



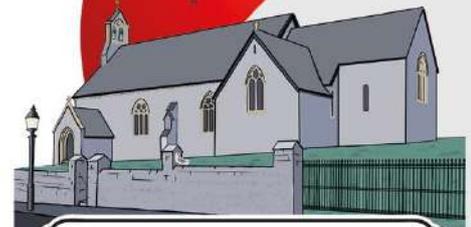
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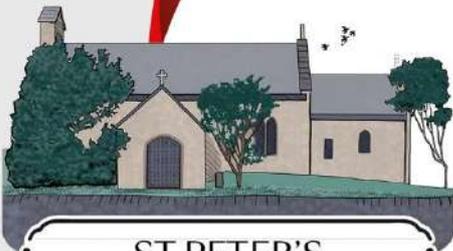
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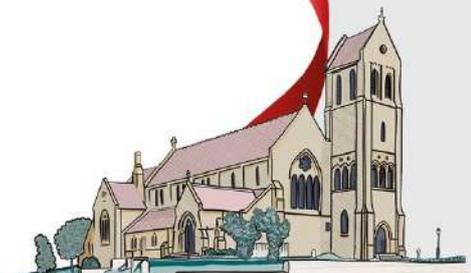
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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the July edition of the Penarth Ministry Area Magazine, which is full to the brim with interesting and entertaining items to take you through the start of the holiday season. We hope you will have the opportunity for a change of scene, whether in this country or further afield, and look forward to featuring a holiday snap or two in future issues (see Photogallery pages).

This month our regular Getting to Know You item features Nigel Lloyd-Latham, Worship Team Leader at All Saints, and we also cover his recently published book on grief. We introduce a 'Cornel Cymreig' page (Welsh corner) for the bilingual – or learners - among you, and Evan Davies reflects on 'high' and 'low' church over the years. The Features section ends on a lighter note with another update from our very own Ministry Area tortoise.

There are lots of colourful photos of the Jubilee and Pentecost picnic to enjoy before you turn to another packed Reports section which covers our children's work, prayer ministry, governance and administration of the Ministry Area and much more. Hugh Bryant's write up of the Lent Quiet Day, held at the end of March, is included in the hope that it may encourage other readers to give the next Quiet Day a try, and the regular Ecochurch page gives us lots to consider in these challenging times.

Enjoy the ride! (or should that be 'read'?)

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Cover image: Yr Wyddfafa (Snowdon) in summer



FROM THE MINISTRY AREA CLERGY TEAM

Dear Parishioners,

Responding to God's Call

In this July edition, we welcome Beth Pearson to the clergy team. Beth was ordained on 25th June - it's great to have her on board! From her lovely introductory piece in the last issue, we know that Beth will be a great asset to the Ministry Area, with a role in each of our five churches.



Of course, it's important to remind everyone that it is a great privilege to be a 'training parish', and that the days of forever being designated as such are well and truly gone. So we have to make the most of it: no one knows how many curates there will be in training in 30 months' time, and where, given their training needs and 'churchmanship', it will be best to place them for their development.

Jimmy will be looking after Beth's hands-on training whilst she is with us, and she will, of course, take on a full and active role within the collaborative clergy team that has been formed. When you think about it though, 30-ish months is not a long time, and it is important to realise that, whilst Beth is with us, we mustn't get too comfortable with her doing things for us – there may well be things that could be better taken on by a lay person for the long-term vitality and health of the church. *The future of the church - for all Christian denominations – lies in greater lay participation.*

In the Giving Campaign, launched on 12th June, Trinity Sunday, we talked a great deal about sacrificial giving as a response to God's love for us. In many people's minds, that was an appeal for much-needed cash – and we do indeed need money to sustain the many, many good things that we do, as our costs will go through the roof this year, despite holding non-essential expenditure in check.

But the campaign was not just about money. Involvement in church, giving of energy, time and talents is also of great importance – and these too may be seen

as sacrificial acts of love and duty. Indeed, the church depends on such acts of sacrifice, and always has done. The need for the giving of time and talents is even more important these days. Many of our churches have aging congregations, and the pools of people with available energy are getting noticeably smaller. Smaller churches with ageing congregations will struggle especially in the years to come, and it will be a test of our Christian love for one another if we can mobilise sufficiently the talent of the more able of our three hundred plus members to help those amongst us in need, regardless of which building they usually worship in – we are a family, and families help one another out.

Lately, inspired by the Spirit's prompting, I have made deliberately provocative calls for a Pastoral Visiting team, composed of lay and ordained members, to address the incredibly large numbers of housebound people/people in need we now have in our Ministry Area. The current system is not going to be able to cope for much longer. Indeed, the system of clergy doing virtually everything, pastorally, was out of date 50 years ago. It is surprising, then, given that lay/ordained pastoral visiting teams were indeed established in our area back then - and that they were in existence for decades, giving lay people a chance to develop the vocation the Spirit called them to - that such teams do not exist now and are barely remembered, at a time with the greatest need for half a century.

Having a curate for the next 30 months is a wonderful thing – but we mustn't forget that it takes little away from our current need. We absolutely need greater lay involvement, and we absolutely need something sustainable for the long-term future. After all, the people who are currently able-bodied in our congregations may need such care themselves in the future. We owe it to them, and to those currently housebound and in other forms of need, to rise to the challenge before us.

The Holy Spirit is prompting us all, from within, in a number of different ways. How are you going to respond?

With God's blessings for our shared ministry together,
Mark

Rev Mark Jones, Ministry Area Leader

FEATURES

Getting to Know You

Nigel Lloyd-Latham, All Saints Worship Team Leader

*Jennifer Hardey helps us get to know key people
in the Ministry Area a little better*



1. When were you born and where did you grow up?

Crewe and Nantwich, Cheshire.

2. Where did you go to school, and did you go on to college or university?

Dingle Primary, Sandbach School, Dartington College of Arts and Drama, Trinity College of Music, London.

3. Are you married? If so where and when did you meet your partner and do you have any children and grandchildren?

I was married to Angela for 21 years before she passed away in 2013 from cancer. I also have a daughter Naomi-Claire who is 14 years old.

4. What was your previous employment?

I was privileged to work with the BBC Singers and made regular Daily Service programs for Radio 4 as well as doing freelance vocal work and regular classical recitals.

5. How long have you lived in Penarth?

I moved to Penarth with Angela in November 1998.

6. Do you have any brothers or sisters?

No, I am an only child.

7. When did you become a Christian and how long have you been a member of All Saints?

I became a Christian in 1982 at a Full Gospel Businessmen's International meeting in Cheshire.

8. Did you have any pets as a child, and do you have any now?

I had a tortoise called Freddie and until a couple of years ago two goldfish Crystal and Ruby.

9. We know that music is very much part of your life. Do you have a favourite artist or composer?

My favourite classical composer is Tchaikovsky, but I have a keen interest in all types of musical genre and love the film scores of John Williams. My favourite jazz pianist is Oscar Peterson.

10. Is there somewhere you would like to go on holiday where you've not been before, regardless of expense?

Martha's Vineyard

11. Do you have a hobby or something you enjoy doing to relax?

I love walking in the countryside.

12. Do you have a favourite author or favourite book?

Wilkie Collins: The Woman in White

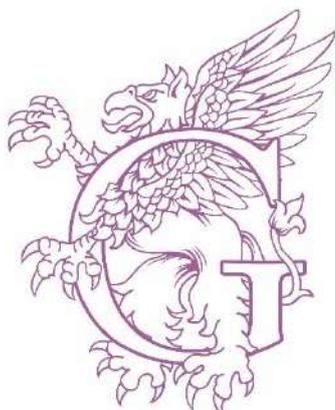
13. What would be your favourite meal - two or even three courses?

Scallops to start followed by sea bass with pea and ham risotto and crème brûlée to finish.

14. Which one word best describes your life right now?

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- Tues 27th Sept – venue/time TBC – Welsh TV star and author **Ruth Jones** launches her latest novel 'Love Untold'

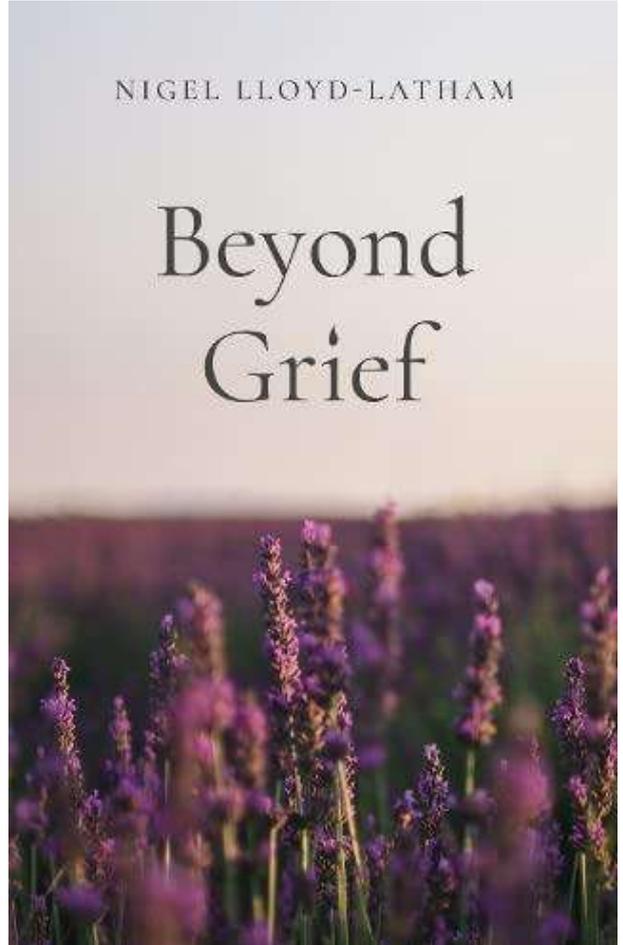
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Faithbuilders publishes Nigel's book on grief

All Saints' worship team leader, Nigel Lloyd-Latham, has recently had a book published on his experience of grief, following the loss of his wife Angela in 2013. Angela was a cherished member of the All Saints church family so the book will be of interest to those who knew her, as well as those dealing with their own experiences of loss and grief.

The description on the book's cover describes it thus:

'Just a woman? Maybe, maybe not! For many miss Angela in a different way to a normal person, because of her good nature, spirit and faith. Beyond Grief follows a journey of faith, courage, and determination. Although incredibly sad at times, it preserves a sense of humour and honesty.'



The death of a beloved wife from cancer leads a husband into new territory asking questions and experiencing doubts which shake the foundations of his world. He finds himself suddenly thrust into the life of being a single parent bringing up a six-year-old daughter without the help of a mother.

Along the way there are further experiences of loss which add to the unfolding drama of live, love, hope and death, ultimately giving him a fresh perspective to the way he interprets the meaning of his existence. At the turn of every corner there seems to be yet another challenge, not to mention the start of a worldwide pandemic of unparalleled proportions!

Beyond Grief is available to purchase from Griffin Books in Penarth or direct from Faithbuilders with RRP £9.99. Griffin Books will be hosting a book launch event with Nigel at All Saints in the near future – watch this space for details!

Cornel Cymreig - The Welsh Corner

gan Dafydd Jones

Croeso cynnes i'r Cornel, rhyw gwr bach o'n cylchgrawn lle ffeindiwch chi rywbeth o ddiddordeb bob mis - rhywbeth yn ymwneud a phethe Cymraeg a Chymreig o fewn ein Hardal Weinidogaeth, a thu allan weithiau, rwy'n siwr - a hynny yn Gymraeg. Newydd greu'r cornel ydyn ni a dyma ddechre meddwl beth i'w roi ynddo y mis hwn. Wel, beth sy'n digwydd yn ein Hardal Weinidogaeth ni o safbwynt yr iaith Gymraeg? Dim rhyw lawer, meddech chi. Eitha teg, ynta, ond mae'r iaith yn dal yn fyw ac ar waith mewn aml i fan.

Fe ddechreua i'r mis hwn gyda'r gwasanaeth Cymun Cymraeg wythnosol yn Eglwys yr Holl Saint. Fe anwyd y Cymun Bendigaid yn Eglwys yr Holl Saint rhyw ddeugain mlynedd yn ôl bellach, rwy'n siwr. Canon Dillwyn Thomas oedd yn gyfrifol. Erbyn 2020 bychan iawn, iawn oedd y gynulleidfa. Yna cododd Covid ei ben ac fe ddiwygiwyd y gwasanaeth wrth fynd ar-lein gan ddenu cynulleidfa newydd.

Bellach mae rhwng deuddeg a deunaw ohonon ni o dair eglwys a mwy yn cwrdd bob wythnos ac yn defnyddio gwasanaeth cydeglwysig. Fe estynnir groeso cynnes iawn i



A warm welcome to The Welsh Corner, a monthly look at and a bit of a muse on things Welsh within our Ministry Area. This month we look at Oedfa'r Cymun Bendigaid, the weekly ecumenical Welsh communion service at All Saints.

A communion service in Welsh was instigated by Canon Dillwyn Thomas many, many years ago. Unfortunately the congregation dwindled with time until you could count them on one hand - indeed you would only need three fingers most weeks! The pandemic came along and the service went online, not an eucharist now but Morning Prayer but the invitation to attend was extended to other churches. When we were all allowed back into our churches to worship, Cymun Bendigaid (the covenanted churches' service) started to thrive.

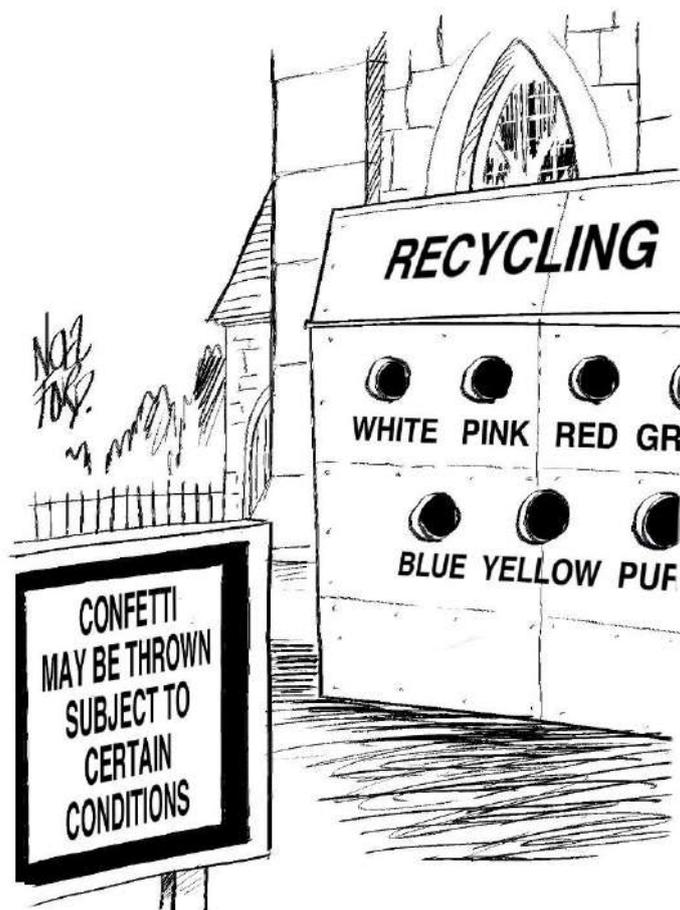
The congregation now averages between twelve and eighteen and is made up of members of at least three different churches. The service books

unrhywun a hoffai ymuno a ni. Mae'r llyfr gwasanaeth 'dyn ni'n ei ddefnyddio yn ddwyieithog felly, hyd yn oed os nad ydych yn rhugl, neu os ydych yn dysgu'r iaith, wnewch chi ddim colli'ch ffordd. A bydd rhywun wastad wrth law i'ch helpu. Cynhelir yr oedfaon bob bore dydd Mercher am ddeg o'r gloch. Rwy'n disgwyl y bydd mwy gen i i'w ddweud am y gwasanaethau hyn yn rhifyn mis Awst - tan hynny, pob hwyl a bendith!

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are bilingual so those with only a little Welsh, or none at all, can attend. A warm welcome is extended to all comers to this friendly, informal service. More news about it next month - until then, pob hwyl a bendith to you all!

If you have ideas or suggestions for future bulletins of Y Cornel Cymreig - The Welsh Corner, please get in touch - dafydd.allsaints@gmail.com



High Church and Low Church

These terms are not much used nowadays but they used to mean quite a lot, reflects Evan Davies

I was born in 1942 in the county of Lancashire. My family home was in a small 'urban village' called Waterhead, situated between the Borough of Oldham and the West Riding of Yorkshire. Manchester Diocese was mostly a Low Church Diocese of the Church of England and the particular church attended by my family, Holy Trinity Church, Waterhead, was outside Oldham, on the very edge of the moors of the Pennines where my boyhood friends and I used to play.



The main services were Matins, usually known as Morning Prayer, and especially Evensong, known as Evening Prayer. These services contained some wonderful canticles or psalms such as the Benedictus, Benedicite and Jubilate. If one wanted to go to Communion — never known as the Eucharist or Mass — one had to go at eight o'clock in the morning. Very occasionally a shortened version of Communion was added to the other morning or evening services. Almost all the pews in Holy Trinity were box pews, for which some families paid a small amount of money. We did not like to sit in these pews.

There was barely any ceremony at all. The only clerical robes worn by the Vicar were a black cassock, a white surplice and a plain black stole. The Book of Common Prayer was used without any variation or addition. There was no crossing oneself or genuflecting. When the Vicar came to Penarth to assist at our wedding he had to be told how to put on a cope properly as he was trying to wear it back to front.

During and after my studies at Birmingham University, where I met Jennifer, I visited Penarth. It was a town of which I had never heard. St Augustine's was part of the Church in Wales, not the Church of England. The Diocese of Llandaff was largely High Church, using quite a different form of worship from that of Waterhead. Incense, bells; crossing oneself, genuflections, copes, banners, birettas, tabernacles and so on were all then in use at St. Augustine's and Holy Nativity.

When we were married at St. Augustine's in 1967 we had a nuptial mass. Jennifer and I continued to visit Waterhead until my parents died a few years ago.

I liked both forms of worship as they were then, but the worship at Holy Trinity Waterhead has become much more evangelical and that of St. Augustine's is now much less 'high'. The two forms of worship seem to have merged in a way, both being different from what they were then. Nowadays almost every service is a Eucharist. I feel that this is a pity because I like some variation.





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From the MAT (Ministry Area Tortoise)

in response to June contribution from Joe T

“Hi Joe! Where have you been keeping all these years? There was me thinking that I was the only tortoise in our MA (apart from maybe Adam) and, all of a sudden, up you pop! I must admit, I heaved a sigh of relief. Actually it was more of a hiss, I can’t do sighing. Looking at your photo in last month’s magazine however, you look vaguely familiar. In fact, it’s almost like looking in a mirror. You do look bigger than me, and a whole lot older.



We definitely need to start writing to each other because it looks as though we have very similar interests in terms of the sleeping and eating and sleeping and eating. I wondered if that unidentified weed you mentioned could be convolvulus, or bindweed. It’s lovely stuff, I could eat it all day but you need to catch it fresh because it goes limp very quickly. Apricots are rather tasty too, and human twin brother tells me that they’re on offer in Tesco at the moment. Oh and alstroemeria. Twin brother’s wife has a bed of them but I keep getting chased off them. But I can be quite crafty; I very nonchalantly creep up to them, stop, pretend that I’m asleep and then have a good chew when they’re not looking.

Twin brother’s strawberries are ripening nicely at the moment as you can tell from the photo. I’ve been eating his lettuces for a good while now. Another month or so and it looks as though the tomatoes will be ready for consumption. I understand that there are people who take photos of their meals and share them on social media so that loads of other people can see. Strange, but OK, I can do that too. Maybe next month I’ll show you what I can put away on a good day. Until then, bon appetit!

With great chelonian affection, Tarty”

[Ed: In fact the photo used in the June issue (which Tarty thought was of Joe Tortoise) was the one of Tarty himself which appeared in the previous month’s magazine. Please don’t tell him though.]

PHOTOGALLERY

Here is a selection of photos from the Ministry Area Jubilee and Pentecost Picnic held at All Saints on Sunday 5th June.





We'd love to feature photos from a wider range of parishioners on these pages! With the holiday season in prospect why not send me a couple of pictures from any trips you've made? This could be anything from a day trip by coach or 'staycation' to a holiday on the other side of the world!

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AROUND THE CHURCHES

All Saints

(Contact: Janet Akers)

June was an exciting month for the congregations of All Saints as the Covid restrictions were lifted and very few people wore masks to Church. The reinstating of wine for the Eucharist services was welcomed by many and that added to the feeling of life returning to normal slowly but surely.

The services are very well attended and Jimmy's unique way of engaging with the congregation is extremely popular. The children from PEAS (Play Explorers at All Saints) continue to charm and entertain the congregation at the end of the 10am service. It is wonderful how balloons and glitter convey the Bible stories to us all!



We organised and held a successful Jubilee and Pentecost Picnic; please see the separate report. The Faith/Home groups met at Sue and Martyn Jenkins' home and the discussion was interesting and rewarding - thank you both for your lovely hospitality and supper. There will be more news about these groups late summer.

We are all aware of the prayers needed to help our younger members prepare for and take important school exams. The congregation were encouraged to take a prayer sheet with names on them to help them include the pupils in their prayers. The Prayer Ministry team have also resumed their vital service and can be found in the Church office after the 10am service. All communication is confidential, and all requests dealt with dignity.

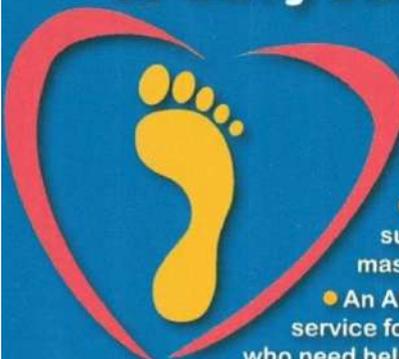
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Holy Nativity

(Contacts: Huw and Kath Williams)

We continue to celebrate significant birthdays at Holy Nativity. Last month Pam Cooke was 90 on 3 June. On the previous Sunday, the congregation wished Pam many happy returns with a card and flowers and Rev Margaret Stark referred to Pam's devoted attendance at All Saints and Holy Nativity since moving to Penarth ten years ago. On her birthday members of the Holy Nativity congregation were among family and friends invited to a surprise birthday tea at the St David's Hotel organised by Pam's daughter and HN congregation member, Louise.



[L to R: Rev Margaret Stark, Ann Lush, Pam Cooke, Huw and Kath Williams]

Before we can pray, 'Thy kingdom come', we must be willing to pray,
'My kingdom go'. *(Alan Redpath)*

REPORTS AND NOTICES

Ecochurch

Tackling the climate crisis and cost of living crisis in tandem

While oil companies rake in record profits of over £100bn, average energy bills in the UK, per household, are expected to rise by £1,500 this year. The financial impact on the poor and vulnerable will be crippling. This will have a ripple effect on the health, nutrition and wellbeing of people across the UK as they choose between eating or heating their homes. It is a huge injustice.



There is a very insidious myth that going green will cost us more – that a green lifestyle is more expensive – and there are some very powerful companies lobbying against sustainable energy. They have worked very hard to sell the story that going green costs, and, significantly, that it will cost *you*. Some solutions do cost more upfront than the average person can pay but once in place would lead to significant savings – ground-source heat pumps for example. If people can be helped with the upfront costs, the ‘climate solutions’ will be adopted faster and the savings will help with the cost of living crisis.

To take another example, a comprehensive home insulation plan funded by the government would mean that we use less energy to heat our homes. This would reduce carbon emissions and save money – it is estimated that proper insulation could save UK households £1.3bn per year. And an ‘insulation rollout’ would create jobs which would help with the cost of living crisis.



Moving away from fossil fuels towards renewable energy will make us less dependent on the skyrocketing cost of fossil fuels on the international market. Most forms of renewable energy can be

harvested locally in many places around the UK – wind and tidal energy in the North Sea for example – so jobs could be created in many locations. Phasing out fossil fuels is critical if we are to keep warming as close to 1.5 degrees as possible, and moving away from fossil fuels will, ultimately, reduce both the cost of living and carbon emissions.

The IPCC report released in April 2022 said that limiting warming to 1.5 degrees requires global greenhouse gas emissions to peak before 2025 at the latest and be reduced by 43% by 2030. We can't afford to wait until the cost of living crisis is over. The government must lead the way and use its legislative and tax powers, and budgets, to make it easier and cheaper for ordinary people to do the right thing for the environment.

Hannah Eves, A Rocha UK's Researcher

Admin Corner

We've had a few phone and internet problems at both offices the last few weeks (one where some workmen cut through the phone cables!) Hopefully this will all be sorted as it's very frustrating when the technology doesn't work.

Hall bookings and parties are now at quite a good level, although there will be less activity as we move into the summer holidays.

We have an increase in baptism bookings now that the worst of Covid seems past. It's lovely to welcome the community back into the church for such celebrations. It was great to see so many families attending the Jubilee picnic.

We are also looking forward to meeting our new Curate Beth and hope that she feels welcome in her new role and Ministry Area.

Rachel Elder and Alicia King-Evans – Ministry Area Administrators

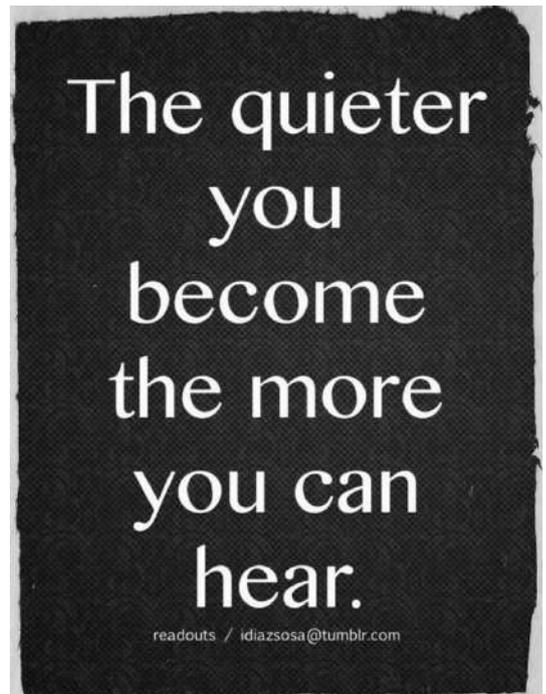


Lent Quiet Day

Father Mark led twelve of us through this Quiet Day at Hebron Hall. He divided the day into three parts - or four, if one counts the delicious lunch. He gave a talk at the beginning of each session, and then we were free to spend time thinking, or to do things which we had been inspired to do. The nice thing was that one didn't have to do anything in particular. Some were soon strolling in the grounds. Mary Taster was busy painting, and Corinne Shields was listening to her poetic muse.

The first session was aimed at **centring** or 'checking in', an Ignatian technique to help us to ground ourselves spiritually at the beginning of our day together. Fr Mark asked us to "Recreate your spiritual journey. Have you been aware of the 'still, small voice' of God?" This was Lent, so we should reflect that perhaps we had been distracted from that 'still, small voice of calm'; we had been off the track. So, "How did God bring you back to the path?" Or perhaps it should have been, "How could God bring you back...?" In order to open our minds, to prepare ourselves to hear the still, small voice, we could try 'mindfulness' exercises - slow breathing, calling to mind our thoughts coming to the Quiet Day. Fr Mark asked, "What is on your mind?"

The second session was called **Discovering God**. What does God look like? Where would we find Him? Fr Mark spoke about recognising "our invisible God", God in our lives and the lives of others around us. He spoke about his work as a marine biologist before he was called to serve in ministry, when he had analysed samples of seawater, and had seen that the laboratory filters were glowing in the dark when he turned the lights off in the lab. The lights were little sea creatures, which were present but were usually invisible. "You had to have the right circumstances in which to see them". One could say something similar about an encounter with God.



Here, in the context of our reflection about ways of meeting God, we were asked, “Where do you think God was definitely present in the last 24 hours?” And then, “Where do you think he was in the in-between times?” Fr Mark continued that God is still there, even in ordinary times. “Wales is full of ‘thin places’ to experience creation at its most translucent”. A ‘thin place’ is a Celtic idea, a place where the “space between heaven and earth grows thin and it is easy to encounter the Sacred”. What was our favourite ‘thin place’? When had God ‘broken through’ and given us a sense of the eternal? Had we a go-to way of discerning God? What might help us to discern God in the lives of others?

The final session was **Travelling along with God**. Fr Mark’s third reflection built on the idea of ‘walking in His way’. Speaking directly to those who, like me, can only find the way with the aid of a satnav, he spent some time talking about ‘coming off the track’: having doubts and even getting lost, separated completely. We read Luke 24, the Easter story of the disciples meeting a stranger on the road to Emmaus, whom they didn’t recognise at first, but when they sat down to eat with him and he broke bread, suddenly realised they were with the risen Jesus.

So what did we really mean when we said, “We believe”? Did it make a difference to say ‘we’ rather than ‘I’ believe? Fr Mark pointed out that God loves unconditionally: His love doesn’t exist only if we believe; it is OK to doubt. God’s call is to transform not to conform; just following blindly isn’t enough. As Archbishop Desmond Tutu had put it, “Hope is being able to see light where there is darkness”.

The final questions were, “What are your worries, fears and anxieties? Do you have a sense of where you fit into life’s jigsaw? What contribution could you make to the Kingdom?” Perhaps a good way to approach these challenges would be to imagine ourselves in a Bible story, like that about Emmaus. The disciples were a bit like us, not perfect, not always on the right path. We were encouraged to bring it all before God in silent prayer.

Hebron Hall had given us a spacious and comfortable room with armchairs suitable for contemplation. Most of us resisted the temptation to snooze, because Fr Mark led us so interestingly and brought us into Lent with so much to consider and learn from. Many thanks!

Hugh Bryant

Penarth Ministry Area Jubilee and Pentecost Picnic

A small group of people met at 7.30am on Sunday 5th June and managed to put up lots of bunting and four gazebos in drizzle and wind. When the 10am service had ended the whole inside of All Saints Church was converted to a café with a face painting table situated in a corner. James Sommerin and his family team parked their camper van and set up a BBQ area outside and the Pimm's/wine bar was placed next to it. We were so lucky with the weather, and it stayed dry for the three hours when about 250 people, young and old, visited the area and the atmosphere was wonderful. The bouncy castle was a great hit with the children and all ages took the opportunity to use the face paint facility. The children's fancy dress parade was very sweet too.

James Sommerin sold out of his food and enjoyed himself so much, he would like to do it again! The bar was also a popular place to be with very reasonably priced drinks on offer. The coffee and tea café on the Gallery was amazing and the array of cakes and biscuits wonderful to see and eat. This was also a free facility for the community and much appreciated.

It was fabulous to see so many families, many of whom were new to us, enjoying the informal setting and welcome. Thank you to Robert Court and his Fellowship sub- committee, Len and Tom for the bar and Mel Saunders for organising the face painters. Judith Jones and her amazing team of caterers worked so hard and the buzz inside the church was great.

We managed to clear up and lock up the church before the rain arrived; it was such a fun day and a real celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Pentecost!

Janet Akers

Home Communion

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

P.E.A.S. (Play Explorers in All Saints)

The month of June began with a Jubilee and Pentecost Celebration Picnic in Victoria Square after the morning service: some brought picnics, chairs and blankets and enjoyed the great outdoors while others were chatting, eating, drinking and having a jolly good time inside the church. It was an opportunity to welcome the wider community through our doors and it worked!



Although I didn't see that many of our younger people to talk to, I knew they were there because the queue for the face painting was unbelievable. However, on the Gallery for tea and cake we shared a table with Isaac and his mum Sue and it was lovely to have the chance for a good catch up (just look at that beaming smile from Isaac!)

I can remember when he was a 3 year old and crayoned everything in black!... we seemed to have more time then and be able to give the children the individual attention they needed and the Sunday school session seemed to last much longer. It's still an hour, but there never seems to be enough time to fit everything in; perhaps we are being more ambitious with our lesson plans.

Gathering as a group of children and leaders to worship God sounds like a natural way we can meet in God's presence to express our thanks and praise, to ask for support and guidance and to learn and grow together in our faith. Yet we all know the difficulty of having a group which includes a 3 year old and a 10 year old, those who want to run around and those who want to sit quietly. Their needs and expectations, never mind their attention span, seem so different and difficult to accommodate, but we hope we are making progress in that direction.

We as leaders realise that Christian growth and discipleship is a journey and our aim is to encourage, challenge, inspire and nurture our young people into today's

world. We would love you to join us on a Sunday morning to share your thoughts and ideas and possibly join our rota?

Hopefully, July will be the month we can work on our P.E.A.S Patch and feel the sun on our backs as we dig and sow and make our space a place of beauty in God's creation.

Anthea King

Prayer Ministry at All Saints

During May and June our Youth Leader, Mel, encouraged us to pray daily by name for our young people taking exams.



At the end of May we were able to restart Prayer Ministry during the 10am Eucharist at All Saints. Two people from the Prayer Ministry Team are in the Ministry Area office at the back of church for anyone who would like us to pray with them. We talk with the person who comes and ask them what they would like us to pray for. We aim to pray with compassion and respect, making people feel safe and cared for, and we respect and protect people's privacy.

We can bring our pain or burden to God for as Jesus said, *'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'* (Matthew 11: 28-30). We believe that Jesus meets us at the point of our need and we are supported by the prayers of others. A bird's wing is made up of many feathers which enable the bird to fly. Feathers are an essential part of being a bird and it cannot fly without them. In a similar way, prayer is an essential part of our being a Christian as it is how we communicate with God. When we talk and listen to God our prayers join other prayers, each one part of the wing of prayer.

Jenny Stonhold - Co-ordinator, All Saints Prayer Ministry Team

St Augustine's Tots Group

Margaret Davies reports that the Tots enjoyed their recent Jubilee party. "Dr Susy Rogers attended to make crowns for the children to wear and the Jubilee Activity books from Griffin Books were very much appreciated," she writes. "The next major event will be a Summer Party on Thursday 21st July, when I am hoping to get gospel singers to attend to sing with the children and that Judith will be able to bring her guinea pigs to show the children."



The Tots group meets on Thursday mornings in St Augustine's Parish Hall; all pre-school children and their parents/carers are welcome. Contact Margaret on 02920 707102 or 07477 620576 or email mothergoose.mamgu@gmail.com for more details.

Free Child and Infant First Aid Course



St John's Ambulance will be providing the above course free of charge at St Augustine's Parish Hall on Tues 23rd August from 1 till 3pm.

Anyone who wishes to join please contact Margaret Davies to book a place on 02920 707102 or 07477 620576 or email mothergoose.mamgu@gmail.com..

Ministry Area Council (MAC) Summary

The MAC met on All Saints Gallery on Mon 16th May 2022.



- We will soon be welcoming our new curate, but there is a great need for more lay pastoral visitors. It's hoped the Giving Campaign will encourage people to give time as well as money.
- There was a review of Holy Week and Easter Services, and names were put forward for Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Home Communion Visitors.
- A skills audit is being carried out; further results will come at the next meeting.
- Janet Akers had met with the sub-wardens to discuss their roles. There is a need to build a 'library' of role descriptions to help define parameters, especially when new people take over.
- Bank accounts – it is hoped the Barclays accounts can be closed by the end of June, although the new Hall account is still not open. Once the accounts are closed, the PPL old charity can be finally closed as well.
- The Giving Campaign plans were all on track for starting in June.
- The new MA logos were now available and will start to be used across the Ministry Area.

Full minutes can be obtained from the Administrators. The next meeting is on Monday 11th July at 7.30pm on All Saints Gallery.

Repair Café



Sunday 23 July 2-5pm

St Augustine's Parish Hall

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

Tea/coffee and homemade cakes also available. *Fix it, don't bin it!*

Fellowship Sub-Committee

After a busy month of June packed with all sorts of events happening across our Ministry Area, the holiday months of July and August are much quieter! There are various ideas in the pipeline so keep your eye on the weekly bulletins for up-to-date information. These include a repeat of the very popular (and interesting) 'Bat and Moth Evening' in St Augustine's churchyard, an organ recital and an event celebrating the birthday of William Butterfield, renowned architect of St Augustine's.

On Thursday July 21st the Community Cinema presents 'The Duke' in All Saints Lesser Hall. The film stars Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren. In 1961, Kempton



Bunton, a 60-year-old taxi driver, stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. It was the first (and remains the only) theft in the Gallery's history. Kempton sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly - he had long campaigned for pensioners to receive free television. Only 50 years later

did the full story emerge - Kempton had spun a web of lies. The only truth was that he was a good man, determined to change the world and save his marriage - how and why he used the Duke to achieve that is a wonderfully uplifting tale. Tickets available at £7.50 each from TicketSource or contact Jane McLaughlin on 029 2053 1188.

Robert Court

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Baptisms

22/5/22 Ruby Jane HART at St Augustine's

We welcome her into the family of the church!

Weddings

11/6/22 Alexander Sunderland and Catherine
Eugenia Brown at All Saints

16/06/22 Gareth John Scott and Roxanne Elizabeth
Maidment at All Saints

We wish them every blessing in their future lives together!

Funerals

14/6/22 David EDWARDS at All Saints

16/6/22 Daphne Gwen HARRISON aged 94 of
Penarth at St Augustine's

21/6/22 Sallie HONE aged 88 of Penarth at
Cardiff and Vale Crematorium

We send our sincere condolences to their families and friends.



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PRAYER REQUESTS



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

- For us to be open to the Holy Spirit calling us to new ways of being the Church.
- That more people will offer their time, talents and money to help grow God's Kingdom in the Penarth Ministry Area.
- For our new curate, Bethany Pearson, that she feels welcomed and settles into the PMA and her new home.
- For youth worker, Mel Saunders and the PMA, that we can contact more young people and families and nurture them in the Christian faith.
- For more people to look after God's creation and care for our local environment, including our church grounds and coastal areas.
- For people affected by the climate emergency, e.g. island nations affected by flooding and people experiencing extreme weather events.
- That politicians and key workers can serve people without facing danger and abuse and that we are kinder to each other.
- For all those working in the NHS, care sector and other key workers, that they have the energy to keep working when conditions are very demanding.
- For those worn down by illness or exhausted by caring for others, that they are supported by their community and that more people become carers.
- For those struggling financially. Encourage us to help by supporting the Penarth Foodbank and charities supporting the vulnerable.
- For people around the world living in fear because of war and violence, particularly for Ukraine and the surrounding countries. That peace will replace war.
- For refugees and particularly our Syrian family settled in Penarth. That politicians work to help asylum seekers unite with their families and find safety without resorting to dangerous journeys. That hope will replace fear.

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

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

CALENDAR OF MINISTRY AREA EVENTS

<u>Regularly held events during the month</u>	
Sundays: 9.30am St Augustine's Choir Practice	Mondays: 10am Faith Group at 14 Llandaff Close
Tuesdays: 10am All Saints Holy Eucharist 10.30am Holy Nativity Midweek Eucharist (First Tuesday of the month) 1.30-4.30pm St Augustine's Churchyard Group	Wednesdays: 10am All Saints Cymun Bendigaid (Welsh Eucharist) 10am St Augustine's Midweek Eucharist 12 noon Lunchtime Faith Group on Gallery in All Saints Church 2.00pm All Saints Work Party - Lesser Hall 7.00pm Faith Group at 1 Victoria Square 8.00pm Faith Group at 26 Victoria Road
Thursdays: 10.30am St Dochdwy's Midweek Eucharist 9.30-11.30am Tots Group St Aug Parish Hall 7.15pm Choir Practice	Fridays: 10.30am Faith Group on AS Gallery 7.15pm AS Music Group Practice
1st Saturday: 10-11.30am St Augustine's Church Cleaning group	

Events during July 2022

2 nd	Saturday	10am-12pm	St Augustine's Churchyard Group 'Strim and Trim Saturday'
3 rd	Sunday	6.00pm	Concert at All Saints – Details TBC
7 th	Thursday	6.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal at All Saints
9 th	Saturday	1.30pm	Holy Matrimony Samuel Joshua Blakemore and Elizabeth Jane Denning at All Saints
10 th	Sunday	5pm-9pm	Recording taking place at All Saints
11 th	Monday	7.30pm	M.A.C. Meeting
13 th	Wednesday	7.00pm	Volunteers Training Event at All Saints
14 th	Thursday	12.30pm	Holy Matrimony Bethan Half Osborne and Neil Sydney Latimer at All Saints
17 th	Sunday	10.45am	Baptism of Alys Woodward at St Augustine's
17 th	Sunday	2.00pm	Summer Stroll – Cardiff Bay Barrage
21 st	Thursday	7.00pm	Cinema Night in AS Lesser Hall
23 rd	Saturday	1.00pm	Holy Matrimony Hannah Lorraine Rose Green and Macauley Gale at All Saints

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