



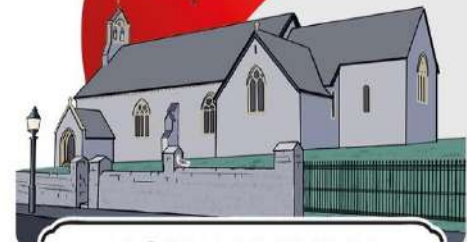
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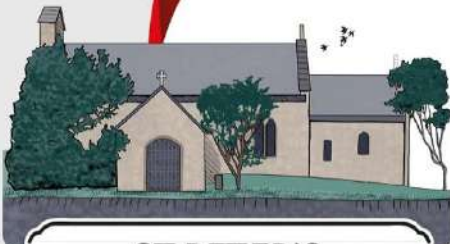
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## EDITORIAL

The church reports tell us about well-populated Easter week services, about developing teams that tackle problems and make the most of opportunities, about planting trees and shrubs as part of estate developments, about gratitude for the work of Ministry Area clergy, about the beauty of our buildings and about plans for enhancing what they can accommodate and help us do, and about outward-looking, regenerative social and cultural events. They tell us about the life of the Ministry Area at ground level and what they indicate is a story of energy, activity and a kind of flourishing - all fitting, of course, just after Easter and in the spring and early summer. You'll find this story told in different ways, too, in many of the feature articles and reports in this edition.

We hope you enjoy the magazine as readers and that, as writers, you are already musing quietly over your contribution to the next edition.

*PMAM Editors: Tom Blenkinsop, Katie Cooper and Jan Knight*

### **Our Cover: detail from El Greco's *Pentecost* (about 1660)**



The flames of the Holy Spirit descend on Mary and the apostles. The arrangement of the figures creates a strong up-and-down vertical energy in the painting: the descending white light and individual flames of the Holy Spirit and the ascending, rapt attention of Mary make the image flow with dynamic, spiritual movement.

Most of the apostles look upward but the two apostles closest to the central figures of Mary (and Mary Magdalene by her side) are fixed on Mary, intensifying her centrality.

The painting was made for a church in Madrid as part of an altarpiece that also included depictions of the Annunciation, Christ's baptism, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. It is easy to find the whole painting on the internet with the help of any search engine.

## FROM THE MINISTRY AREA CLERGY TEAM



Dear friends,

When I was at school, my form tutor once got us to write a 'letter to future me', telling ourselves all about the things we hoped for our future selves – the things we didn't want to let go of as we got older and the struggles we hoped we'd have moved past.

Generally speaking, it's the sort of reflective task I really enjoyed (and still do!) – though I also have a strong memory of trying to phrase things carefully so that no prying eyes would work out that I was wishing future me luck with coming out and feeling more comfortable with my sexuality, which definitely added an element of tension to the task!

It comes to mind because I have a similar feeling when writing this – that I'm writing this letter to you all and I have so many questions I'd like to ask the future – how did the Senedd elections go? Is there a meaningful ceasefire or peace in the Middle East? And, maybe a bit less geo-politically, have we appointed a new Ministry Area Leader? How's Laura settling in as the new Young People's Ministry Lead? All questions that you might know the answer to but are bamboozling me from the distant past of mid-April...

There's a classic phrase that some Christians use, saying that we live in the 'now and not yet' – that we are both trying to build God's kingdom here on earth and also waiting for a coming time when there will be a 'new heaven and new earth'.

Even more so if we look backwards – every Sunday we hear stories that have been told for thousands of years in one form or another – almost every week,

we re-enact Jesus' last meal on earth – and as a Church we have inherited all sorts of traditions and rules from our ancestors here in Wales and across the world.

So maybe I should be used to the idea of writing in one time for people to read in another time (albeit possibly only a couple of weeks into the future!).

One of my favourite cultural/linguistics facts is that there are aboriginal people in Australia who have such a strong sense of direction that they don't talk about 'my left hand' or 'the shop in front of you' but 'my north-west knee' and 'the shop to the east of you' – it's such a strong factor in how they understand and describe the world, that if you give these people 5 photos of someone getting older (a baby, child, teenager, adult, old person), they will organise them from East to West, no matter which way they're facing, because that's the direction they see time as moving.

I, with my terrible sense of direction and person-focused directions, would organise them left-to-right, like how I read and write (as I suspect most of you would too, or maybe top to bottom).

I always find that story a helpful reminder that even things we see as really fixed or absolute, can be highly influenced by our language and culture – the things that we see as normal or easy can seem completely impossible to other people who have grown up speaking a different language or living in a different culture.

'The sun rises on the just and the unjust alike' but, it turns out, time doesn't march on in a straight and steady line for all of us, and, sure, by the time the next magazine rolls round, 3 months will have passed for all of us, but will it be behind us or to the East of us? Will it have been busy or quiet? Will it have flown by in the blink of an eye or crept passed making every second felt on the way?

However your time is moving, I hope that this magazine is an enjoyable addition to it, and that the longer days and warmer weather treat you well as we head into the summer.

God bless,

Susannah



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## **Helen Murray Mackenzie**

*21<sup>st</sup> June 1920 – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026*



Helen Murray Mackenzie was born on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1920 in Chester to parents Colin and Lois; she had an older sister, also called Lois, and a younger sister, Dorothy. She went to school in Westbourne House in Penarth followed by Heathfield House in Cardiff.

In 1924 the family moved into a brand new house at 10 Wordsworth Avenue and Helen continued to live there for more than 90 years, with the only break being during her service in the Wrens, including in Egypt, during the Second World War. Helen looked after her parents until their deaths in 1974 and 1976 and from then on lived on her own in the house in Wordsworth Avenue for another 41 years.

Helen worked in Cardiff as a Legal Executive for the solicitor Victor Lloyd in Royal Chambers, Park Place. The practice was later taken over by Howard James and she continued to work there until she was almost 80. Howard James's family became a huge part of Helen's life. They included her in their family celebrations and holidays and continued to visit her in recent years after she moved to The Waverley Care Centre.

She enjoyed many visits to Canterbury to stay with her niece, also Helen, and also took coach tours with her friends, visiting many parts of the country. She holidayed abroad with the James family, including visits to Ireland, France and America. Well into her nineties, she continued to enjoy short breaks away to the Cotswolds, west Wales, Cornwall and Devon. She was also a very keen solver of the *Sunday Times* Cryptic Crossword and continued to attempt it every week, often completing it and, on more than one occasion, winning a prize for doing so.

Helen was a devoted and loyal worshipper at St. Augustine's for most of her life until deteriorating mobility made attendance impossible. She made many friends at St Augustine's and within the wider Ministry Area. All of her friends from church and elsewhere kept in contact through phone calls and visits during her years at the Waverley and with her amazing memory she remembered details of all of their families and never failed to ask after everybody. As Rev Susannah Griffin mentioned during the funeral service, despite being in the Waverley and somewhat removed physically from the church, Helen kept up-to-date with news from St. Augustine's and was very aware of events happening there.

She took great delight in her garden in Wordsworth Avenue; her roses, in particular, were widely admired and she even had notes admiring them left in her letter-box from neighbours she didn't know. Her room in the Waverley was full of plants and also, more often than not, freshly cut flowers taken in by visitors.

Helen spent her final 8½ years at The Waverley Care Centre, where she was very comfortable and where she received superb care. There was always a warm welcome for visitors to her house and, in recent years, her room in the Waverley. The welcome invariably included a cup of tea or a glass of sherry, biscuits or a slice of cake. Indeed many visitors and staff found it almost impossible to get out of her room in the Waverley until they had accepted a biscuit or sweet!

*Colin Smith*

## FEATURES

### Laura Hartley-Ames

*The new Ministry Area Young Peoples Leader introduces herself, her family, the things she likes, the problems she has encountered and her faith in God.*



I am very excited to be joining you in May as your Young People's Lead.

I have been married to Jasan (not a typo, his mother couldn't spell!) for almost 21 years and we have three children: Daniel (20) who is currently at Aberystwyth university studying Computer Science; Holly (17) who is in college studying Performing Arts, and Charlie (14) who is about to enter his GCSE years - and not forgetting our fur-baby Doug (8) who is a pug/Jack Russell who loves cuddles and attention. In July last year we affirmed our wedding vows and changed our surname from Ames to Hartley-Ames. You will see a photo of the Hartley-Ames family (including Doug the dog) on the following page.

My main hobby outside church is musical theatre. I love all shows. *Wicked* is my all-time favourite. My favourite performer is Lucie Jones (from Pentyrch, who was on the X Factor and is now west end royalty). I am telling you this as she normally comes into conversation within ten minutes of speaking to me.

Giraffes and orcas are my favourite animals. I love to watch *The Traitors*, *The Apprentice* and American sitcoms on TV. Romcoms and Disney are my favourite type of film. I'm not very good at anything scary. My favourite food is any type of potato and my favourite 'colour' is sparkly.

My favourite bible quote is Proverbs 3:5: 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.'

In September I will be 40 and, since last September, I have been doing a '40 things before I am 40' list. Items on the list include: visiting all the places on the Monopoly board; seeing as many shows as possible; enjoying an afternoon tea and spa day and making a couple of trips to various places. It has been exciting to do and will be a huge achievement to complete it. Maybe you will be able to help with some of it?



I grew up in Hirwaun and went to church every week. I became Children, Youth and Families Officer in 2010 and never looked back.

I've always known that I wanted to work with young people. I went to college and worked my way up to a degree in childhood studies. I am currently studying the Master's in theology at St Padarn's with a specialism in children, youth and families and I am really enjoying it. For the last 4 years I have been one of the Llandaff Diocese 'Growth Enablers'. I have absolutely loved it and I have learnt and grown so much in that time.

My health has been a constant battle. I was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when I was 7 and have dealt with a number of complications along the way, including a heart attack on Boxing Day in 2024. Through these complications I have learned a few things. I am not invincible but I can do all things because God strengthens me. I am still here because God isn't done with me yet and I firmly believe he has called me to Penarth.

In lockdown, I wrote a book called *The Good, The Bad and the Diabetes*, which I self-published on Amazon. It is my story of living with diabetes.

I am so excited to meet everyone and to get started. Working with young people is genuinely my favourite thing to do so to get to call it my job just fills my heart.

See you soon!

## John Petts' Stained Glass Windows

*Marianne Anderson introduces us to the artist-maker of some of the modern, stained glass windows at All Saints' Church*

John Petts was born in Hornsey, London in 1914. Although a childhood illness limited his education, an interest in art and Saturday morning lessons at the Hornsey School of Art lead to his studying there as a full time student in 1930. He later studied Art at the Royal Academy. With his wife, artist and writer, Brenda Chamberlain, he set up production of bilingual broadsheets of Welsh poetry and engravings following a move to near Llanllechid, North Wales in the 1930s.

During the Second World War, as a conscientious objector, he undertook farm work before volunteering to serve in a non-combative role in the Royal Army Medical Corps in the Parachute Regiment. In 1956, he moved to Llansteffan with his second wife and family. In 1957, while a lecturer in Design and Crafts at Carmarthen School of Art, he became fascinated with stained glass. In 1961, he resigned from this post and became as a freelance designer. He began to gain a reputation in the field of church stained glass.

John Petts expressed his faith and theological explorations through his craft and hoped to inspire the viewer to explore and express their own faith. At All Saints, we are privileged to have three stained glass windows designed by this talented designer.

### Window 1 – 1966



This window shows St Michael expelling Satan from heaven. It is the window at the west end of the north wall. It was provided by Mrs Margaret Thomas in memory of her husband, Montague. John Petts described it as an 'arresting design of this double window, in which the forms cut across the centre mullion and embrace the two lights. It expresses the contrast between good and evil, light and dark.

The figure of St Michael, leader of the angels, with his commanding stance and brilliant robes of rich reds and selenium dominate the window. With his long silver 'sword of the Spirit' which is 'the word of God', he drives out the

tumbling inverted figure of Satan, all purple and pustules, twisted in the agony of evil and defeat. The angel's left hand leads the eye to the symbol of the Cross shining in the roundel centred above.

The window is based on *Revelation* chapter 12, verses 7-9.

## Window 2 – 1986



*Let Light Break Forth* is positioned in the north wall to commemorate the eminent journalist, Mostyn Cole. A central dominant orb of light expands, spiralling in sweeping curves to overwhelm the darkness, pain and troubles of this world, symbolised by the pattern of thorn branches in the lower part of the window.

The detailed design expresses, in a finely-divided network of varied tints, a lively combination of colours. From the central orb, horizontal and perpendicular rays form the Cross, and this is echoed in the mandorla (oval) aperture at the head of the double window. This window is inspired by the text 'then shall thy light break forth' (Isaiah chapter 58 verse 8).

## Window 3 – 1978



The St Francis window is the centre window in the north wall. John Petts wanted the window to be a happy one - a symbol of praise to the beauty of creation as seen through the life of St Francis.

The top light shows the sun, symbol of creation, and below, St Francis is surrounded by many birds and other species that he cared for.

All Saints is favourably situated in grounds where nature is now nurtured by Friends of Victoria Square so this window aptly reflects the Christian concern for all of God's creation.

## The Windows of St Augustine's

*Chris Riley guides us through the aesthetic and historical context that influenced the making and acquisition of the windows we see today*



*St Matthew shown with a builder's square (sometimes also associated with St Thomas).*

The Friends of St Augustine's Church have been organising a number of talks relating to the church, its fabric and its history. In April the subject was the church windows. The church was built at a time when there was a revival of interest in stained glass. In Butterfield's initial design there was little coloured glass, only the east window, designed to draw eyes to the site where the Holy Eucharist was celebrated. Lady Windsor paid for a second window, at the east end of the south aisle, but that disappeared behind the organ in 1899.

Nothing further happened until the end of the century when no fewer than four faculties or licences were granted by the bishop, permitting the installation of eight new windows and the relocation of another. Seven of these were similar in design, and four seem to have been part of a larger scheme. The four were the windows on the north aisle commemorating Henry Vellacott, Commander Pengelley and Alexander Dalziel and the Traves window on the south side. These were prominent men in the coal and transport business of South Wales and their families were related by marriage.

The other three in this group lack any information about who gave the windows or who is commemorated. The evangelist windows, given by a St Augustine's churchwarden, are in memory of his mother and father, a Devon clergyman, while a parishioner gave the St Agnes window in memory of his mother, whose name was Agnes. The eighth remembers Charles Shearman Vachell, a doctor from a prominent Cardiff and Penarth family, whose widow retired to the town.



*The window donated by Baroness Windsor*

The two windows at the west end were given in memory of young soldiers sadly killed in World War One, sons of two families from Bristol who settled in the town.

The window that was hidden by the organ and relocated under one of the 1900 faculties was eventually placed in the porch and shows Jesus carrying his cross. This lovely picture was commissioned by Baroness Windsor just months before her death and installed shortly after. In her later years, Lady Windsor suffered extremely poor health and the portrayal of the suffering Christ may well have had a very personal meaning to her.

At the next meeting organised by the Friends of St Augustine's, Alan Thorne will speak on Top Church's Notable Victorians on Thursday evening, April 30<sup>th</sup>, which will certainly provide more information on some of the families connected to the window. Later talks will explore the stones used in building the church and creating graveyard memorials. An Open Church event on Sunday afternoon, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, will include a guided talk on the stained glass windows.

### **William Wilberforce is remembered on 30<sup>th</sup> July**

William Wilberforce (1759 – 1833) came from a wealthy family in Kingston-upon-Hull, and represented the town in Parliament. Wilberforce was a gifted orator with a social conscience who devoted himself to the anti-slavery cause.

He made his first speech in Parliament against slavery in 1789. The *Slave Trade Act* of 1807 made the trading of enslaved people illegal throughout the British Empire; the 1833 *Slavery Abolition Act* went on to make the ownership of slaves illegal.





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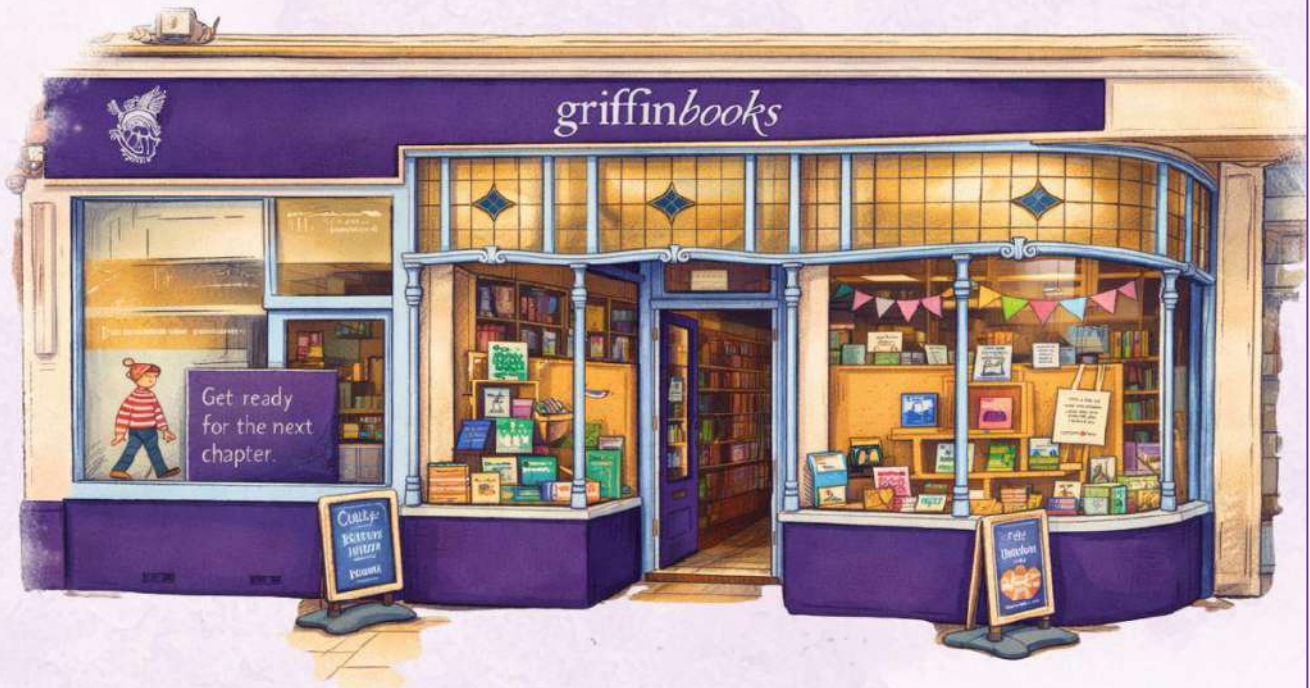
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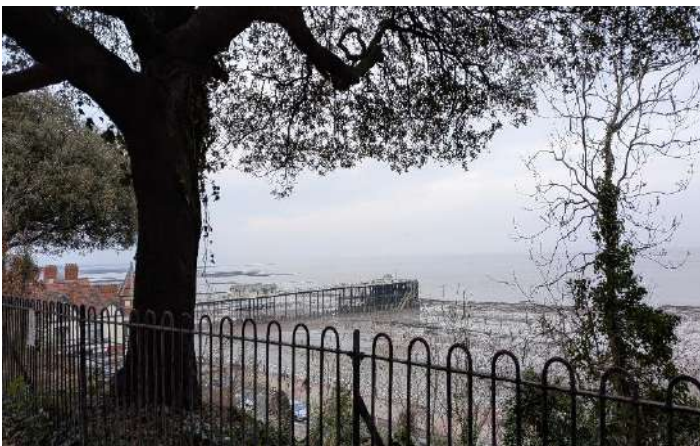
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*John Caldwell reminds us: 'seasons change ... beauty remains'*





## The Fifth of the Five Marks of Mission – Treasure

*Geoff Perrett draws our attention to one of the Five Marks of Mission*

*1 to proclaim the good news of the kingdom;  
2 to teach, nurture and baptise new believers;  
3 to respond to human need by loving service;  
4 to seek to transform unjust structures in society;  
5 to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the earth.*

The Five Marks of Mission - Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure - are the Anglican Communion's (AC) framework for God's work in the world. The 5<sup>th</sup> Mark, Treasure, was formally added in 1990 through the growing awareness of the need to care for Creation to sustain and renew the life of the Earth. The AC states: “the bonds that hold nature together are unravelling – over-fishing, pollution, climate change, deforestation and species

extinction, striking hardest against the poor and vulnerable” and says that “environmental care is an integral component of faithfulness to the Creator God” but asks whether we are failing God's call to be guardians of Creation and whether our worship gives enough time and prayer to the subject.

We emerge to greet the daylight each morning to engage in a contemporary routine of rigid expectation, going with the flow and enjoying all that modern life offers us and expecting to maintain a standard of living where more and bigger of everything is available and encouraged. Meanwhile, the planet creaks and groans under the momentum of it all. Circumventing the norm to achieve a greener planet does not sit easily with a public entreated to adopt lifestyle changes that sometimes feel, at best, ineffectual and, at worst, an attack on civil liberty. How may we shape our lives to help a distressed world and cope with an uncertain future, reassuring an anxious young generation that all will be well?

The Christian faith of hope and love offers wisdom, guidance and inspiration. Psalm 104 celebrates the glory of Creation, declaring nature the ultimate source of life and food. Psalm 24 tells us the Earth, and all that is in it, is the Lord's. There are many other examples in the scriptures of responsibility to and stewardship of the created environment. Like the parable of the mustard seed, small acts of redress in our daily lives can help us feel that change is possible and that hope will grow as we act.

## Penarth World Day of Prayer Service: March 6th at All Saints

*Jenny Stonhold tells us about Christianity and culture in Nigeria, the murderous persecution of Christians by Boko Haram and about a 'great wave of prayer encircling the globe'*

About sixty people attended Penarth's contribution to the World Day of Prayer (WDP) service hosted by All Saints. Nine people from five Penarth Churches presented the theme *I will give you rest* (Matthew 11: 28-30) prepared by Nigerian women. The church was decorated with green and white Nigerian flags and the table draped in colourful African fabrics with Calabash bowls made from gourds and filled with typical Nigerian fruits and vegetables.



*Hugh, Kenny Bryant and visitor Abi*

Before the service the screens showed a presentation about Nigeria with a background of joyful Nigerian music. Nigeria's population of over 200 million makes it the most populous country in Africa and, with 60% of the population under 25, it has the largest youth population in the world. A procession walked down the aisle bringing a backpack and stones to represent the burdens women across the world carry and Kenny Bryant danced as she carried her Mother's Yoruba Bible and placed it on the table open at our text.

After an opening Igbo greeting, 'Keleya, Keleya nobueze' we sang a traditional Igbo song followed by the hymn *All are Welcome*. During the service we heard from four Nigerian women about how their faith and resilience had reduced their burdens. We heard from Jato, a Christian living in Northern Nigeria where, since 2009, Christians have regularly been kidnapped and killed by Boko Haram. Jato shared her worries for her 14-year-old daughter when she goes to school. They pray each morning and remember that Jesus walks with them through every hardship. A collection of £477 (including gift aid) was taken for grants to projects supported by the WDP.

The concluding hymn, *The Day thou gavest, Lord, is Ended* reminded us that we were part of a great wave of prayer encircling the globe - starting as the sun rises over Samoa and ending about 38 hours later back in the Pacific as the sun

sets over American Samoa. At the end of the service the congregation danced out to Nigerian music and enjoyed Nigerian refreshments provided by Kenny. We are very grateful to Kenny and Hugh Bryant for all their support.

## **Managing the Ministry Area Buildings – Next Steps**

*Huw Williams describes our responsibility for a big estate*

We are the custodians of five churches (three of which are listed), three halls (one of which is also listed) and a tenanted dwelling. The Building Committee Report to the Annual Vestry Meeting highlighted the work that will need to be undertaken and funded over the next five years. This work will ensure that our building stock is maintained in an appropriate and safe condition and that improvements are made that will help mission of the Ministry Area.

The number, size and or duration of the projects are beyond the capacity of the volunteer sub-wardens at each church. Also, the extent of the work to be undertaken to progress the major projects and particularly the co-ordination of the professional inputs required in obtaining Faculties, specifying work, identifying contractors and professionals and being on call when work is in progress is proving beyond the capacity of the members of the Building Committee.

The Ministry Area Council has considered the position and has asked me, the chair of the Buildings Committee, to examine the options for engaging the services of a building industry professional to fulfil a remunerated or fee paid role as the Ministry Area's Buildings Officer. What is envisaged is a person who can act as the client's representative on a day to day basis reporting to the Building Committee and the Ministry Area Council. The options under consideration are to seek a person with building industry experience interested in taking on a part time role or appointing a firm of surveyors or similar to undertake such a role.

If any readers know of someone who might to qualified for and interested in such a role, then contact me at: [huw.williams133@outlook.com](mailto:huw.williams133@outlook.com) (T:07964 560 365). A more detailed description of what is envisaged is available on request.

## Ministry Area Quiz Night on 28<sup>th</sup> February

We had a great turnout for this year's Big Quiz, with 15 teams and a full hall. The evening included a mixture of rounds including naming people featured on bank notes, identifying nursery rhymes from their initials and a music round of not 'love' songs.

We also had some fun games, a raffle and a mini auction, which all added to the funds raised. The Ingram family once again did a wonderful job hosting and providing the questions. A big thank you to them, and also to Rob and Debbie Court for drinks and nibbles. From everyone's efforts, we raised just over £870, so thank you to everyone who came along or who contributed. The organisers did note that it was quite a long evening, so we will learn from that and make it shorter next year, but just as much fun. Please come back again for more quizzing!



*Rachel Elder*

## The Plant and Cake Sale on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026



We had a fine morning for our Spring Plant and Cake Sale at St Augustine's and there was quite a queue of people stretching right down to the pavement waiting to get in. As on previous occasions, we were extremely busy for the first 45 minutes with people obviously eager to stock up their gardens, then things were steady for the rest of the time. We had enough plants and cakes for there to be things left for latecomers but we ended up selling nearly everything.

It's always a big team effort and it wouldn't happen without those who give their time to help. Thank you so much everyone who helped setting up, selling and tidying up. Thank you to all who donated cakes and plants, and thank you especially to everyone who came along and bought things or just came for a cup of coffee. We raised approximately £1,300 for Ministry Area funds which is amazing!

I will be doing a plant stall at the Open Afternoon at St Augustine's on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and possibly another sale in the Lesser Hall in June, but that is still to be confirmed.

*Rachel Elder*

### **All Saints POD (secondary school age)**

Winter is now behind us and we look forward to welcoming Laura, our Ministry Area youth leader and finding out more about Jesus and about ourselves.

We have grown in numbers, with the addition of Charlene, Emma and Ethan, and are filling the youth room on Sundays as we get creative, share laughter and build trust and friendships. With a focus on the message and person of Jesus, we learn what being a Christian is all about and how we may best follow him and stay close throughout our years to come.



We have shared our prayers from the front (which takes courage), and our creations (such as the Easter crosses). In our Sunday sessions we have mainly explored the meaning behind the main Church reading, whilst also covering issues that arise from our discussions.

We explored the Lazarus event, having fun getting wrapped up and breaking free, and on another occasion considered whether you can be divinely inspired, act out of love, yet be misguided. What would you say, after reading Matthew 16 v21 to 23?

*David Cooper*

## Looking Forward to Ministry Area Events: May- July 2026

Here is some information about some of the events happening over the coming months in addition to our regular activities.

Keep your eyes on the weekly bulletins and posters around our churches for more events and more information.

Two very important events take place in June. On the 20<sup>th</sup>, our curate, Susannah, will be ordained at Llandaff Cathedral and will celebrate her first Eucharist in a joint service at All Saints the following day. The following weekend, on the 27<sup>th</sup>, Craig will be ordained Deacon.

### Concerts

- **May 18<sup>th</sup>** - All Saints Music at Lunchtime: Zoe Milton-Brown (Soprano) & Robert Court (piano). *Admission Free. Retiring Collection.*
- **June 15<sup>th</sup>** - All Saints Music at Lunchtime: Tom Pilsbury (Trombone) with piano accompaniment. *Admission Free. Retiring Collection.*
- **June 20<sup>th</sup>** - St Augustine's at 7pm: Cantemus "Summertime" Concert. *Tickets from [Ticketsource.co.uk](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk). Adults £16, Students and U16 £8. Also available at the door.*
- **June 27<sup>th</sup>** - Penarth Chamber Music Festival Concerts at All Saints:
  - 10.30am - Family Concert - 'Quest' Taith Darganfod*
  - 1pm - Young Musicians 'Showcase 2*
  - 6pm - Discovering Music with James Lea*
  - 7pm - Gala Concert*
  - 9.15pm - Late Night Reflections**Details: <https://www.penarthchambermusicfestival.org.uk/events>*
- **July 5<sup>th</sup>** - St Augustine's: Academi Telyn Cymru -15 Young harpists with guest Royal Harpist Mared Pugh. *Start time to be confirmed.*
- **July 9<sup>th</sup>** - St Augustine's at 7.45: Symphonic Brass Cardiff with Jeffrey Howard (Organ). *Awaiting further details*
- **July 20<sup>th</sup>** - All Saints Music at Lunchtime: Amethyst Duo (Clarinet & Piano). *Admission Free. Retiring Collection.*

## Films

The All Saints Community Cinema have a full programme of screenings full details of which can be found in their separate leaflet available at our churches.

- May 6th - *Marty Supreme* (R15)
- May 19th - *H is for Hawk* (R15)
- May 21st - *H is for Hawk* (R15)
- May 20th - *The History of Sound* (R15)
- June 3rd - *The Testament of Ann Lee* (R15)
- June 4th - *The Testament of Ann Lee* (R15)
- June 16th - *Mad Fabulous* (R12A)
- June 17th - *Mad Fabulous* (R12A)
- June 18th - *Mad Fabulous* (R12A)

## Other Events

- **May 3rd** - St Augustine's Open Afternoon: 2pm -4pm.  
This is organised by the Friends of St Augustine's and includes a History Talk, Archive Books available for perusal, Churchyard Walk, Plant Sale and Bellingring Demonstration. All Free!
- **June 21st** - All Saints: Father's Day BBQ celebrating Susannah's ordination

*Robert Court*

### Christian Aid Report

The Cor Canna concert was a big success with wonderful singing and two gifted young soloists. The Lent lunches were again well attended and our own week was so successful that we ran out of soup and an amazing £1727.60 was raised. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a success. Christian Aid week is 10th-16th May and starts with a plant sale on 9th May, followed by a united service on 10th May and the street collection on Sat 16th May. The details of all these events will be in the newsletter.

*Sue Foley*

## Y Cornel Cymreig



Treuliais i ddeunaw mlynedd gyntaf fy mywyd yn byw yn nhy fy nhadcu a'm mamgu. Chwrddais i ddim â mamgu, bu hi farw ddwy flynedd cyn i mi ymddangos. Tan yn bedair blwydd oed mi gysgais bob nos yn y bedrwm ffrynt gyda'm cyfaill am flynyddoedd, y ci tegan a enwyd Bow Wow pan ddaeth i gadw cwmni gyntaf. Pan yn bedair oed fe ddaeth chwaer fach i fy myd ac ymhen ychydig fe symudais i a Bow Wow i'r llawr uchaf i gysgu - stafell fechan drws nesa i Dadcu a drws nesa hefyd i stordy o stafell, yn llawn o bob math o drysorau. Enw'r stafell yma oedd y Rŵm Cawdel.

Roedden ni'n byw ar ffordd eitha prysur, hyd yn oed ar yr adeg honno, deg a thrigain o flynyddoedd yn ôl. Ceir a loriau a bysus ar eu ffordd i mewn i dref Aberystwyth ac allan. Byddai misoedd yr haf yn brysurach fyth gyda miloedd ar filoedd o drigolion canolbarth Lloegr yn dod i lan y môr am eu gwyliau.

Ymhen ychydig fe roddwyd penrhyddid i mi fentro allan o'r ty ar fy mhen fy hun. Allan drwy'r gât a throi i'r chwith. Heibio i siop fach Tom Payne a chanolfan yr Urdd. Ymlaen heibio'r Lleandy - wn i ddim hyd y dydd hwn beth oedd enw'r lle - dim ond Y Confent, drws nesa i gae criced a chyrtau tennis y Brifysgol. Ymlaen wedyn heibio'r fynwent ar y dde a'r llaethdy ar y chwith. Galw i mewn i'r ty cyntaf yn Rhodfa'r Plas i gael cacen a diod gydag Anti Gwyn ac yna i ffwrdd a mi unwaith yn rhagor. Cerdded heibio'r Gaswyracs a chae rygbi'r Ysgol Ramadeg nes dod at adeilad anferth o faint i blentyn bychan, Eglwys Llanbadarn.

Adeilad hynafol yw'r eglwys hon, y fwyaf yng nghanolbarth Cymru ac yn dyddio yn ôl i'r chweched ganrif. Daeth Padarn i'r ardal a gosod sylfaen man addoli yn y lle hwn er iddi hi gael ei hailadeiladu yn ystod y drydedd ganrif ar ddeg. Roedd Padarn yn un o gyfoeswyr Dewi, ein nawdd sant a Theilo ac yn amlwg fe deithiodd ymhell yn lledaenu'r Efengyl.

Mae'r bachgen bach, bellach yn llawer hŷn. Fe gollodd Bow Wow ei flew i gyd ynghyd â'i apêl flynyddoedd lawer yn ôl. Mae'r ty yn dal yno, fe drowyd Canolfan yr Urdd yn fflatiau, mae'r Lleandy bellach yn gartref Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig, fe ddinistriwyd yr hen Gaswyracs ond mae Eglwys Padarn Sant yn dal i

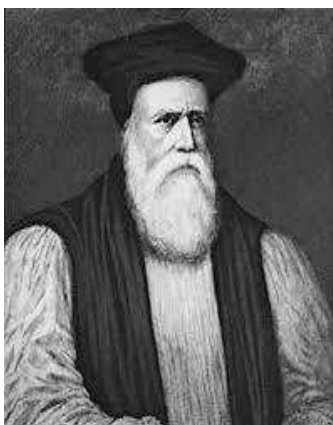
sefyll fel, rwy'n siwr y gwna ar gyfer cenedlaethau'r dyfodol. Fe fyddaf i, wedi cwblhau'r pwt o erthygl hwn, yn ei drosglwyddo i ddwylo golygyddion y cylchgrawn trimisol ar y dyddiad cau sef y 15fed o fis Ebrill - Dydd Gŵyl Sant Padarn.



*Darlun gan James William Giles (c. 1850)*

Mae Sant Padarn yn dal i weithio. Ddeng mlynedd yn ôl fe ffurfiwyd Athrofa Sant Padarn yng Nghaerdydd i ddisodli Coleg Sant Mihangel ond hefyd i barhau â gwaith y coleg ond gyda golwg llawer ehangach o ran hyfforddiant crefyddol. Mae Susannah Griffin, ein curad, a Craig Williams, ein ordinand wedi bod yn derbyn hyfforddiant yn Athrofa Sant Padarn a gweddiwn drostynt wrth iddynt baratoi at gael eu hordeinio ym mis Mehefin, Susannah yn offeiriad a Craig yn gurad. Byddwn yn ffarwelio â Craig ar y 23ain o fis Mai gan ddiolch iddo am ei gyfraniad tuag at fywyd ein heglwys a'r ardal weinidogaeth yn gyffredinol. Bydd Susannah (Swsanna dylid sillafu ei henw yn ôl yr Apocryffa Cymraeg) yn aros gyda ni ac edrychwn ymlaen at ei hordeiniad hi yn y Gadeirlan ar 20fed o Fehefin a'i chymun cyntaf ar y 21ain a'i chymun cyntaf yn yr iaith Gymraef fore dydd Mercher y 24ain o Fehefin. Rwy i'n bersonol yn gwerthfawrogi'n fawr ei brwdfrydedd dros y Gymraeg a'i chyfraniad at y gwasanaethau cydenwadol wythnosol yn y Gymraeg. Dymunwn yn dda i Swsanna a Craig yn eu gweinidogaeth yn y dyfodol.

### **The Welsh Corner**



*Bishop William Morgan*

I'm afraid I have indulged myself in this month's magazine and used up more space than I should have on nostalgia in the Welsh section. Our dear magazine editors will agree that I am a master of procrastination, Mr Last Minute, and here I am typing away at 8:38pm on the deadline day - 15<sup>th</sup> April. This day is the Feast of Saint Padarn. I grew up a stone's throw (slight exaggeration) from his church in Llanbadarn Fawr on the outskirts of Aberystwyth. Padarn was a contemporary of Dewi, our patron saint. He and Teilo travelled widely at home and overseas sharing the

Gospel of Christ. Gerallt Gymro (Gerald of Wales) and the Archbishop of Canterbury at the time spent a night here in 1188 and William Morgan was vicar here in the 16th century. Padarn went on to become Bishop and with Bishop William Morgan completed the first translation of the Bible into Welsh. A copy of this original 1588 Bible is kept in St Padarn's Church.

Padarn's name was chosen for these reasons when the Church in Wales updated the St. Michael's College training facility in Cardiff. Our curate and our ordinand, Susannah and Craig, are receiving training at St. Padarn's still and we wish them both well as they grow in their respective ministries following their ordinations in June.

*Dafydd Jones*

### **Stop-Press Update from the Fast-Moving World of a Local member of the Testudinidae Family**

Happy New Year, Torty (although it seems a bit late to be saying that). Well, I must say the weather hasn't always been very tortoise-friendly since I came out of hibernation but there have been lovely sunny days when I've warmed up and been very hungry and thirsty. Plenty of dandelions to eat though. My family gives me other food but at the moment I prefer my favourite dandelions.



We've had our first visitors including my youngest friend but I'm afraid I wasn't really awake enough to enjoy them. I'm told we will have other visitors in the summer though, including one person I haven't met before so that's something to look forward to. Do you have any plans for this year, Torty?

Your pal, Joe Tortoise

## **What happened at the Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM)?**

The AVM was held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at St Augustine's Church, with 61 people attending.

A full report and accounts had been circulated before the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Mel Griffin who welcomed everyone and said it was a chance to look back on the past year and look forward to the year ahead. This will be Mel's last year as Lay Chair, she will step down at the end of December.

Rev. Jimmy gave a short report and thanked members of clergy, staff, Ministry Area Committee (MAC) and congregations for their work and support over the last year, especially through this Vacancy period.

Chris Salisbury, the Treasurer, spoke about the financial position and answered some questions.

- Electoral Roll as at 13/4/26: 271
- Elizabeth Treasure and Neil Pugh were elected as Ministry Area Wardens.
- MAC members were elected as follows:
- All Saints: Peter Akers, Tom Crooks, Alina Davies, Len Smart
- Holy Nativity: Huw Williams
- St Augustine's: Robert Court, Elyn Hannah
- St Dochdwy's: vacancy

There was a summary by Mel Griffin of how we are progressing with the 5 year Ministry Area Vision and Strategy.

Mel Griffin also outlined the proposal for outward giving by the Ministry Area. The intention is to give 5% of our unrestricted income to three charities which will be selected over the coming weeks.

Full minutes are available from the MA Office and will be posted on the website.

*Rachel Elder*

## AROUND THE CHURCHES

### All Saints

(Contact: Janet Akers)

What a busy three months it has been since the last magazine was published in February. Now we are really into spring and, as I write this article, the sun is shining, we have some warm weather at last and the sound of active lawn mowers can be heard! In many ways the most significant development at All Saints over the last three months has been the installation and commissioning of the new audio/visual and sound system with its enhanced sound quality and multiple screens. It makes our lovely church look very hi-tech and has certainly added to the services.

The last day of February saw the Ministry Area Quiz Night which was well attended and raised a considerable sum for church funds. Thanks to Tricia and the Ingram family for organising the evening.

One of the developing features of All Saints is the growth of teams to make sure that the work is shared and, hopefully, enjoyed together. The Welcome Team had a get together on 2<sup>nd</sup> March over Coffee/ Tea, bara brith and Welsh cakes



*Easter Experience*

organised by Sue Jenkins. There was a lively discussion about how the 'Welcome' at All Saints might be further enhanced. Experience Easter ran again this year in the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March and drew in many pupils from local Primary Schools. Their questions were many and various and provided food for thought for the team of volunteers running the event. Mothering Sunday on 15 March offered an opportunity for reflection half way through Lent and Palm Sunday (29<sup>th</sup> March) saw a very well attended Ministry Area service followed by a splendid lunch which was enjoyed by all.

The Easter services were well supported with an especially large congregation of 160 at the 10am service on Easter Day. The church looked beautiful and was a tribute to those who arranged the flowers for the occasion. The Annual Vestry

Meeting took place on 13 April which was an opportunity to reflect on the year just gone and look forward to the year ahead. Finally, a huge thank you and all good wishes for the future to Craig from us all at All Saints. Craig's last service is due to be on 24 May which is Pentecost.

### **Holy Nativity**

*(contact: Huw Williams)*

### **Church Grounds Project**

Work has continued apace in recent weeks on the church grounds. Six trees (*Acer platanoides Columnare*, *Amelanchier* and *Acer griseum*) have been planted along with 350 shrubs (*Choisya ternate*, *Perovskia Blue Spire*, *Potentilla fruticosa Elizabeth*, *Viburnum opulus* and *Weigela florida Folliis Purpureis*). The trees will frame the view of the west end of the church from Windsor Road and the shrubs have been planted to a scheme that will give solid blocks of colour.

The orchard area, planted two years ago with four apple trees (*Autumn Pearmain* and *Ashmeads Kernel*), has also been seeded with flower meadow seed. An area adjacent to the church porch remains to be planted once some stonework repairs have been done. The yew trees have also been lopped to improve their appearance and encourage regrowth that will give the trees a more vertical shape.

This work is the culmination of a project which started in 2018 to improve the setting of the church, which was in a poor state due to overgrown and diseased trees and the disrepair of the boundary wall, part of which was close to collapse. Since that time considerable assistance has been received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in planning the scheme.

Financial assistance has been received from the Vale of Glamorgan Welsh Church Acts Fund and the Earl of Plymouth towards the cost of rebuilding and restoration work to the retaining wall, the UK Government Stronger Communities Fund, for the new fencing and the Vale of Glamorgan Council for a section 106 grant which has paid for the planting of trees and shrubs.

The congregation of Holy Nativity has itself contributed some £12,000 towards the cost.



## Rev Margaret Stark

We are indebted to Rev. Margaret for her ministry with us and enabling the continuation of a regular Sunday Eucharist. Rev Margaret recently celebrated a milestone birthday and on 22<sup>nd</sup> March we marked the occasion. As many readers will know, Rev. Margaret is a railway enthusiast so, in addition to flowers and a card, she received a voucher for Lord & Butler Model Railways (which we understand will be going towards an O Gauge *Ivatt Pacific*) and a first edition copy of Bishop Eric Treacy's classic 1948 book of his railway photographs *Up Steam*.

*Thank you so much to the various congregations who gave me such generous gifts and lovely cards last month on the occasion of my (special!) birthday. I have done, and am still doing, really useful things with all your presents! With love to you all. Rev. Margaret Stark*

## Easter



There were over 50 worshipers at the Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Foot Washing. Thanks are due to the Rev Jimmy for presiding, to Rev Susannah for assisting for the first time and Rev. Margaret for her sermon, as well as to the combined choirs and to Robert Court. Thanks also to those who stayed for the Vigil and readings until 10:00pm.

The Sub-wardening team ensured that the church brasses were up to standard for the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday and then for the transformation from the austerity of Lent. Special thanks are due to Linda Le Gros for the flower arrangements and to Rev. Margaret for presiding and leading to a gloriously decorated church for Easter

Day, complete with an Easter Garden and leading the Welcoming of the Easter Candle and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

## **Organ**

Thanks for funding from the Ministry Area, Clevedon Organs spent a week carrying running repairs to our 1904 Harrison & Harrison Organ.

The focus was re-leathering parts of the organ bellows which had perished. The power of the instrument is now back to something approaching its original specification and it was put through its paces by Robert Court on Maundy Thursday and by Irene Mallett on Easter Day.

## **St Augustine's** *(contact: Tom Blenkinsop)*

*Songs of Praise* was recorded in St Augustine's on 31<sup>st</sup> January. The church was packed. The service was broadcast on St David's Day, by when the churchyard was looking suitably spring-like with daffodils; unfortunately the earlier date of the recording did not allow this lovely site to appear. The church interior nevertheless looked splendid.

The funeral of Helen MacKenzie was held on 13<sup>th</sup> March. It was followed by that of Tony Martin-Jones on 19<sup>th</sup> March, at which tributes from his family showed why he was such a well-respected and loved figure in Penarth and beyond.



*The Quaynotes Choir*

The Quaynotes choir gave an energetic performance of Mozart's requiem on 27<sup>th</sup> March. With an orchestra and choir about 70 strong, and a commensurate audience, it was a memorable evening. The creative lighting used at this concert illustrates that a new lighting system to replace our progressively failing facility, which was installed 30 years ago, could highlight features in the

church for such occasions to great effect. A small group is working on a lighting proposal. The plant and cake sale on 28<sup>th</sup> March almost completely sold out and raised approximately £1300 for the MA. The Easter Sunday service was a well-attended occasion, officiated by Rev. Maggie Thorne

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held in St Augustine's on 13<sup>th</sup> April. This change of venue allowed ideas for the reordering of the rear of St Augustine's church to be presented to the MA after the meeting by Jenny Clemence from Hiraeth, the architects responsible. The presentation was very comprehensive and clear. Questions revealed the difficulties of balancing the need for agreement by the DAC, the heritage aspects of the Grade 1 listed building, cost, and the need to make the church more welcoming. Notice boards showing the proposals are mounted at the back of St Augustine's for a few weeks.

### **St Dochdwy's** *(contact: Jan Cullen)*

I wrote the last contribution on a grey January day with the hope of spring and renewal. I write this on a sunny April day where spring has truly sprung all around us and the hope of renewal has been given to us through Lent and Holy Week and Easter



*A keen young artist discusses her work with Dawn*

We have hosted two wonderful family events at St Dochdwy's this year: Pancake Praise, the journey to the cross, and an Easter Egg hunt, neither of which would have been possible without the support and vision and hard work of Dawn, with Paul and a band of helpers at each event making the Bible come to life.

Those gathered to mark Shrove Tuesday and the start of Lent were not only told of the tradition among Christians of shroving - confessing their sins - in readiness for Lent and practically using up their rich ingredients in readiness for fasting, but we also considered each ingredient as the

batter was mixed in the light of God's forgiveness, love, strength and new beginnings. Then all shared together the result of that mix in the form of lots of delicious pancakes.

The numbers attending the Easter egg hunt were overwhelming, but we were not daunted! The church was festooned with bunting, Susannah and Lucy organised an amazing hunt, with eggs hidden inside and outside the church. Dawn arranged the crafts with fridge magnets to colour, Holy Week made in a matchbox for young and old to be reminded of the Easter story, and baskets to collect all those eggs in! Lucy also made little cakes which were decorated with the Cross (and lots of sweet treats) as she explained its significance. Over eighty children were there during the afternoon, at least a hundred or more adults. It was impossible to count. It was an afternoon full of joy, and there were several requests for information about services and events in the Ministry Area

After devouring gooey cakes and crème eggs as they hunted, each child left with a boxed Easter egg, thanks to a very generous donation which had to be added to through the afternoon as the numbers grew. We pray for growth in Llandough. A summer event to bring the community together once again is planned

### **St Peter's**

*(contact: Matthew Salisbury)*

The size of the congregation at St Peter's at Easter was not so overwhelming as the 63 that crowded in before Christmas but the engaging and creditable number of 26 people who came had an inspiring service lead by our Vicar Jimmy and Curate, Susannah. The 20 Easter eggs optimistically purchased by the sub-warden were fortunately complemented by an extra bagful provided by Jimmy. No one who wanted one left eggless.

Thanks must be offered to Robert Court, Huw Williams and Anthony Hall of Clevedon Organs for arranging the removal of the organ which happened on time on 7<sup>th</sup> April.



*A critical moment in the movement of the organ*

The sum of all the component parts seemed to exceed the makeup of a compact instrument, and Anthony and his two colleagues laboured to get the whole lot into a medium sized van.

All went fairly smoothly until the discovery of the rotten flooring where the organ once stood. Some six years or so ago, the whole of St' Peter's wooden floor had to be replaced because of damp rot.

Obviously the contractor at the time could not replace the floor under the organ without removing it.



*The rotten flooring left by the removal of the organ. The half-visible white trainers on the right of the photograph (owner unknown) cleverly give you a sense of scale.*

Anyone concerned about the state of the church after the removal of the organ can be reassured. The Clevedon Organ chaps did a magnificent job of clearing after their work.

The church has been restored to an atmosphere of serenity, apart from a nasty hole once occupied by the organ.

# ST AUGUSTINE'S, PENARTH



## AFTERNOON

**2-4 PM**

**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

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# BIG PRIZE DRAW



Tickets are now on sale for our Big Prize Draw. We hope you will once again support this fundraising effort by selling some tickets to your family, friends, workmates etc. Tickets are £1 each, with 5 in a book, so it would be great if you could each sell 2 or 3 books or more.

We would love some donations for prizes - any of the following are most welcome:

- Bottles of wine, spirits or fizz
- New, unopened toiletries – individual items or gift sets
- Boxed chocolates, packs of wrapped sweets, etc
- Food items for a hamper
- Other items suitable as prizes

Please make sure food items have a long use-by date. If we get too many items, they may be used for other raffles or event prizes.

Please drop off donations to the MA Office at All Saints or the Parish Hall (on Wednesdays) as soon as possible and before 22nd May. Contact Alicia or Rachel (029 22 805 663) or email [rachel@penarthministryarea.com](mailto:rachel@penarthministryarea.com)

## FROM THE REGISTERS



### BAPTISMS

- 01/03/2026 Miles Aubrey CLARKE at All Saints  
22/03/2026 Diana Sunila DASARI at All Saints  
12/04/2026 Nora Kate CURRELL at All Saints  
12/04/2026 Elin Rose KENWARD at St Augustine's

### FUNERALS

- 02/02/2026 David BARNES at All Saints  
25/02/2026 Charles Stuart BRADLEY at All Saints  
04/03/2026 Carol ROBINS at All Saints  
13/03/2026 Helen Murray MacKENZIE at St Augustine's  
19/03/2026 Anthony MARTIN-JONES at St Augustine's  
30/03/2026 Lydia FOX at Vale Crematorium

### Interment Of Ashes

- 10/04/2026 Helen Murray MacKENZIE at Thornhill

***We send our sincere condolences to their families and friends***

### HOME COMMUNIONS

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

## Prayer Requests



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

- For a new Ministry Area Leader and for Laura Hartley-Ames, our new Young People's Ministry Leader. For our curate Susannah Griffin as she is ordained a priest (June 20<sup>th</sup>) and for Craig Williams as he is ordained a deacon (June 27<sup>th</sup>).
- For people to support Christian Aid Week (10-16 May) with its focus on supporting communities facing poverty.
- For people living in areas of conflict particularly the Middle East, Iran, Lebanon, Israel, Gaza, the West Bank and Ukraine. That world leaders will work together for a sustainable peace and for the aid agencies to be able to provide support and care for displaced people.
- For the Holy Spirit released at Pentecost (May 24<sup>th</sup>) to stir and form us to be your Church. For Penarth Ministry Area to be a place of welcome for all and for our Summer Celebration (June 14<sup>th</sup>) to be a happy community occasion.
- Help us to build bridges between people and work for peace in our communities, our country and our world.
- For young people taking exams that they have support and can cope with the increased pressure. Help them to develop skills to resist harmful messages on social media.
- For all who have been baptised recently and those attending Faith groups that we may support each other as we grow in faith.
- For us to be aware of the needs of others in our community and help us to reach out to people who are lonely, anxious or in need.
- For those struggling financially. Encourage us to help by supporting the Penarth Foodbank and charities supporting the vulnerable.
- For those worn down by illness or exhausted by caring for others, that they are supported by their community. That more people become paid carers.

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

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