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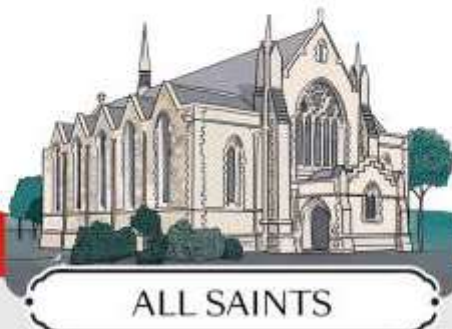
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Sunday Morning Worship

- 8.00am Said Eucharist at All Saints
- 9.15am Said Mass at Holy Nativity
- 9.15am Said Mass at St Dochdwy's *
- 10.00am Holy Eucharist at All Saints **
- 10.45am Said Mass at St Augustine's *



* Children's group meets during this service

** Children's and youth groups meet during this service

Sunday Evening Worship

- 3.00pm Service at St Peter's (2nd Sunday of the month)
 - 6.00pm Evensong at All Saints (3rd Sunday of the month)
- NB 3.00pm during winter months – check time before attending.*

Midweek Services

- Tues 10.00am Said Eucharist at All Saints
- Tues 10.30am Said Eucharist at Holy Nativity (1st Tuesday of the month)
- Wed 10.00am Cymun Bendigaid (Holy Eucharist in Welsh) at All Saints
- Wed 10.00am Said Mass at St Augustine's
- Thurs 10.30am Said Mass at St Dochdwy's

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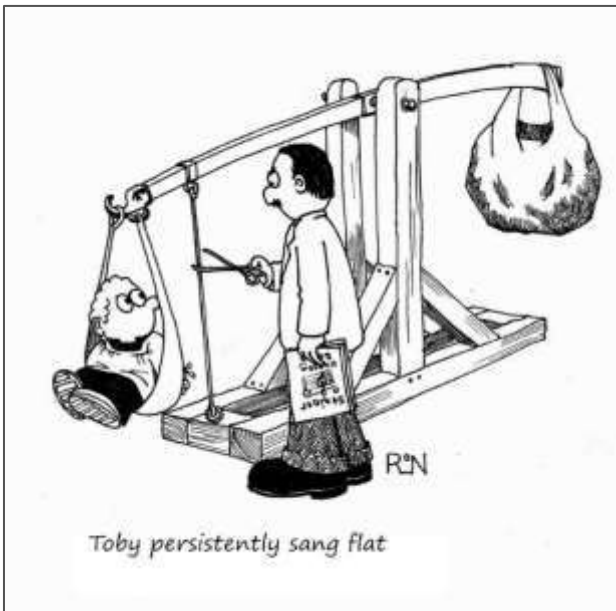
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EDITORIAL

This month's magazine covers most of the period of Lent from Ash Wednesday, during which day this editorial was being written at a kitchen table somewhere in Penarth, to Easter Sunday that, this year, falls upon the very last day of the month, 31st March.

Perhaps inevitably, there is a great deal in this edition of the magazine that is relevant to our lives during Lent and Easter. Father Mark opens the edition by helping us to think about the meaning of Lent in our lives – the way it impels us to ask ourselves some very difficult questions, for instance – and uses a recent experience of discussing some of the most difficult of those hard questions with a group of thoughtful (and enlightening) local young people.



The cover of the March edition this year includes a reproduction of Raphael's *Resurrection of Christ* (painted in about 1500) and our Ecochurch article suggests many useful actions we can take to make our lives safer and more economical in energy consumption. You'll also find plenty of information about events (such as the well-known Lent lunches) taking place in the Lent and Easter period in the *Notices and Reports* section of the magazine.

We do hope you will find interest and some enjoyment in the following pages. The magazine depends entirely on what you give us so do, please, keep sending us your contributions: the notices and reports you send help us all see the range of events and activities going on in the Ministry Area and the reviews, testimonies, personal stories, reflections, travel accounts and explanations that provide our monthly features are, surely, an important part of our Christian communication with one another.

The editorial team: Tom Blenkinsop, Katie Cooper, Mel Griffin and Jan Knight



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THE CLERGY LETTER



Some Reflections before Easter

Easter Sunday falls on the very last day of March this year, and so the whole month can be considered a period of reflection. We move through Lent, journey on the way to the Cross, and go onwards, towards the Day of Resurrection itself - together.

Many people who are not church-goers consider Lent to be a negative experience: isn't it when Christians go around pulling faces because of all they are giving up? I would, however, argue that Lent, and the period that follows it, is actually a great *opportunity*. We hear the good news that God loves us – then, during Lent - we try to discover what that means for us. We might rid ourselves of distractions to further that reflective process, but what we get out of it is far more than we lose! If not, we're not doing it properly!

Lent forces us to ask awkward questions. What controls us? What gives meaning to our lives? What are we imprisoned by? These are important

questions to ask before Holy Week and Easter - where we ponder anew the great themes of life, death and loss. And Jesus' challenges to us – including that we ought to live for others, rather than be consumed by inward-looking behaviours - are made real, and magnified for us especially as we see Jesus dying for us, in an incredible, brutal, self-giving act, upon the cross. How do we live as Resurrection People in the light of such a sacrifice?

Last night, whilst doing my usual Padre's Hour with the local RAF Air Cadets Squadron, we discussed dealing with death and loss and to their great credit, once again they dealt well with the hard concepts I seem to bring! I'm especially pleased with them, given that, these days, dealing with the loss of loved ones seems to happen a little later in life than when I was growing up. It has to be said, I also push my luck quite a bit when I do school assemblies - but then children and young adults are very spiritual, and deep thinkers.

Paraphrasing, children tell me that death is a natural part of life - but that we don't live in order to die. And that Easter is not an attempt to deny the reality of death, but is a celebration of life. On the cross, God dies in an act of love to ensure that what is created by that action can never be destroyed.

Towards the end of last year, a new hospice chaplain was appointed locally, which meant that, after 8 years, my relationship with the hospice changed. Although welcome, it was also a kind of loss for me to deal with, after such a long period. But on reflection, I can see just how much I have learned from those who were dying. Whether people believe in God or not, virtually all human beings, it seems to me, strive to create, and enrich, life for others. This is a quality we share with God Himself in His self-sacrificial, life-giving actions upon the cross. There also seems to be a metaphor for life in Holy Week and Easter: after all the striving and effort, finally, there is release- and all is indeed well.

Churches, just like hospices, seem to me to be liminal places – thin places, where heaven and earth are not that far apart. And the cross is the ultimate example of that - where Heaven and Earth, life and death, mortality and eternity meet, in an act of love.

Rev Mark Jones

Remembering Father John Webber

Matthew Salisbury and Rev Canon Peter Cox recall Father John Webber's life



The Reverend John Webber was born in India on 31st August 1945. His father was a serving Senior Warrant Officer in the British Army who had been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal in action in North Africa. His mother was an Anglo-Indian teacher. According to John's excellent book, 'My Grandfather's Grandfather', he was descended from about four generations of the British in India.

John, his sister and parents left India in December 1947 and arrived in the United Kingdom in January 1948. The family lived in Broadway, Cardiff, close to John's paternal grandparents who ran a cycle shop at no.10. John was educated, first in Stacey Road School and then in Cardiff High School. He was a chorister in the church of St James the Great opposite Cardiff Royal Infirmary where he showed his calling to Holy Orders. After Cardiff High School he went to Keble College, Oxford, and, after graduating, went on to Cuddleston for theological training.

John came to All Saints Penarth as a curate in the early seventies before going to Bangladesh for a year as a missionary. After a period in this country, John returned to Bangladesh and was largely responsible for the creation and running of a theological college in Dacca. He had a fascination for Bangladesh and its people and this was shown in the high regard that those whom he met had for him.

On return to this country John served the Bengali Community and others in London with great zeal and energy before returning to Wales as Rector of Llantwit Major where he had responsibility for nine rural churches. John showed much flair and energy in attracting funds to restore the western end of St Illtyd's Church in Llantwit Major and retired from that parish after about ten years of very capable ministry.

Matthew Salisbury (cousin)

John Webber was a curate at All Saints in the 1970's. He made a massive impact on church life. He studied at Oxford and had long hair when he came to All Saints. He did great work with young people, took them to London to see Jesus Christ Superstar and persuaded his training incumbent that it would be a good idea to bring the altar forward and celebrate in the novel west facing position favoured by the radical changes brought about by Vatican 2!

But John's heart was in mission in general and in the subcontinent in particular. He went to serve the Church of the newly founded Bangladesh supported by the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. During those years John's name occurred in the intercessions Sunday by Sunday alongside other former curates who had taken up roles overseas subsequently. All Saints was a missional parish even in those days! The faithful backed their prayers with generous giving.

On occasion John would return to All Saints whilst on furlough from Bangladesh. I remember a brilliant sermon he preached on Christmas Eve. He deserved his reputation as one to emulate!

After Bangladesh, John returned to the UK to some important appointments in London before coming back to Llantwit Major when our Elaine Evans was curate there. He served there until retirement and was overseas officer for the Diocese. He forged a link with the Church of Bangladesh which occasioned some fruitful exchange between the two Dioceses.

After retirement John was an area deans' dream in his willingness to do anything, go anywhere to help. I once thoughtlessly asked him to do a midnight service in the depths of the Vale of Glamorgan; to my astonishment he agreed. He stayed the night at one of the airport hotels!

John did not enjoy good health in retirement, but he kept busy and wrote a couple of books. He was a great Welshman, huge rugby fan and male voice chorister. He was a faithful attendee at the Cathedral and frequent visitor to All Saints and St Peter's. He has a number close relatives living in Penarth (including Matthew Salisbury) and his sister, I believe attends, Holy Nativity.

I will miss John. The last time I saw him he was celebrating 50 years as a priest in a service at Llantwit Major.

Reverend Canon Peter Cox (retired)


Palm Sunday

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12 noon

Sunday 24th March 2024

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Cost: £12.00 per person



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All Very Welcome. Look forward to seeing you there!

FEATURES

Alice

Katie Cooper reviews Jasmin Vardimon's 'Alice' at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama – January 20th, 2024



I wonder how many of you, like me, enjoyed reading Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll or have watched any of the numerous film versions of this fantasy story? For those of you who do not know, the plot follows Alice who, after falling down a rabbit hole, has various strange adventures.

Apparently, the story was inspired during a boat trip when Lewis Carroll and Rev. Robinson Duckworth rowed the three daughters of their friend, Henry Liddell, up the Isis, from Oxford to Godstow. Alice Liddell, one of the girls, was so

intrigued by this story that she asked Carroll to write it down, which eventually he did as you can see from this page from the manuscript from 1864.

Various students from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama have entertained audiences at the popular Monday lunchtime concerts held regularly at All Saints.





Thus, when I read that there was going to be a new interpretation of *Alice* performed at The Richard Burton Theatre, I was intrigued.

This multi-media production of *Alice* tells the story of a woman, or perhaps a child, unsure of her identity or where she is going - escaping and exploring, discovering the powers within her changing body, represented by chapters in a book. These are entitled *Time, Direction, Identity, Rules and Rulers, Death and Time Again*. It brings the Victorian fantasy right up to date combining themes of gender

fluidity, first love, domestic violence, aging (the Red Queen signifies the menopause), inclusion and exclusion. The effective use of a revolving stage, projected silhouettes to enlarge or shrink Alice, music from classical to contemporary tunes complemented the fantastic dance routines. Additionally, a door between the pages' scenery conveyed 'metamorphosis' or change of state both for Alice and the caterpillar, another character from the original story. Other scenes from the original story included the Mad Hatter's tea party and the croquet game.

The performance was precisely executed and symbolized the challenges of adolescence in an accessibly and hugely entertaining feast for the senses.

Here's a link to a video of a rehearsal that gives a tiny flavour of the sensory delight the audience experienced:



<https://www.facebook.com/jasminvardimoncompany/videos/1327293417931334>

Praying for the Needs of our World

Jenny Stonhold discusses ways to develop our ability to pray by using the bible, by casting our thoughts on the world as a whole, and by practising stillness.



'The Agony in the Garden' by Giovanni Bellini (1430-15-16)

The mission of the charity *Tearfund* is 'to follow Jesus where the need is greatest'. But how do we know where that actually is? Which of the million problems in our world is God asking us to address? And how does God want us to pray about them? *Tearfund's* research discovered that 65 per cent of us describe the prospect of praying about global poverty 'overwhelming'. And, of the 27 million people in the UK who pray, 71 per cent report doing so for their families, 40 per cent for healing and their friends, but just 24 per cent pray about global issues of poverty, injustice and environmental crisis.

As part of my daily Bible reading and prayer I find the *Tearfund Prayer Diary* helps me to look outwards and pray for global issues. In the February Prayer Diary, Pete Greig, founder of the 24-7 prayer movement and a *Tearfund* ambassador, offered his thoughts on how to make prayer for global issues less overwhelming. Greig suggests we should spend more time listening and less time speaking. He suggests three practical pointers, drawn from his book *How to Hear God*, to help us grow in our ability to discern the voice of God.

1. God's Word in the Bible

God speaks first and foremost through the Bible so we must begin our search for his voice within its pages. When debate about immigration was filling headlines in both America and the UK recently, Greig posted *Leviticus* 19:34 on social media: 'The foreigners residing among you must be treated as native-born. Love them as yourself.' He was surprised at the outrage this verse

provoked amongst Christians. Greig noted that Ron Sider reminded us that 'God's Word teaches a very hard, disturbing truth. Those who neglect the poor and the oppressed are really not God's people at all — no matter how frequently they practise their religious rituals'. Greig says we must begin by listening to God's word about injustice in scripture with a willingness to be challenged.

2. God's whisper in silence

When praying for justice, Greig tries to begin by sitting quietly, wordlessly holding the situation before the Lord. In these moments of stillness Greig may sigh deeply, allowing the situation to affect his heart in an expression of lament. He says he is learning to listen for the 'still, small voice' of God in the quietness (1 Kings 19:12). As he sat in silence recently, feeling overwhelmed by news of world conflicts, he was reminded of *Jeremiah* 31:15: 'Rachel is weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.' The despair we feel about the deaths of children in Israel, Gaza and Ukraine is found in that Bible verse.

3. God's Word for in the wider culture

Greig also tries to keep his eyes and ears open to anything God may be saying through the world He's made. The theologian Karl Barth argued that we need 'the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.' And Jesus urged us to read 'the signs of the times' (Matthew 16:3). Ultimately, Greig believes we hear God's word for those on the margins from those who are actually on the margins. *Tearfund* does a good job recounting such stories of hope from around the world but we do not have to travel far to find the voices of those who are disregarded, despised or oppressed. And in learning to listen carefully and prayerfully to their lives, God himself speaks to us.

To summarise Greig suggests the following: (1) Take some time in stillness, holding the situation before God; (2) Let Him speak to by spending time in God's Word. Let Him speak to you through the scriptures; (3) Look around you at what is happening in the world. Let God speak to you through the things around you. Lift them up to Him in prayer.



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Author events

- **Thursday 7th March:** Penarth resident **Sophie Buchillard** launches her new novel *'Assimilation'*, a tale of family secrets and betrayal.
- **Thursday 21st March:** **Tracy King** on *'Learning to Think'*, her shocking, inspiring yet ultimately hopeful memoir of growing up in poverty, the power of books and learning to think for yourself.
- **Wednesday 10th April:** *'Girl A'* author **Abigail Dean** joins us to discuss her latest novel *'Day One'*, on the lasting impact of a school shooting.
- **Thursday 25th April:** Much loved novelist **David Nicholls**, author of *'One Day'*, at All Saints to share his latest romcom, *'You Are Here'*.

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Ecochurch: Go Green(er) for Lent

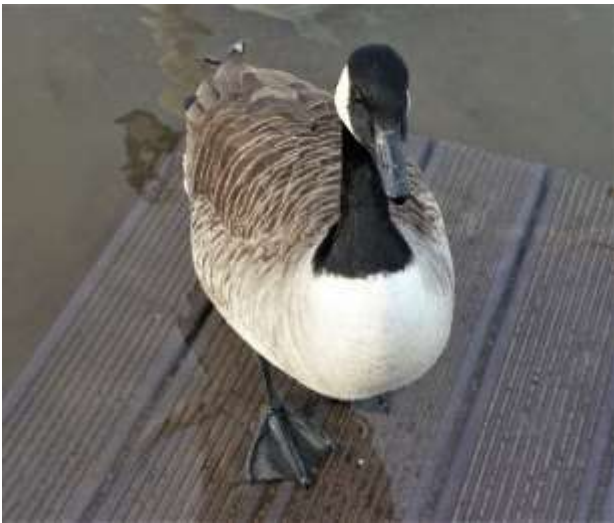
Tom Blenkinsop shares an update from the A Rocha website

- **Go plastic free.** Even if you can't become totally plastic-free, make it your goal to at least reduce your use of plastic.
- **Switch off from digital.** Explore technology-free times or areas of the house, switching to 'airplane mode' for the first hour in the morning and the last hour at night, 'switch off Sundays'.
- **Boycott fast fashion.**
- **Buy less or second hand.**
- **Buy local or in bulk.**
- **Become zero waste.** Slowly try to reduce your waste a bit every week. Consider giving a home-made gift instead of buying a present, upcycling items or looking at your food shop and seeing what items you could buy differently, spending a bit more on loose fruit and veg for example.
- **Spend more time in nature.**
- **Invite wildlife into your garden or church green space (with permission!).** Where possible, invite and encourage others in your church community to be part of the journey.
- **Try a plant-based recipe or diet.** Start by cooking yourself vegan or plant-based meals once a week. Cook more vegan/vegetarian meals and try to eliminate as many animal products from your diet as you can.
- **Grow your own.** Whether you have a garden or sunny windowsill, find out what you can sow and grow on a month-to-month basis
- **Change your method of transport.** How about walking or cycling for repeated errands, choosing one day a week to walk, cycle or take public transport to work where you are able to.
- **Take a step to save energy in your home.** From draught-proofing windows and doors to swapping your bath for a shower.
- **Move your money.** Could you divest from fossil fuels and support a bank which invests in renewables?
- **Join the movement for fossil free Churches.** Start the conversation in your local church to make a commitment to divest. Speak with your church minister or treasurer, and ask if the issue could be discussed at your next church council or PCC meeting.
- **Join the Eco Church community.** Find out how you can help your church achieve the next award level.

Photogallery

John Caldwell presents images of early spring in its many forms.





If you would like to contribute Photogallery, please contact John Caldwell either by WhatsApp (07885 588771) or email niddy123@hotmail.co.uk

AROUND THE CHURCHES

All Saints

(Contact: Janet Akers)

Whilst the weather in February has been very wet and dreary, All Saints Church has not seen a drop in the numbers of people coming to the services. The refreshments and fellowship after the 10am service is so popular that people are reluctant to leave. We celebrated the 80th birthday in early February of one of our ladies. Margaret Casey is a willing, hardworking and popular volunteer in All Saints and her lovely birthday cake (see photograph) was delicious!



I'm writing this report after returning home from the Ash Wednesday Service. It is a poignant way to start Lent and the 47 people present were mindful of the sermon and hymns sung that night. The Choir sang tonight's Psalm beautifully with excellent solos. We are all aware of the meaning of Lent and the Lent Course starts on the Gallery on Wednesday 21st February at 7pm.

St Augustine's

(Contact: Tom Blenkinsop)

Attendance at Sunday mass has been above average for the first weeks in 2024, with a notable high of 52 adults and 7 children on 4th February when Sunday School was at St Augustine's. This is always a delightful occasion. This time the children had made some impressive paper doves, and they were also able to give a theological interpretation of their activities at the end of the service.

Ashleigh Broadbent and Benjamin James were married at St Augustine's on Saturday 10th February.

Unfortunately the porch electrical problem has resurfaced due to the exceptionally wet weather. The fault has been repaired, with extra waterproofing, but ultimately, we need to find the source of the water. The correlation of the water ingress with fierce south-westerlies, and the presence of water as high as the bell chamber, makes it likely that water is being blown through the louvres. One day a brave soul needs to go up there in a storm to check, perhaps equipped with a wet suit and an underwater torch.

St Peter's

(Contact: Matthew Salisbury)



The art class on the last Saturday of January went well with Lisa Corbett Bailey producing this exquisite drawing of the lectern corner in the nave (see picture). Matthew Salisbury was inspired by the ancient interior to paint a view through the nave archway of the chancel. Another art session is planned for 24th February.

The Reverend John Webber, who commenced his ministry at the Parish of All Saints, had special responsibility for St Peters Church and after leaving the parish visited as often as he could. John died on New Year's Eve (see PMAM article *Remembering John Webber*). It was his wish to have his funeral service in St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major where he was Rector. It was a splendid funeral conducted by Reverend Edwin Counsell and attended by Bishop Mary and a huge congregation comprising John's colleagues, friends and family. John was buried in the cemetery in Monknash and, in accordance with his wishes, many gathered in his favourite pub, the Plough and Harrow, Monknash. All felt that he had been given the send off that his meritorious career richly deserved.

Holy Nativity

(Contact: Huw Williams)



We would like to congratulate Bryan and Gill Smith on celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary recently. (See photo of Kath Williams, Bryan, Gill and Rev Mark Jones.)

In addition to a card from The King, they received an anniversary bouquet from the congregation on Sunday 5 February.

REPORTS AND NOTICES

News from St Augustine's TOTS Group



We have been very fortunate lately in having a lovely rug, seen in the photo, lent to us. It's very useful for the babies to crawl on and for this reason we are asking the carers not to walk on it unnecessarily.

We have also had new straps put on our highchair by Peter at the Repair Cafe. Thanks to All Saints for the loan of a high chair whilst we were waiting to get new straps fitted.

Last month we ended on leap year day celebrating in advance St David's Day. Before half term on the 8th February we celebrated birthdays of two of the tots. The photos show the lovely chocolate cakes made by our new helper Justine



and the birthday cake brought in by one of the mums. Julius, one of the birthday boys, is also in the photo with his mum. He celebrated his birthday in half term by visiting Longleat. This month we will be having our Easter Party on Thursday 21st March when Mrs Rainbow is planning to come and give us a puppet show. We will then break up for the Easter holidays and wish you all a very happy Easter.

Please note we will be starting back next month on Thursday 11th April at Victoria Square for a bug hunt organised by Friends of Victoria Square. All Saints Church will be open for free refreshments on the Gallery, toilet facilities and the use of their crèche.

Margaret Davies



Notices and News from the Friends of St Augustine's

Thursday, 29 February Parish Hall, 7.30 pm **The Story of Flat Holm**

Penarth's local off-shore island has a long and fascinating history: this talk by ever-popular local historian, Alan Thorne, will bring to life many of the colourful characters involved.

Doors open at 7.00 pm. Non-members welcome; refreshments available.

Admission: £5

(£3 for members of the 'Friends').

Thursday, 11 April Parish Hall, 7.30 pm **Penarth and the Windsor Clives**

A talk by Chris Riley, Chair of the Friends of St Augustine's and an expert on local history. Robert Clive, a descendant of Clive of India, married Lady Harriet Windsor in 1819 and they created the town of Penarth. Ranging over nearly 1,000 years, the talk will look at their family history, touching on many of the most important turning points in British history and their sometimes difficult relationship with the crown. Their story, which gave them great wealth and was punctuated by frequent tragedy and even sorcery, is commemorated to this day in many of the street names of the town.

Doors open at 7.00 pm. Non-members welcome; refreshments available.

Admission: £5 (£3 for members of the 'Friends').

Saturday, 20 April The Kymin, 7.00 am **Dawn Chorus Walk**

Led by John Wilson from the Glamorgan Bird Club, we start from outside Kymin House and finish at St. Augustine's Church for hot drinks, bara brith, and a short talk.

This is a free event, all welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. Binoculars recommended but not essential. Voluntary donations to the Friends of St Augustine's.

AGM and other events

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall at 2 pm on Thursday 16 May. The meeting will discuss the formal status of the 'Friends' and how we can secure a satisfactory future for the organisation. This may involve major changes to our constitution and, if so, it is essential that these have the full support of our membership. Further details will be provided in due course, but please save the date now.

We are also planning a number of other events later this year. We hope that these can include a concert in memory of Steve Lavender, our late and sadly-missed treasurer.

Chris Higley Membership Secretary

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Fellowship and Events: Notices and Report

We have now finalised the dates for a number of social/fellowship events for the forthcoming year. Apart from the regular opportunities for fellowship we have five “flagship events” which we hope will now become annual events:

- The MA Big Quiz night (March 23rd)
- The Summer Celebration (June 9th)
- Open Churches Weekend (June 28th - 30th)
- Autumn Fayre (November 9th)
- Christmas Tree Festival (December 6th - 8th)

Interspersed with these are our popular Plant Sales, Monday Lunchtime Concerts, Community Cinema, Cream Teas, MA Lunches, and a large number of miscellaneous concerts.

March starts off with a **St David’s Celebration** (Music and Readings from Wales) by the Cardiff Polyphonic Choir on Saturday March 2nd at 7pm at All Saints. See their website for more details: cardiffpolyphonic.org.uk

On March 11th at 1pm the **All Saints Monday Lunchtime Concert** features the Darach Ensemble/Grace Tushingham Wind ensemble (oboe, cor anglais and bass clarinet). Free Admission as usual.

This month’s **Community Cinema** offering on the 19th and 21st March is ONE LIFE starring Sir Anthony Hopkins, the story of Lord Nicholas Winston who arranged the transportation of hundreds of children from Czechoslovakia via kindertransport. He kept secret all the children he had brought to this country until Esther Rantzen brought many of the evacuees together on her Sunday Evening programme “That’s Life”. It’s a film that everyone should see. Book through Ticketsource.

For future reference the cinema team has been able to secure screening of the highly acclaimed film WONKA for the April film. The film details the early days of Charlie when he comes to realise that all the chocolate makers are corrupt and

decides to do something about it, with somewhat unusual outcome. It's a fun film and very enjoyable.

Those of you who are not able to get to the cinema may not know that the cinema team also have a number of charitable initiatives on the go. Empty blister packs are collected for recycling, saving them from landfill and raising funds for Marie Curie nationwide.

There are two other initiatives coming up in March - they are asking for a donation of one pair of socks (preferably new or reasonable quality) which will be taken to the Huggard Shelter for the Homeless. Times have been difficult for the Huggard over the last months, as they are not always able to house all the men actually in the Shelter and are trying to keep them warm, safe and dry as close to the shelter as possible.

The second thing they are hoping to get off the ground is a food bank. They are asking for one item each month from those who feel able to donate and will have a list of items needed on the monthly newsletter. Please note that blister packs, socks and food items can only be collected on cinema nights in the Lesser (Small) Hall where the films are screened.

On Friday March 22nd at 7.30 St Augustine's hosts the **Cardiff Quaynotes Choir** (and orchestra) with special guests Cor Adunwad (from Torfaen). Further details and tickets can be obtained here: www.jumblebee.co.uk/quaynotesspring24

The following night in St Augustine's Parish Hall is the first of our "flagship" events, the **MA Big Quiz!** This was really successful last year and great fun for all ages. It will be a light-hearted general knowledge quiz. Tickets are £20 for a team of 6 or £5 for individuals (or join a group on the night if you haven't got 6). Doors open 7pm to start at 7.30pm. Tickets are now available at Ticketsource www.ticketsource.co.uk/penarth-ministry-area or call the office.

Hot on the heels of that, following the joint MA service at All Saints on **Palm Sunday**, is another of the very popular (and delicious!) **lunches**. Not to be missed! More details of this will become available in the next couple of weeks.

Robert Court

Faith Groups – a Report

There are currently five very active Faith groups meeting within the Ministry Area and over 50 members of our church community take part in these groups. Groups vary in composition from six members to 14 members and they meet either in homes or on church premises.

You may be asking yourself, 'What do these groups do?'. Well in attempting to answer this question I would say that they are all very individual but all are seeking to find out more about our Christian faith through informal discussion, reading the Bible and prayer. There is no set format. Sometimes a study guide is followed, other times favourite prayers, poems or art works are discussed. There is always time for a chat and a coffee and they are great fun. There is never any pressure for anyone to contribute: if members would prefer to just sit quietly and listen that is absolutely fine. Friendships are strengthened and the groups create an easy environment to ask those questions which we have been too embarrassed to ask in the past. It would be wonderful if more groups were set up and, if you are interested in setting up a group or finding out a little more, I would encourage you to speak to existing group members, one of the clergy or myself. Equally if you would like to join an existing group let me know and I will be able to help.

The Wednesday night group which meets at the home of Len and Tom in Victoria Road at 7.30 pm (except during Lent) will be embarking, after Easter, on an exciting course entitled *The Bible Course* and I quote: "Whether you are new to the Bible or want to go deeper this course is for you. It shows how all the books, characters and events fit together to form one BIG story from *Genesis* to *Revelation*. The course also provides tools and skills to help apply the Bible to everyday life. The course consists of eight interactive sessions each including discussion time, personal reflection and daily readings plus a video. The author is Andrew Ollerton. The Wednesday night group will be acting as a pilot for this course before recommending it further if successful.

If you don't already attend an existing group and would like to try this course, please contact me. If you already attend a group, we will be letting your coordinator know how we are progressing.

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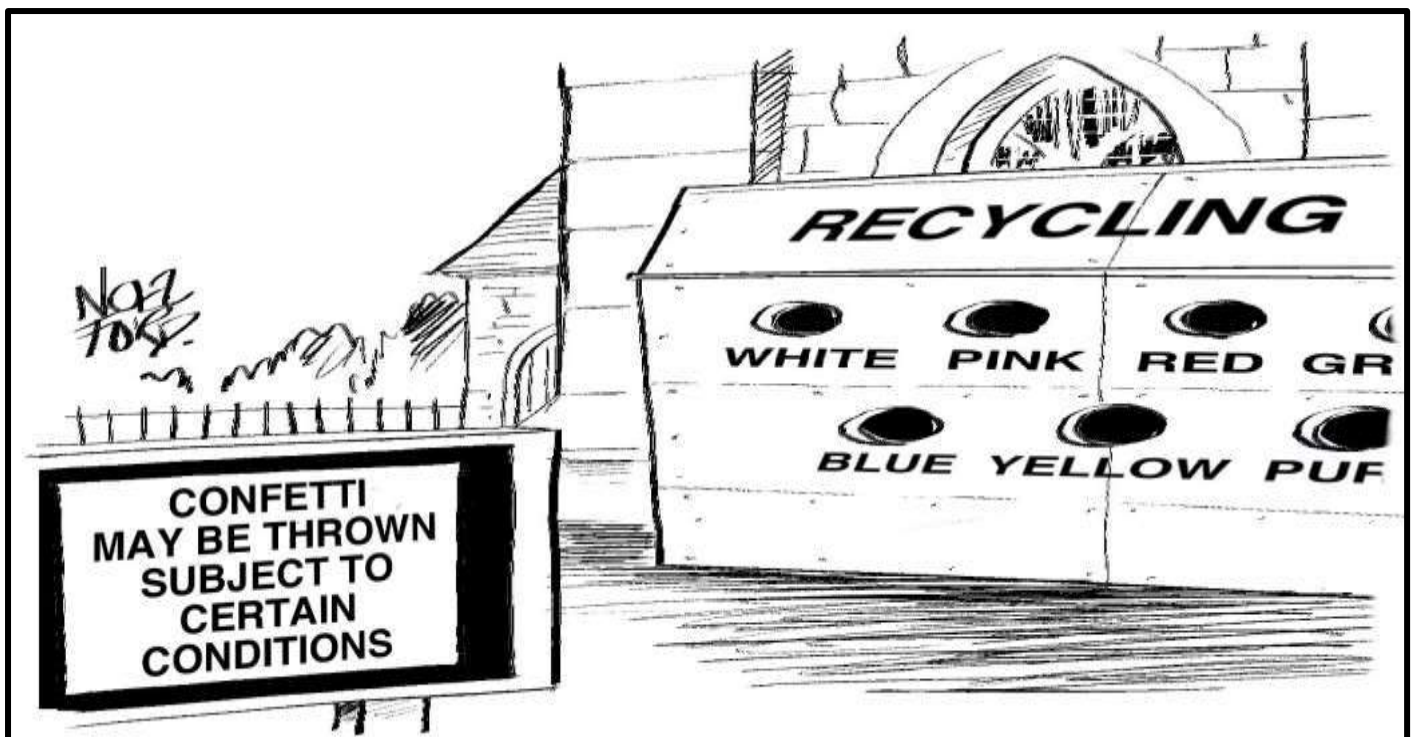
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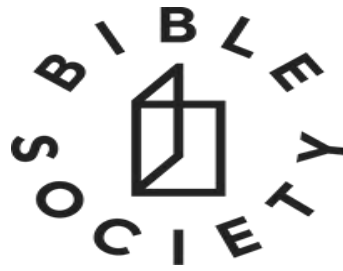
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Open the Book



Open the Book began the year in good form, with Tricia telling the story of Creation in the Garden of Eden to the children of Victoria and Evenlode Infant schools. I don't know how we managed to hold the children's attention, with just a few scraps of material and cardboard but we did it! In fact, at one stage you could have heard a pin drop - just the voice of the storyteller as we "mime artists" sought to introduce sixty or so children to Adam and Eve and one very mesmerizing snake

We followed the creation stories with a rendition of *Open the Book's* version of Noah's Ark. It's the third time I've been involved with telling the story of the Ark, twice to schoolchildren and the first time was to All Saints church by way of introducing or re-introducing *Open the Book* to the congregation.

The pictures are of our rehearsals. We try and gather an hour or so beforehand on the day of the performance to rehearse several times over. This is important; as we only mime, we want to become comfortable with exaggerated movements in order to enhance the reader's storytelling.



Although *Open the Book* is relatively new to me, I believe it was an All Saints ministry to schools for quite a few years. I'm not sure when it ceased but, in any case, the Covid outbreak would have put a stop to this wonderful way of telling Bible stories to young children so I'm very happy to be a part of its restoration.

At the moment, we only have one storyteller/reader, but as more schools become involved (and we hope they do) *Open the Book* will need more readers, more players, and more props. Maybe we can have teams of people each delivering one story each week, month or term to different schools or teams rotating through the schools with the same story? Then there's 'props and wardrobe' with plenty to organise for those who would like to be a part of this ministry, just not the acting. The actual performances are relatively short (less than 10 minutes) compared to all the preparation beforehand and I for one take my hat off to Tricia, for juggling all of it but if this ministry is to spread throughout Penarth (and beyond) recruits are needed. Come and join us! For more details contact Tricia, tricia.ingram4@ntlworld.com or 07808 120763.

Ann Taylor

Lent Lunches



We are well into Lent and the lunches have been running for two weeks now. It's the turn of All Saints and St. Dochdwy's on Friday 8th March and then St. Augustine's and Holy Nativity on 22nd March.

Volunteers are needed for the 22nd to set up the hall, wait on tables and in the kitchen so offers of help would be greatly appreciated - also donations towards the cost of the catering would be very welcome. There will be boxes at the back of the church. Thank you all so much. The funds raised go towards many good causes and help so many people in time of need.

If you can help please call Ann Lush on 0292070354

Sue Foley

Y Cornel

A dyma ni'n troedio trydydd mis y flwyddyn yn barod. Mis Mawrth. Rydyn ni eisoes ar drothwy trydedd wythnos tymor y Garawys ac erbyn diwedd y mis bydd y Pasg wedi pasio hefyd! Fe soniais yn rhifyn mis diwethaf Y Cornel am ysbrydoliaeth a'r mater o ddod o hyd iddo er mwyn rhaffu geiriau at ei gilydd er mwynhad darllenwyr. Mae mis Mawrth dros y canrifoedd wedi darparu'r awen



Dewi Sant, o gysegrfa newydd ei hadnewyddu yn Eglwys Gadeiriol

greadigol i feirdd ac awduron, arlunwyr a cherflunwyr wrth feddwl am achlysuron crefyddol sy'n gysylltiedig â'r mis.

Llynedd fe ddathlodd Cadeirlan Tŷ Ddewi benblwydd pwysig dros ben sef 900 mlynedd ers iddi hi gael braint gan y Pab fod dwy bererindod i'r Gadeirlan yn gyfwerth ag un i Rufain. Cafodd Dewi Sant ei gydnabod fel "sant rhyngwladol". Yr hyn sy'n aros yng nghof pobl yn gyffredinol yw i Dewi argymell "gwneud y pethau bach" ond rhown ddiolch hyd heddiw am esiampl y gŵr hwn a ddaeth â nerth cariad a daioni Duw i'n gwlad fileniwm a hanner yn ôl. Cofiw'n hynny wrth ddathlu Gŵyl Ddewi eleni – mewn tai bwyta, tafarndai, clybiau golff moethus, wrth flasu'r cig oen a'r gwin a chynnig llwnc-destun i'r gŵr gynt oedd yn byw ar ddeiet o ddŵr a llysiau!

Fe gofiwch, rwy'n siwr i mi ddweud mod i'n gwyllo Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol yn rheolaidd ac fe ddychwelodd y rhaglen fis diwetha gyda Nia Roberts yn sgwrsio â gŵr o'r enw Sam Robinson. Ac i fi dyma stori ysbrydoledig gyntaf y flwyddyn a hynny mewn sawl ffordd. Daw'r rhaglen o fryniau Maldwyn, ardal geni canu plygain ac fe glywsom enghreifftiau oi hynny. Clywsom hefyd ganu mawl o gapel Heol China Llanidloes ar achlysur Cymanfa Gyhoeddi Eisteddfod yr Urdd Maldwyn eleni. Ar aelwyd Seisnig yn swydd Rhydychen y magwyd Sam ac aeth i ysgol fonedd yn Lloegr. Wedi astudio athroniaeth ym Mhrifysgol Cymru Caerdydd, teimlodd fod cwrs ei fywyd yn newid. Symudodd i fyw yn Sir Benfro lle cafodd, heb unrhyw brofiad blaenorol, waith fel bugail. Ond wedi bod yn cerdded a dringo yn ardal Cader Idris, teimlai'r mynyddoedd yn ei alw atynt. Ac ym Machynlleth a Bro Ddyfi mae e bellach yn treulio'i fywyd. Daliodd ati i fugeilio ac fe gychwynnodd fusnes bragu seidir. Fe ddysgodd siarad yr iaith ac anodd yw dweud nad Cymro wedi ei fagu yn Nhrefaldwyn yw e bellach. (Mae e'n ynganu "bach" i odli â "chwech" er enghraifft). Mewn corff ac ysbryd mae Sam yn teimlo'n rhan o dir a daear Sir Drefaldwyn. Soniodd am Fwynder

Maldwyn a hawdd oedd gweld ei gariad tuag at y bobl leol – cyfeillgar a chroesawgar. Dechreuodd farddoni, â'u gerddi wedi eu hysbrydoli gan dirwedd yr ardal a'r afon Ddyfi yn neilltuol. Bu'n canu gyda Chôr Meibion Machynlleth ac yn aelod o grŵp canu plygain lleol. Cawsom yn y rhaglen hon bortread ysbrydoledig o ddyn a aeth ar daith ac a ddaeth o hyd i gartref newydd lle daeth yn un â'i gymuned, â natur ei gynefin ac â'i Dduw.

The Welsh Corner

The month of March this year sees a large portion of the season of Lent and gives us Easter before passing the reins over to April. It is the month where Welsh people all over the world celebrate, by feasting and toasting the life of



Sam Robinson immerses himself in Welsh culture

their patron saint, Dewi, who had a life long diet of vegetables and water. We have Dewi to thank for bringing the power of God's love and goodness to Wales a millennium and a half ago. It is 900 years since he was recognised as an international saint and St. David's cathedral granted a privilege by the Pope that two pilgrimages to St. David's were equal to one to Rome.

I mentioned inspiration in last month's Cornel and how sometimes it plays hard to get. It wasn't a problem this month because, having watched the first in a new series of "Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol" (similar to "Songs of Praise"), I was inspired to relate in these pages the story of Sam Robinson who was featured in that programme. Sam was born in Oxfordshire, of a well-to-do family and attended public school where he played rugby. He left school to study philosophy at the University of Wales Cardiff. And there his life was turned upside down, he turned his back on the elitist world of "win at all costs" public school rugby and started supporting Cardiff and Wales. One of his mates in Uni had said, "We do things differently here – we enjoy playing!" Feeling the call of the wild, Sam moved to North Wales, became a shepherd, a brewer of cider, a poet, a "plygain" singer, learnt to speak Welsh like a Montgomery native and became an integral part of his local community and of the local landscape in the hills and mountains of the Upper Dyfi Valley. He will not move now, he is at one with the people, the land and his God.

Dafydd Jones



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- For the Lent Bible Study Sessions and Cytun lunches to draw people closer to you Lord and make us more aware of the needs of others.
- For the Christians in Palestine to feel the support of the World Day of Prayer on Friday 1st March including the Penarth Service at Stanwell Rd. Baptist.
- For people living in war zones, particularly Israel, Gaza and the West Bank and that Christians will be able to worship safely. Also for Ukraine and Sudan and for people who have fled to other countries, that the aid agencies can provide support and care.
- For those working in government that they may find the wisdom they need in making decisions that affect the lives of others.
- For politicians to help asylum seekers unite with their families and find safety without resorting to dangerous journeys. That hope will replace fear.
- For young people coping with peer pressure especially on social media. Help them to develop skills to resist harmful messages.
- For those developing our youth work provision for Penarth and that more people will offer to help with youth and children's work.
- For all who have been baptised recently that we may support them as they grow in their faith.
- Inspired by the events of Holy Week that God helps us identify issues that are holding us back and challenges that he would like us to take on.
- For us to be open to the Holy Spirit calling us to new ways of being the Church. That more people will offer their time, talents and money to help grow God's Kingdom in the Penarth Ministry Area.
- For all working in the Emergency services, NHS and Care sector. Give them the energy to keep working when conditions are very demanding.
- 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. Jenny Stonhold

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CALENDAR OF MINISTRY AREA EVENTS

<u>Regularly held events during the month</u>	
<p>Sundays: 9.30am St Augustine's Choir Practice 1-3pm St Augustine's Open Church (first Sunday of the month)</p>	<p>Mondays: 10am Faith Group at 14 Llandaff Close 7.30pm-9.30pm Faith Group at 33 Wain Close 11th March and 25th March.</p>
<p>Tuesdays: 10am All Saints Holy Eucharist 10.30am Holy Nativity Midweek Eucharist (1st Tuesday of the month) 1.30-4pm Needles, Knitters & Natters on Gallery in All Saints (fortnightly) 2-4.30pm St Augustine's Churchyard Group</p>	<p>Wednesdays: 10am All Saints Cymun Bendigaid (Welsh Eucharist) 10am St Augustine's Midweek Eucharist 12 noon Lunchtime Faith Group on Gallery in All Saints 2-4pm St Augustine's Open Church 2.00pm All Saints Work Party in Lesser Hall 7.30pm Faith Group at 26 Victoria Road</p>
<p>Thursdays: 10am-12noon Warm Welcome on Gallery in All Saints 10.30am St Dochdwy's Midweek Eucharist (2nd Thursday of the month) 9.30-11am Tots Group in St Augustine's Parish Hall 7.30pm All Saints Choir Practice</p>	<p>Fridays: 10.30am Faith Group 7.15pm All Saints Music Group Practice</p>
<p>Saturdays: 9-10.30 Toast at All Saints (1st Saturday of the month) 10-11.30am St Augustine's Church Cleaning group (last Saturday of the month)</p>	

Events during March 2024

1 st	Friday	2pm	Penarth World Day of Prayer Service at Stanwell Road Baptist Church
1 st	Friday	2pm	Memorial Service for Grenville Bate at St Augustine's
2 nd	Saturday	8am	Cardiff Opera Rehearsal at St Augustine's
2 nd	Saturday	9am	Toast at All Saints Church
2 nd	Saturday	7pm	Cardiff Polyphonic Choir Concert at All Saints
3 rd	Sunday	10am	Holy Baptism at All Saints
3 rd	Sunday	3pm	Cardiff Opera Rehearsal at St Augustine's
4 th	Monday	2pm	Mother's Union Meeting at All Saints
5 th	Tuesday	12noon	Ministers Fellowship at All Saints
5 th	Tuesday	1.30pm	Needles, Knitting & Natters at All Saints Church
6 th	Wednesday	6pm	Cytûn Prayer Meeting at All Saints Church
6 th	Wednesday	7pm	Lent Course at All Saints Gallery
7 th	Thursday	10am	Bookworms on the Gallery at All Saints
11 th	Monday	1pm	Music at Lunchtime at All Saints
12 th	Tuesday	1.30pm	Needles, Knitting & Natters at All Saints
13 th	Wednesday	7pm	Lent Course at All Saints Gallery
14 th	Thursday	1pm	Safeguarding Training at All Saints
18 th	Monday	9am	Easter Experience – Schools at All Saints
18 th	Monday	7.30pm	M.A.C. Meeting at All Saints
19 th	Tuesday	9am	Easter Experience – Schools at All Saints
19 th	Tuesday	7.30pm	Community Cinema in All Saints Lesser Hall
20 th	Wednesday	9am	Easter Experience – Schools at All Saints
20 th	Wednesday	7pm	Lent Course at All Saints Gallery
21 st	Thursday	9am	Easter Experience – Schools at All Saints
21 st	Thursday	7.30pm	Community Cinema in All Saints Lesser Hall
22 nd	Friday	tbc	Quaynotes Concert at St Augustine's
23 rd	Saturday	1.30pm	Holy Matrimony at All Saints
23 rd	Saturday	7/7.30pm	MA Big Quiz in St Augustine's Parish Hall
24 th	Sunday	10am	Palm Sunday United Service at All Saints
24 th	Sunday	12noon	Palm Sunday Lunch in All Saints Lesser Hall
25 th	Monday	7.30pm	Holy Week - Service at All Saints
26 th	Tuesday	7.30pm	Holy Week – Service at St Augustine's

27 th	Wednesday	7.30pm	Holy Week – Service at St Dochdwy’s
28 th	Thursday	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service at Holy Nativity followed by Watch until 10pm
29 th	Friday	10am 11.30am 12 – 3pm 2pm	Cytûn March of witness Stations of the Cross at St Augustine’s Good Friday Devotions at All Saints Good Friday Liturgy at St Dochdwy’s

FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS	
11/02/24	Melissa Huszar at St Augustine’s
MARRIAGES	
10/02/24	Ashleigh BROADBENT and Benjamin JAMES at St Augustine’s
	<i>We wish them every blessing in their future life together!</i>
FUNERALS	
02/02/24	Carol LLEWELLYN at Holy Nativity
08/02/24	Leonard Bradford LEWIS at Lavernock Court
19/2/24	Marlene COLLIER at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium
21/02/24	Avril STEPHENS at All Saints
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