



The Parish of Penarth and Llandough
 Newsletter for Sun 10th January 2021
Baptism of Christ



"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" Philippians 1:2

In the current Covid-19 situation, there will be no church services for the next few weeks until further notice and churches will be closed for private prayer.

Fr Mark will put recorded Eucharist services on [YouTube](#) for each Sunday (Search for Penarth Parish)

Morning or Evening Prayer Mon – Thurs you can see services on our Facebook page or YouTube channel led by Rev Ali Reeves or Fr Mark

Many services are available online – see the [Church in Wales website](#)

FACEBOOK PAGE

facebook.com/penllanparish/
Twitter twitter.com/penllanparish
 Penarth Parish [YouTube](#)
 All Saints: [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#)



Readings for the Baptism of Christ:

Genesis 1. 1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19. 1-7; Mark 1. 4-11

TV – Songs of Praise Sunday 12.25pm BBC One
Radio: Sunday Morning service 8.10am Radio 4;
 Celebration 7.30am Radio Wales



INTERCESSIONS: For the sick and those in need:

Findley Dawe, Kate & family, Graham Lewis, Brian Hill, Finley Beckett, Carol Fairbrother, Glenys Tyler, Claire Longfield, Jan Toye, Gloria Gill, James Garrett, Michael Bridge
For the recently departed: Kenneth Land, Leighton Brown, Michael Derrick, George Bale

A PRAYER FOR ALL AT THIS TIME

*Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress.
 Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low;
 that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus
 our Lord. Amen*

Letter from Father Mark for Friday 8th Jan 2020

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you had a good Christmas and that the start to the New Year has been a good one.

As always during lockdown, I'm sending you this weekly newsletter to keep you both informed and to help you feel connected. I also want to thank all the people in the church community who are making special efforts to get in touch/keep in touch with those who are vulnerable or more isolated.

There will be no church services on the 10th or 17th January as virus levels are rising sharply: indeed it is unlikely that normal Sunday morning services will take place during January, I'm afraid. (This does not include funerals, of course – which are family-only, invitee-only services with a strict limit on numbers. People are very welcome to gather outside of course, if they wish to do so).

Videos of Eucharists and of sermons are available online in the usual way. I am unable, at the moment, to put up videos for Morning and Evening Prayer, as I have rather a lot of funerals in the pipeline, but we will return to normal service on that front within a fortnight or so, I hope. If any of you would like to find out more about what may be involved in occasionally leading one of these online Offices then please do get in touch; this is potentially something a layperson could undertake, after some training from me. It is also part of the philosophy of Ministry Areas, of course – with lay people taking on things that they can do, which frees up the smaller number of clergy to do what only they can/or are allowed to do.

I'm very grateful for the many messages of support and thanks that I have received this year, and I just wanted to thank you all for the way in which you have adapted in what has been a very unusual and difficult year!

Finally, with the vaccine rollout taking place, it is important that we consider our response as a church community. There will be a time, in the future, when many of us have had jobs, but are waiting for full immunity to take effect – which might take 2 months after a final jab – so we must still be cautious, follow medical and protective rules, and not let our guard down, even if we have had 'the jab'.

The second thing which is important to say is that the banging on saucepans, etc. taught our society the value, once again, of behaving as a united community. There will inevitably be a time, in the future, when the majority of our

congregations are immunised and have some degree of protective immunity - whilst there will be a minority who are not protected. It is important that we act as a united church community and don't push for relaxations or anything too soon that will endanger those without protection. We're in this together, and the Christian response is to look after all members of our community, of course.

Be careful over the next few months, and let's get through this, to the other side, together!
God bless.

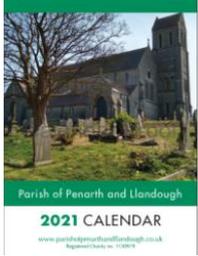
Fr Mark



Holy Nativity
Epiphany crib

Parish Notes

Items to the Parish Office by Wednesday 12pm please

<p>PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES Please use your new 2021 envelopes and send or drop them off at the Parish Office (address right) or give to a churchwarden.</p>	<p>PLEASE KEEP GIVING TO THE PARISH IF YOU CAN Planned Giving Envelopes: Send to St Augustine's Parish Hall, Albert Road, Penarth, CF64 1BX. Cheques should be made payable to <i>Parish of Penarth & Llandough</i>. It helps our recording system if you can include your envelopes.</p>
<p>FEEDBACK ABOUT OUR PARISH MAGAZINE We are preparing to merge our magazine with All Saints' to produce a Mission Area magazine, but we would like your comments about what elements of <i>The Link</i> magazine you would like to see carried forward (or not). Please could you send them as soon as possible to Tom Blenkinsop so plans can be made BlenkinsopT@cardiff.ac.uk. The magazine is for you, so all input is greatly appreciated. Tom B & Jan Knight, editors.</p> 	<p>Regular Payments – The Gift Direct scheme is the best way is to pay directly from your bank. You don't need to be a tax payer. Enrol online via the Church in Wales website or Rachel can send you a form to do it by post.</p>
<p>MAGAZINE DEADLINE Please send in items for the February magazine by Mon 18 January to Jan Knight insidethewhale@btinternet.com 07743 629310</p>	<p>BACS or standing orders pay: Parish of Penarth & Llandough, sort code: 20-18-27 account no: 00682349.</p> <p>PAYPAL – donate via our website or scan the code above</p> 
<p>GIFT AID SECRETARY. Viv Liles still needs someone to take over as she has eyesight problems developing. Please contact her to find out more. vivien.liles@ntlworld.com 029 20712466. Someone can shadow her to learn the role before taking it over.</p>	<p>CAN YOU HELP WITH DELIVERIES? We are delivering newsletters again to those who don't have email. We need someone to deliver to 6 addresses in the Beechwood Drive area. If you can collect bulletins from the Parish Hall on a Friday and deliver them, please call or email Rachel as soon as possible 029 20708722 parishcommunityhall@uwclub.net</p>
<p>PENARTH CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER VIGIL 23rd - 24th Jan 6am- 6am - <i>Responding to the need in our Nation</i> Eden Church is looking to hold a 24 hour prayer vigil from 6.00am 23rd Jan to 6.00am 24th Jan on Zoom. They are looking for Churches to agree to lead (several) hour long sessions through the 24 hour period. If you would like to be a representative to host and lead a session please contact Rev Simon Jennings - Email: simonjennings@talktalk.net Mobile: 07766 117785</p>	<p>PARISH CALENDARS – limited supply, so get yours quickly! Price £7.50 each. All profits to Parish funds. Even with churches closed, you can still contact Rachel for free delivery</p> 
<p>USED POSTAGE STAMPS Tricia Griffiths is collecting these for the Bone Cancer Trust for fundraising. Please hold on to them for now.</p>	<p>Ways to buy – Pay & pick up at Parish Hall – just call the office on 029 20708722 Phone Rachel or email penparish@gmail.com – delivery can be made for free within Penarth and Llandough with doorstep payment. scan this QR code to order or go online via our website http://www.pariahofpenarthandllandough.co.uk/calendar.html</p>  <p>SCAN ME</p>
<p>MONEY WORRIES OR DEBT PROBLEMS? – Tabernacle Church is launching the first Debt Centre in Penarth in conjunction with Christians Against Poverty. If you or someone you know is in difficulty, the first step is to call CAP's freephone number 0800 328 0006. They are also looking for volunteer befrienders to support people as they get back on their feet. If you'd like to help, please contact Claire on 07436 558681 clarehollinshead@capuk.org</p>	
<p>NEED HELP DURING LOCKDOWN? Penarth Helping Hands is still running if you need help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, dog walking or just a friendly chat. The phone number is 07745 475794 or visit their website at https://www.penarthhelpinghands.co.uk/ and fill in the contact form.</p>	
<p>CONTACT INFORMATION Parish Priest: Revd Mark Jones – 029 20709897 revmarkjones@sky.com Parish Administrator: Mrs Rachel Elder (Tue, Wed & Fri - 10am-2pm) Parish Office: 029 20708722 email: parishcommunityhall@uwclub.net http://www.pariahofpenarthandllandough.co.uk Facebook: @penllanparish Twitter: @penllanparish</p>	