



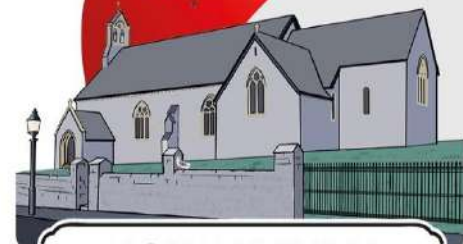
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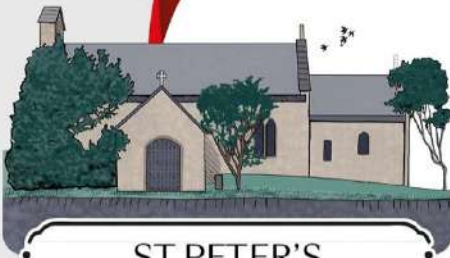
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- 9.15am Said Eucharist at Holy Nativity
- 9.15am Said Eucharist at St Dochdwy's
- 10.00am Holy Eucharist at All Saints **
- 10.45am Sung Eucharist at St Augustine's *



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- 3.00pm Service at St Peter's (2nd Sunday of the month)
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- St Peter's Church, Old Cogan, Penarth, CF64 2NA

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EDITORIAL

The magazine has an important part to play as one of our channels of communication in the Ministry Area. At one time (and in the living memory of many of us), a parish magazine was the only formal means of moving ideas around – most usually from the top downwards. Nowadays, the magazine is just one element in a complicated mix of communication channels: we now have a sophisticated website that curious people outside the churches can use as a window into our church life; we use social media that displays us to the outside world and to one another by recording, reporting and announcing our activities and plans; we still, of course, use older methods of internal communication like notice boards, posters, weekly bulletins, handouts, reports and other printed documents; we also use, incessantly, the fastest and most unreliable form of communication, the spoken word!

Because this mixture has grown up organically, it's useful now and then to review the role of individual items in the list, including this magazine, and to do that bearing in mind the available resources – in our case, critically, the very limited number of people who wish to act as editors. We know that the magazine is important to people; we also think that, because we need to do what is practicable and because the magazine shouldn't duplicate what is done better in other forms of communication, it's time, from the start of 2026, to reduce the number of issues each year to four (February, May, August and November).

This will mean concentrating on what *only* a magazine can do: that is, publishing extended writing. This, in turn, entails expecting notices, reports and so on to move into the *Facebook* page and into other channels of communication. The change would not exclude any of the present routine articles (like *Around the Churches*, for example) that are capable of transforming themselves into extended features simply by taking a more seasonal (rather than monthly) view. These plans have been communicated already to those who need to know about them at this stage. December's magazine will invite readers' views and we will soon contact contributors with detailed information and ideas about a way forward for all of you who write this magazine.

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

THE CLERGY LETTER



Dear friends,

I must start with a confession as we head into the hinterland between autumn and winter. (Although November is 'technically' autumn according to the meteorological calendar, let's face it, most of us are definitely heading into winter-mode by the end of the month at the very least!)

My confession is this - I have a sneaky feeling that as a member of the clergy I should be spending my spare time on high-brow pursuits (such as appreciating fine architecture, having opinions on art, reading books in foreign languages etc.) but I really don't. My idea of a relaxing evening off consists of something along the lines of simply slobbering-out on the sofa and watching some nonsensical tv series - not necessarily a film (as they take too much time and/or focus!) but perhaps some kind of comedy series or, failing that, maybe a light hearted drama/mystery series. And 'the algorithm' knows this!

I know that the algorithm knows this because I regularly get emails from the various streaming services letting me know of programmes they think I might like: 'What's coming up in November'; 'Only a few weeks left to catch...'; 'Here's what other people who like ... are also watching'. And I want to ignore these messages. I don't want to be predictable. I really don't want a computer profiling me and accurately identifying the kind of thing that I'll enjoy! (For the record, and for those of you who don't have a carefully-honed algorithm tracking your watching habits, 'Slow Horses', 'Taskmaster', and 'Only Murders in the Building' are all ticking the boxes for us at the moment.)

But with each new email I feel a building pressure reminding me of all the things that I'm yet to catch up on that they emailed me about last month. I still haven't started the new series of 'Foundation', or 'Upload', and I'm still only halfway through 'Wednesday'. How am I ever going to catch-up, and what else am I missing out on?

Life can feel like this quite easily if we listen to all the voices around us telling us to do this or that, or to be careful not to miss something or other that's going to be the next big thing. While sometimes it can be useful to discover things, mostly it's not helpful - and we in the Church shouldn't be another voice adding to this cacophony of consumerism.

So this letter this month isn't going to be about telling you all of the exciting things we've got coming up across the Ministry Area over the next couple of months. It's not even going to be one of those clever misdirects where someone tells you they're not going to talk about something, but then uses it precisely as an opportunity to highlight that thing. (Cleverer people than I call this paralipsis apparently.) No, this is simply a reminder that it's ok to not rush along with the rhythm of the world around you (or what you're told the rhythm is!).

'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10)

'The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in goodness' (Psalm 145:8; nb compare this with Exodus 34:6, the most cross-referenced verse in the Bible!)

'The fruit of the spirit is Love, joy, peace, patience...' (Galatians 5:22)

The rhythm that God seems to encourage us to develop, as a reflection of who He is, is much more gentle, much less pressured, and not one that constantly nags at us about the things we're missing.

Eugene Peterson in the wonderful 'The Message' - a paraphrase/translation of the Bible - rephrases the famous Matthew 11 passage as:

'Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest.'

Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.'

I like that. I think learning 'unforced rhythms of grace' is a good goal to have bouncing around in our heads in November.

The algorithms that might be analysing you don't know you. They don't have your best interests at heart. They're simply designed to get you to click more, buy more, watch more... more, more, more... Jesus' invitation though to 'learn the unforced rhythms of grace' is a much healthier and more helpful approach to life and to this season.

Like I said at the start of this letter, November can be thought of as being the hinterland between autumn and winter but it's also the month before December (I know - these are the kinds of insightful revelations that you have come to value and love in these clergy letters!) and in December everything goes particularly crazy. Everything gets turned all the way up to the maximum: parties, meals, nights out, events - and that covers schools, work, families... and churches too. It's the time of year when 'church' crops up most naturally and regularly in people's lives, and of course we want to welcome everyone in at every opportunity - but let's make sure that we're neither adding to the consumerism of 'more, more, more', nor feeling that we're overwhelmed by it in our own lives.

So, although things may tell us that we've got to be busy, or that the list of things demanding our attention is getting bigger and bigger or that, if we miss out on anything, we'll regret it - take a step back and breathe this November.

Enjoy the remnant of autumn or the beginning of winter (delete as per your taste or dependent on the weather!) and just enjoy this time of year - no matter whether you're nestled under a blanket watching TV, or going to fine art exhibitions! (And I think you can probably guess where I'd rather be.)

Grace and peace to you all,

Jimmy (On behalf of the clergy team)



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FEATURES

Lee Abbey - Signs of Life

Jenny and Brian Stonhold guide us through the art activities, the walks and the memories of long ago in this account of a special, reflective holiday.

We stayed at Lee Abbey, Devon at the beginning of October for an 'Art Week' exploring three Christian Symbols of Life: the Cross, Fish and Holy Spirit. Each



morning our tutor, Christian artist Lynne Pugh, introduced us to different images of the symbols and to biblical passages and hymns which referred to the symbols. Lynne shared her own faith journey and displayed large striking canvases of her art.

We were introduced to different techniques and art mediums including water colours and acrylic paints. After a coffee break, we created our own artwork. We painted a cross picture using masking tape for the outline then painted over it and when dried removed the tape to leave the cross shining clearly. On the second morning Lynne provided us with small wooden fish shapes and plain cardboard bookmarks with tassels. We made a bookmark with acrylic paints and a fish symbol stuck on. Also we painted a pebble and stuck a fish symbol on to it.

On the final day we explored images of the Holy Spirit and made pictures showing flames and doves. Jenny also produced a picture using the theme of 'Pylon People' from a book of meditations by Cath Wooldridge. Lynne used this picture in her talk about the 'Power of the Cross' at the final evening Eucharist. 'Pylon People' are like electric pylons in that they touch heaven and do God's work while being daily grounded, or earthed, in God's Love. Just as pylons are connected and powered in a line so 'Pylon People' serve as the 'Body of Christ'

Meals provided an opportunity to hear from the community about their own faith journey and their experiences of living in the Lee Abbey Community. We had a meeting with the 'Friends of Lee Abbey' secretary, Lorraine Screen, and the new warden, David Hammond. Our vicar, Jimmy Young, and David became friends during their gap year in Swaziland, now known as Eswatini in southern Africa.



Some of us may remember a very vivid talk that Jimmy gave describing how he nearly killed himself and David driving round the winding roads.

During the afternoon we enjoyed walking down to Lee Bay and exploring the Lynton and Lynmouth area. We re-lived happy memories of August 1984 when we took a group of ten teenagers from our joint 'Anglican Free Church Youth Group' for a week's house party to the chalet next to Lee Bay. On the Sunday morning, we walked up the hill to join the Lee Abbey Community and guests for an open-air Eucharist.

Three of the young people from our 1984 summer house party are now Anglican priests. Lee Abbey Community has vacancies for the house and kitchen teams and for youth and children activity instructors. Details can be found on their website (leeabbeydevon.org.uk/community).



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St Cecilia – the patron saint of musicians



Our cover image this month is of one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs of the 2nd century, St Cecilia, who is remembered every year on the 22nd November.

As far as is known, she was born a noble lady of Rome who, despite her vow of virginity, was forced to marry an older pagan nobleman named Valerian. During the wedding, as the musicians played, Cecilia sat apart singing to God in her heart, and for that she was later declared the saint of musicians.

When the time came for her marriage to be consummated, Cecilia told Valerian that watching over her was an angel of the Lord, who would punish him if he sexually violated her but would love him if he respected her virginity.

Understandably startled by this, Valerian then asked to see the angel for himself. Cecilia replied that to do so, he must go to the third milestone on the Via Appia and be baptised by the Bishop of Rome. Valerian seems to have been a good-natured husband because the story goes that he followed her suggestion, was baptised a Christian, and sure enough, saw the angel protecting his wife.

Being a Christian in those days was dangerous and, when the next wave of Roman persecutions began, Valerian and Cecilia were among those arrested. It is said that they died at the hands of the Roman prefect Turcius Almachius, perhaps in Sicily sometime between 176 and 180 AD.

One story goes that Cecilia was struck on the neck with a sword, and as she lay dying, asked that her house be converted into a church. Certainly, an early Roman Christian church, Santa Cecilia, was founded in the fourth century in the Trastevere section of Rome, reputedly on the site of the house in which she lived.

St Cecilia is frequently depicted playing a viola, a small organ, or other musical instrument and over the centuries, many musical compositions have been dedicated to her and her feast day has become the occasion for many concerts and musical festivals.

Photo Gallery

John Caldwell presents images of Cumbria and railways by Dave Mathew and images from a recent trip to France by his cousin, Peter



Harvest St Peter's by Catherine Dorrell



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Bordeaux, France



Bordeaux Cathedral



St Malo, France



Cardiff Half Marathon



Sunset over Llangenith, Gower

Y Cornel Cymreig

Dafydd Jones explains the profit that comes from reading the prophets

Ar fore dydd Mercher yn ddiweddar mae cynulleidfa'r gwasanaeth ecwmenaidd Cymraeg wedi bod yn astudio'r proffwydi. Wel, falle bod "astudio" yn air rhy barchus, wedi bod yn clywed ac yn meddwl amdanynt. Mae hi'n syndod cynifer o broffwydi fu wrthi'n clywed Gair Duw yn ystod canrifoedd yr Hen Destament. Y proffwydi mwyaf a'r proffwydi lleiaf. A'r "mwyaf" a'r "lleiaf" wedi ei benderfynu yn ôl hyd eu llyfrau, nid eu cynnwys. Un bennod yn unig sydd i lyfr Obadeia a honno'n cynnwys ond un ar hugain o adnodau. Y proffwyd Jeremeia oedd â mwy i'w ddweud na neb. Ei lyfr ef yw'r hiraf yn y Beibl i gyd ac yn cynnwys 3,002 o eiriau. Ewch i'w cyfrif os nad ydych chi'n fy nghredu!

Mae digon o hanesion diddorol wedi eu cofnodi yn y llyfrau hyn - a rhai eitha erchyll ac echrydus hefyd. Y stori ddiweddaraf i'w hadrodd yw un am Elias, unig broffwyd y gwir Dduw ar y pryd, yn cystadlu yn erbyn 450 o broffwydi Baal ac Ashera - gau broffwydi gau dduwiau. Roedd pobl Israel ar y pryd wedi dilyn eu brenin i addoli Baal. (Roedd yntau wedi dilyn ei wraig Jesebel i wneud hynny).



Poethoffrwm Elias

Gofynnwyd i Baal a'r gwir Dduw anfon fflam i gynnu tân ar allor i offrymu bustach. Methodd proffwydi Baal yn lân â chysylltu â'u "duw" nhw ond pan alwodd Elias ar ei Dduw i anfon fflam "dyma dân yn disgyn oddi wrth yr ARGLWYDD a llosgi'r offrwm, y coed, y cerrig a'r pridd, a hyd yn oed sychu'r dŵr oedd yn y ffos." A dyma i chi stori Hen Destament (yn hytrach na'r Testament

Newydd) - beth wnaeth Elias â phoffwydi Baal? Maddau iddynt a'u haddysgu am y gwir Dduw? Nage. Fe'u daliwyd i gyd a'u harwain at yr afon Ceson ac fe'u lladdwyd bob un.

Beth ynte oedd swydd yr holl broffwydi yma, y prif rai - Eseia, Jeremeia, Eseciel a Daniel, a'r llai pwysig a'r llai adnabyddus fel Habacuc a Nahum a Haggai? Derbyn Gair Duw a'i ddehongli a'i ddosbarthu i'w bobl. Y brif neges, dros y canrifoedd, wrth gwrs, oedd byw bywyd yn ôl safonau moesol - cariad a chymwynasgarwch. Roedd yna hefyd ddigon o broffwydo y byddai dinistr. Gwireddwyd hynny pan dinistriwyd Jerusalem ym 586CC a'r Iddewon an cael eu caethgludo i Fabilon - a hynny am drigain a deg o flynyddoedd.

Y broffwydoliaeth fwyaf wrth gwrs oedd y byddai'r Meseia'n dod i'r byd. Un o linach Dafydd, yn cael ei eni i wryf o Nasareth ym Methlehem. Y byddai hwnnw'n was i bawb, y byddai'n dioddef yn ofnadwy, yn marw i achub eraill ac yn atgyfodi.

Oes yna broffwydo'n digwydd y dyddiau yma, dwedwch? Ydy pob un sy'n pregethu yn clywed gair Duw yn mynegi wrtho beth i'w ddweud yn y bregeth? Yn y Testament Newydd, Ioan Fedyddiwr yw'r unig broffwyd go iawn, daeth oes y proffwydi i ben oherwydd bod yr Ysbryd Glân yn gwneud eu gwaith. Daw'r Ysbryd Glân aton ni i gyd o bryd i'w gilydd.

A dyma i chi broffwydoliaeth: fe fydd rhai ohonoch chi'n ddigon chwilfrydig i ddarganfod mwy am y broffwydi. Yn y Beibl neu Wicipedia tybed?!

We've been looking at prophets on a Wednesday morning at the Welsh ecumenical service. An interesting crowd whether major ones like Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel and Daniel, or the lesser ones like Habakkuk, Obadiah, Nahum and Haggai. Some of the stories about them are the stuff of horror films. We went in some detail into the story of Elijah's competition with 450 of Baal's prophets to see whose god could light the fire to present a burnt offering of a bull. This was because Ahab, king of Israel at the time, had been persuaded by his wife, Jezebel (yes, her) to worship the false god Baal, and told all his people that they should do likewise.

Needless to say, Baal's prophets failed miserably in spite of performing all sorts of antics throughout the day. Elijah, on the other hand, got the people to douse his bull with water three times, along with the firewood and the altar then called to the Lord for a flame. What the Lord sent 'consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones and the dust'. He then had Baal's prophets seized, taken down to the river and killed. That's the Old Testament for you!

Prophecies are found in many religions and very often need to be deciphered and are open to different interpretations. We, as Christians, can look back at the words of the Old Testament prophets and think, yes, we believe that the Messiah was born in Bethlehem to a virgin, he was from the lineage of David, he did suffer and died for us and was raised from the dead. My prophecy (or maybe it's just hope) is that these few words have motivated some amongst you to find out more about the prophets, in the Bible. Or maybe Wikipedia!



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AROUND THE CHURCHES

All Saints

(Contact: Janet Akers)



The highlight of September at All Saints was the Ministry Area Harvest Service which was held on Sunday 28 September.

The congregation brought lots of harvest gifts to the service in the form of contributions to our local food bank.

These were gratefully received and were brought to the front of the church before the service as a visual symbol of our thanksgiving.

The celebrations continued in All Saints Main Hall at lunchtime (see photo) where a splendid Harvest lunch was enjoyed. Thanks go to Jane McLaughlin, Len Smart, Tom Crooks, Sue and Martyn Jenkins, the organisers. The meal was an opportunity to enjoy good fellowship over a very tasty meal. A number of those attending also left with a raffle prize to take home too!

St Peter's

(Contact: Matthew Salisbury)

'The Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness'

There wasn't much mist to shout about, but plenty of mellow fruitfulness. The yew tree at the west end of the church dumped a whole lot of bright red berries onto the path. The sub warden then spent an energetic time clearing the path ready for the wedding of Simon Steele and Marisa Sanchez on 1st October (see photo on the following page).

Hoping to sing some familiar Harvest Hymns at the Harvest Service in All Saints, the sub warden felt disappointed.

The appearance of Lisa Bailey of Old Cogan Hall Farm at Evensong on 5th October raised hopes that "We plough the fields and scatter" or "Come ye thankful people come" would echo around the twelfth century church.

No such agricultural influence prevailed but there was comfort, at least, in knowing 'For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful ever sure'.



St Augustine's

(Contact: Tom Blenkinsop)



The interment of ashes for Gillian Cutts took place on 8th October. The funeral of Penelope Palmer was on 10th October.

Since Fr. Mark's departure, a variety of clergy have kindly stepped up to keep our services going, which has resulted in an interesting variety of preaching. It has also had the consequence of renewing familiarity of worshippers with the order and liturgy for the service of Morning Prayer and, in particular, the Apostles' Creed.

Maggie Thorne has (and will) visit a number of times, and she has delivered some very thoughtful sermons.

Repairs have finally started on the churchyard wall, unfortunately revealing some unexpected further damage.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES IN THE MINISTRY AREA

8am Said Eucharist at All Saints

9.15am Eucharist Holy Nativity with an Act of Remembrance

10.45am Sung Eucharist at St Augustine's with an Act of Remembrance.

10.45am St Dochdwy's - Remembrance Service (no Eucharist). *Please be seated by 10.30am for a prompt start.*

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Harvest at Lavernock

Michael Lawrence reports a successful harvest celebration



On 28th September we held a Harvest Festival Service at Old St Lawrence Church, Lavernock. The altar was decorated with fruit and vegetables in a wheelbarrow, with a wheatsheaf and a bale of hay. The front of the church was decorated with pebbles and pumpkins. The service was very well attended and the singing superb. We had the usual selection of hymns and readings and, as always, a big thanks to Anne for playing the harmonium so well.

It was a real pleasure to have Susannah, our new curate, give the sermon. She is a tremendous asset to our Ministry Area. The theme of the sermon was giving thanks for all that the Lord has given us in terms of crops and food. God gave the Israelites lots of good things, but he also knows that we don't always make the best use of them. God is asking us to remember Him and consider the way He asks us to live. When we celebrate harvest, we celebrate all that God has created and we also need to share what we have been given. In our world, famine is caused by nature but also by war. Humans have an amazing ability to hoard things, such as food or money, but we need to share.

The second reading from John was asking us to love each other because love is from God and is a gift. When we see love in other people, when we feel love ourselves and the love of others, we know God. If God's love is in us, it will radiate to others. Harvest is about a celebration of generosity – of receiving and sharing all that we have. It's also a time to reflect on what we should be doing all year round.

Many thanks to Rev Margaret Stark who takes our services in a unique, informal and humorous style, and to everyone who attended or helped in the preparation of the church. We will have a Remembrance Service on 9th November at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Report of the MAC meeting on 29th September 2025

- Archdeacon Mark Preece attended the meeting and ran through the Vacancy process and possible timescale for getting a new Ministry Area Leader. The best possible case would be to have someone in post after next Easter.
- The Quinquennial Reports on all the churches had now been received and lists are being drawn up of work priorities for our buildings. There will be a considerable amount to get done and it needs careful planning.
- It was agreed to do some work on All Saints heating to get it going, plus the underfloor heating will be investigated to see if can be made to work.
- St Peter's organ will have some renovation work which entails removing it for a time.
- Work is progressing towards an amenity building at the St Peter's site. A survey and drawings will be commissioned.
- There was a long discussion on the Common Fund pledge for next year and it was agreed to increase our contribution by 4% to £114,400.

Rachel Elder





**PENARTH
CHRISTMAS TREE
FESTIVAL
2025**

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

Friday 5th Dec 6pm-9pm

Saturday 6th Dec 11am – 5pm

Sunday 7th Dec 12 noon – 5pm

Music throughout the Festival ~ Proceeds to charity

Refreshments & seasonal produce

in the Parish Hall (on Albert Road)



Revd. Jimmy Young ended his three year stint as Chair of Cytûn at the Annual General Meeting held at All Saints Church on Wednesday 10th September.

He reflected on his third and final year in office using Psalm 133, 'Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity'. He focussed on the many good things that happened over the past year: the clifftop activities which have flourished and widened to reach young children, families and care home residents; the youth events; the Base Camp and Homework Club going from strength to strength; the monthly prayer meetings, a real place of God's presence; the annual retreat; the 'Bereavement Journey' beginning its fourth course; the Christian Aid group with its many fundraising activities which keep us looking outward; the 'Here for You' leaflet which is a real connecting point for all kinds of people; the Good Friday and Easter morning services attended by so many. He thanked everyone who does anything for Cytun in any way, and acknowledged the privilege of serving and his enthusiasm about what is to come. Rev. Young accepted with thanks the small token of appreciation from all those people he involved for all he has done for Cytun.

The new chairman, David Llewellyn, is away on a sabbatical at the moment so the meeting was chaired by Keith Howells.

It was reported that the Salvation Army now needs a licence to play in Penarth. The cost of this licence is £500. It is not clear whether the SA will make this payment to play. The Christmas season in the town centre will be the poorer if they are unable to purchase a licence this year.

- A 'Bereavement Journey' coffee shop table is hosted on the first Saturday of the month at Stanwell Road Baptist Church 10-12.00 for anyone who has been bereaved, or has been on the course, or is interested in finding out more about the course.
- The 'Autumn Craft Fair' (8th November at Stanwell Road Church Hall) has stalls available for £20 in aid of 'Compassion UK' (child sponsorship

programme). Please let potential stall holders know and, if interested, they should contact Alison Fiander on anfiander@gmail.com.

- Revd. Kevin Davies was thanked for his work over the years for 'Christian Aid'. Kevin retires fully at the end of the year.
- An in-store collection at Morrisons in July and a donation from Elfed United Church raised £588. A Tesco collection is planned in November.
- The Cytûn Carol Service will be discussed at the next meeting in November.
- Carl Brace from Penarth Methodist Church has volunteered to co-ordinate the Christmas Day lunch this year. Penarth Ministry Area are thanked for offering the hall in Albert Road as the venue. The event will be widely publicised and volunteers are needed on the day and beforehand. Anyone interested in helping should contact Carl Brace at carl.brace@hotmail.co.uk or 07742049157. There will be United Christian Aid Carol Service on Sunday 7th December.
- Dave Llewellyn of the foodbank has asked for donations for Christmas hampers to be delivered by 1st December this year. Everyone was very generous last year and hopefully will be again but delivering early will allow for purchase of any extra items needed so that every foodbank user can have a happy and blessed Christmas. The items requested are: Christmas cakes and puddings, tinned salmon ham and pork, stuffing and cranberry sauce, boxes of Fanta and cola, tortillas, selection boxes, Roses, chocolates mince pies, sweet and savoury biscuits. The list is not exhaustive and all donations will be gratefully received.
- The Cytûn Retreat has been booked for June 22nd - 25th at Caldey Island and Cytûn Prayers will continue to be held at All Saints Church at 6.00 on the first Wednesday of the month and will be led by Jimmy Young. All are welcome.

The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on 28th November.

If you have any queries about Cytun, please contact me on dafydd.allsaints@gmail.com or 07941778629 (please leave a message).

Daffyd Jones

Events' Notice

This month kicks off with our annual Autumn Fair in All Saints' main hall on November 1st so it may already have happened by the time you read this! If not please come and support this important fundraising event.

Cinema

The Community Cinema is presenting three very different films this month. This year is the 50th anniversary of the film 'Jaws' and you can relive the terror on November 4th! Full of suspense, iconic moments and that famous line, "you're gonna need a bigger boat", 'Jaws' remains one of the greatest thrillers in cinema history. (Rating: PG)



On the 12th and 13th you can see 'The Life of Chuck'. This is an extraordinary, genre-bending story that explores life, death, and everything in between. Told in reverse over 3 acts, the film begins at the end of the world and works backwards through the extraordinary yet ordinary life of Charles Krantz. It stars Tom Hiddleston, Mark Hamill and Chiwetel Ejiofor. (Rating: 15)

Finally, on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th November, we have 'The Roses' - a darkly comedic drama based on the 1989 cult classic 'The War of the Roses' - starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Olivia Colman. Theo and Ivy Rose are an apparently perfect couple whose picture-book marriage begins to unravel in spectacular, wickedly funny fashion. (Rating: 12A)

Talk

On November 13th Chris Riley will give a talk on the relationship between Bristol, Penarth and St Augustine's Church. This is being promoted by the Friends of St Augustine's and will take place in St Augustine's Parish Hall in Albert Road. It starts at 7.30. Entrance is £5, £3 for members of the Friends and refreshments will be available. (Please see the full notice for this event on page 29.)

Music

There are four concerts this month.

The second of our new Sunday Afternoon Chamber Music Series at St Augustine's takes place on November 9th in which we present music for strings performed by violinists Martin Gwilym-Jones and Kirsty Lovie, violists Fiona Winning and Nancy Johnson, and cellist Sandie Bartai. The programme is as follows:

- Mozart – 'String Quintet in G minor'
- Robert Fokkens - two short pieces for solo strings:
- 'A Sliver on our Tongues' (solo viola)
- 'For Sergei Sergeyevich, with apologies' (solo violin) - world premiere performance
- Caroline Shaw – 'Plan and Elevation for string quartet'

Tickets are £10 and are available on the door or can be booked in advance by emailing rob@robertfokkens.co.uk

For the final concert in the St Augustine's Autumn Series, on Sunday 23rd November, bass-baritone Thomas Coltman has curated a wonderfully varied programme of music for voice and strings. Martin Gwilym-Jones and Elenid Owen (violins), Nancy Johnson (viola), and Ros Acton (cello) will play music by Samuel Barber, Kaija Saariaho, Mozart, William Bolcom, Robert Fokkens, Beethoven, Amanda Aldridge and more. As for the previous concert, tickets are £10 and are available on the door or can be booked in advance by emailing rob@robertfokkens.co.uk

Both concerts last about an hour.

On Saturday November 15 in All Saints Church Penarth-based choir Crew Canu Penarth present a programme including Vivaldi's 'Gloria'. Tickets are available at Ticket Source or at the door.

Music at Lunchtime in All Saints on November 17th (1pm) features Philip Heyman (Viola) and Robert Court (Piano). This is a varied programme consisting

of music by Handel, Bruch, Telemann, Robin Milford, and Ravel. As usual doors open at 12.30 and refreshments are available.

Lastly, please attend our Advent Carol Service at St Augustine's on the evening of Sunday November 30th. Our two choirs come together for this annual event, combining readings and music for the Advent season. It is always a lovely, reflective service. The Christmas hubbub will no doubt be in full swing by then and this is an opportunity to escape it for an hour or so and dwell on the church's preparation for the Christmas season.

Robert Court

S4C 'Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol' Recording on November 20th

On Thursday evening November 20th at 7pm, S4C are recording the Christmas edition of the popular Sunday programme 'Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol' at St Augustine's Church.

This is a great opportunity to showcase the Ministry Area to a very wide audience but we need a congregation for this recording! We will need to sing well-known carols ('O Come all ye faithful', 'Hark the Herald ...' etc.) - but in Welsh.

It doesn't matter if you don't speak Welsh; please come along and swell the numbers and the sound. We will be drawing on the congregations of all the churches in Penarth for this, and some choirs too.

As it is the Christmas programme the church will be decked out as if for Christmas and I'm sure will look spectacular, so it would be wonderful if we can fill the church for this occasion.

Please try to come if at all possible. Further details will be available nearer the time.

Robert Court

P.E.A.S. Report



Although I haven't been able to take any sessions this month due to other commitments, P.E.A.S. has been in the very safe and capable hands of Peter and Caroline – and what a wonderful job they've done! We're so grateful for their enthusiasm and dedication in keeping things running so smoothly.

We also have some exciting news to share: Reshma has kindly volunteered to join our Sunday School team! We're absolutely delighted to welcome her on board and look forward to the fresh ideas and energy she'll bring.

Looking ahead, I mentioned in the October issue we would have some exciting news to share...well, this is it! We're thrilled to be taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Augustine's Church this year. (Please see the advertisement on page 22 for full details of the Festival.)

We hope to get the children buzzing with ideas about how best to decorate a Christmas tree in an eye-catching style, and we can't wait for you to see our creation — it's sure to be something truly outstanding!

As always, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and prayers for our Sunday School. We're so blessed to share this journey of faith and fun with our young ones — and with all of you. Wishing everyone a joyful and peaceful Advent season as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

Anthea King



The next event on the Friends' programme will be a talk on the 700-year long links between Bristol and Penarth. Penarth then was a poor, thinly populated village while Bristol grew to be the most important town in the region, a trading centre and increasingly a magnet for those wanting or needing to move on. But there was also a direct connection between them. For centuries most of the land in Penarth, including its church, was owned and managed by first an abbey in Bristol and then its cathedral, each of which went through difficult times. What did all that mean in practice and why was the link broken? The talk will pick up a variety of threads, and problems, linking the two places, which throw light on how both grew and changed.

The talk will be on Thursday 13th November at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Admission is £3 per person (£2 for members) to be paid on the door. There will be refreshments - wine/ soft drinks - for which we ask a donation.

Chris Riley

All Saints POD (Secondary school age)



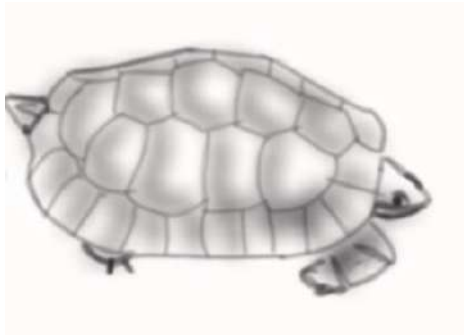
The evenings are drawing in and we are going to take advantage of an even bigger television (thanks to sub warden Adrian) by holding monthly film nights.

Sundays remain a mixture of fun, craft, learning and sharing. We have made autumn sun catchers to put on the youth room windows, played games in the main hall, thought about harvest and about reaping what we sow, and learned about the many aspects of the character of the God we worship.

David Cooper

Tortoise Letter

Thanks for your news, Torty. As you say it's time for hibernation (yawn). There are just a couple of things I'd like to tell you before we snooze away the cold weather.



My youngest friend asked if we'd ever met and, of course, we haven't. Maybe next year we could think about meeting up somewhere for a dandelion. Too difficult to think about for the moment though.

The other is that a while ago one of my young friends drew a picture of me - on her mobile phone would you believe! Anyway, I'd like to share it with you.

We'll speak again next spring. Happy Hibernation!!

Your pal, Joe Tortoise



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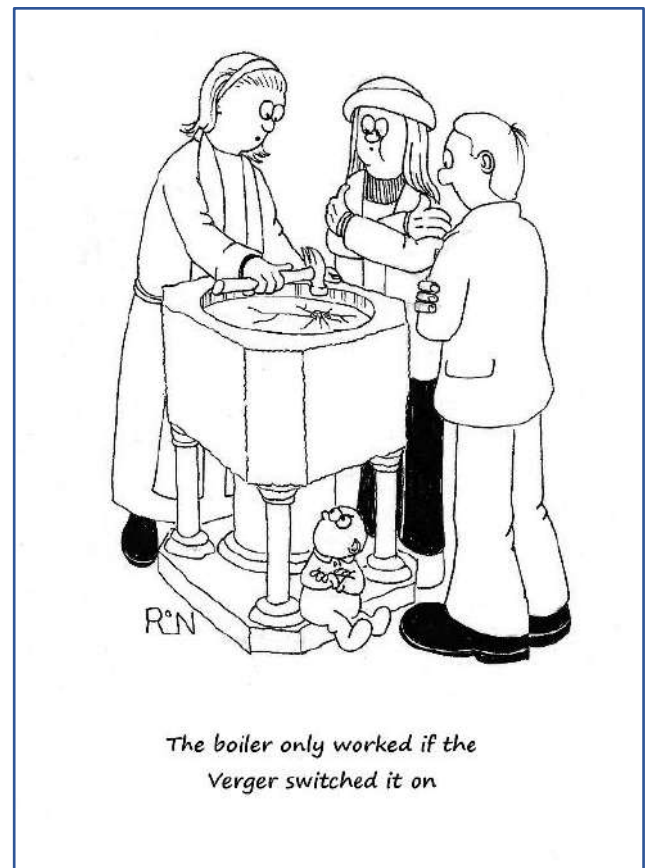
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Prayers for Palestine

Mel Griffin reports on the recent three-hour Prayer Vigil

On the evening of Sunday 5th October, All Saints Church hosted a three-hour prayer vigil for the people of Gaza. Attendees were encouraged to drop in for as much time as they could spare between 6 and 9pm. There was a good turnout on the night, with representation from churches across the Ministry Area as well as other churches within Penarth Cytûn.

The vigil was organised by Rev. Susannah, Mel Griffin and Hugh Bryant, who each led a one-hour section. Towards the beginning, those attending formed a 'Red Line for Gaza' outside the church, in support of Christian Aid's campaign to call out the fact that many red lines have been crossed in the course of Israeli government action in the region.



The evening comprised a mix of prayers, Bible readings, poetry, music and video testimonies from Gaza, with plenty of time for silent reflection throughout as well as the opportunity to light a candle of hope. Prayer topics included:

- an end to the suffering of innocent civilians
- the work of the aid agencies
- the release of all hostages
- a lasting peace in the Middle East

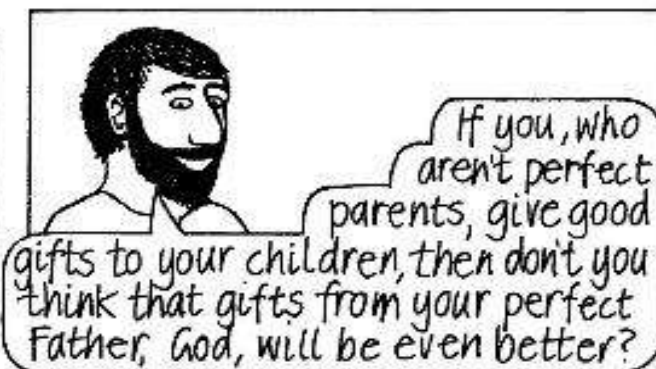
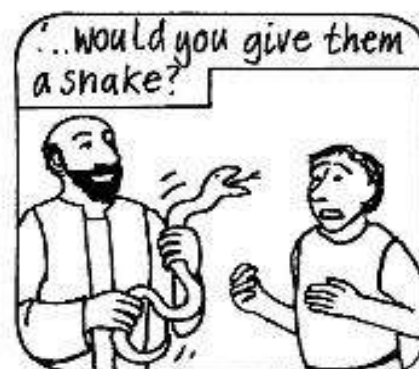
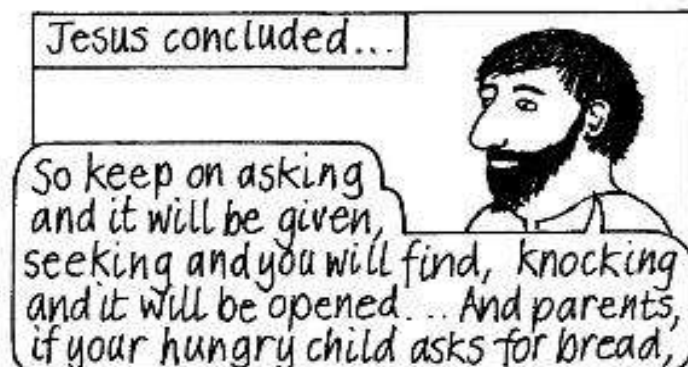
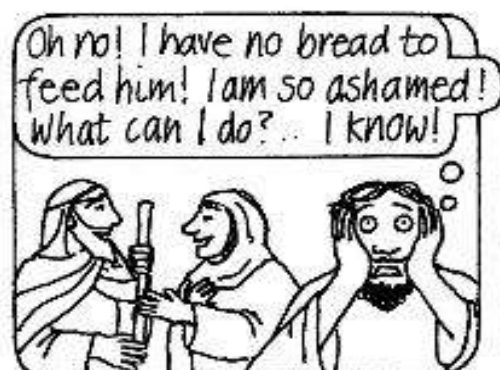
Despite the encouraging and hopeful signs of progress towards peace in recent days, there is still a long and complex road ahead, so continued prayer is definitely needed. Future (shorter) vigils may be organised, so watch this space!

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:5-13

To teach about praying, and God's good gifts, Jesus told this story - 'If you have a visitor arrive in the middle of the night..'



Prayer Requests

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



- For all who are grieving the loss of loved ones and for the remembrance of loved ones who are no longer with us.
- For all who have died in wars, that their sacrifice encourages us to work for peace and reconciliation.
- For people living in war zones particularly Israel, Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon also for Ukraine and Sudan. That those working for a ceasefire succeed and that aid agencies can support people affected by conflict.
- For faith communities to work together to heal divisions within their communities.
- For those working in government that they may find the wisdom they need in making decisions that affect the lives of others.
- When problems of the world feel too big for us to change help us to have faith that even our small actions can make a difference.
- For the Penarth Ministry Area to be a place of welcome for all.
- 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 those developing our work with youth and children and that a suitable person will apply to be our youth worker and for a volunteer to lead the 'Tots' group.
- For all who have been baptised recently and those attending the Alpha course that we may support them as they grow in their faith.
- For our Advent and Christmas planning to prepare us for Christ's birth.
- For those struggling financially. Encourage us to help by supporting the Penarth Foodbank and charities supporting the vulnerable.
- 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.

from Jenny Stonhold ☎ 029 2053 0580 or email: stonhold@msn.com

FROM THE REGISTERS



WEDDINGS	
30/08/2025	Hugh David BRYANT and Kehinde Adenike OKESANJO at All Saints
01/10/2025	Simon Charles Philip STEELE and Marisa Flora SANCHEZ at St Peter's
WEDDING BLESSING	
30/08/2025	Susannah and Lucy Griffin at All Saints
	<i>We wish them every blessing in their future life together!</i>
FUNERALS	
29/09/2025	Glenys Decima BRAYLEY at St Augustine's
30/09/2025	Janet Mary BERRY at Vale Crematorium
10/10/2025	Valerie May DeCLAIRE at Holy Nativity
10/10/2025	Penelope Jane Keogh PALMER at St Augustine's
27/10/2025	Elaine Florence ROEVES at Vale Crematorium
Interment of Ashes	
8/10/2025	Gillian Mary CUTTS at St Augustine's
<i>We send our sincere condolences to their families and friends</i>	

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

Regularly held events during the month	
Sundays: 9.30am St Augustine's Choir Practice 2-4pm Open Church at St Augustine's (15 th June and then the second Sunday of the month)	Mondays: 10am Faith Group at 14 Llandaff Close 7.30pm-9.30pm Faith Group at 33 Wain Close: November 3rd, 17th December 1st, 15th
Tuesdays: 10am All Saints Holy Eucharist 10am Who Cares in AS Lesser Hall 1.30-4pm Needles, Knitters & Natters on Gallery in All Saints (fortnightly) 2-4.30pm St Augustine's Churchyard Group	Wednesdays: 10am All Saints Cymun Bendigaidd (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 November 2025

1 st	Saturday	9am	Toast at All Saints Church
1 st	Saturday	2pm-4pm	Autumn Fair in the Main Hall
2 nd	Sunday	6pm	All Souls Service at St Augustine's Church
3 rd	Monday	7pm	All Souls Service at All Saints Church
4 th	Tuesday	7.30pm	Cinema 'Jaws' in All Saints Church Lesser Hall
5 th	Wednesday	5pm 6pm	Cytûn Executive Meeting at All Saints Church Cytûn Prayer Meeting at All Saints Church
7 th	Friday	12pm	Christian Aid Harvest Lunch
9 th	Sunday	3pm	Chamber Music Concert at St Augustine's
11 th	Tuesday	1.30pm	Needles Knitting & Natters in All Saints Church
12 th	Wednesday	2.30pm	Interment of Ashes at St Doehdwy's Church
12 th	Wednesday	7.30pm	Cinema 'Life of Chuck' in All Saints Church Lesser Hall
13 th	Thursday	9am-4.30pm	Bishops' Convocation at All Saints Church
13 th	Thursday	7pm	FoSA Talk by Chris Riley at St Augustine's Parish Hall
13 th	Thursday	7.30pm	Cinema 'Life of Chuck' in All Saints Church Lesser Hall
15 th	Saturday	7.30pm	Criw Canu Concert in All Saints Church
17 th	Monday	1pm	Music @ Lunchtime in All Saints Church
18 th	Tuesday	7.30pm	Cinema 'The Roses' in All Saints Church Lesser Hall
19 th – 21 st	Wed - Friday	All Day	Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol Recording at St Augustine's Church
20 th	Thursday	10am	Bookworms in All Saints Lesser Hall
20 th	Thursday	2pm	Committee Meeting - Penarth World Day of Prayer in All Saints Church
20 th	Thursday	7.30pm	Cinema 'The Roses' in All Saints Church Lesser Hall
21 st	Friday	11am	Zoom Meeting with Caroe re Quinquennial Reports
22 nd	Saturday	Tbc	Caritas Choir rehearsal and concert at St Augustine's
23 rd	Sunday	10am	United Service at St Augustine's
23 rd	Sunday	12.30pm 3pm	Rehearsal for Concert at St Augustine's Church Chamber Music Concert at St Augustine's Church
24 th	Monday	7.30pm	MAC Meeting in Holy Nativity Church
25 th	Tuesday	1.30pm	Needles, Knitting and Natters in All Saints Church
26 th	Wednesday	7pm	Full Cytûn Council Meeting in All Saints Church
29 th	Saturday	12-8pm	Set up for Christmas Experience in All Saints Church
30 th	Sunday	6pm	Advent Carol Service at St Augustine's Church

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