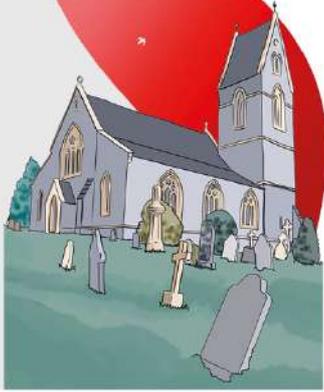




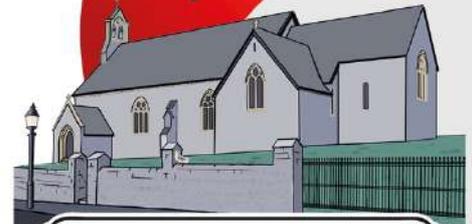
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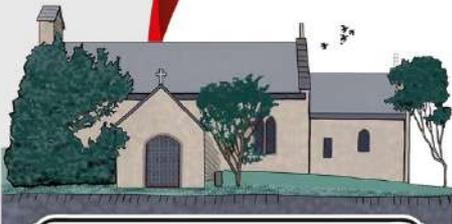
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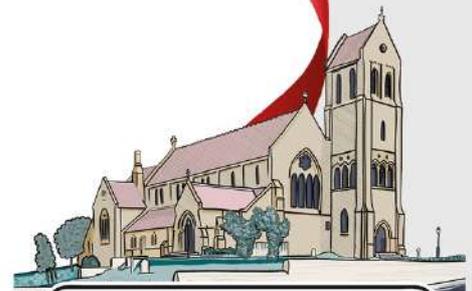
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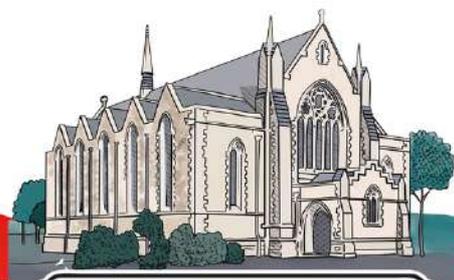


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## EDITORIAL

This month we have two introductions to make in PMAM: Kathleen Williams (Sub Warden for Holy Nativity) and Bethany Pearson, Curate. These are followed by more people news with an update on our former curate, Sandra Birdsall. News about Bible reading fellowships and a book club follow, and there is an update from the Ministry Area Tortoise, and more U.S.A. news from Janet Akers.

As well as regular news from various Ministry Area groups there is a special report on the Dawn Chorus walk organised by the Friends of St Augustine's, and led by John Wilson from the Glamorgan bird club. It was a delightful occasion, as much for the pleasure of listening to such an authoritative voice as for the birds that we heard and saw. There was some interesting discussion about the lateness or non-arrival of the swifts this year. Perhaps there is a link here with the Ecochurch article on Carbon Bombs, which makes us uncomfortably aware of our effects on the natural environment.

As usual there are abundant photographs to illustrate the life of the Ministry Area; more have been supplied than we can use this month, but please keep sending them in. We have used some of Andy Davison's colourful pictures of the plant and cake sale to enliven a few pages of this month's edition. His report is also included.

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Our cover image for June is one of the new logos that are being introduced to the Ministry Area.



Our feathered friend is very comfortable with having a picture taken. Having nested nearby, we have called the Collared Dove, Twiggy, who is a very apt visitor at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended as a dove.

**James and Debbie Livingstone**

## FROM THE MINISTRY AREA CLERGY TEAM

Dear Parishioners,

On Trinity Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, we begin in our churches a short period of reflection on responding with gratitude to God's generosity to us. Some will think of it as a Stewardship Campaign – but it isn't just about money. It is about saying thank you, and about practical things that Christians can do to fulfil their obligations – in terms of time and talents too.

God's call to us is clear: make new disciples, enlarge, support and develop the church family, and make it an example of God's love in our world. But this is not the job of the clergy alone. It is the job of everyone reading this article.

The task for our generation of churchgoers is a tricky one: rebuild after Covid, and show God's love in a world of doubt and conflict. And we mustn't forget that we do all this with fewer active people, as our congregations, generally, age. That's a tough one! But isn't that the point? It's in darker times when even a small beacon shines out most brightly! These may be difficult times - but they are also the times of greatest opportunity for our churches for several generations. People in our area in decades to come will look back at how we handled this moment of destiny. I believe that this is what God wants us to do in Penarth and Llandough:

1. Engage with the community and develop new church members.
2. Develop and care for our existing church family.
3. Transform the way we do things so that we can deal with the challenges of the present and of the future.

We can only do these things if people respond to God's call to ensure we have adequate financing for the task, and if lay people and clergy work together to ensure God's plan is carried out.

At the moment, we are building back after Covid, and although most have now come back to church, there are still some to return. Many have different attendance patterns now, more reflective of the national pattern than the one locally dominant pre-Covid. It has to be said that we also miss those who are now unable to return through ill health: and the surprise for many is just how many are in that particular category.

Finances have not recovered yet after taking a battering during Covid, but that's not surprising. We had 2 years, including national lockdowns, where there were at times no in-person Sunday services and very few weddings, no fundraisers, and the halls (which subsidise everything that we do to a great extent) were unable to be hired out. We are also having to deal, like many of you, with vastly increased utility costs. So, the Ministry Area is currently running on the basis of essential expenditure only, and various hoped-for projects are being phased in over a much longer timeframe, to give time for finances to improve. This is why we will be asking people to look at their financial contributions to the church during June. We know that some people's financial situations will have worsened significantly, whilst others will only be affected to a lesser extent – so all that we ask is that you review your own situation, in the light of God's generosity to you, and the need to move things forward for the church. We know that not everyone will be able to give more - but for those that can, we would ask whether you can do a little more - to cover those who are in difficulty.

The other matter we will be highlighting and praying about in June is giving of time and talents.

The thinking behind Ministry Areas is the move away from clergy doing everything and handing more over to lay people. I'm sure you will agree that it is only sensible to empower and encourage lay people when you consider that there are three to four hundred people who identify as Anglicans in our area, yet just two clergy!

I am especially keen to get people involved in the decision-making bodies of the Ministry Area and in Pastoral Care. In the latter case, we are truly decades behind benefices of our size everywhere else in the country: most have large pastoral visiting teams, and have had them since the time when I was at school!

Here is an example of what is wrong. Nine minutes after returning from my Easter break, I was asked how someone was. It would have been simpler for them to pick up the phone to the person concerned themselves and find out directly than to wait for me to get back! I then added the name to my pastoral list and saw that there were thirty-odd names on it – it would take me weeks to get around them all. The point I'm making is that it is too easy to 'give in a name' and absolve ourselves from responsibility – the current system where three hundred odd people look on whilst two people rush about may have worked in previous

decades, but as the majority of our congregations are getting more frail, the workload has increased beyond our capacity to deal with it in the ways of yesteryear. Clergy will always be needed for specialist pastoral tasks – yet there is so much that lay people can do to help. The examples of other benefices up and down the country tell us that, along with our good record of pastoral care (being provided down the phone) by so many lay people during Covid times.

In summary, we all have a part to play in God’s great plan for Penarth and Llandough. It might be through offering prayer support, money, time, or in some other practical way – but our church family needs to face the future together – with lay people feeling empowered, and with everyone contributing, according to their ability to do so.

*“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10).*

With God’s blessings for our shared ministry together,

Mark



The Plant and Cake Sale at St Augustine’s: see article on page 29.

## FEATURES

### Getting to Know You: Kathleen (Kath) Williams, Sub Warden for Holy Nativity



#### 1 **When were you born and where did you grow up?**

I was born 15<sup>th</sup> February 1946 in the house in which I live, 100 metres from Holy Nativity. My parents were Captain Melville Hooper and Eileen Hooper (nee Regan). Both families have lived in Penarth since the early 1800's. It is a family home and my widowed grandmother moved here with her seven children in 1936. I had a very happy childhood playing in the lane (Windsor Lane) and up the Rec (Plassey Square). There was always something to do especially when I was older and I played on the high level down Penarth docks and ran through the subway under the River Ely shouting making as much noise as possible.

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

My first school for five years was St Joseph's (now converted to houses) as my family were Roman Catholic. My Mum fell out with Monsignor Checci and decided reporting him to the Pope and leaving St Joseph's was the way forward at the time. I then attended Victoria Girls school for two years, before going to St Cyres in 1958, a new County Secondary School, where I sat my 'O' levels in 1963. I then went to Barry College of Further Education and took a Business Studies course.

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

I met Huw in 1987 and we married in 1994. It is my second marriage and I have a son, Martin who is now 56. At that time, Huw was the solicitor appointed to give legal advice to Cardiff Bay Development Corporation when the Barrage Bill was going through the UK Parliament and I was appointed as his Law Clerk. The rest is history as they say. We have two grandchildren, Megan who is 23 and has a BA in Spanish from Bangor. Megan was also studying Chinese and was in China when Covid broke out; she was lucky to get back to the UK before the world closed down. Harry is our grandson who is 16 and hasn't a clue what he wants to do, apart from making a fortune as a YouTube influencer and football pundit.

**4 What was your previous employment?**

I started out my working career as a secretary and then by being in the right place at the right time became a Law Clerk on the Cardiff Bay Barrage Legal Team and spent four and a half years in London, running in and out of the House of Lords or Commons whilst the Bill passed through Parliament. Quite an experience, hard work but enjoyable. I then played a major role in ensuring every household in Cardiff, Penarth and Llandough received a copy of the Groundwater Scheme, sent in English, Welsh and eleven ethnic languages. Any of you living in those areas will have received a copy of the Scheme or indeed may have spoken to me asking what it was all about and complaining about it!!

**5 How long have you lived in Penarth?**

76 years.

**6 Do you have any brothers or sisters?**

A very dear brother called Robert born in 1956 and who was a choir boy at Holy Nativity in his teens.

**7 When did you become a Christian?**

Can't remember not being one.

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

Had a crazy cat called Tiger and a Labrador called Rover – if my mother left a cake on the table, we never had any! No pets now, Windsor Road is like a motorway.

**9 What kind of music do you like? Do you have a favourite artist or composer?**

The Rolling Stones, absolute legends. I also enjoy classical music, Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and any opera. Since attending Madam Beaton's ballet class as a child, ballet and its music has given me so much pleasure. I wish I could have had a dancing career, but it wasn't to be.

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

International Space Station – for the view.

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

I have a great love of gardening and for seven years until Covid, I was a gardening volunteer at Dyffryn Gardens. I would have liked to have gone back post Covid, but the head gardener mentioned starting at 8.30am and double digging – quick exit! My other love is cooking and Huw tells me I have become another Gordon Ramsay in the kitchen - so he hides behind the wine racks, but he is a good sommelier. I also enjoy embroidery but I feel I am far too young to sit in the corner with my frame and silks!

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

Oh yes, PD James, Donna Leon, Agatha Christie, Ngaio Marsh, Ann Cleeves to name but a few – all you crime loving fans will recognize the names. My favourite book is Heidi, don't know how many times I have read it.

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

Escabeche followed by lobster with pink champagne. No need for a third course – hum num. Or, if that is not available, a bowl of new potatoes covered in butter – hum num again.

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

Enjoyable. (At last.)



The Plant and Cake Sale at St Augustine's (Photo: Andy Davison)

## Another Introduction – Bethany Pearson, Curate

Hi everyone, my name is Beth and I'm excited to be joining you all as a curate in Penarth at the end of June. I'm not a fan of writing these sorts of things about myself, so bear with me, but here's some things about me so that you can have more of an idea about who I am.

I've just turned 29 years old and I'm the youngest of three, with an older brother and sister. I have two nephews who I adore as well. I'm half Welsh as my mum is from Denbighshire, but I grew up on the south coast of England, near Brighton. I have always lived by the sea, so I am very happy that Penarth is on the coast too. I think I'd feel lost without the sea nearby!



I've grown up going to church with my family and came to faith for myself when I was quite young. This faith was crucial for me during a time of illness with ME. It began when I was 16 after having tonsillitis and disrupted my education and a lot of my life in the following years. Fortunately, I received prayer for healing five and a half years later. I was healed and able to live life in a different way. This is partly what prompted my calling to ministry – I was so grateful for the healing and wanted to know the purpose for it, what I was supposed to do with this new life. It also meant I could get stuck into an internship at my church in Brighton and then move to plant a new church in Portsmouth.

It was in Portsmouth that I began to work for the wider Anglican Church in the area and also where I felt called to ordained ministry. After getting the go ahead, I began training at St Mellitus College in London. I would be there for some of the week and working at the church for the rest of the week. I came to Wales part way through my training as part of another church plant in Cardiff and have been based at Citizen Church for the past two years. I love the community that has grown in that place and I have learnt so much from being a part of Citizen Church.

Before feeling called to ordination, I started a degree in Maths but had to leave due to being too unwell. I've also worked in cafes, retail and admin. In my free

time, I love travelling and exploring new places. I recently went to Edinburgh with my brother, which was beautiful, and I can't wait to visit more places again now that things are opening up more. I'm looking forward to exploring more locally too, now that I won't be going back and forth to London each week. I like watching stand-up comedy especially now we can see people live again. I do like a good TV series as well. I am a dog person but without a dog of my own so please let me know if you have one that needs a walk or a cuddle!

I'm looking forward to moving to Penarth, meeting you all and joining in with all that is happening in the Ministry Area. I'm excited to see what the next few years will hold for us all!

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### **New appointment for Sandra**

Readers of the PMA Magazine will be interested to know that our former curate, Rev. Sandra Birdsall, will shortly be moving to a new Ministry Area. The following article is taken from the Llandaff Diocese website:

"Rev'd Sandra Birdsall, currently Vicar in the Afon Nedd Ministry Area and Chaplain to Mothers' Union Llandaff, has been appointed Vicar in the Garth Ministry Area.

Speaking about her new role, Rev'd Sandra says, "I am very much looking forward and excited about returning closer to my roots when I move to the Garth Ministry Area, particularly serving the communities of St Fagans, Tongwynlais and Taffs Well. I also welcome the challenge of being part of God's mission over the coming years in the huge new garden city development Plasdŵr."



Joining Rev'd Sandra at Garth Ministry Area is [Rev'd Ian Yemm](#), currently Assistant Curate in the Cowbridge Ministry Area and Rev'd Steve Wilson who has recently joined Garth as Ministry Area Leader."

Let's remember Sandra in our prayers as she takes up her new appointment.

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## Bible Reading Fellowship

*Sylvia Harris informs us about Bible Reading Fellowship notes*

Hello! My name is Sylvia Harris, I worship at Holy Nativity Church in our new Ministry Area. I distribute Bible Reading Fellowship notes, New Daylight, to parishioners. Now that we have merged, I was wondering if any other members of our congregations would like to join this scheme. There are so many online sites to read these days I know, but it is sometimes lovely to have a physical booklet to hand...saves on electricity too!!

The annual subscription this year is £14.55. For this we receive, every 4 months, a small booklet. The latter consists of a short Bible passage, reflection and sometimes a brief prayer for each day. A series of different ecumenical authors write in fortnightly rotations. The new BRF year starts in May, however, new members can join anytime! Please contact me on the number below if interested.

**Sylvia Harris 029 2040 5943**

*Additional note from Mel Griffin:* For those who are prepared to collect their daily Bible reading notes from the shop, Griffin Books can order and supply New Daylight and a variety of other titles (Daily Bread, Encounter with God, Inspiring Women etc.) at a 10% discount on the annual subscription price. Contact Griffin Books at [info@griffinbooks.co.uk](mailto:info@griffinbooks.co.uk) or call 029 2070 6455 for more information.



## Are You A (Potential) Bookworm?

*Linda Guilfoyle introduces Bookworms*

Do you enjoy reading and discussing books? Are you open to reading different authors and types of books? If so you may like to consider joining the Bookworms.

This reading group was formed in 2000 on the initiative of Mary Taster, then a member of the congregation at Holy Nativity and now a member of the congregation of All Saints.



We have undergone many changes in membership over the years and met regularly, apart from the recent lockdown period. We have read and discussed over 150 books, mainly fiction; been on a theatre visit; written a novella (perhaps fortunately not publishable!); discussed poetry; had meals out; organised *Call my Bluff* evenings and made a CD.

Our numbers have now dwindled and we are seeking new members. At the moment we are an all-female group but would welcome some men joining. Bookworms meets every 6 weeks in All Saints Gallery and membership is free. Books to be read are chosen by the members. They must be available from the Library and on Kindle. If you would like to join us or just to come to a meeting to see whether it is for you, we would love to meet you. Our next meeting is on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July starting at 10 a.m. when we will be discussing *Ash on a Young Man's Sleeve* by Dannie Abse.

If you would like to come along please let Mary or me know if possible. Our contact details are: Mary – 07597 978276, 02920 702357 or e-mail [m.taster@ntlworld.com](mailto:m.taster@ntlworld.com) or Linda - 07982 782137, 02920 706309 or e-mail [linda.guilfoyle2019@gmail.com](mailto:linda.guilfoyle2019@gmail.com).

**Linda Guilfoyle**

## M.A.T. (Ministry Area Tortoise) 2022 Update

Joe sends chelonial greetings to young Torty. Joe has lived with various members of his human family and has met and played with five generations of them. He has lived in Penarth for many years having previously lived at several other addresses in the south and east of the U.K.



Hatching: Joe hasn't got a hatching certificate as, like Torty, he was wild and forcibly removed from his home while young to be sent to this country in the early 1930s. He has a gammy back leg possibly caused by being tied up to prevent him escaping while waiting to be put in a crate for travelling. It doesn't prevent him charging round the garden though.

Daily summertime routine: basking and sleeping, eating, sleeping, climbing, sleeping, generally trundling around and then sleeping.

Likes: meeting new people and climbing on their feet and helping with gardening by inspecting the digging and planting.

Ambition: Maybe to climb the wall of the house he often contemplates. Perhaps do that tomorrow...or the next day...or maybe.....some time.

Favourite foods: dandelions, bananas, buttercups, lupins, anemones (the last two haven't survived in the garden for years), lettuce, cucumber, strawberries, pears, apples and that unidentified weed growing at the side of the house.

Joe looks forward to hearing of Torty's adventures over the next few months. If Joe does anything worth reporting he will let Torty know through the magazine (breath-holding not recommended).

Message from Joe: Sorry, I don't know Adam either.

### Joe Tortoise & family

## More News from the USA

*In response to requests from readers for more news, Janet Akers brings us up to date with child care (and other matters) in the USA.*

Our son Daniel celebrated his 40th birthday at the same time that their nanny Rosa returned home to Peru for a month's holiday. We were intending to visit Brooklyn to celebrate his special day and then enjoy a week of museums etc. in New York!



Well, that all changed to three weeks of childminding, a wonderful, uplifting, tiring experience. Daniel had hired a wonderful house near the village of Cold Spring in Putnam County, upstate New York. It had enough bedrooms and bathrooms for the eight of us to enjoy comfort and privacy. Our daughter and her partner joined us from Uganda for that week and it was very special as we hadn't been together for nearly 28 months.

Cold Spring is a very pretty village in the Hudson Valley with the 'as seen on films' Main Street with independent shops and small restaurants. It borders on the Hudson River and the Hudson Highland State Park. The town was the birthplace of General Kemble Warren who was an important figure in the Union Army during the American Civil War.

On the opposite side of the Hudson River sits the famous West Point Academy and the remains of the West Point Foundry are very well preserved on a pleasant walk from Main Street along the banks of the Hudson. The journey upstate was about 90 minutes from Brooklyn and although we had two cars full, it is a pretty and easy journey by train.

Before we left Penarth we checked the weather and Peter assured me I didn't need boots! During the four days there we had two large snowstorms but it's amazing how a pair of trainers can cope with that - plus the fact that the roads and pavements are cleared immediately!

We returned to New York and then started our real childminding duties with the gorgeous Mateo and Luna. Once again we walked every day, twice, around Fort Greene Park and the interesting area surrounding it with the coffee shops, restaurants and delis. By the end of the two weeks, people were nodding hello and smiling at us with our attempts to amuse a nearly three year old and a ten month old who thinks she is three years old. The other nannies in the play parks



knew our children by name; obviously it's a popular place to watch children and catch up with everybody.

We couldn't stay with Daniel and Natalia so we tried a different hotel about 15 minutes' walk away from their flat. It was excellent and sometimes we just crashed in the bar at the end of the day to just catch our breath and sample a glass of something nice!

They will be visiting us in Penarth in August so please look out for us trying a combination of Spanish and English on the Esplanade and playgrounds of Penarth!



*Rev. Ali Reeves' licensing service at St Thomas, Neath (Photo: Janet Akers)*

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- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at Penarth Pier – Penarth author Sophie Buchaillard launches her debut novel 'This Is Not Who We Are'
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> to Sun 26<sup>th</sup> June – the return of **Penarth Literary Festival** to venues throughout the town, with events spanning fiction and non-fiction, adults and children, English and Welsh, prose and poetry – all with a distinct Welsh flavour!

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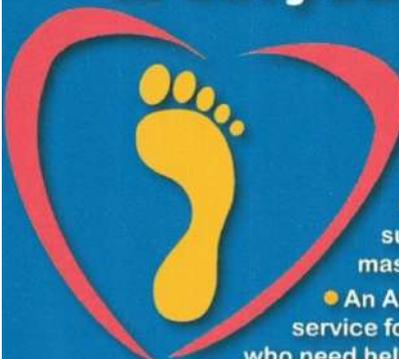
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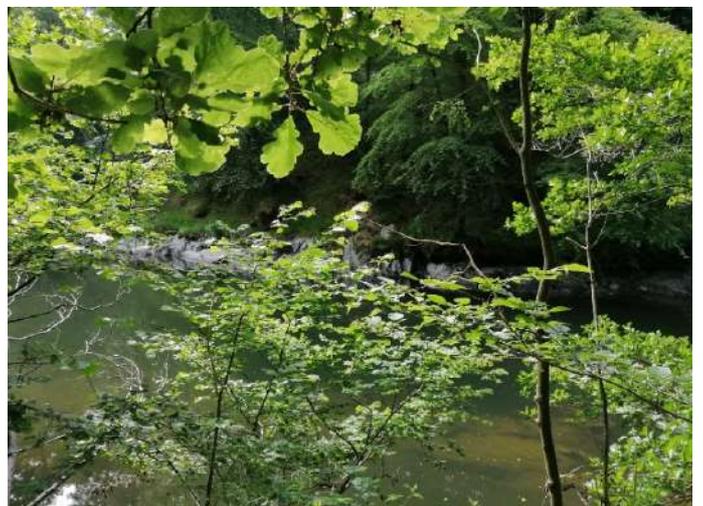
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## PHOTOGALLERY

As Spring now moves to Summer, nature unfolds all its splendour to the world.  
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## AROUND THE CHURCHES

### All Saints

*(Contact: Janet Akers)*

Holy Week and Easter were special, and services were well attended at All Saints. The Maundy Thursday service reinstated the washing of the feet section and the Clergy had ten volunteers for this part of this poignant service. The 3 hours of reflection and prayer on Good Friday were beautiful and people were able to join in at any time. Thank you to Nigel for his gentle playing at the end of David Suchet's wonderful reading of St John's Gospel at 15-minute intervals during the service.

The Church was decorated beautifully by Lynda and her talented Flower Guild team. The Lady Chapel was also decorated and looked lovely *(thank you Pam!)* Easter Sunday was Ali's last service and her interaction with the Easter Bunny certainly made sure that the congregation knew the true meaning of Easter, (spoiler, it is not chocolate!)

The following two Sundays we were privileged to host two Baptisms and it was wonderful to see so many young families and children enjoying the services.

At least 45 Parishioners from All Saints attended Ali's licensing Service on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at St Thomas', Neath. It was a moving service at this charming and special church. There has been a chapel or church on or near this site since 1298. The history of this church is well worth investigating and all of us were enchanted by the beautiful windows, especially the Showmen's Window. The centenary celebrations of The Showmen's Guild of Great Britain took place in St Thomas' in 1989 and there is a wonderful model of a carousel horse on display near this particular window.

The Bishop led the service and we all felt that Bishop June employed a clear and personal approach to the service. The All Saints and St Thomas' congregations then joined Ali, Terry, and family for a very pleasant celebration at The Castle Hotel. The coach returning to Penarth later that evening was full of happy and sleepy folk.

## Holy Nativity

*(Contacts: Huw and Kath Williams)*

We welcomed Rev Tony Knapp to preside at our Easter Day Eucharist. Thanks to him for his uplifting words and for leading us in Welcoming the Easter Candle and in the Renewal of Baptismal Vows. Huge thanks are due to Kath Williams for overseeing the preparation of the church to such a high standard, to Linda and Roy LeGros for the lovely flower arrangements throughout the church and to Ann Lush and Shirley-Anne Jasper for preparing the Easter Garden. Chocolates appropriate to the season were distributed to the congregation after the service. A total of over £150 has been raised by Holy Nativity for the Ministry Area Ukraine appeal.

On Sunday afternoon 8 May we had a joyous event, namely our first christening from some time, when we welcomed baby Thea Young into the Christian family with the support of a numerous congregation of family and friends, including a number of young helpers for Fr Mark at various points in the service.



# REPORTS AND NOTICES

## Admin Corner

After Easter, I was able to start working in the All Saints office on Tuesdays and Fridays. It will take a bit of time to get used to the new working pattern and remember all the things I need to do when I'm in the Parish Hall on a Wednesday. Alicia and I are both meeting lots of new people from the different churches who drop into the All Saints office, which is good to do.



At the moment, we are mostly continuing to work on our separate 'patches', as it's still early days for anything else. Work continues towards getting all the bank payments transferred to the Ministry Area account so that the Penarth & Llandough accounts can be closed.

We have the new phone system up and running (although there have been a few teething troubles!) Let us know if you have any problems getting through or find it difficult to work. The old numbers will still work for a while yet, but we'd prefer if you could use the new number 029 2280 5663.

**Rachel Elder & Alicia King-Evans**

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### **The St Augustine's Tots Group** *(Contact: Margaret Davies)*

There has been a group for pre-school children meeting in the Parish Hall on Thursday mornings on Albert Road for many years - but the current incarnation was formed last year under the energetic leadership of Margaret Davies and a team of willing 'volunteers' and parents, including Judith Smart, Debbie Faulds, Jane Williams and Claire and Ruth Thain. They haven't looked back since!

The previous very successful Tots group under Shelley, like many things, had to close during the Covid lockdown period, and given that most of the children (when lockdown ended) had grown and were then attending Albert Road Primary School, the Tots group needed to attract and develop an entirely new cohort of children (and, indeed, a new management team) from scratch. I want to pay tribute at this point, once again, to Marion Rowlands' 20+ years of service to all the previous tots groups.



It took a little while getting a good team of people together from scratch during Covid (and I was getting a little concerned at one point if it would ever get off the ground again!) – but God is true and faithful, and a bunch of very good people did eventually come together. The new group got off to a flying start in September 2021, with the valued help of our Safeguarding Team (Irene Mallett and Mary Taster) and Hall Manager (Rachel Elder) doing so much behind the scenes to make it all possible. I don't like the term 'volunteers' as volunteerism does not adequately describe what is required – people who are skilled, hard-working and dedicated are best described in terms of 'vocation' – which is certainly true of all involved with our Tots group. It makes a very valuable contribution to the 30-40 attendees, whether children learning to socialise or parents who can sometimes be isolated, and certainly were during Covid.

A typical day in the life of the Tots group involves preparing for the morning ahead, so that parents and children can be welcomed after drop off at the beginning of the school day. Judith is in charge of welcoming and registering attendees, Jane does a great deal in the kitchen in terms of food and drink, Debbie is in charge of putting the play mats and toys out, and also gets involved in the changeover at 10.30am, when musical instruments are brought out for children and adults to sing and play.

Generous support has been received from the ARTic Gallery Trefforest, Griffin Books, Sainsbury's, Windsor Furit Stores and Jo's Organics.

Special events since opening have included the opening celebration, the Christmas Party, Easter Party and Easter Egg Hunt. By the time you read this the

Jubilee Party on 26<sup>th</sup> May will have taken place with crown-making and special treats. As for the rest of the year, a summer party is planned on 21<sup>st</sup> July, Halloween on October 27<sup>th</sup> and another Christmas Party on 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

If you are interested in helping out, or want to find out more about how you can be a part of things, then do come along on Thursdays during term time to find out more. You'll always receive a warm welcome!

**Fr Mark**

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## **SPRING PLANT & CAKE SALES**

Two plant and cake sales have recently been held in the churchyard at St Augustine's, organised by the Tuesday afternoon gardening group. Thanks to all those who attended the events, provided plants and cakes for sale, and helped on the day with special thanks to Rachel Elder for growing so many plants and to Ann Lush for baking so many delicious cakes!



The sale in April raised £590 and the May sale £978. The money raised will purchase two new battery-operated strimmers and a battery-operated mower for use in the churchyard, with the remainder going to Ministry Area funds.

**Andy Davison**

# Report on the St Augustine's Dawn Chorus Walk (30<sup>th</sup> April)

*Organised by the Friends of St Augustine's*

It was a superb, clear spring morning, with no clouds or wind. A group of 24 set off just after 7:10 am, led by John Wilson from Glamorgan Bird Club, who provided his usual relaxed style, an excellent level of description and general information regarding any birds seen or in reply to questions asked.



We proceeded from the West entrance to the North Gate, then along the outside path and around to the South entrance and into the wilder area, ending up by returning to the main entrance for some welcome refreshments at around 8 am. Although we did not see any particularly unusual species, there was considerable interest and many questions regarding those that we did see, which included House Sparrows, Blue Tits, Magpies, Carrion Crows, Wrens, Robins, Feral Pigeons and Woodpigeons, Collared Doves, Song Thrushes and Dunnocks. As John explained, 'hedge sparrow' is no longer used as a name for Dunnocks, as these are not sparrows, belonging to an entirely different family - easily seen by comparing their very thin, insect-eating beaks to those of House Sparrows, which are much heavier. John was also able to demonstrate his ability at bird song mimicry by exemplifying the differences between the warblings of a Song Thrush and a Mistle Thrush, one of which was singing in a nearby tree.

There was however one spectacular and very welcome sighting: for many of us, the very first appearance this year of a Swift in one brief pass. We hope many more will follow and occupy the many nests erected for them. Many thanks to Tricia, Marian and Margaret for providing the refreshments.

**Margaret Knight**

## P.E.A.S. Play Explorers All Saints



Meeting back after the Easter break, we explored the opportunities for a new pattern of living (after the pandemic), we enjoyed a lively discussion which involved home life, school, outside activities, church and friendships. We all had to admit that we have had to change course with a different pattern of lifestyle and we are slow to recognise God at work in any given situation; a pause for thought!

We named our work files (or should we name those fun files!) and after listening to the story of the disciples meeting the risen Jesus on the seashore after a night of fishing, we made paper boats which sailed on water. I should say some

sailed, some didn't, but with all hands on deck (as they say!) they did eventually all sail on water.

A big thank you to Jane Douglas for donating an interesting selection of books to our group and the children were keen to choose one to take home.

We had some photos taken of our group for the Stewardship Campaign which we hope will be successful. We will be putting our 'green fingers' to use with lots of digging and planting on our PEAS PATCH in Victoria Square and we now have our logs on the edge of the grassed area to stop cars from flattening the grass seeds and a few logs placed here and there for us to sit, chat, read and enjoy the outdoor space. We are looking forward to this month when we hope on a sunny Sunday morning to enjoy a 'patch picnic' and view God's creation with the sweet sound of music from All Saints.



**Anthea King**

## Fellowship Sub-Committee Report

### Forthcoming Events Taking Place in the Ministry Area

June is a very busy month in our Ministry Area with many varied events taking place.

We start on **Sunday June 5th** with a whole-family ‘picnic-style’ Jubilee get together which will take place **between 11.30 and 2.30 in the grounds of All Saints Church**. For the children there will be face painting, a bouncy castle and a children’s fancy dress competition and for the adults a bar! Bring your own food **BUT Michelin Star Chef James Sommerin** will be on hand to provide hotdogs and burgers. Let’s hope it doesn’t rain - but if it does we’ll move indoors.

At St Augustine’s on **June 11th the Caritas Choir will be singing at 2.30pm**. This is an excellent choir which raises a huge amount of money for various charities. The money raised at this concert is being donated to the Ministry Area and Shelter Cymru.

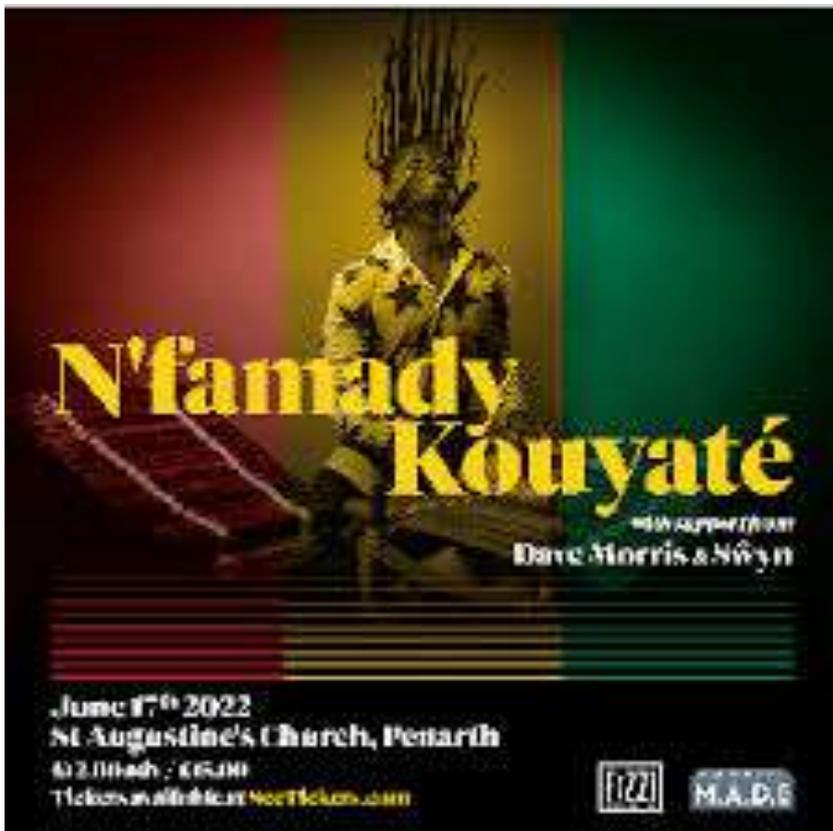
On the afternoon of **Thursday June 16th** an event called “**Down Memory Lane**” is being held in **St Augustine’s Parish Hall**. All our churches have been invited to provide photos and memorabilia which will be displayed and available to browse. We hope to put some names to faces in old photographs and to share stories of times gone by. Refreshments will be provided.

Many people will be delighted to know that **on the evening of June 16th the All Saints’ Cinema Club** is starting up again. The film will be the highly acclaimed ‘BELFAST’ - written and directed by Kenneth Branagh and starring Dame Judi Dench, Caitriona Balfe and Jamie Dornan. It is being held in All Saints Lesser Hall so numbers are limited. Tickets (£7.50) can be obtained from Jane McLaughlin (Tel: 029 2053 1188) or TicketSource.



The following evening **Friday June 17th at 7pm** St Augustine's is hosting a jazz evening. This is a brand new venture and something of an experiment. **N'famady Kouyaté** is a young energetic musician from Guinea (Conakry). A talented multi-instrumentalist who wowed audiences across the UK and Ireland during

autumn/winter 2019/20 with his modern interpretations of traditional West African Mandingue songs supporting Gruff Rhys on the Pang! album tour. N'famady's primary instrument is the balafon – the traditional wooden xylophone, sacred to West African culture and his family heritage of the griot/djeli. In Guinea he founded 'Les Héritiers du Mandingue', a tradi-modern group that toured extensively in West Africa. His music is especially suited to the lovely acoustic of St Augustine's



Church. It will bring a whole new audience into the building and, if successful, will be the first of an ongoing series. He will be supported by Dave Morris and Sŵyn. Tickets (£15 or £12 if bought in advance) are available from EventBrite and SeeTickets.Com.

On **June 25th** the **Penarth Chamber Music Festival** is in **All Saints Church** all day with a variety of events which will appeal to all ages. The full details of their programme for the day is available on the Penarth Chamber Music Festival website. Just type 'Penarth Chamber Music Festival' into Google or your preferred search engine.

You'll find everything you need to know about these events on the weekly bulletins but feel free to email me ([rgcourt14@gmail.com](mailto:rgcourt14@gmail.com)) if you want more information and I'll try to help.

**Robert Court**

## GIVING TO THE MINISTRY AREA

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## Ecochurch Carbon Bombs

The world's biggest fossil fuel firms are quietly planning scores of 'carbon bomb' oil and gas projects that would drive the climate past internationally agreed temperature limits with catastrophic global impacts. The data shows these firms are in effect placing multibillion-dollar bets against humanity halting global heating. Their huge investments in new fossil fuel production could pay off only if countries fail to rapidly slash carbon emissions, which scientists say is vital.

The oil and gas industry is extremely volatile but extraordinarily profitable, particularly when prices are high, as they are at present. ExxonMobil, Shell, BP and Chevron have made almost \$2tn in profits in the past three decades, while recent price rises led BP's boss to describe the company as a "cash machine".

The lure of colossal pay-outs in the years to come appears to be irresistible to the oil companies, despite the world's climate scientists stating in February that further delay in cutting fossil fuel use would mean missing our last chance "to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all". As the UN secretary general, António Guterres, warned world leaders in April: "Our addiction to fossil fuels is killing us."

- The fossil fuel industry's short-term expansion plans involve the start of oil and gas projects that will produce greenhouse gases equivalent to a decade of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from China, the world's biggest polluter.
- These plans include 195 carbon bombs, gigantic oil and gas projects that would each result in at least a billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions over their lifetimes, in total equivalent to about 18 years of current global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. About 60% of these have already started pumping.
- The dozen biggest oil companies are on track to spend \$103m a day for the rest of the decade exploiting new fields of oil and gas that cannot be burned if global heating is to be limited to well under 2C.
- The US, Canada and Australia are among the countries with the biggest expansion plans and the highest number of carbon bombs. The US, Canada and Australia also give some of the world's biggest subsidies for fossil fuels per capita.

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## FROM THE REGISTERS



### Baptisms

- 24/04/22 Jaxon KEMBLE & Mya KEMBLE at All Saints  
01/05/22 Edward William STEVENS at All Saints  
08/05/22 Thea Erin YOUNG at Holy Nativity

*We welcome them into the family of the Church!*

### Funerals

- 06/05/22 Kathleen Ellen DEACON at All Saints  
09/05/22 Sheila Mary JONES age 85 of Penarth at Vale Crematorium  
16/05/22 Joan WALL at All Saints

*We send our sincere condolences to their family and friends.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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



- For the Queen as she celebrates Seventy years of faithful service to this country and the Commonwealth. May she continue to be blessed with divine guidance and a strong faith.
- That there will be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost and more people will know the love and peace of Jesus.
- That the Platinum Jubilee and Pentecost Celebrations in Penarth and across the country will bring people together.
- For youth worker, Mel Saunders and the PMA that they can contact more young people and families and nurture them in the Christian faith.
- For all those working in the NHS, Care sector and key workers. Give them the energy to keep working when conditions are very demanding.
- For those worn down by illness, or exhausted by caring for others that they are supported by their community. That more people become carers.
- For those struggling financially. Encourage us to help by supporting the Penarth Foodbank and charities supporting the vulnerable.
- For the 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 across countries to help Ukrainians and asylum seekers unite with their families and find safety without resorting to dangerous journeys. That hope will replace fear.
- For people affected by the climate emergency across the world e.g. floods and drought in East Africa. That we work together to care for our world and fund charities like Christian Aid to support people in need.

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

**Jenny Stonhold** ☎ 029 2053 0580 or email: [stonhold@msn.com](mailto:stonhold@msn.com)

# CALENDAR OF MINISTRY AREA EVENTS

## Regularly held events during the month

<p><b>Mondays:</b> 10am Faith Group at 14 Llandaff Close</p>	<p><b>Tuesdays:</b> 10am All Saints Holy Eucharist 10.30am Holy Nativity Midweek Eucharist (First Tuesday of the month) 2-4pm St Augustine's Churchyard Group</p>
<p><b>Wednesdays:</b> 10am Cymun Bendigaid (Welsh Eucharist) 10am St Augustine's Midweek Eucharist 12 noon Wednesday Lunchtime Faith Group on Gallery in 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</p>	<p><b>Thursdays:</b> 10.30am St Dochdwy's Midweek Eucharist 9-11am Tots Group St Aug Parish Hall (not 5<sup>th</sup> May) 7.15pm Choir Practice</p>
<p><b>Fridays:</b> 10.30am Faith Group on Gallery in Church 7.15pm Music Group Practice</p>	<p><b>Sundays:</b> 9.30am St Augustine's Choir Practice</p>



*Heather looked radiant in white, the details picked out subtly in gold...*

## Events during June 2022

4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	All Day	Friends of Victoria Square Jubilee Lunch Celebration
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	11.30am-2.30pm	Jubilee Family Picnic Afternoon in All Saints grounds, Victoria Square
9 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	6.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal All Saints
11 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	1.00pm	Holy Matrimony All Saints
11 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	2.30pm	Caritas Summer Concert at St Augustine's Church
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	5.30pm	Wedding Rehearsal All Saints
16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	2pm – 4pm	'Down Memory Lane' at St Augustine's Parish Hall
16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	2.00pm	Holy Matrimony All Saints
16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	7.00pm	Cinema Club in AS Lesser Hall – 'Belfast'
17 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	7.00pm	Folk Evening at St Augustine's featuring N'famady Kouyaté, Dave Morris & Sŵyn
21 <sup>st</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday- Friday		Recordings at St Augustine's Church
25 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	TBC	Ordination of Beth Pearson at Llandaff Cathedral
25 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	9.00am-10.00pm	Penarth Chamber Music Festival Concerts at All Saints
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	10.45am	Baptism of Eleanor Clark at St Augustine's

### Home Communion

Home Communion visits are suspended until further notice; however, they are included here for your future reference.:

The Waverley Care Centre - 10.30 a.m. 1st Tuesday; Tŷ Gwyn Nursing Home - 11.00 a.m. 3rd Thursday; Morel Court Care Home - 11.00 a.m. Last Wednesday

Holy Communion at home is available for those who are unable to attend church. Please contact the Ministry Area Office on 029 2070 3170 or [admin@allsaintspenarth.org.uk](mailto:admin@allsaintspenarth.org.uk) to arrange.

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