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*...it's perhaps not the most dynamic of mission statements...  
but at least it received the unanimous approval of the Church Council!*

# Fr. Mark Writes

## Remembering

At this time of year it is traditional to recall the sacrifice made by so many during conflict, and as a result of acts of terrorism, as Remembrance Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, draws closer. This year, I would like to extend the scope of 'remembering' to other matters as well.

For example, we can remember those who died as a result of Covid over the past year or so. We can remember that a lot of families, who lost loved ones during the pandemic, were unable to invite everyone that they wanted to the funeral, due to the cap on numbers, especially at the height of the restrictions, for their own protection - and so there is sometimes a sense of unfinished business, a lack of closure, in many households.

Also as a result of Covid, over the past year we have been physically separated from a number of people who have worshipped alongside us for many years, and who need to be remembered in our prayers. Some have moved house to be closer to their relatives, so that they can be helped if further lockdowns occur. There are also those who now will be unable to return to church, as a result of increasing infirmity and illness which has developed over the course of the pandemic. It is hard to admit to ourselves that we may not see some of them again in church because we didn't actually see them gradually getting worse over the months when we were unable to leave our homes. We also have much-loved members of our congregation in hospital and in nursing and residential homes, who have been isolated from the outside world for their own protection - but this physical protection from the outside world brings other challenges too. I'm sure that they will all continue to be delighted that we are indeed remembering them in our prayers, even if we can't hold their hands, at the moment.

There are a number of other matters that we can remember too. In 2004, the Parish of Penarth and Llandough was formed from the coming together of two parishes. Over the next 17 years or so, the people of these churches came together in common cause, helped one another, enjoyed one another's company, and got through one of the biggest traumas, in Covid, in the entire history of the church in these islands - by working together. I think that we can all take quiet pride in this. And through it all, we worked steadily onwards, to put in place what we need for the next stage in our faith journey, when we come together, in common cause, with the Parish of All Saints, Penarth. Unlike the coming together of the units in 2004 which comprised the current Parish of Penarth & Llandough, both the units coming together in 2022 are strong, financially viable, have worked well together in the past - and have the makings of a great future together. We each have a great history to recall and take pride in, but we know

that together we will be stronger, and will be even more resilient against what the future may throw at us.

The final act of remembering that I wanted to talk about is the one at the Mass, the Eucharist. The posh word for remembering is “*anamnesis*”, which is also where its polar opposite, the word ‘amnesia’, comes from. The Greek word *anamnesis* is to be found in Luke 22 and 1Corinthians 11, which is a record of Jesus at the Last Supper saying, “Do this in remembrance of me”. These words (Latin, *verba*) of Jesus are incorporated into virtually every Eucharistic Prayer (*anaphoras*) throughout the world to make them valid, and are known as the Words of Institution or Consecration. Through the Eucharistic Prayer we are guided in our reminiscence, our recalling of the sacrifice at the heart of the Passion, Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. We are recalling, remembering, God’s saving deeds – but it is not a passive process by which we are simply told of them, told what to remember. No. This is an *active* process, in which we are *involved* – we become *part* of the Paschal Mystery. Whilst we pre-eminently recall these events in Holy Week and at Easter, we also remember every time we celebrate the Eucharist, week by week.

Remembering tells us who we were, and what we thought was right and important. Sometimes what was worth dying for. Through an act of remembering, we reinforce who we are now, and it gives direction to where we should be going in the future, with God’s help.

God bless,  
Fr Mark

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## Editorial

This will be the last edition of *The Link*, because the magazine will transition into the Penarth Ministry Area Magazine. A full account of these changes follows.



It has generally been a pleasure to put the magazine together, all the more so in the last few years since two of us (Jan and Tom) have been working as a team. We have greatly appreciated the support of many who have contributed articles over this time: we will not list you, in case we omit someone. Locally sourced items in the magazine have always been a priority since they are of wider and possibly deeper interest.

It was almost exactly five years ago since the current editors took over from Mary Cole. Several articles in that time have reflected on changes in the life of

the Parish, revealed through memories such as those of Jennifer Davies in this edition, and by material from older Parish magazines. Viv Liles contributed a box of old magazines, from which we have reproduced a few examples, showing the considerable changes in the style of the magazine over 100 years. There is obviously a rich vein of social and ecclesiastical history to be mined from parish magazines.

The Link is packed with our own material. In addition to Jennifer and Viv's contributions, there are articles on St George and Holy Nativity by Huw and Kath Williams, on the Burial Ground Management System by Linda Guilfoyle, and on the Serenity prayer by Chris Williams. Some of the most important content of our final edition comes in the Reports and Notices section, where there is the PCC report and a report from Holy Nativity from the indefatigable Williams. Cheerful news about the Youth club, Toast, Tots and Tea, and the return of the Repair Café are joyful counterparts to sad news about the closure of the Mother's Union.

There is an environmental theme to this issue, as it is being published in the run-up to the vital COP26 climate conference, as mentioned in the Econews article.

Thanks to our contributors this week: Jennifer Davies, Rachel Elder, Cathy Grove, Linda Guilfoyle Mark Jones, Viv Liles, The Parish Pump. Huw and Kath Williams

The Editors

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## Admin Corner

As always, the last quarter of the year has become extremely busy, with invitations for the All Souls bereavement service and preparations for Remembrance Sunday. We will also be having hymns during the service, which means sheets to be produced. Soon there will be planning for Christmas to do - the juggling act of the day-to-day work and additional tasks gets harder to keep up!



In this respect, I'm looking forward to working as a team with Alicia King-Evans, the All Saints Administrator, so we can share the burden of the busy times. We've had a few meetings and discussions about working together and planning for the move, which should be in the last week of January.

Party bookings for the Hall have picked up a lot and we have a good number of regular classes, which is all good news for the finances. Fuel costs will be going up for the Hall and the churches, but not yet as we are still on our fixed deals.

I'd like to say thank you to Tom Blenkinsop and Jan Knight for their excellent work on producing The Link for the last five years. They will of course be continuing as we move to a joint magazine with All Saints, in conjunction with Mel Griffin.

Rachel Elder

## The Penarth Ministry Area Magazine 2022

In January next year, when the current parish of Penarth and Llandough and the parish of Penarth All Saints become one to form a new Ministry Area, the two magazines will be merged. Turning the two magazines into one Penarth Ministry Area Magazine (PMAM) has taken some planning. The magazine editors, Mel Griffin of All Saints, Tom Blenkinsop and Jan Knight, joint alternating editors of the Penarth and Llandough magazine (ably assisted by Rachel Elder), had a series of 'Zoom' video-conferencing meetings, mainly in the first six months of 2021.

We realised that we couldn't just stick together in the new magazine everything that is currently in the individual magazines. The result would be a gigantic and wildly assorted publication which had little chance of ever developing its own character. We also realised that we needed to create a plan for the merged magazine - a template, in effect - that could be followed each month by editors and contributors, that could incorporate the best of each existing magazine and that would make an open space for routine reports, monthly news items and feature articles by members of the local church community, lay and clerical.

The current plan is for the magazine to include each month:

- *An article written by a member of the Ministry Area clergy*
- *Features of the kind that each magazine has at the moment written by church members*
- *News, updates and reports submitted each month from cross-Ministry Area projects and activities (Youth Work, Ministry Area Council business, Christian Aid, Eco-Church, The Sunday School, Mothers' Union, Cytûn, Subscriptions and Giving to the Parish, Prayer Requests)*
- *A brief news report from the wardens of each of the five churches (about 240-250 words from each church)*
- *A calendar of Ministry Area events*
- *A photo gallery*
- *A 'From the Registers' report and record*

To end up with a unified report each month, you'll notice that a few of these items, for example the Sunday School report, will require some collaboration

between people from the two parishes. If this is true of you, it would be useful if you could make contact with your opposite number so you can make arrangements about who will collate the two or more pieces of text into a unified report each month. If you're not sure who your opposite number is, the Parish Offices will help.

The content template can be viewed on our website on the [News](#) page (underneath the link to the current magazine) and also on All Saints' website. Have a look at the template if you are a contributor, or likely to be a contributor in the future. It shows you more detail than can be conveyed here, for instance about the guide length (in words) for each of the contributions.

The price of the magazine will be £1.50 for a single paper edition with the alternative of a 12-month subscription for £15.00. The paper version of the Ministry Area Magazine, because it will use colour throughout, will have a production cost similar to the current All Saints magazine. It will, we hope, also be possible soon to pay just £1.00 a month for access to a digital version of the magazine accessible through the parish websites or a Ministry Area unified website.

To allow for the changes we need to make in preparation for the January PMAM, the normal December magazine will not be produced. Instead, we will produce the first PMAM (technically the January edition) just before Christmas this year. **The deadline for this edition will be December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

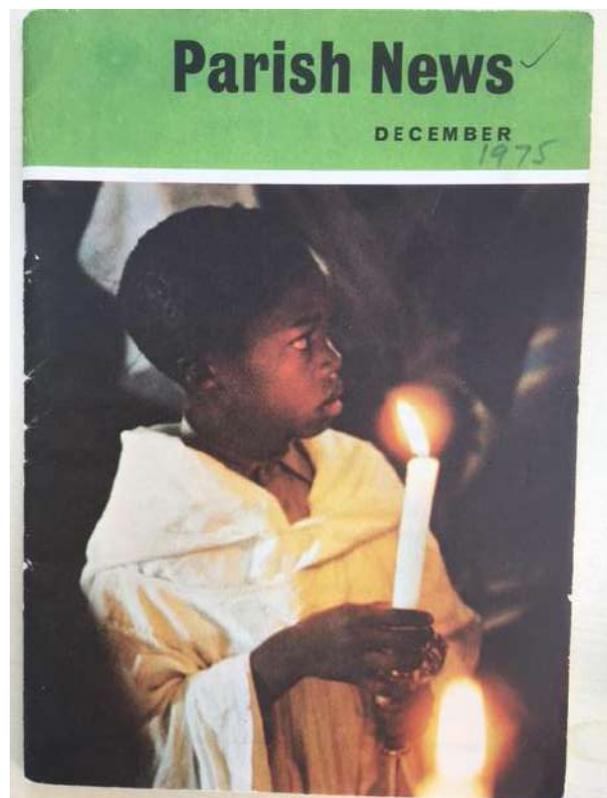
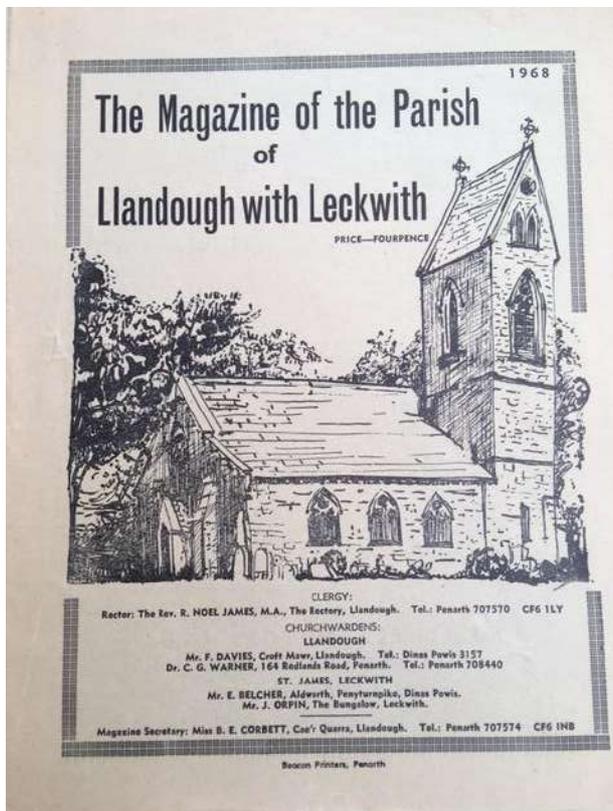
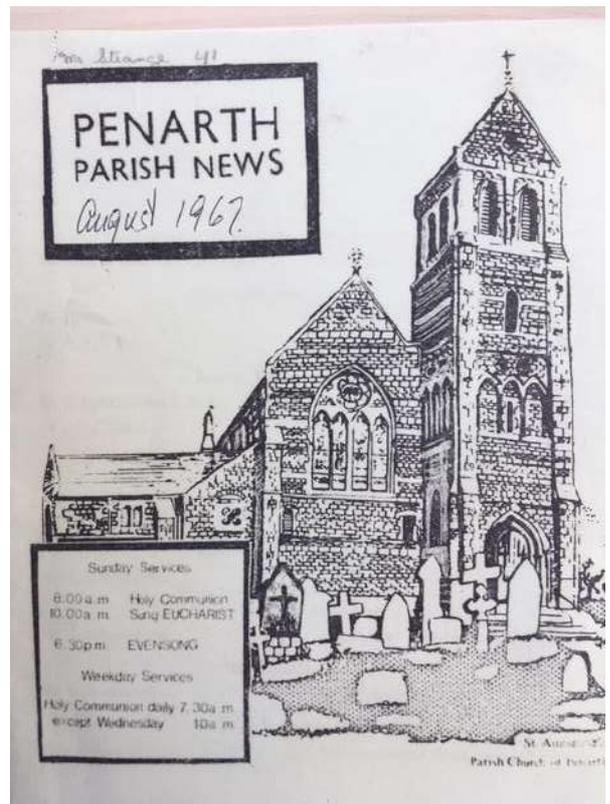
We are keen for someone else to join us so, if you think you'd like to do that, please do have a chat with one of us so we can tell you what's involved. If you'd like to find out more in a practical way, perhaps by shadowing one or all of us, or by becoming a kind of apprentice for a while, rather than just jumping into the deep end, we would be pleased to discuss ways of taking this staged approach with you.

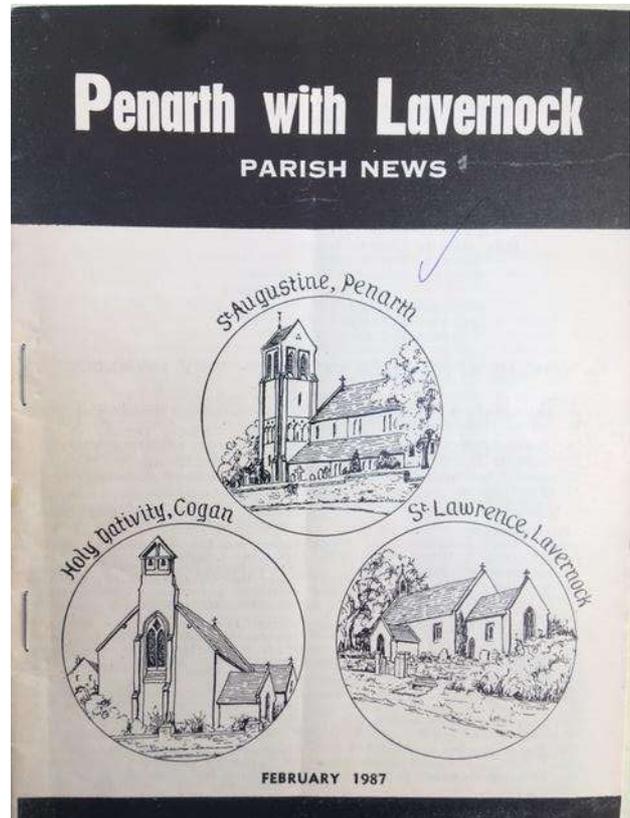
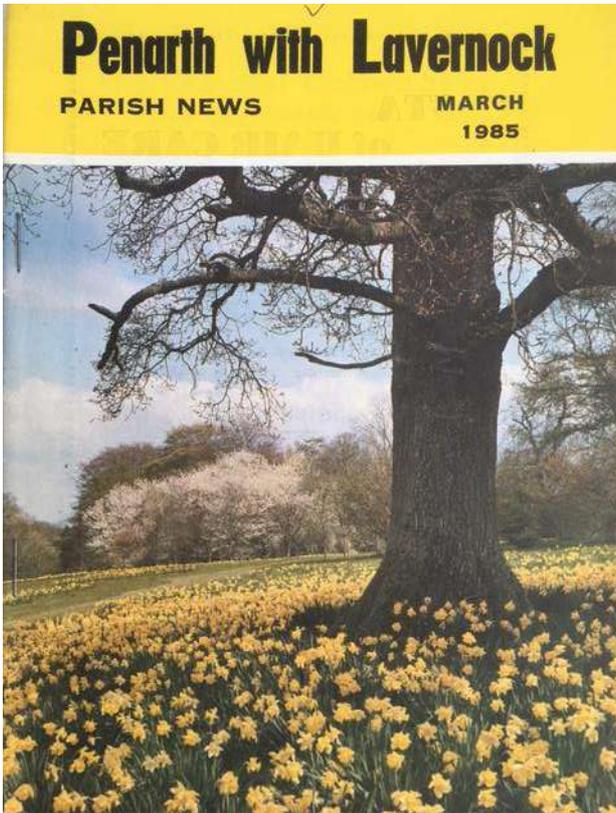
Generally, parish magazines create a vertical channel of communication from the clergy down to the parishioners, as well as offering a line of horizontal communication between individuals, groups, churches and projects in the area. We hope that the new magazine will keep open these channels of communication just as both the current magazines do at the moment and that, before too long, the Penarth Ministry Area Magazine will be as familiar to all of us as the two parent magazines are now. As has always been the case, the magazine will depend on your contributions, your feedback, and your advice so please do tell any of us what you like to see in the magazine and how you think it could be improved.

Tom Blenkinsop, Jan Knight & Mel Griffin

# Parish Magazine Retrospective

Spot the date





## What has St George got to do with Holy Nativity?

The approaching inauguration of the Penarth Ministry Area and the appearance of the last edition of the Link, calls to mind other significant changes in the history of Holy Nativity since 1894 - the transfer of Cogan from the Parish of Llandough to the Parish of Penarth in 1956; the re-hallowing of the church in 1952 following bomb damage in 1941. Further back, there was the change in the status of the Anglican communion in Wales. The Welsh Church Act 1914 was passed on the eve of the outbreak of the Great War and came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1920 when the Church in Wales, independent of the state, came into existence.

The campaign for the disestablishment of what had up until then been the Church of England in Wales had occupied Liberal politicians and Nonconformist clergy for over half a century, ever since the Anglican Church in Ireland (to which less than 10% of the population of Ireland belonged) had been disestablished. The election of a Liberal Government in 1906, with David Lloyd-George as one of its leading members, sealed the fate of the establishment by law of the state Church in Wales.

Disestablishment was pushed through in the face of vigorous opposition from Anglican opinion in Wales. It noted that the number of Anglican communicants in Wales in a religious census of 1910, equalled the combined strength of the next two Nonconformist denominations and pointed to the vigorous growth of new churches, such as Holy Nativity, in the new industrial areas of Wales.

Holy Nativity was opened in 1894 and that year a Liberal government introduced a Bill to disestablish and redistribute the assets of the Anglican Church in Wales. On the 13<sup>th</sup> July 1894 the Barry Dock News reported a well-attended meeting of the Cogan Branch of the “Church Defence Institution” at the Church Mission Hall (now the site of 118A Windsor Road). With the Holy Nativity Choir in attendance the meeting opened, appropriately, with the singing of the hymn “The Church is One Foundation”, followed by an address by Major General Henry Lee JP of The Mount, Dinas Powys. A Sapper veteran of campaigns in Abyssinia, Egypt and India, General Lee gave a “vigorous address” opposing the Bill and the “unstatesmanlike” behaviour of the Home Secretary H.H. Asquith QC.<sup>1</sup> In the event, the Liberal government was to fall the following year and with it the first attempt at disestablishment.

However, Holy Nativity still displays a tangible symbol of that controversy. By tradition, the correct flag to be flown from churches of the Church of England is the Cross of St George. As the Church of England in Wales, the same tradition applied in Wales before disestablishment. When you next visit Holy Nativity, therefore, look at the shield bosses in the Sanctuary ceiling and you will see that they display the Cross of St George. A show of devotion to the established order, exemplified by that meeting in July 1894? Undoubtedly.



However, the actual effect of the upheaval and change of resulting from disestablishment was to further invigorate Anglicanism in Wales between the wars and in the years following. That, perhaps, is a lesson from history to keep in mind during our current period of change.

Huw and Kath Williams

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<sup>1</sup> For those who wish to read it in full – and it is worth reading – the National Library of Wales’s excellent Welsh Newspapers on-line carries the full report at [--I CHURCH DEFENCE MEETING AT COGAN.|1894-07-13|Barry Dock News - Welsh Newspapers \(library.wales\)](http://www.library.wales/1894-07-13|Barry_Dock_News_-_Welsh_Newspapers)

# St Augustine's Church, Penarth – First in Wales!

You may have seen recent press reports about Atlantic Geomatics being given the contract by the Church of England to map and record all burials in the churchyards throughout the country using the Burial Ground Management System (BGMS). In Wales, St Augustine's Church has become the first to have the BGMS installed and to go live.

In 2016 the Diocese of Llandaff chose 4 parishes as pilot schemes for the BGMS and St Augustine's was fortunate to be one of those parishes. The Diocese paid for the initial survey of the churchyard and the scanning of the burial books. Volunteers Lindsay Cuddy, Linda Guilfoyle and Viv Liles then transcribed the details of more than 7,000 burials from the burial books onto the system. Photographs of the memorials were taken and the burials matched to the memorials as far as possible, again by volunteers.

Nearly 700 photographs of memorials have been linked to burials and work is continuing on some of the 90 remaining photographs. As a result members of the public are able to see a plan of the churchyard, to look up details of burials covering some 200 years and, in many cases, find the location of graves. To find the location of a burial you can click on a marked grave and, if it has been possible to link a photograph of the memorial to a burial, see who is buried there. To find details of burials it is necessary to click on the magnifying glass symbol in the top left-hand corner and enter at least the family name of the person you are looking for.

Work is also being carried out by Viv Liles on two notebooks kept by the sextons in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. We hope to be able to identify more burials including some unmarked graves when this is complete.

To get access to the system please go to:

- [www.friendsofstaugustines.org](http://www.friendsofstaugustines.org). Go to the 'Projects' tab, scroll down to Habitat and Heritage and you will find the link there

or

- [www.parishofpenarthandllandough.co.uk/archives](http://www.parishofpenarthandllandough.co.uk/archives).

This is part of the Habitat and Heritage churchyard project which is being carried out by The Friends of St Augustine's with the permission of the PCC. The Friends are grateful to support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Allchurches Trust and the PCC for this project.

Linda Guilfoyle

# The Serenity Prayer

The Serenity Prayer, which is popular, concise and oft quoted, reads:

“God grant me the Serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
courage to change the things I can,  
and wisdom to know the difference.”

However, its apparent simplicity begs several questions. First, what are the things we can't change? What goes in the list and what stays out? What is up to us, and what is not?

“In life our first job is this, to divide and distinguish things into two categories: externals I cannot control, but the choices I make with regard to them I do control.”

Epictetus

We can't control the past. Everything that has gone before in our lives is beyond our control. Although that is obvious, many people constantly dwell on past events, particularly negative ones. They ruminate daily on the same missed opportunities, broken relationships and unfulfilled ambitions. They find the habit hard to break.

Though we can't change these things, we can accept, or, at least, try to accept them. Those who practice mindfulness, by concentrating on the present moment, can overcome the distraction of the past. It is not easy, and takes practice, but can be done.

“Take no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof”.

St Matthew's Gospel Ch. 6 V.34

Whether the future is, or is not, “up to us,” we can use mindfulness to avoid the distraction of worrying about things yet to happen. In *The Peace of Wild Things*, Wendell Berry wrote of dealing with his dread of the future by coming “... into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief.”

“Choose not to be harmed, and you won't be harmed. Don't feel harmed and you haven't been.”

Marcus Aurelius

One thing we can change, is our perception of what occurs, both to us and in the world. Learning to see things differently means we can deal with them differently. The obstacles we encounter remain the same, but our response differs. We start to respond rather than react, increasingly so when combined with regular meditation. As Kipling wrote in "If," victory and defeat become no more than impostors. In Hamlet, Shakespeare observed that nothing is either good or bad, " but thinking makes it so."

" .... cling tooth and nail to the following rule: not to give in to adversity, not to trust prosperity, and always take full note of future's habit of being just as she pleases."

Seneca

How do we know the difference between what we can, and we can't, change? This is easy to get wrong. Clear perception and appropriate action may yet fail. Sometimes that is not apparent until the outcome. That's life, and why the Serenity Prayer is so good.

Chris Williams

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## Unsung heroes

When I realised that the Saint Augustine's parish magazine will cease to exist at the end of the year, I was galvanised to write a short article which I have been thinking about for some time. This will be interesting to people connected with Saint Augustine's.

My grandfather William Strange was a lifelong member of Saint Augustine's church, even though, without a car, it was a long way to walk from his home in Archer Terrace up to the church. He worked for the railway in the experimental sheds and the stores in Caerphilly, catching the train from Alberta Halt Station every day .He was an amateur inventor who was always submitting ideas to the Taff Vale Railway and the Great Western Railway. Many of these ideas were accepted, earning a fee of seven shillings and sixpence or even ten shillings.

He must've been very far sighted because he anticipated the bombing raids of World War II and their effects. In the years before the war he started to research measures to counteract these effects. I find it interesting that my grandfather, who had no official position, felt it to be perfectly normal to write to the Home Office offering his ideas. I have a newspaper cutting which says that the idea "was politely acknowledged and pigeonholed" at the time of the Munich Crisis but then was resurrected when bombing became widespread. My grandfather

had been particularly concerned about the vulnerability of the docks and the railway system in Cardiff and Penarth.

He experimented in his small back garden causing, no doubt, much nuisance to the neighbours. When air attacks became concentrated on Britain, his idea was revived. The Ministry of Home Security introduced a system of smoke screens, produced by stationary and travelling incinerators. All of his involvement was secret until after the War, when it was public knowledge that his suggestion had saved many lives and much property. He almost certainly did not receive any money for this, nor would he have expected any. He simply considered that he was doing his duty as a concerned citizen. All of this was acknowledged by our MP James Callaghan, who thought that the people of Penarth should know of his public-spirited action. I have several press cuttings - one of which is entitled "How the hand bombers were baffled."

Two other important parts of my grandfather's life where his worship at Saint Augustine's and his membership of the Penarth Rugby Club. As some of our older readers will remember these two things once a year caused a certain degree of conflict. Every Good Friday the very famous rugby team, the Barbarians, played the Penarth Rugby Club. This was a hugely popular fixture. The Three Hours Service of Devotions on Good Friday unfortunately did not finish until three o'clock which was kick-off time. This caused a certain amount of soul-searching - not to mention a quick dash to the "Rec".

As an aside, my grandmother Fanny Strange (née Knight), who was a very quiet lady, also had a claim to fame. Before her marriage, she worked for the Post Office and was present at Lavernock when Marconi sent his famous radio signal to Flat Holm - another part of Penarth history.

Interestingly my mother, their daughter in law, is Mrs Elsie Strange who is now 107 years old and lives at the Waverley Care Centre.

I wonder how many of our parishioners from that time made important contributions to the War effort which were key, kept secret under the Official Secrets Act and which might now have been forgotten. We owe so much to the effort of that generation.

Jennifer Davis

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# Econews

**Climate change is the biggest threat to humanity and a growing threat to nature. But nature can provide important solutions for addressing climate change. What can Christians and churches do to make a difference?**

In November the UK government will host the critical international climate negotiations known as 'COP26' – the 26th Conference of Parties (signatory countries) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Much is at stake at this conference, and it has been described as the last best chance to avoid global climate catastrophe. Hosting and chairing it is a unique responsibility for the British government. It also presents a unique opportunity for British Christians and churches to understand the key issues better and *act* on them, in service of our creator God, nature and all people.

A Rocha UK is running a special programme of work from COP26. We will be exploring the links between climate and nature and what we can do. We are working with our sister organisations in the international A Rocha network to develop a common position on nature-based solutions to climate change, to inform policy makers and practitioners alike. We are also helping to lead a broad Churches coalition to accelerate churches' action on climate change (Climate Sunday Initiative).

See <https://arocha.org.uk/christians-churches-and-cop26/> for the A Rocha initiatives for COP26. This makes the point that there will be important actions to take after COP26, whatever the outcomes.

From the A Rocha web site



# Poem of the Month: Immortality Ode

There was a time when meadow, grove, and stream,  
The earth, and every common sight,  
To me did seem  
Apparelled in celestial light,  
The glory and the freshness of a dream.  
It is not now as it hath been of yore;—  
Turn wheresoe'er I may,  
By night or day,  
The things which I have seen I now can see no more.

To me alone there came a thought of grief:  
A timely utterance gave that thought relief,  
And I again am strong:  
The cataracts blow their trumpets from the steep;  
No more shall grief of mine the season wrong;

A single Field which I have looked upon,  
Both of them speak of something that is gone:  
The Pansy at my feet  
Doth the same tale repeat:  
Whither is fled the visionary gleam?  
Where is it now, the glory and the dream?

William Wordsworth

Although this poem is about loss of innocence and mortality, perhaps another meaning comes across today. The environmental degradation all around us would surely have been keenly felt by Wordsworth.

# Reports and Notices

## PCC REPORT – September 27 2021

- The main focus of the PCC meeting was on the draft Ministry Area decree and on local church governance for the Ministry Area.
- Fr Mark had only just received the draft decree, so went through it at the meeting. A problem was discovered with the numbers of Representatives stated, so Mark will raise this with the Registrar.
- Local church governance – the MA Transition Team had agreed that having local church councils would not be sustainable in the long term, so decided that each church should have one or two local Reps who could raise issues with the Ministry Area Council or the sub-committees. These Reps could also communicate decisions and policy from the MAC to the local congregations. The PCC could see the wisdom of this and agreed with the decision.
- It was hoped that there could be events to bring back some of the former regular church attenders and attract new ones. This was still difficult with Covid restrictions.
- Same sex blessings. The Governing Body has approved this, but it will be up to local priests to decide if they want to do it. Fr Mark had not yet formed a view.
- Christmas concerts – it is unlikely that these can take place, especially as singing in church was not yet re-established.
- Finance – income from many sources is down (no income from fundraising, weddings, concerts etc) and there is a net deficit of over £5000 for the year so far.
- The Hall income is just about at break-even.
- Some tree surgery is required in St Augustine's churchyard, particularly on a large sycamore.
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Full minutes available from the Parish Office. Next meeting Nov 19<sup>th</sup>.

Rachel Elder, PCC Secretary

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## Holy Nativity Report

### Church Grounds Restoration and Christmas Tree

Our project to restore the church grounds and complete the repairs to the retaining walls continues to make progress. We have had a specification and budget drawn up for the works to the walls and we await a detailed design of the re-planting scheme from the Vale of Glamorgan Council's landscape architect. Once received, we will be able to make the application for a faculty and also start making grant applications for the works to the walls.

The Penarth Town Council has been in touch and offered to supply a Christmas tree once again this year. The offer has been gratefully accepted.

**However**, due to its size, the erection of the Christmas tree and the decoration with the solar powered lights purchased last year is a professional job. Donations towards this will be gratefully received. Any surplus will be applied to complete the renovation of the memorial rose garden adjacent to Church House or the Church grounds project more generally.

If you would like to donate, please contact Kath and Huw Williams (email: [huwandkath@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:huwandkath@hotmail.co.uk), telephone 29 20 708 554)

Kath and Huw Williams

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## **Friday Night Youth Club – Autumn Term 2021**

For many months our youth worker Mel has been keen to work more with the other churches in Penarth for the benefit of young people across the town. Currently the only other church that employs a youth worker is Tabernacle Baptist Church. Rev. Owen James is the Youth Pastor there.

While Mel is off on maternity leave several of the churches in Penarth are joining forces to offer youth club provision. The result is the coming together, initially temporarily, of four church youth groups (Tabernacle, Eden, All Saints and Hebron). The churches are hoping that there will be strength in working together. We welcome all youth with church and no church affiliation. Our desire is to be a place of fun and safety for young people (11-18 years) held within a Christian environment.

Over this Autumn Term youth club will be meeting in Tabernacle Baptist Church on Plassey Street. Owen is co-ordinating the youth club on Friday night supported by volunteers from both Tabernacle and All Saints, so there will be familiar faces for our youth club members.

The programme includes a range of activities that include sports, quiet games, drama and music opportunities and trip to several events. All volunteers have been DBS checked.

If you would like to be contacted directly about youth club then please do email [owen.james@tabspenarth.org.uk](mailto:owen.james@tabspenarth.org.uk)

**Youth Club will take place at 7:30pm Friday at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Plassey Street, Penarth CF64 7EN. Given the continued uncertainty with Covid please do check in advance to make sure each week is going ahead as planned. Owen's mobile is 07375 496646.**

## Penarth Tea, Toast & Tots

The Tots group have had a successful re-launch, after a few people thankfully came forward, led by Mrs Margaret Davies. They worked hard to get everything ready, made more difficult by the continuing Covid restrictions. Marion Rowlands, a former long-time helper, gave a lot of advice on how to run things. Margaret approached Penarth Sainsbury's, who donated milk, butter and bread, and Windsor Fruit Stores have been able to supply lovely fresh fruit each week.

They have about 20-25 children (even a set of triplets!), who enjoy a morning of play and have toast and fruit. It also gives the parents and carers a chance to meet up and make new friends after such a long period of isolation.

If you'd like to come, the group is suitable for children aged about 6 months to 3 ½yrs. It runs on Thursday mornings 9am-11am during term time. Anyone else who can help, even on an occasional basis, is very welcome. Please contact Margaret on 02920 707102. Many thanks to Margaret Davies, Claire & Ruth Thain, Judith Smart and the other helpers.





## Closure of the Mothers' Union Branch

At the branch's AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> September it was decided by members that it was no longer possible to keep the branch going in accordance with the quite extensive requirements now expected of branches by Mary Sumner House (MU headquarters). This decision was taken reluctantly after a lengthy discussion which highlighted the difficulty of keeping a branch going without enough people to act as leaders or sit on the committee.

The parish has had a Mothers' Union branch for over 100 years and it was with great sadness that the decision was taken. A final meeting of the branch will be held on **Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall**. It will be good if as many of our members as possible come along for the closing service and tea.

On a more cheerful note, it is hoped that we will be able to get together from time to time for tea, biscuits (or more), prayer and chat. More news of this on 9<sup>th</sup> December when we will also discuss the option of members joining the Diocesan MU.

With every good wish  
Viv Liles

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## REPAIR CAFÉ

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2-5pm St Augustine's Parish Hall**



Electrical appliance repair, sewing repairs, computing assistance, repairs of ornaments, wooden items & furniture.

Tea/coffee & homemade cakes also available

*Fix it, don't bin it!*



## FIRST AID COURSE

St Augustine's Tots Group are organising a free two hour Child & Infants First Aid Course run by St John's Ambulance. It will be held in St Augustine's Parish Hall, Albert Road on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 1-3pm.

Anyone interested in attending please contact Mrs Margaret Davies on 02920 707102 or 07477 620576.

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## Remembrance Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November



### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES



#### Penarth

There will be an act of remembrance during our morning services at Holy Nativity and St Augustine's.

#### Llandough

The service at St Dochdwy's will follow wreath-laying at the Memorial Hall and commence approximately 10.45am

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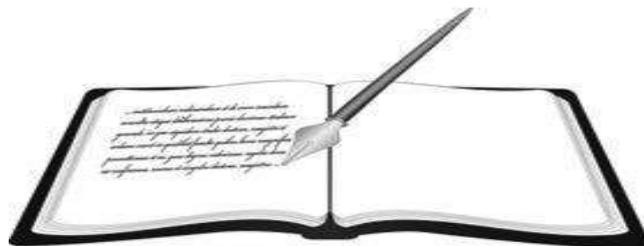
## From the Registers

### Baptism

10/10/21 Brody Thomas ARNOLD at St Augustine's  
24/10/21 Addison Violet GOODRIDGE at St Augustine's

### Funeral

14/10/21 Roydon Frank COLLIER of Llandough age 89 at St Dochdwy's



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Please contact Revd Mark Jones

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