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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16)

This month, as we mark St Valentine's Day, we focus on the importance of love. In understanding the way God loves us, this verse shows us how we should love others.

God's love is unconditional: God demonstrated His unconditional love for us by sending His Son into this world, to show us how we should love others, especially when it is undeserved! *'There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less.'* (Philip Yancey).

God's love is sacrificial: God's love is not selfish or self-seeking, but selfless and self-sacrificial, putting the needs of others first. This is demonstrated by the cross, which is the supreme demonstration of God's love. He died for our sins to give us access to God's love, which is made real in our lives by the Holy Spirit.

God's love is forgiving: According to the film *Love Story*, 'Love means never having to say you're sorry.' Yet Jesus' love for us enables us to forgive others, as we find His forgiveness through the gift of eternal life, available to all who put their trust in Him.

In this World Cup Year, we remember England Captain, Bobby Moore describing the terror of receiving the World Cup from the Queen in 1966: *"I noticed that the Queen was wearing some beautiful white gloves. I looked down at my hands and they were completely covered with mud!"*

Although we approach God with dirty and spoilt lives, because of His love, we can shake hands with a holy God and share that love with others

Let's hope the Wales team make it to the finals this time! Wales will host Austria in their 2022 World Cup play-off semi-final. If they are victorious on Thursday, 24 March 2022, Wales will be at home to **Scotland** or **Ukraine** in a play-off final on Tuesday, 29 March. The winner of that final will qualify for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

With best wishes,

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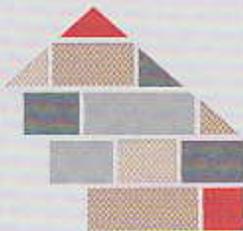
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St. Mary's News

St. Mary's Flower List

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Food Bank

Thank you for the donations of money and food for the Christmas appeal. We gave £150 and I know some people took donations themselves. The foodbank at Banc Pendre is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from about 10 till 2pm. and can be contacted via email: pbpfoodbank@cetma.org.uk or via their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PBPfoodbank/> Telephone No: 01554 227540

Fund-raising – The Christmas Angel messages raised £300, so thank you for your support.

Response to Church Appeal

A enormous thank you to all who responded to our appeal letter towards the end of 2021. Your heartfelt generosity has meant we received a total of £3,725 in donations and an additional amount will be added to this figure once we claim the gift aid. This has meant we were able to end our year positively without a loss and to meet most of our financial commitments due to your donations and a significant reduction to our ministry share made by the Diocesan Board of Finance. While have been blessed with ending the year without a loss we are however facing further difficult times ahead with a significant increase in our ministry share and the rising fuel costs etc. In these times of uncertainty and difficulty we would ask for your prayers and that you will continue to give as you feel able through the Gift Direct scheme, weekly envelopes and open plate offerings. **Diane Cuff, St Marys Treasurer.**

Flower arranging - We meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the Parish Room at 7.00pm.

Women's World Day of Prayer is on Friday 4th March. This year it will be held in Trinity Church Vestry at 10.30am. All welcome.

Advance Notice: There will be a Lent course held in the Parish Room starting on Wednesday March 9th. The theme will be Les Miserables led by Canon Bryan Witt.



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08/02/22 Cherished birthday memories of Eric Gwynfor, beloved dad, grandfather and great-grandfather, from loving daughter Gwyneth, Alan, Ann and families.

09/02/22 Er cof am Aunty Mary a oedd fel mam i mi, a fu farw ar y 9ed o Chwefror 2005. Gweld dy eisiau yn fawr. Cariad Ieuan, Julian a Juliette. Xxx.

11/02/22 Er cof am Aunty Decima, a fu farw ar yr 11eg o Chwefror 2009. Cofion annwyl am berson mor annwyl a chariadus. Cariad Ieuan. Xx.

From the Registers

St. Marys,

Burials

9th December Enid Joan Daniels

5th January Cristel Gretda Hughes

Funerals with burial/cremation elsewhere

Alan Evans

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Baptisms

7th November Mia Elizabeth Davies

13th November Blake Oakley Wright

We welcome these children into the church family.

St. Maelog's

Weddings

29th December Victoria Pearse and Martin Evans

We wish them well in their married life

Funerals with cremation elsewhere

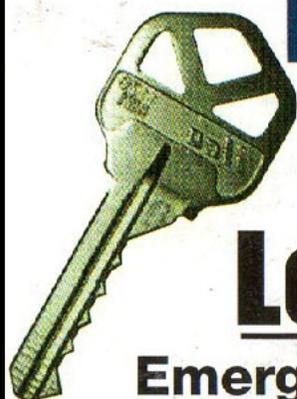
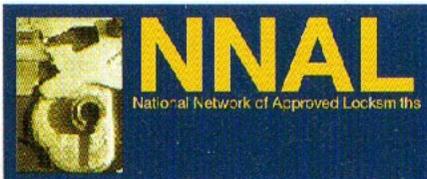
26th January Cllr. Mair Stephens

Burial

Mr Collins

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Candlemas – – *the Presentation of Christ in the Temple*

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2nd February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself.

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first ‘public appearance’. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child – to ‘present Him to the Lord’. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was ‘purified’. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

So, where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year’s supply of candles for the church on this day – hence the name, Candlemas.

The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon’s great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.

Parish Magazine

Your magazine subscription is due for this year and remains at £5.00. Please have this ready for your distributors when they deliver this month.

We extend our condolences to one of our distributor's, Anne Rees and her family, as they mourn Brian's sudden passing. Brian will be missed greatly, as he was involved in many community groups, not least the Princess Gwenllian Centre where he had been Chairman for many years.

If you have anything you'd like to share with us, items for the next magazine, should be with us not later than the 16th February 2022 at the latest.

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Mothers' UNION

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Branch News –

The Archdeaconry Jesse Tree Service in St. Twrog's Church, Llanddarog has been cancelled.

Our meeting this month will be on Wednesday 9th February at 7.00pm in the Parish Room when we hold our AGM. Mr. Edwin Atkinson will be our guest speaker. Prayers: Brenda, Tea Hostesses Mandy & Lynne.

For those members who do not pay by Direct Debit, subs have been held at £20 again this year. Please let Alice have the money as soon as possible as it has to be paid in by 22nd February.

Our Wave of Prayer time is 5.30pm on Thursday 24th February when we will be remembering members our in link Dioceses of Wau in South Sudan, Kigeme in Rwanda, Bauchi in Nigeria and Mandalay in Myanmar.

We said goodbye to another of our former members in December. Enid Daniels died quite suddenly and members attended her funeral in St. Mary's. She had been a lifelong member of St. Mary's Church and her cheerful outlook will be greatly missed.

Our 2022 Theme: Transformation - now!

As we approach the start of a new triennial at Mothers' Union and look towards the future with fresh vision, our goal for 2022 is Transformation - now!

Our members have shown such incredible resilience, responsiveness and adaptability throughout the global pandemic. As an organisation, the pandemic forced us to change the ways we work and support those who benefit from our services.

Now is the time to: Transform ourselves, personally and spiritually, to live out our faith.

Transform the churches and communities we work with and of which we are a part, to reflect Christ's kingdom.

Transform Mothers' Union to be relevant for 21st century life.

Before Christmas members raised a staggering £74,000 in less than one week towards our Christmas campaign. The donations received will go to a project in Uganda, Kenya and South Africa where over 4,200 survivors of Gender-Based violence will be empowered to heal from their traumas and spot the signs of this kind of abuse. We are really excited for this to start and to see the changes it will have for communities across these countries.

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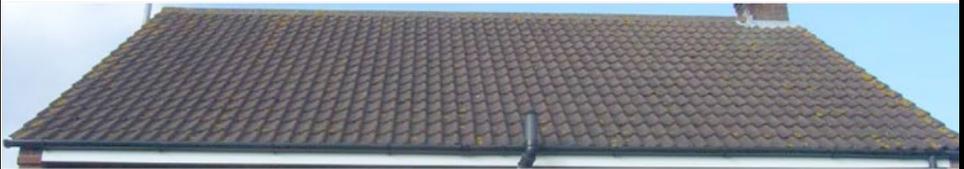
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God in the Sciences

This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

Should We Have Faith in Science?

How do you feel about science after more than 18 months of pandemic: tired or interested, impressed or cynical – or a bit of everything? The response to COVID-19 has demonstrated how ideology or worldview are hugely influential in our interpretation and use of scientific data – and at times in the process of experimentation itself. Should we trial a vaccine in Spain or South Africa? Is this treatment safe enough to administer to the general public? Should vaccination be made compulsory? The data don't tell us what to do.

So, when we are encouraged to 'trust the science' in our ongoing response to the pandemic, or in the run-up to the COP26 UN climate change conference, how can the Church respond? The whole Biblical story affirms that God is the only one in whom we can have complete faith. On the other hand, I do put a certain amount of trust in other things. I can have faith in a plane, a body of knowledge, or a person. This trust is within limits because I know that air travel involves hazards, a body of knowledge will contain some mistakes, and every ordinary human is fallible.

I trust science to some extent because it involves careful observation and measurement, collecting different kinds of evidence. Data is interpreted, and competing interpretations are tried out. We summarise our findings in general principles or mathematical equations. Scientists keep each other accountable by looking critically at each other's work. Our knowledge is always provisional. You can't prove anything scientifically because we only deal in evidence, not proof.

On the other hand, there must always be the potential to disprove a theory or it's not science. Our aim is to keep getting nearer to the truth about the way the world is. Overall, I believe this method is reliable and worth supporting, but that only God is completely trustworthy.

Psalm Eight reminds us both of the splendour of God's creation, and that He has placed us in a position of responsibility over it. Scientific knowledge can be part of what helps us to rule well. The process of doing science can be a bit like a blurry image coming into focus. The more we learn, the better we can usually see what's going on, and hopefully the easier it is to decide on a course of action. So in answer to the question 'Should we have faith in science?' I would say yes, when used wisely and within its proper limits.



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Town News

Ty Golau –

Honeymoons and Holidays were the subject of one of our sessions in early November, and who doesn't like a good holiday?! Everyone certainly enjoyed talking about them.

Now, Jan, our manager, loves to dress up and she was spoilt for choice this month. First of all, she had an opportunity to wear her military uniform when we discussed the War Years, it being around the time of Remembrance Sunday. It was not only Jan who dressed for the occasion as Mr Peter Hamilton, one of our patrons, came as Sir Winston Churchill. Volunteers and service users took the opportunity to out-dress Jan, if that were at all possible!

A week later, she turned up dressed as a school ma'am when we looked at Old School Days. During the course of the quiz, our service users (and carers alike) had a lot to say about their experiences at school – warm milk (yuk), outside toilets (brrrr), and the cane (ouch)! We all agreed that some things were best left in the past.

Our last session in November saw us celebrating St Andrew's Day. For those brave enough, there was haggis to try, with a tot of whisky on offer for those who wanted it, and shortbread for everyone. We also had an appearance from Kidwelly's favourite Scotsman, Mr John Burns, who delighted us all with a rendition of *Donald, Where's Your Trousers*. Of course, Jan couldn't resist asking him what a Scotsman wears under his kilt. And he showed us! For those of you wondering what a Scotsman does wear under his kilt, visit the **Ty Golau Facebook** Page and you will see. A word of warning, however, it is not for the fainthearted!

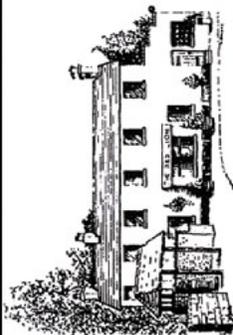
Our final session of the year focussed on Christmas and what a time we had! Jan, of course, came as Mother Christmas and she was ably assisted by her elf, Sylvia, dressed head-to-toe in elfin wear! The fantastic Carmarthen Ukulele band came to entertain us, we got into the mood by singing Christmas carols and songs (still wearing our face masks, of course, in our nice airy room), and were treated to mince pies, cake and chocolates with our refreshments. There was a special treat for service users and carers as they left, when they were all given a small Christmas gift. What a splendid end to the year!

The volunteers, service users and carers at Ty Golau hope you had a Happy Christmas.

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KIDWELLY SENIOR CITIZENS

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Tidying up from last year. . . . Unfortunately we did cancel our Christmas Do at The Red Lion. In hindsight we may have been hasty, but the Omicron variant was beginning to take hold and a decision had to be made. That decision was to safeguard all of our members who were attending and to inform the pub so they could cancel their catering without loss. It was very disappointing all round, as for many of us it was the first gathering, and a chance to dress up, for a very long time. Bobbie had made up a large hamper for us to give as 1st prize in the raffle, so the committee thought that we would give it to the food bank from Kidwelly Senior Citizens.

At the time of writing, although we are still wearing masks and keeping our distance, we seem to be looking at a more positive future and will have no restrictions to meeting en masse for our next meeting, and to start arranging some outings for the year ahead. The next meeting will be on 2nd February, 2pm, at the rugby club. Drinks will be obtainable from the bar.

Subs of £6 will be due and we will welcome new members from Kidwelly. If you would like to join please put your name forward by ringing Bobbie Hope on 01554 890520.



"I'm updating the 'rota notice-board' rota, rota... do I see a hand...?"

Royal British Legion

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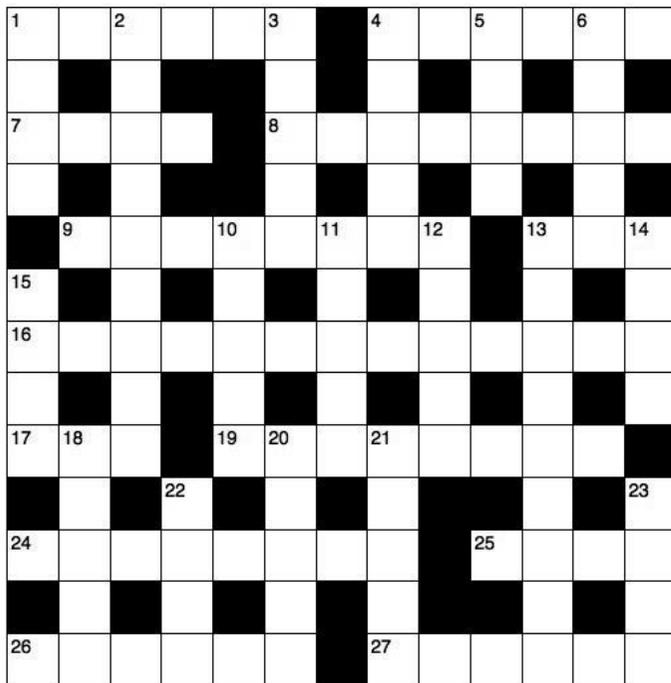
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Puzzles

Across

1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)



4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)

7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)

8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)

9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)

13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts

3:2) (3)

16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)

17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)

19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)

24 Simon had (anag.) (8)

25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)

26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)

27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

Down

1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)

2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)

3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)

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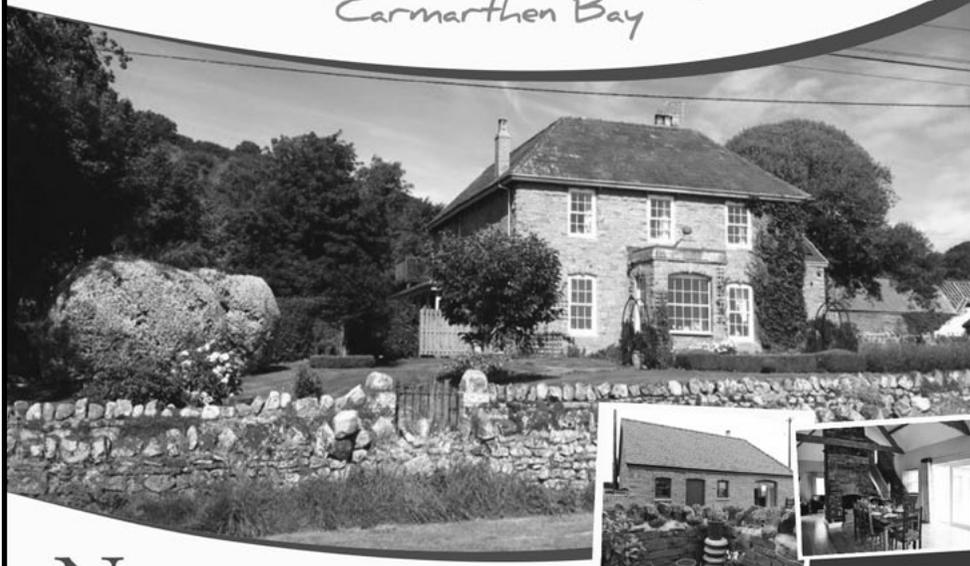
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 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)
 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of
 16 Across, — and Dolls (4)
 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)
 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)
 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

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God in the Arts

Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a famous masterpiece by Rembrandt.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Waiting is a common human experience. Our lives are made up of waiting that leads to encounter, and the waiting requires patience and humility. Milton wrote in his sonnet 'On his blindness', 'They also serve who only stand and wait' as he wondered what he could do for God's kingdom now that his sight had gone.

Simeon, in this month's painting of the 'Presentation of Christ, had been waiting. He belonged to a people who had been waiting for centuries. He was heir to the hopes and dreams of a nation waiting for a better world now that the holy city was in the hands of Roman invaders. With his people he clung to the hope that God would come to bring freedom and a new life. God's chosen one, the Messiah, would bring this about. When it came, there was no fanfare, no warning, just an ordinary family from faraway Nazareth in the Temple, performing the religious duties for the firstborn son. But the waiting led to encounter, and the sight of the newborn child led to insight as Simeon recognised that light and salvation had at last come.

Rembrandt has captured all this in his painting, 'Simeon with the Christ Child in the Temple': the faith and patience, the hope and humility of an old man, a priest, who takes the babe into his arms and blesses God. It was the artist's last painting and left unfinished at his death in 1669. The figure of Mary by Simeon's side may have been painted by another artist at a later stage. It is the aged priest and the new-born babe that impress us as we look: Simeon with his venerable beard and eyes half closed, and the tiny child cradled in his strong arms, looking up intently with his eyes open.

As Rembrandt painted this canvas, was he saying something about his own life? He had not been afraid to paint his portrait at various stages - at 21, at 35, at 53 - a total of 60 portraits covering the span of years.

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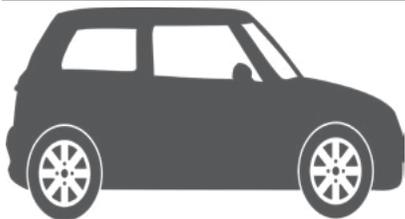
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In this final painting the years have moved on as we see Simeon, mouthing 'Nunc dimittis' with his eyes half closed. Is the waiting over and the journey coming to an end, so that his eyes will fully close? Or will he open them to see that with the babe in his arms, God has more in store: the promise of a future as they step out together on a new journey?

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***Scholastica- February 10th
– the persuasive sister***

Scholastica (d.c. 543) should be the patron saint of any woman who can bend her brother to do her will – no matter how 'powerful' that brother might seem to other

people.

For Scholastica's brother was no less than the great monk Benedict, who founded the famous Benedictine order and lived at Monte Cassino. In no way over-awed, Scholastica simply became the first ever Benedictine nun, with a nunnery five miles down the road – at Plombariola.

Now Scholastica greatly enjoyed her annual meetings with her brother at a house nearby, but the time passed too quickly. One year she begged him to stay longer, to discuss "the joys of heaven", but he refused. So Scholastica took swift action: she prayed up such a mighty thunderstorm that her brother was forced to spend the rest of the night talking to her. Or maybe – she talked, and he listened? No one knows for sure. In any case, Scholastica died happy three days later, and was buried in the tomb Benedict had prepared for himself. She became the patron of Benedictine nunneries.

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Junk Journals Heather Witt writes:

What is a Junk Journal?

A junk journal is a hand made book started from the cover, which is constructed out of cardboard, old book covers, cereal boxes and then each signature (a collection of pages) is made up from old book pages, music sheets, paper bags, tea/coffee-stained copy paper. The pages have pockets, flaps, and tags to give interest to the theme from which the journal is made

My most recent junk journal which I made last year was based on the Great Aunt of Trixie, one of our Trustees from Mothers' Union. Trixie had inherited a patch-work quilt made of scraps of material which her great aunt, a dressmaker, had gathered and constructed over the many years in her profession as a Mantua (A dressmaker who has served an apprenticeship.) The patches in this quilt had pieces of newspaper dating from 1850s, and because Trixie had small un-used patches of the quilt and scraps of newsprint, I based the whole Junk Journal around the family and its history

I have now started to construct my Junk Journal based on Kidwelly Church and the signature which I am working on at the present time is the history of Revd John Griffith and how he was instrumental in the lives of many women in the late 19th and early 20th Century

Revd John Griffith was born to a yeoman farmer and educated at Carmarthen Grammar School. He went up to Emmanuel College Cambridge where he obtained many college prizes and a scholarship. He graduated with a BA 1795, MA 1798, and BD in 1805 and was elected a Fellow of his College.

In his will he left £1000 to found a charity for two widows or two spinsters or a widow and a spinster, born in the borough or parish of Kidwelly. They were to be females of irreproachable character, with preference always in their choice of such as may have seen better days and shall have been reduced in their circumstances through unavoidable misfortune. The trustees appointed under the Will were the Vicars of Kidwelly, St Ishmael, or Llandefeilog. (spelling at the time of the Will)

Two women who first benefited from this bequest were Margaret Phillips and Catherine Richards, and I shall endeavour to find out more about these two before the next issue of the Parish Magazine.

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Newyddion St. Teilo News

As we welcome in a New Year and I say again as I believe, the general feeling of everyone is, 'where did the last year fly to ?' Little did we think at the beginning of last year that the Covid scare was going to last this long and our way of living would have been such as it is.

But, despite health worries and sadly, losing loved ones and friends, we look forward to a new year and by the grace of God, meet the challenges that will no doubt come our way, with courage and hope. We all pray for an end to this epidemic which will in turn allow us to enjoy the freedom to move around as we were used to, and appreciate all that has been given to us.

50's Club. A reminder to members that we will be meeting for our first new year session at the Neuadd on Wednesday 2nd February at 2.00pm.

Looking forward to welcoming you all.

Neuadd Mynyddygarreg's Christmas Craft and Food Fayre was a great success, with over twenty stalls displaying a beautiful and tasteful array of goods. Thank you from the Chairman, The Mayor Cllr Chris Peters-Bond to everyone for making an effort in presenting their wares and to the general public for such support.

Hall meetings are held on the first Monday of the month and new members would be most welcome.

Deepest condolences from everyone at Sant Teilo go to Mrs Marlene Evans on the very sudden passing of her husband, Alan, in December. Our sympathy also to Alison and Andrew and grand children and to our People's Warden, Jayne Roberts and all of Alan's extended family. Alan was a dedicated and most helpful caretaker of the Princess Gwenllian Centre since its opening and also was a long serving and respected member of Kidwelly Town Bowls Club. The service was held at St Mary's Church. We remember all the family in our prayers.

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mrs Jenny King, Meinciau Road, who passed away in December. The service was held at St Mary's Church.

And sympathy also to Mrs Angela Coles and family, Meinciau Road, on the passing of her husband Keith in January. The funeral will be held at Llanelli Crematorium on Tuesday 8th February. Angela will be remembered as being Town Mayor some years ago.

Eglwys Sant Teilo's Christmas Eucharist with Carols and Lessons was a joyous service and well attended within Covid regulations. Thank you to Jean Peace for her accompaniment and to Rev.Roger for a lovely service. Thank you also to our Mayor Cllr.Chris Peters-Bond and Consort Cllr.Carl Peters-Bond for attending in their official capacity and to the Mayor for the first reading.



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Diolch o galon to our People's Warden, Jayne Roberts, who has taken responsibility for the cleaning and hygiene of our little Church throughout the pandemic. Ni wîr yn gwerthfawrogi dy holl ymdrech di Jayne. And we are all pleased that our People's Warden, Nevin Davies underwent successful Eye surgery just before Christmas. Pob diolch i'r ddau ohonoch am eich gwaith a gofal i'r Eglwys Fach. A dymuno gwell iechyd i'n aelodau sy methu ymuno gyda ni drwy afiechyd yn ddiweddar, chi gyd yn ein meddyliau a'n gweddïau.

Well done once again young Skye Jones, Parc y Garreg, on her further fundraising effort for Dogs for the Blind, having raised almost a hundred pounds on her own. We wish you all the very best Skye.

KAMPS were disappointed to have to postpone their much anticipated Pantomime at the Neuadd in January due to Covid restrictions but, are eagerly awaiting the go ahead to perform, hopefully before the Spring.

Ysgol Mynyddgarreg received good news that following the hardworking and lengthy campaign by a body of parents and friends against the proposed closure of the school, a reprieve has been won in the interim whilst further investigation is carried out by the County Education Board.

Magazine Subscription will be collected in February, price £5.00. Any items for inclusion to reach me by the 12th of each month please.

And Sunday services are now held at 11.00am instead of 2.30pm for the foreseeable future.

Flower Rota February Avril Morris No flowers in Lent

READERS' ROTA

6th February Christine Evans
6th March Dorian Reeve

20th February Jayne Roberts

With Valentine's Day in mind:

The Rules of Marriage

Here are the real-life answers from a group of children:

How do you decide who to marry?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. – Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. – Kirsten, age 10

How can a stranger tell if two people are married? You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. – Derrick, age 8



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Newyddion St. Maelog News

Flower Rota

6th /13th February Pauline Thomas

20th/27th February Eirena Davies

No flowers during Lent

Llandyfaelog Hall held its tree lighting on 6th December, where the last 100 club draw took place: 1st Eleanor Hugh £30; 2nd Caryl Jones £20; 3rd Sarah Withers £10

Christmas draw winners were: 1st Pat Jones £100; 2 Clive Hugh £50; 3rd Lois Philips £40; 4th Merys Rees £30; 5th Rheinallt Jones £20; 6th Hefin Jones £10.

Congratulations to Victoria and Martin Evans on their marriage on 29th December at St. Maelog's Church. Their reception was held at the Red Lion. Rev. Roger Morley-Jones took the service.

Cockle picking season came to an end in December and will start again in June. In 1955 Lettice Rees from Llansaint used to collect cockles using her donkey, then sold them around the streets of Kidwelly.

Now speed boats are used to get to the cockle beds, where cockle pickers collect the cockles into big bags, which are then weighed, put onto lorries and taken to London and abroad. How times have changed!

Sympathy is extended to the family of Cllr. Mair Stephens, Glanmorlais, who has passed away on the 9th December after a bravely fought illness.

Mair led the Independent Group of County Councillors. She was elected to the Carmarthenshire Council in 2004 as member of St. Ishmael's ward, covering the communities of Llandyfaelog, Ferryside, Llansaint, Cwmffrwd and Bancycapel. Mair had been deputy leader of Carmarthenshire Council for the past seven years.

One of her strongest passions was the WI. In Carmarthenshire she was the driving force behind the Christmas Toy Box appeal and oversaw the collection and distribution of Toys for local children.

She will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her. The funeral was held on the 26th January in St. Maelog's Church.

Readers and Sidepeople

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20th February Phyllis Hughes 27th February Rheinallt Jones

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Parish Readings for February with Red Lectionary pages ()

6th February 4th Sunday before Lent Liturgical Colour: Green

Eucharist: Isaiah 6.1-8,[9-13]; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11 (p791)

Evening Prayer: Psalm [1;]2; Wisdom 6.1-21 or Hosea 1; Colossians 3.1-22

Reader: Ted Rowlands

13th February 3rd Sunday before Lent Liturgical Colour: Green

Eucharist: Jeremiah 17.5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26 (p796)

Evening Prayer: Psalm [5;]6; Wisdom 11.21-121.11 or Hosea 10.1-8,12; Galatians 4.8-20 **Reader: Catherine Dorn**

20th February 2nd Sunday before Lent/Creation Sunday

Liturgical Colour: Green

Eucharist: Genesis 2.b-9,15-25; Psalm 65; Revelation 4; Luke 8.22-25 (p807)

Evening Prayer: Psalm 147 or 147.12-20; Genesis 1.1-2.3; Matthew 6.25-24

Reader: Jenny Jones

27th February Sunday before Lent/Transfiguration Sunday

Liturgical Colour: Green

Eucharist: Exodus 34.29-35; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Psalm 99; Luke 9.28-36[37-43](p811)

Evening Prayer: Psalm 89.1-4,[5-12,]13-18; Exodus 3.1-6; John 12. 27-36a

Reader: Kath Nicholas

6th March 1st Sunday of Lent Liturgical Colour: Purple

Eucharist: Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1,2,9-16 or 91.1-11; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13 (p818)

Evening Prayer: Psalm 119.73-88; Jonah 3; Luke 18.9-14

Reader: Ted Rowlands

St. Mary's

Readers for 9.30am

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| 13/02/22 | Kath Nicholas/Gareth Harries (C) | Kath Nicholas |
| 20/02/22 | Simon White | Ken Denman & Geoff Davies |
| 27/02/22 | Pearl Rowland | Eileen Bryant & Pearl Rowland |
| 06/03/22 | Jean Giess | Ieuan Hughes & Maureen James |

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02/02/22 (Candlemas) (p60) Maureen James 09/02/22 Kath Nicholas

16/02/22 Brenda Evans 23/02/22 Jean Giess 02/03/22 Ash Wednesday (p97)

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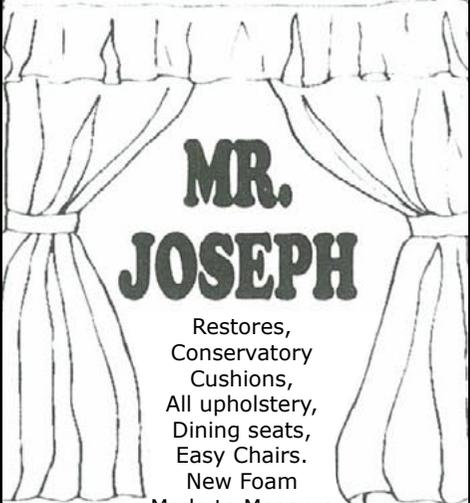
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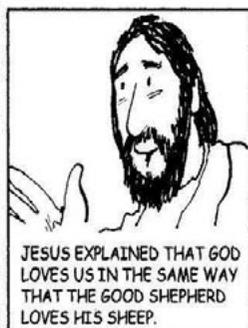
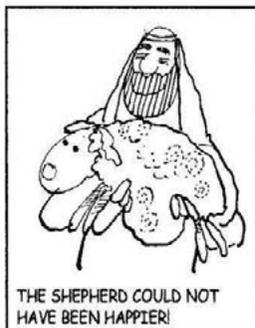
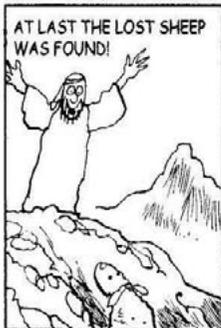
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St Mary's, Kidwelly

06/02/22 4th Sunday before Lent

9.30am Holy Eucharist
5.00pm Evening Prayer

13/02/22 3rd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Holy Eucharist
11.00am Cymun Bendigaidd
5.00pm Evening Prayer

20/02/22 2nd Sunday before
Lent/Creation Sunday

9.30am Holy Eucharist
5.00pm Evening Prayer

27/02/22 Sunday before
Lent/Transfiguration Sunday

9.30am Holy Eucharist
5.00pm Evening Prayer

01/03/22 St. David's Day

9.30am Holy Eucharist

02/03/22 Ash Wednesday

9.30am Eucharist with Ashing Service

04/03/22 World Day of Prayer

10.30am Service in Trinity
Church Vestry

06/03/22 1st Sunday of Lent

9.30am Holy Eucharist
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 9.30am

Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing

Services

February 2022

To comply with Church in
Wales guidelines face masks
must still be worn in church

St Maelog's, Llandyfaelog

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11.15am Holy Eucharist

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Lent

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Lent/Creation Sunday

11.15am Holy Eucharist

27/02/22 Sunday before
Lent/Transfiguration Sunday

11.15am Holy Eucharist

02/03/22 Ash Wednesday

7.00pm Holy Eucharist

06/03/22 1st Sunday of Lent

11.15am Holy Eucharist

St Teilo's, Mynyddgarreg

06/02/22 4th Sunday before Lent

11.00am Bilingual Eucharist

20/02/22 2nd Sunday before
Lent/Creation Sunday

11.00am Bilingual Eucharist

06/03/22 1st Sunday of Lent

11.00am Bilingual Eucharist