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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

November is the month of Remembrance, In the meantime, Advent is coming round once again. Let's look forward to the future with hope.

Remembrance Sunday – Let's remember together, showing support by

observing the 2 minutes silence at 11.00am on Friday 11th November and again at our Service of Remembrance in St. Mary's.

Victor Frankl, a victim of Auschwitz, suggested that the most intolerable of all human conditions is not imprisonment or hunger, but lack of meaning. The two minutes of silence on Remembrance Sunday enables us to connect with Jesus' message, which offers true meaning to our lives and world. He spoke of giving ourselves in love for each other and the world, 'Love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you' (Matthew 5:44). He also demonstrated such love in sacrificing His own life, 'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13). When observing the silence, let's use it to reflect on this sacrificial love, as we call to mind those who have laid down their lives.

In our busy lives, where so much clamours for our attention, silence gives us an opportunity to reflect on our priorities and rediscover true meaning in our lives. This is not just for Remembrance Sunday, as Jesus often withdrew to find silence to seek God (eg: Luke 5:16). Let's use silence in our lives as space to seek God's will and offer ourselves to Him, just as those who gave themselves in conflict through the years.

Advent assures us that God has not left us in this world on our own. He has come to live among us, to die in our place, and to be our Way, our Truth and our very Life, if we but turn to Him.

And the Sunday of Christ the King reminds us that this world with its evil and unfairness will not be allowed to go on forever. Jesus Christ has overcome death and will return to us one day. And HIS Kingdom will be one of justice and righteousness, with no more tears, and He will reign forever. Amen!

May the Lord bless you and keep you this month, amid any personal uncertainties you may be facing.

With best wishes, Brenda Evans (Lay Worship Leader)

If you have any items you'd like to share for the next magazine, which will be the December/January 2023 issue, articles should be with us not later than the 16th November 2022.



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St. Mary's News

Friends of St. Mary's

The Friends of St. Mary's Church Kidwelly committee held its Harvest raffle on October 5th 2022. This was the first fund-raising event since the lifting of the Covid restrictions.

The event was a resounding success .raising a total of $\pounds 636.00$. A sincere thank you to the generosity of everyone who donated excellent raffle prizes; to committee members and friends who assisted me in selling raffle books. Diolch i bawb am eich cefnogaeth.

Notice Board

The new notice board has been erected in the churchyard near the main church entrance. This has been funded by the Friends of St. Mary's Church Committee at a cost of £1,200.00 Ieuan Hughes Chairman/Cadeirydd

St. Mary's Readers for 9.30am

November 6th Angela Tonge 13th Maureen James Cymraeg Jayne Roberts 20th Brenda Evans 27th Mary Atkinson December 4th Kath Nicholas Sidespersons

6th Ken Denman and Jeff Davies 13th Heather Davies and Liz Antoniazzi 20th Maureen James and Angela Tonge 27th Mandy Jones and Lynne Davies

December

4th Kath Nicholas and Alec Flaherty

Wednesday readers for St. Mary's 9.30am service -readings as Sundays unless stated otherwise 02/11/22 Brenda Evans 09/11/22 Kath Nicholas 16/11/22 Maureen James 23/11/22/ Jean Giess 30/11/22 Brenda Evans 07/12/22 Kath Nicholas

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We will be opening the yellow Plant Dewi boxes on Wednesday 23rd November following the 9.30am service. If you need to arrange collection of your box, please contact Alice or Brenda.

Church Website

I must apologise for not keeping the church website up to date. I'm having technical difficulties just now. Hopefully, they will resolved shortly.

Advance Notice: With Christmas looming, we will be having the Christmas Angel Tree this year. Angels will be £3.00 each. Lists will be put at the back of church during Advent.

Also the Holy Family will be travelling again after a break of two years. If you would like to take part, the list will in church during November so that we can start the journey on the 27^{th} Nov.

St. Mary's Floodlighting

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02/11/22 In loving memory of my dear wife, Anne on her 71st birthday. Love always, Martyn. Xx.

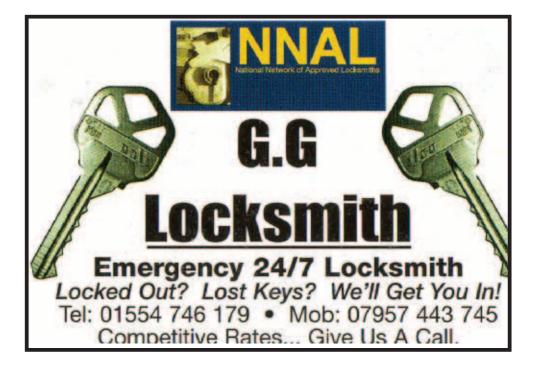
11/11/22 Atgofion penblwydd annwyl, a choffadwriaeth arbennig. Xx. 16/11/22 Birthday memories of a good friend.

Thanks

I should like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the cards, flowers and presents received on my 90th birthday. Thank you also for the good wishes from all on Facebook. God Bless you all. Gwen Harrison.

Mrs Una Evans would like to thank all her family for arranging the lovely surprise afternoon tea for her 90th birthday. Thank you to everyone for attending and for all the lovely cards, flowers and gifts which she has received. Una is overwhelmed by the kindness shown by many in the community. Thank you to everyone. x Diolch o galon I chi gyd.x x

Congratulations to Rev. Helen Harknett who ran in this year's London Marathon on October 2^{nd} . A sum of over £3,000.00 was raised and Helen thanks all those who donated to the Young Diabetes charity which she was running for. She had a team of dedicated followers running around London trying to spot her! Two groups managed three sightings between them, but Dorian and I only saw her once!



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Branch News-

Our meeting will be on Wednesday 9th November at 7.00pm in the Parish Room. Heather Witt will be leading a craft session. You are more than welcome to join us.

Advent Sheep Trail – details of this children's event will be given at our meeting on the 9^{th} . November

16 Days of Activism November 25th – December10th 2022

16 days of Activism – Prayers will be on the St. Davids Diocese Mothers' Union Facebook page.

Saturday December 10th – meet at 4.pm in Carmarthen Guildhall Square for candlelight witness walk to St. Peter's Church for quiet service to conclude the 16 days. Wear something purple.

Even if you're not a member do come along and support this important issue that faces so many at these difficult times. #MUEndAbuseTogther

We have some exciting news that we'd like to share with you - Mothers' Union is partnering up with <u>Women's Aid</u> for a campaign against domestic abuse! <u>International Day of the Girl Child</u> - a befitting occasion to launch our campaign aimed at fostering a world where girls can grow up without the threat of abuse.

An estimated 1.6 million women experience domestic abuse every year. Though that's only the tip of the iceberg, as many women don't report abuse due to fear of being judged or not believed. One in seven children and young people under the age of 18 will have lived with domestic violence at some point in their childhood. Three women are killed each fortnight by a current or expartner, highlighting that so much change is needed before women and children are safe. Mothers' Union and Women's Aid are working together so that no girl has to be a victim of domestic abuse.

Mothers' Union is the first national charity to partner with Women's Aid Federation of England in this new campaign demonstrating how we can make a difference on this important issue if we all come together. There is no magic wand, as domestic abuse affects people throughout society and at every stage of life, but by coming together Mothers' Union Members are committing to raise awareness, dispel myths and take action to End Domestic Abuse.







Come Together To End Domestic Abuse

Mothers' Union and Women's Aid coming together across society and communities to end domestic abuse

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- check up an what you do online?
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You are not alone.

MothersUNION Christian care for families It can be easy to miss the signs of a coercive, abusive relationship. I didn't know the signs, but I want to make sure that other women do. Please know there is help if you need it.

> Mel B, patron of Women's Aid

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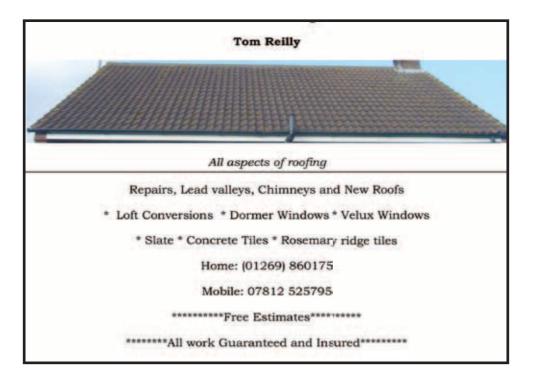
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2. Dispel myths about domestic abuse and challenge sexism – domestic abuse doesn't happen because you provoked them, and it isn't your fault if you are being abused by your partner – sexist attitudes to women's roles and men's role must be challenged to end domestic abuse.

3. Take action, your voice counts – join campaigns for better protection for survivors to enable us to make a change. You can put on an event or take part in a challenge. You can also donate goods to Women's Aid member organisations through your Local Mothers' Union.

 Learn what to say to someone experiencing abuse – understand the reasons why it may not be easy to just leave.

5. Speak Up – show we are standing up against domestic abuse together, send us photos and stories about what you are doing in your local area or online to help stop domestic abuse and support survivors. We want to show positive examples of how we can make a difference to encourage others to join with us.

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Town News

Condolences

We offer condolences to Mr Ian Smith of Autumn Leaf and his family as they mourn the loss of Ian's father, Mike.

Also to all families in the community who have suffered the loss of family members.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, surround these families with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your love, and strength to meet the days to come. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday

As is customary at St, Mary's, the Service of Remembrance will begin at 9.45am. There will be a collection for the work of the Royal British Legion. 'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'

Please support the Poppy Appeal which will be well under way by the time this issue comes to your door. The Poppy Appeal launches on Thursday 27th October. We will be at the Co-op Kidwelly and collection boxes will be placed at various local shops.

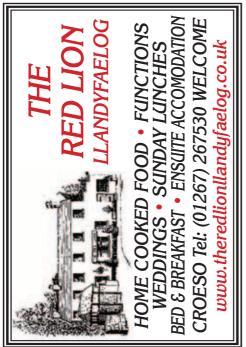
Our next branch meeting will be on Monday 7th November at 7.30pm in the Borough Offices. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to join us.

Kidwelly Senior Citizens

Our last trip of the year was to St. David's and Narberth. Owing to the death of The Queen we were unable to walk round inside the Cathedral, but could go in to pay our respects. Although a bit cold, it did stay dry and we had a great day.

For our October meeting we were pleased to welcome Janis Jones to talk about the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal. The Royal British Legion was set up to support injured forces and their families from World War One, and the first Appeal was in 1921 and amazingly collected £106,000. 37,000 asked the British Legion for help and support last year. A good job the British Legion is still going, and well deserves your donation for a poppy. Currently there are 45million poppies sold each year. Thank you Janis for an interesting talk. Next month we hope to have Karen Hickin to demonstrate the making of a Christmas Wreath.

Our next meeting will be on 2nd November, 2pm at the Rugby Club.







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Who knew that there were so many cliches in the English language that Jan would have to continue with the subject this week. But there are, and she did! Once Jan had reached the end of her long list of cliches, it was time for a bit of music and 60's music at that. Most of the people at the session are of an are

music, and 60's music at that. Most of the people at the session are of an age that experienced the music and fashions as youngsters, especially Janice who went to the front of the room and showed us how the Twist should be done! A few of the volunteers joined her but, they would be the first to agree, that it was Janice who smashed those moves.

The following week, Jan tested our knowledge of anatomy and she certainly came dressed for the occasion. She was wearing a black jumper on which was sewn a skeleton, well, the top half at least. (Apparently, she has matching trousers but chose – thankfully - not to wear them on the day.) Of course, there were the usual jokes that she'd taken her dieting too far to which Jan gave the usual answer – "I wish!".

However, that very same week, our leader made a little mistake opening the floor up to suggestions for songs to sing. She lived to regret it once we had finished slaughtering *It's Not Unusual*. It was so bad – and I can't remember her ever doing this before – she has forbidden everyone choosing the song again! We must have been dreadful!

Last week, Jan took us all back to the days when we were children with the topic Callers at the Door When We Were Young. Who remembers the man from The Pru to collect the insurance premium, and the baker and butcher selling their wares? Some of us even had the fish seller and a man who sharpened knives knocking on the front door. In a way, we have come full-circle with our groceries and other items often being delivered to our doors by way of the internet.

Each week our memories are challenged by a memory box. It takes just one person - Jan - to go through the list of objects at the start of the session. It takes nearly 50 to remember them all at the end! I'm not making excuses but it really is more difficult than it looks.

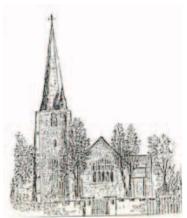
Elaine Morrisroe, Publicity Officer

October crossword answers:

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DOWN: 1, Locust. 2, Welfare. 3, Ember. 5, Athlete. 6, Sarai. 7, Member. 9, Jewellery. 13, Condemn. 14, Temples. 15, Causes. 16, Scales. 18, Trail. 20, Dogma.

Friends of St. Mary's Church



Would you be interested in becoming a Friend

Friends of St. Mary's are attempting to contact people who have either a connection with the Church or would like to support its work. The minimum annual subscription of £15

Anyone can become a Friend. In particular we have thought of people who no longer live in the locality but who have had some previous contact with the Church through family links such as baptisms, weddings or through the burial of relatives in the Churchyard.

The Friends would also like to aim this part of our appeal to those who do not necessarily share our faith, but who, for a variety of reasons, might wish to be associated with St. Mary's.

If you are interested in becoming a Friend or want more information, contact: Chairman: Mr. I Hughes 01554 89-682 or Publicity Officer Mrs. Christine Hughes 01554 890235

Newyddion St. Teilo News

Over 50's Club Our October meeting had plenty of activity, although attendance was down due to members being unwell. The chairperson opened with the Lord's prayer, and extended our sincere condolences to our senior member Mrs. Avril Morris who had been bereaved with the loss of a son, and her sister Rosie, who had been a faithful member of our club until ill health prevented her from attending. The speaker for the day was Mathew Collinson, an employee in John Burns Centre who showed slides and gave an insight into his interest in nature and meadow gardening. Members found it very interesting and discussions ensued. The raffle was won by Aeres, and the refreshments served by Carl and Gina. The outing to the Mumbles was thoroughly enjoyed. We are looking forward to our Christmas lunch with entertainment at The Three Rivers Hotel in December. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd of November at 2.00pm.

The village was saddened to hear of the sudden death of Vivian Morris, Four Roads. Husband of Helen, father of Emyr and Ceri and son of Avril Morris, Felindre Cottage, Vivian was a dear brother, uncle and friend to his large family who are in our thoughts at this very sad time and to whom we offer our sincere condolences. The funeral was held at St Mary's Church, officiating was the Rev. Roger Morley-Jones.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs Rosie Evans, formerly of Bryn Hefin but latterly of Cilymaenllwyd Care Home. From a well known Morris family in Mynyddygarreg, Rosie is survived by her daughter Mavis and family and sisters Avril and Maureen and we remember them all in our prayers. The funeral was held at St Mary's Church with the Rev.Roger Morley-Jones officiating.

Remember Remember the 5th of November, and Neuadd Mynyddygarreg's fabulous Fireworks Display. Featuring the Men in Lights and Firework music, there will be a BBQ, Sweet shop, Bar and, to round off the night a Family Disco.

Admission for the evening is £3, children £1, doors open 6.30pm. Thanks go to KTC for a generous donation towards purchase of Fireworks. Come along to this fun filled family event and a Mynyddygarreg welcome.

Neuadd Mynyddygarreg will host a Craft and Food Fayre on Sunday 27th November from 12noon to 4.00pm. A good opportunity to purchase Christmas goodies. Live entertainment will be provided by the band ' Celtic Lite '.

Neuadd Mynyddygarreg's first Beer and Food Festival was a hugely successful event with the Hall full to capacity. A varied range of Real Ales and Ciders were on sale with a lovely range of foods to complement. Live music all evening. Taking part were Carmarthen Ukulele Band, Silver Swing, and the

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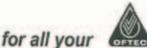
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Vocalist and Musician James Jones, all acts much appreciated by the audience. Main Beer organizers were Neil and Sue Woodward and the Chairman, Cllr. Chris Peters-Bond thanked them and the Committee for their hard work. Sponsors of the event were Gravells of Cydweli to whom the Neuadd are indebted for their ready support and generosity.

Sant Teilo's Thanksgiving Service saw a good attendance who appreciated the message from the guest speaker Rev. Jean Voyle-Williams. The Church was beautifully decorated and refreshments and cakes baked by the ladies were well received. Plentiful donations of various foods were accepted and donated this year to Myrtle House Foodbank in Llanelli who were very grateful to receive these to be distributed to those in need. Officiating were Canon Bryan Witt and the Rev. Roger Morley-Jones , our faithful ministers.

Sant Teilo's Christmas Eucharist with Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday 18th December at 11.00a.m. . Everyone welcome.

Capel Horeb's Cwrdd Diolchgarwch was also very well attended with guest preacher Parchedig Gwyn Elfyn (we remember him from Pobol y Cwm days) giving a very apt and fitting message for the season.

Eglwys Sant Teilo will this year hold a Community Carol Service featuring Only Mynydd Aloud, on Sunday 11th December at 6.00pm. This will be followed by Mince Pies and Refreshments. The collection will go towards Church Funds.

Everyone welcome.

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20th Jayne Roberts



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Ysgol Mynyddygarreg

Bonjour,

We are nearly half way through the Autumn term here at Mynyddygarreg and since the start of term the whole school has been receiving French lessons with Madame Catherine from lingotots. They're enjoying learning the basics and the weekly lessons are lots of fun.

There has been much sporting success with the children taking part in the county cross county. Ziyah Onoh came 3rd in the boys year 3-4, and Dewi Edwards coming 8th in the boys year 5-6 well done to all those who took part.





Year 5-6 boys had an opportunity to go to the Llanelli district trials. Well done to Sebastian Gibbon for being picked to play for the team. We wish him lots of luck and look forward to the games!

Au revoir







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Newyddion St. Maelog News

There will be a Remembrance Day Service on November 13th held in church at 2 pm followed by a short ceremony at the remembrance garden at 3 o clock

A reminder to all church members to send in their annual donations 2022 in by the end of the year please to Rheinallt or Kath .

Readers November 6th Phyllis Hughes 13th Edwin Atkinson 20th Kath Williams 27th Rheinallt Jones

Flowers: 6-13 Nov Carys Thomas Advent – no flowers.

Ukrainian Church Leaders rejoice!

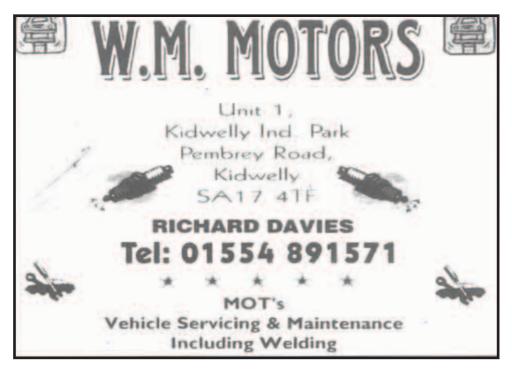
Ukrainian Church leaders have been welcoming their country's recent dramatic counter-offensive against Russia.

It was reported that Ukrainian tanks and armoured vehicles had recaptured at least 2300 square miles of land around the north-eastern city of Kharkiv, as well as territory closer to Kherson in the south.

President Zelensky praised his troops who were determined to "liberate all temporarily occupied territories", and he also praised Ukraine's military chaplains for "praying for the lives of our soldiers."

The head of Ukraine's independent Orthodox Church, or PCU, Metropolitan Epiphany (Dumendo) said that Christians were "rejoicing" at the latest military successes, and praying that "the Lord will help us overcome evil, and lead us all to victory and a just peace."





Parish Readings for November (with Red Lectionary pages)

6th November 2nd Sunday of the Kingdom

Eucharist: Job 19.23-27a; Psalm 17.1-8,[9]; 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17; Luke 20.27-38 (p1045) **Evening Prayer:** Psalm 40; 1 Kings 3.1-15; Romans 8.31-39 Reader: Ted Rowlands

13th November 3rd Sunday of the Kingdom/Remembrance Sunday Eucharist: Malachi 4.1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19 (p1050) Evening service in St. Mary's will be Eucharist Reader: Jenny Jones

20th November 4th Sunday of the Kingdom/Christ the King

Eucharist: Jeremiah 23.1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43 (p1054) **Evening Prayer:** Psalm 72. or 72.1-7; 1 Samuel 8.4-20; John 33-37 Reader: Kath Nicholas

27th November 1st Sunday of Advent

Eucharist: Isaiah 2. 1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13. 11-14; Matthew 24. 36-44 (p1) **Evening Prayer**:Psalm 9 *or* 9. 1-8; Isaiah 52. 1-12; Matthew 24. 15-28 Reader: Brenda Evans

4th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

Eucharist: Isaiah 11. 1-10; Psalm 72. 1-7; [18, 19]; Romans 15. 4-13 Matthew 3. 1-12 (p4) **Evening Prayer:** Psalm 11; [28]; 1 Kings 18. 17-39; John 1. 19-28 Reader: Ted Rowlands



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6th November – join the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Churches and Christians across the UK are being invited to remember the suffering of Christians persecuted and imprisoned for their faith in countries around the world.

According to Open Doors, the 2022 rankings are as follows. The top 20 countries where it is most dangerous to be a Christian are: 1 Afghanistan; 2 North Korea; 3 Somalia; 4 Libya; 5 Yemen; 6 Eritrea; 7 Nigeria; 8 Pakistan; 9 Iran; 10 India; 11 Saudi Arabia; 12 Myanmar; 13 Sudan; 14 Iraq; 15 Syria; 16 Maldives; 17 China; 18 Qatar; 19 Vietnam; and 20 Egypt.

For the full list of 50 countries, please go to: https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/

Celebrating the life of Brother Andrew (1928-2022)

Brother Andrew, the founder of Open Doors, died on 27th September, aged 94. Famous around the world as 'God's smuggler', he began his ministry in 1957 by smuggling Bibles across the Iron Curtain in a blue Volkswagen Beetle. That trip was the beginning of Open Doors which, more than 65 years later, is now supporting persecuted Christians around the world.

The remarkable story of his Bible 'smuggling' was told in his best-selling autobiography *God's Smuggler*.

After the fall of the Iron Curtain, Brother Andrew turned his attention to the Islamic World, saying that the rapid spread of Islam posed the greatest challenge yet to the Christian church worldwide. He travelled to the Middle East and South Asia and had private meetings with leaders of several Islamic fundamentalist groups. However, Brother Andrew preached against retaliation – repeatedly declaring 'I sincerely love all Muslims' as a counter to the rising Islamophobia in the west.

Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands knighted Brother Andrew in 1993. In 1997, he received the World Evangelical Alliance's Religious Liberty Award, recognising his lifetime of service to suffering Christians.

But Open Doors UK reveals that "perhaps the recognition that pleased him most was the copies of KGB reports, which he obtained after the fall of the Iron Curtain. There were more than 150 pages about him, detailing his work in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Despite this, they were still unable to stop his work."

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My dear Nephew Darren

It is a great shame that your church doesn't have chandeliers – although in your low-ceilinged converted cinema, any chandelier more than a few feet tall would also be embedded in your floor carpeting. But I find that there is nothing like watching the standard bearers on Remembrance Sunday parading up the aisle with their flags and getting them caught up in our brass candelabra.

One year, the procession ground to a halt while a bearer fought to retrieve his flag, and was obliged to leave it flying in the centre of the church while he presented me with an empty pole. I always feel obliged to tell parishioners that, since all the candelabra will inevitably be sent spinning, not to stare at them, or they may leave the church hypnotised. On the other hand, Miss Simpson generally leaves the church looking like that.

Major Hastings always arrives bejewelled with so many medals that every time he kneels for prayer, it sounds as if he is taking the collection. Their weight increases his stoop by at least ten degrees, to the point where some feel we should support him with a personal flying buttress.

Since the trumpeter playing the Last Post can be of varying quality, your idea of broadcasting it from London into your church is inspired. However, your worries about whether your radio will be good enough need not trouble you. If you tell your congregation that they are about to hear the broadcast silence and you then simply not switch the thing on, no one will be able to tell the slightest difference whether the silence is being broadcast or not. In fact, they will even congratulate you on hitting 11am at exactly the right moment.

I always use subterfuge; I have the church clock disconnected and then when we reach the time for silence, irrespective of the true time, I get a churchwarden to toll the bell eleven times. This way, I have apparently come to the exact moment without a hitch for the last 30 years.

You will also find that preaching about warfare and of man's inhumanity to man will give you greater insights into the working of your church council. The only difference is that on committees - sadly - the use of machine guns is rather frowned on.

Your loving uncle, Eustace



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November 22nd – St. Cecilia's day -patron saint of musicians.

In St. Mary's, we have a window dedicated to St. Cecilia in memory of Tudor and Grace Jones. Grace was St, Mary's organist and choir mistress for over 50 years.

If you are going to any concerts before Christmas, spare a thought for St Cecilia (2nd century) – the patron saint of musicians.

Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs of the 2nd century. As far as is known, she was born a noble lady of Rome who, despite her vow of virginity, was forced to marry an older pagan nobleman named Valerian. During the wedding, as the musicians played, Cecilia sat apart singing to God in her heart, and for that she was later declared the saint of musicians

When the time came for her marriage to be consummated, Cecilia told Valerian that watching over her was an angel of the Lord, who would punish him if he sexually violated her but would love him if he respected her virginity.

Understandably startled by this, Valerian then asked to see the angel for himself. Cecilia replied that to do so, he must go to the third milestone on the Via Appia and be baptised by the Bishop of Rome. Valerian seems to have been a good-natured husband, because the story goes that he followed her suggestion, was baptised a Christian, and sure enough, saw the angel protecting his wife.

Being a Christian in those days was dangerous, and when the next wave of Roman persecutions began, Valerian and Cecilia were among those arrested. It is said that they died at the hands of the Roman prefect Turcius Almachius, perhaps in Sicily sometime between 176 and 180 AD.

One story goes that Cecilia was struck on the neck with a sword, and as she lay dying, asked that her house be converted into a church. Certainly an early Roman Christian church, Santa Cecilia, was founded in the fourth century in the Trastevere section of Rome, reputedly on the site of the house in which she lived.

In the centuries since then, a number of musical compositions have been dedicated to her, and her feast day has become the occasion for many concerts and musical festivals.

St Cecilia is frequently depicted playing a viola, a small organ, or other musical instrument.





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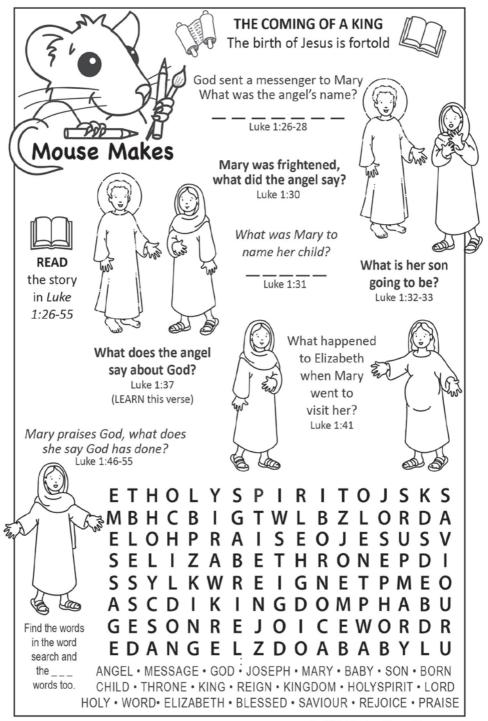
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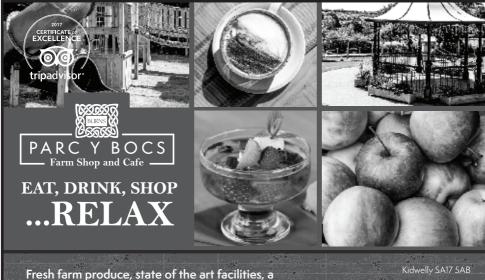
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St Mary's, Kidwelly

06/11/22	2 nd Sunday of the Kingdom
9.30am	Choral Eucharist
5.00pm	Evening Prayer

09/11/22

MU in the Parish Room 7.00pm 10/11/22 5.30pm Epic Explorers – Parish Room ^{3rd} Sunday of the 13/11/22 **Kingdom/Remembrance Sunday** Service of 9.45am Remembrance No Welsh Service 5.00pm Holy Eucharist 15/11/22 Flower Arranging in the 7.00pm Parish Room 17/11/22

5.30pm Epic Explorers – Parish Room

20/11/22	4 th Sunday of the
	Kingdom
9.30am	Choral Eucharist
5.00pm	Evening Prayer

24/11/22

5.30pm Epic Explorers - Parish Room

- 27/11/221st Sunday of Advent9.30amChoral Eucharist5.00pmEvening Prayer
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St Maelog's, Llandyfaelog		
06/11/22	2 nd Sunday of the	
Kingdom		
11.15am	All Saints Memorial	
	Service	
13/11/22	3 rd Sunday of the	
Kingdom/Remembrance Sunday		
2.00pm	Remembrance Day	
	Service	
20/11/22	4 th Sunday of the	
Kingdom		
11.15am	Holy Eucharist	
27/11/22	1 st Sunday of	
	Advent	
11.15am	Holy Eucharist	
04/12/22	2 nd Sunday of	
	Advent	
11.15am	Holy Eucharist	

St Teilo's, Mynyddygarreg

06/11/22	2 nd Sunday of the Kingdom
11.00am	Bilingual Eucharist
20/11/22	4 th Sunday of the Kingdom
11.00am	Bilingual Eucharist
04/12/22	2 nd Sunday of Advent
11.00am	Bilingual Eucharist