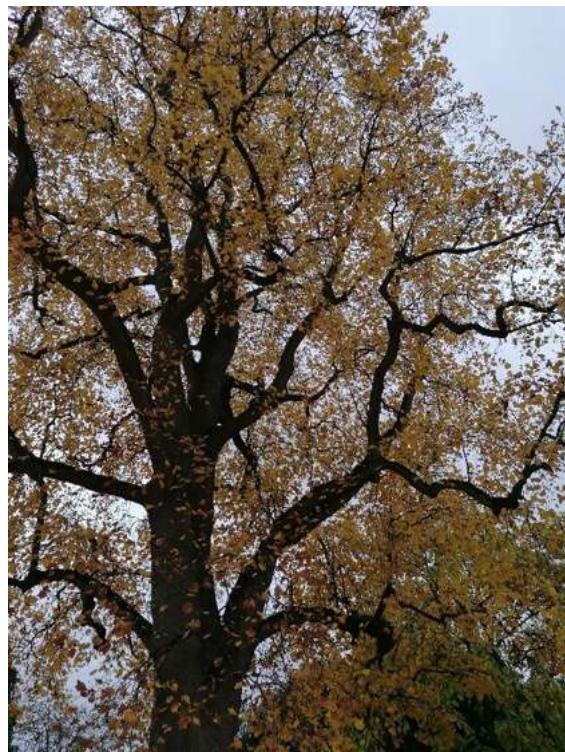
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- **Mon 19th Jan:** Bestselling thriller writer **Lisa Jewell** at All Saints Church to discuss her latest page-turner, '*Don't Let Him In*'.
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Fe welais ffilm neithiwr sydd wedi peri i fy mhen gorddi. Yn seiliedig ar stori fer gan Stephen King mae “The Life of Chuck” yn dilyn hanes gŵr (Charles Krantz neu Chuck) o’i wely angau tuag yn ôl at ei blentyndod. Mae unrhywun sydd wedi darllen gwaith Stephen King yn gwybod yn iawn sut ddychymyg sydd gan yr awdur. Mae ganddo’r ddawn hefyd i ysgrifennu mewn dull amwys gan adael y darlennydd heb fod cweit yn siwr beth i’w gredu.

Yn y stori mae’r plentyn Chuck yn amlwg yn cael ei ddylanwadu’n ddiarwybod gan dri pheth a ddysgodd gan wahanaol athrawon yn yr ysgol. Y gallu i ddawnsio, y calendr cosmig a dyfyniad o waith y bardd Americanaidd Walt Whitman sef “I am large. I contain multitudes”. Fedraf i ddim dawnsio, a does dim llawer o awydd dysgu arnaf chwaith ond mae’r ddau beth arall wedi bod yn troi ac yn trosi yn fy mhen ers gweld y ffilm. Gofynnodd yr athrawes i Chuck, “Beth sy gennyt ti rhwng dy glustiau?” “Ymennydd”, medd y bachgen. “Ie, ond mae gennyt ti rhwng dy glustiau liaws. A lliaws o liosydd,” Sef pob peth, pob lle a phob un roedd y bachgen deg oed wedi ei weld, ei glywed, ei deimlo, ei synhwyro. A’r tristwch yw bod y lliaws yn lleihau wrth iddo dyfu’n hŷn.

Gwyddonydd o’r enw Carl Sagan ddyfeisiodd y calendr cosmig. Ei syniad oedd gwasgu hanes y bydysawd o’r Glec Fawr hyd y presennol i mewn i un flwyddyn. Hynny yw, y bydysawd ar ei newydd wedd (os oedd un cyn hynny) yn digwydd

yn eiliadau cyntaf diwrnod cyntaf y flwyddyn, hyd at hanner nos ar y 31ain o Ragfyr. Ac fel mae Voyager 1 yn rhoi syniad i ni o ehangder y gofod, mae'r calendr yma'n amlygu'r oesoedd sydd wedi mynd heibio. Ar ei galendr fe ffurfiwyd galaeth y Llwybr Llaethog ym mis Mai; chafodd ein haul ni, na'r ddaear eu creu hyd fis Medi. A'r ddynoliaeth? Fe ddigwyddodd holl hanes cofnodedig pobl ein byd yn y ddeg eiliad olaf cyn hanner nos ar ddydd olaf y flwyddyn. "Ond beth am Dduw yn hyn i gyd?" meddech chi. A derbyn bod yr arbenigwyr yn gywir ynglyn ag esblygiad bywyd ar ein planed y cwestiynau sy'n parhau yw "Sut ddigwyddodd y Glec Fawr, pwy neu beth oedd yn gyfrifol?" Hynny a "Rhaid bod rhywbeth cyn y Glec Fawr? Pa Fod arall-fyddol, duwiol all fod yn gyfrifol?"

Mwynheais i'r ffilm yn fawr. Mae ynddi dristwch, oes, ac mae hi'n besimistaidd ar adegau ond mae iddi llawenydd a gobaith hefyd. Fe'm hatgoffwyd o ran o lyfr y proffwyd Daniel a ddarllenwyd yn un o'r gwasanaethau Cymraeg yn ddiweddar. Fel Chuck, cafodd Daniel weledigaeth o bethau dychrynllyd ond o'i dehongli yn ei chyfanwaith sylweddolir y daw llawenydd a thangnefedd wedi'r holl drallod.

I have watched more films since being part of the team which runs the All Saints



Tom Hiddleston as Stephen King's Chuck

Community Cinema than I had watched probably throughout my life. I write after watching "The Life of Chuck" which I found very enjoyable and profoundly thought provoking. The film is based on a short story by the master of supernatural narrative, Stephen King. There is often a religious,

spiritual shade to his writing and this very watchable adaptation is no exception. There is much that I could write about - the Cosmic Calendar, quotes of American poet Walt Whitman, dancing with abandon in the street to the beat of a drum. For now, I was reminded very strongly as I thought about "The Life of Chuck" of a reading from the Old Testament book of Daniel, where the themes of pessimism and sadness and optimism and joy are also treated by the prophet as described in one of his visions, ending with "the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole of heaven shall be given to the people of the holy one of the Most High; their kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom and all dominions shall serve and obey them." Thanks, God!

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AROUND THE CHURCHES

All Saints

(Contact: All Saints Sub-warden Team)

November was a month of reflection and remembrance. A service was held for All Souls on 3 November in the evening and provided those of us present with an opportunity to remember loved ones now departed. The lighting of candles and the singing led by the choir was memorable and moving.

Sunday 9 November saw a full church for the Remembrance Day Service. Many local organisations and groups were represented at the service, and a striking visual symbol of remembrance took the form of a cascade of poppies at the front of the church (See photo).



Now we are ready for the start of the new church year, the season of Advent and our preparations for Christmas. We look forward to welcoming many people to All Saints during December, including lots of children. The Christmas Experience will run again this year in the first week of December for local Primary Schools. If last year's event is any guide, this will generate lots of discussion

among the children about the Christmas story. We also look to provide a warm welcome to our Carol Service on 18 December and Crib Service on Christmas Eve, as well as the other regular Christmas services.

St Augustine's
(Contact: Tom Blenkinsop)

The build-up to Christmas has already begun: a lot has been going on at St Augustine's. The Albert Primary school harvest festival took place on 22nd October. The following night was the FOSA quiz, with about half a dozen teams tackling some fiendish questions. The winner's margin was half a point, prompting calls for a recount. Our All Souls service took place on Sunday 2nd November at 6.00 pm. The funeral of Virginia Stockton took place on 6th November. The Cantemus concert on 25th October featured a variety of beautiful music on the theme of Farewell, including Parry's Songs of Farewell as the final piece. Other musical events this month have included the chamber music concert for strings on 9th November, and organ tuning on 14th November. Electrical work continues in the Tower and the nave, and repairs to the churchyard wall progress.

St Peter's
(Contact: Matthew Salisbury)

A better than average sized congregation turned up on Remembrance Sunday for Evensong. at St Peter's. When our ever cheerful and multi talented Reader, Hugh Bryant, arrived, he was a little surprised to be informed that he was conducting the service. This he did with his customary aplomb and even found a suitable sermon in his little black pad.

The Book of Common Prayer, of course, provides ample guidance on procedures for Evensong. Even so Hugh seamlessly. incorporated the customary acts of Remembrance. The only slightly difficult bit was the singing of the two anthems after the service, unaccompanied. What the Almighty made of our rendering of Mae Hen Wlad fy Nhadau obviously did not provoke him into changing the outcome of the rugby match in the Principality Stadium that afternoon.

The sub warden had a site meeting with Scott Jones of Lapiders Chartered Surveyors of Penarth to discuss the siting of the proposed store and lavatory. Considerations were given to the application of mains water and electricity, and disposal of waste water. Thanks are due to Huw Williams for this progress. A

Carol Service will be held in St Peter's at 6.00pm on Sunday 21st December in addition to Evensong at 3.00pm on the first Sunday the 7th.



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- 2-4pm **Festive Afternoon Tea** at All Saints Church
6pm **Advent Carols** at St Augustine's Church



Friday 5th (evening), Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December

Christmas Tree Festival at St Augustine's Church

Wednesday 10th December

- 7pm **R.N.L.I. Carol Service** at St Augustine's Church



Saturday 13th December

- 10-11am **Lantern making** at St Dochdwy's Church



Sunday 14th December

Usual Sunday services at all our churches PLUS

- 10am **Nativity Play** at All Saints

- 5pm **Carols by Lanternlight** at St Dochdwy's Church



Thursday 18th December

- 7pm **Nine Lessons & Carols** at All Saints Church

*Enjoy traditional and contemporary music -
with the Christmas story unfolded throughout the Bible.*

Sunday 21st December

Normal Sunday services PLUS

- 4pm **Lessons & Carols** at Holy Nativity Church

6pm **Carols by Candelight** at St Peter's Church, Old Cogan
Services featuring well-loved carols and traditional readings

REPORTS AND NOTICES

AUTUMN FAIR 1st November

Despite the very showery weather, our Autumn Fair went really well. This year we had the Main Hall at All Saints, which meant we had a lot more space, particularly for tables for people to sit at and enjoy a cuppa.

Once again, we had a great response to the appeal for donations and the stalls were full of great bargains, especially on All Things Nice and the Christmas stall. The Needles, Knitters & Natters stall had plenty of lovely items they had been busy making over the last few months, including Christmas goodies and decorations. In addition, we had a raffle, bottle stall, chocolate tombola, shove



ha'penny game and plants. We also had lots of delicious home-made cakes plus tea & coffee, and free face painting was on offer.

It was great to see so many people come along and buy things or just sit and chat. The stalls all did great trade, and it remained busy throughout the two hours we were running. A big thank you to all those who gave their time to help set up, run stalls and tidy away,

and huge thanks to those who came along to buy. We have raised over £1600 for Ministry Area funds, including a generous donation from the Knitters & Natters group. Well done to everyone involved!

Rachel Elder, Janet Akers & Robert Court – Organising Team

Events

With so much going on in the Ministry Area this month it is difficult to know where to begin! There are only about 3 days between the 1st and 21st of the month when there isn't something going on and then, of course, we get into our Christmas services, details of which are on a separate leaflet. In order to thin it out a little I have left out our regular events and will just draw your attention to other things happening during the month.

December 1st - 5th	All Saints	Schools Experience Christmas
December 2nd - 4th	All Saints Lesser Hall	Community Cinema
December 5th - 7th	St Augustine's	Christmas Tree Festival
December 8th	All Saints	Christmas Carols and Music for
	Horatio's Garden with Rebecca Evans	
December 10th	St Augustine's	RNLI 9 Lessons and Carols
December 12th	St Augustine's	Quaynotes Choir Concert
December 13th	All Saints	Ardwyn Singers Concert
	St Dochdwy's	Christmas Crafts
December 14th	St Dochdwy's	Christmas Carol Service
December 16th	Holy Nativity	Cogan Primary School Carol Service
	St Augustine's	Ten Tenors Concert for Calon Heart
		Screening
December 17th	St Augustine's	Nightingales Christmas Concert
December 18th	All Saints	Nine Lessons and Carols
December 19th	St Augustine's	Cantemus Christmas Concert
December 21st	Holy Nativity	9 Lessons and Carols
	St Peter's	Carols by Candlelight
Advance Notice		
January 2026	St Augustine's	BBC Songs of Praise recording
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Music at Lunchtime

Dafydd Jones reports

The penultimate concert in the autumn season of this popular programme of concerts held in All Saints Church featured two talented musicians well-known to the church members who were present. Nigel Lloyd-Latham (baritone) and John Cheer (piano) are respectively the Worship Team leader and the organist and choir leader at the church.



John Cheer (piano) and Nigel Lloyd-Latham

The two performers received a warm welcome from an audience of over sixty with Nigel opening with two pieces from the baroque era. “Quia Fecit” from Bach’s Magnificat came first - “He that is mighty has magnified me, and holy is his name”. This was followed by “Why do the nations” from Handel’s Messiah.

“Five Mystical Songs” by Ralph Vaughan-Williams sets four poems by the seventeenth century Welsh poet and priest George Herbert. Nigel chose to sing “Love bade me welcome” and “The Call”. This was followed by “Vagabond”, another piece by Vaughan-Williams from “Songs of Travel”.

There followed a lighter section involving amongst others two toe-tapping ragtime songs followed by “If I were a rich man” from Fiddler on the Roof. In a varied programme with John Cheer giving Nigel’s vocal chords a break with a piano solo in the middle, there were items that pleased everybody to the extent that an encore was requested with Nigel singing “Old Man River” from the 1927 musical “Showboat”.



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Prayer Requests

We aim to be a prayerful Ministry Area. Please remember the following needs in your prayers this month:



- For a new Ministry Area Team Leader and for the Penarth Ministry Area to be a place of welcome for all.
- For our Advent and Christmas services that people will feel welcomed. Help us to spread comfort and joy in our hurting world. Help us to make space to rest with God through the coming year.
- For children, young people and families as they take part in Experience Christmas, the Christmas Tree Festival, Nativity plays and attend Crib services that they know the true meaning of Christmas.
- For people living in war zones particularly Israel, Gaza, West Bank and Lebanon and that Christians will be able to worship safely especially in Bethlehem, the birthplace of our Saviour. Also for Ukraine and Sudan and for people who have fled to other countries that the aid agencies can provide support and care.
- As we remember Christ, who as a baby was taken by Mary and Joseph for safety to Egypt, give comfort to all refugees. That politicians work to help asylum seekers unite with their families and find safety without resorting to dangerous journeys. That hope will replace fear.
- For us to be aware of the needs of others in our community at this special time and help us to reach out to people who are lonely, anxious, in need or feeling left out from Christmas and New Year celebrations.
- For the Holy Spirit to stir and inspire us and that more people will offer their time, talents and money to help grow God's Kingdom in Penarth. For more people to volunteer to visit the housebound.
- For all who have been baptised recently and those attending faith groups that we may support each other as we grow in faith.
- For those worn down by illness or exhausted by caring for others that they are supported by their community. That more people become paid carers.

If you have any additional prayer requests, please let me know.

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FROM THE REGISTERS



FUNERALS

- 06/11/2025 Virginia Joy Christine STOCKTON at St Augustine's Church
11/11/2025 James Henry DAVIES at Vale Crematorium

Interment of Ashes

- 12/11/2025 Douglas William CLIFFORD at St Dochdwy's

We send our sincere condolences to their families and friends

HOME COMMUNIONS

Holy Communion at home is available for those who are unable to attend church. Please contact the Clergy or Ministry Area Office on 029 2280 5663 to arrange.

CALENDAR OF MINISTRY AREA EVENTS

<u>Regularly held events during the month</u>	
Sundays: 9.30am St Augustine's Choir Practice 2-4pm Open Church at St Augustine's (1st Sunday of the month)	Mondays: 10am Faith Group at 14 Llandaff Close 7.30pm-9.30pm Faith Group at 33 Wain Close: December 1st, 15th
Tuesdays: 10am All Saints Holy Eucharist 10am Who Cares in AS Lesser Hall 1.30-4pm Needles, Knit & Natters on Gallery in All Saints (fortnightly) 2-4.30pm St Augustine's Churchyard Group	Wednesdays: 10am All Saints Cymun Bendigaid (Welsh Eucharist) 10am St Augustine's Midweek Eucharist 12 noon Lunchtime Faith Group on Gallery in All Saints (not during August) 2-4pm Open Church at St Augustine's 2.00pm All Saints Work Party in Lesser Hall 6.30-8.30pm Bellringing practice at St Augustine's 7.30pm Faith Group at 26 Victoria Road 7.30pm Alpha Course on All Saints Church Gallery.
Thursdays: 10am-12noon Warm Welcome on Gallery in All Saints 10.30am St Dochdwy's Midweek Eucharist (2 nd Thursday of the month) 7.30pm All Saints Choir Practice	Fridays: 10.30am Faith Group (Please contact Tricia on: 07808 120763) in All Saints Lesser Hall. 7.15pm All Saints Music Group Practice
Saturdays: 9-10.30 Toast at All Saints (1 st Saturday of the month) 10-11.30am St Augustine's Church Cleaning group (first Saturday of the month)	

Events during December 2025

1-5	Mon-Fri	9am-4pm	Schools Experience in All Saints
2-4	Tues-Thurs	9am-7pm	Christmas Tree Festival set up in St Augustine's
2 nd	Tuesday	7.30pm	Cinema in All Saints Lesser Hall – 'Downton Abbey, The Grand Finale'
3 rd	Wednesday	6pm	Cytûn Prayer Meeting at All Saints Church
3 rd	Wednesday	7.30pm	Cinema in All Saints Lesser Hall - 'Last Christmas'
4 th	Thursday	7.30pm	Cinema in All Saints Lesser Hall – 'Downton Abbey, The Grand Finale'
5 th	Friday	6-9pm	Christmas Tree Festival begins in St Augustine's
6 th	Saturday	9am	Toast in All Saints Church
6 th	Saturday	11am-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival in St Augustine's
7 th	Sunday	12pm-5pm	Christmas Tree Festival in St Augustine's
7 th	Sunday	3.45pm	Anthea M King School of Dancing Nativity at All Saints Church
8 th	Monday	9.30am-12pm	Christmas Tree Festival dismantling at St Augustine's
8 th	Monday	6.30pm	Horatio's Garden Carol Service at All Saints
9 th	Tuesday	1.30pm	Needles Knit & Natters in All Saints Church
9 th	Tuesday	7.30pm	Faith Group Christmas Get Together at All Saints
10 th	Wednesday	7pm	RNLI Carol Concert at St Augustine's
10 th	Wednesday	7pm	Rehearsal – Ardwyn Singer at All Saints Church
11 th	Thursday	9am-1pm	Deep Clean at St Augustine's Church
13 th	Saturday	10am	Lantern Making at St Dochdwy's
13 th	Saturday	All Day	Ardwyn Singers Concerts at All Saints Church
14 th	Sunday	5pm	Christmas Carols at St Dochdwy's Church
16 th	Tuesday	1.30pm	Cogan Primary Carol Service at Holy Nativity
16 th	Tuesday	7.30pm	Calon Hearts Ten Tenors Concert at St Augustine's
17 th	Wednesday	9am	Westbourne School assembly at St Augustine's
17 th	Wednesday	2pm	Nightingales Christmas concert at St Augustine's
17 th	Wednesday	6.30pm	FOVS Carols in the Square
18 th	Thursday	7pm	Nine Lessons & Carols at All Saints
19 th	Friday	9am	Evenlode Christmas Carols at All Saints
19 th	Friday	8pm	Cantemus Christmas Concert at St Augustine's
21 st	Sunday	3pm	Lessons & Carols at Holy Nativity
21 st	Sunday	6pm	Carols by Candlelight at St Peter's

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