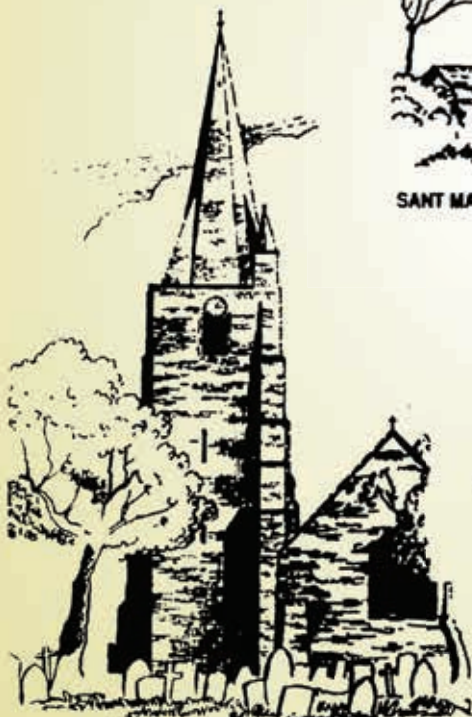


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Dear Friends,

We are told that life today is now more stressful than ever before; various surveys have shown that for many people levels of stress and anxiety are at record levels. The sources of our worry can be many and varied: they may be financial; related to our health; we may have concerns about family members or friends; jobs, school, housing, even the news can all bring worry.

Unfortunately, stress is part of life and while some have more to worry about than others, we will all feel the pressure of life at some time. With all the things that are happening in our local ministry area and the wider diocese, those of us involved in church affairs are under particular stress at the moment. Some of this is fear of the unknown, some of it the lack of an ability to see the 'light at the end of the tunnel' so to speak. In the case of the church, the ever-present issues of maintenance and finance will be causing a certain amount of restlessness.

How do we deal with this then? There is much in scripture that can bring comfort. The well-known passage from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians is often quoted when times are hard. *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*

It is important to remember that prayer changes things; our God is always listening to us and our prayers will be answered although, not always in the way that we may expect or even want. But, prayer can change us: it allows us to voice our fears and make our petitions to the one who loves us all unconditionally. It is said that a problem shared is a problem halved and I would always urge people to share their burdens with the Almighty as he is the one who always listen and will never judge us. There is no wrong way to pray, no special words are needed, no complicated posture just open our hearts and give voice (silently or out loud) to our concerns. But to do this we need to stop and take a break. Prayer is not just asking, it is listening as well. It is spending time, even a minute in silence.

We can also find support in worship. You do not have to be 'a church person' (whatever that is) to come to church. Everyone is welcome, you do not have to participate in anything if you don't want to, just sit and let it all wash over you. I can't guarantee an instant transformation, but I can assure you that peace and healing for body, mind and soul can be found in the company of others at prayer and worship.

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My friends, take time for yourselves to stop and take a breath, take a break from all your cares.

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Blessings

Fr. Jim

St. Mary's News

Harvest

Our Harvest service will be on Sunday 6th October at 11.00am followed by a lunch in church. There will be no charge as such, but we will be asking for a donation towards church funds. It would be helpful if you could let us know if you intend to come along. Everyone is welcome. There is a list at the back of church to sign up for donations of food.

Film Night *NOSFERATU*

On the 18th of October at 7pm we will be showing the famous 1922 silent film Nosferatu, with accompaniment on the organ by Mr Andrew Pike. There is a suggested donation of £5 per ticket (available on the door) and refreshments will be available.

The first film adaption of the Dracula story written by Bram Stoker, although it does not follow the plot exactly is a classic tale of good versus evil. Without giving away any spoilers, it deals with issues of self-sacrifice and service to others without the prospect of earthly reward. It also demonstrates the only way that evil spreading in the world can be conquered, ultimately defeated for ever and the hope that can be found when all seems lost.

The film is rated PG and we hope this might become the first of a few film nights in St. Mary's. If there is enough interest then perhaps a film club could be started?

Flower arranging –.

There will be no class in October, but we will meet to decorate the church for Harvest on Friday 4th. This is a change of day from the September magazine report. Donations of flowers would be appreciated.



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The monthly draw took place on Wednesday 4th September following the 9.30am Eucharist service. Winning numbers were 102, 105, 14.

Application forms are available at the back of St. Mary's if you would still like to join.

Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped with the churchyard and tower tidy-up last month. Also to Fr. Jim for providing the BBQ.

St. Mary's Readers and Sidespeople for 9.30am

Readers

Sidespersons

October

6th Deirdre Horsler

Mandy & Lynne

13th Edwin Atkinson Christine Evans (Cymraeg)

Maureen & Angela

20th Gavin Witt

Kath & Alec

27th Jean Giess

Deirdre

November

3rd Maureen James

Heather & Ken

If you would like to be added to the readers' list or sidespersons' list, please speak to Gareth.

ALL SOULS

We will be celebrating the feast of All Souls with a service on Monday the 4th of November at 7pm. This is the day when we remember those who have died in the past year and in years gone. It is also a chance to remember that death is not the end of our story, but that we will go on as we share in the hope of life eternal in the presence of God. It is a moving and thoughtful service and the names of those who have died will be read and prayers offered. There will be a chance to light a candle and reflect with our memories as we acknowledge that we will our dear departed again. If you want to have the name of a loved one read out, there will be forms at the back of all our churches in the weeks before. Please come and join in this most moving of services.

Wednesday readers for St. Mary's 9.30am service -readings as Sundays unless stated otherwise.

02/10/24 Brenda Evans

09/10/24 Kath Nicholas

16/10/24 Deirdre Horsler

23/10/24 Jean Giess

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Flower List Altar Flowers

6th /13th October Harvest Flower arranging group

20th/27th October Mandy Jones

3d /10th November Ceris Harries

From St. Mary's Registers

Wedding

14th September Carla Nesbitt and James McCarthy

We wish them well as they begin their life together.

Funeral

26th September Richard Stacey

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Thanks

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the kindness and support given to me during the long months that Richard was in hospital; especially the dear friends who drove me on my almost daily visits. I am forever grateful. Love to you all.
Sheila

Farewell

In September we said farewell to Brian and Liz Lewis as they moved back to Scotland to be near their daughters Sarah and Emma and granddaughter Evie, in Edinburgh. Brian and Liz were loyal members of St. Mary's serving as side persons. Brian was a regular reader and Treasurer of the Friends of St. Mary's. Liz was a member of the Mothers' Union and the instigator and organiser of the first 'St. Mary's Hundred Club.' Liz was also secretary of the NSPCC Kidwelly Branch

She had a preference for working behind the scenes as was evident when there were Flower Festivals in St. Mary's when she would make sure that arrangers had regular refreshments.

Brian and Liz involved themselves in the wider community through the Welfare Coffee Mornings and the Tea Dances. Brian was also a keen and active member of the Civic Society and History Society.

Sadly, in recent years Liz's health has deteriorated to the point that she was housebound.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their family.

Floodlights

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Harvest Services in our Group of churches



Wed 2nd Oct – St. Teilo's – 7.00pm

Preacher: Rev Glenys Payne

Tuesday 1st Oct – St. Maelog's 7.00pm Preacher: Ven. Randolph Thomas

Sunday 6th October – Harvest St. Mary's 11.00am Preacher:

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What's On in our Group of Churches
Events for the rest of 2024 – put them in your diary now!
Remembrance, Advent & Christmas 2024

Sunday 10th Nov – Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 1st December—Christingle Service in St Mary's 5:00pm

Thursday 5th December -Advent Taize service in St Mary's 7:00pm

Friday 6th December Concert in St. Mary's TBC

Sun 8th Community Carols in St. Teilo's at 7:00pm

Thursday 19th December -Carol singing around Kidwelly 6pm.

Friday 20th December Mince Pies and Mulled wine at the Vicarage

Sunday 22nd December—9 lessons and carols in St Mary's 5:00pm

Christmas Eve – St Teilo Service 7.00pm

Christmas Eve - St Maelog's, Llandyfaelog Christmas service 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve -Midnight Mass in St Mary's, Kidwelly 11:30pm

Christmas Day -Christmas Eucharist in St Mary's 9:30am

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Branch News –

At the September meeting DP Heather Witt took the chair as Pearl had stood down as branch leader in May. Following discussion, it was agreed to accept the proposal by Heather that we become Diocesan members. Members were reluctant to see the branch closed. This way we don't need to have any of the administrative ties; our subscriptions, if not paid by Direct Debit can be paid to Wendy Evans, our Diocesan Treasurer. Decisions about our accounts will be investigated in conjunction with the Provincial MU where this situation has already arisen. Our collections for Plant Dewi and Llanelli Refuge are ongoing. Your support is much appreciated.

Diocesan and World wide Elections

We can announce that Rev. Glenys Payne, our current Diocesan Chaplain is our Diocesan President-elect. The Trustee board remains much the same. We thank Heather, for all her work over the past 6 years and hope she enjoys a well-earned rest.

We're so thankful for the work of our outgoing board and Worldwide President, Sheran Harper, as they have steered Mothers' Union with grace and diligence, and we're looking forward to all God has planned for us in this new season.

And on that note, we're overjoyed that from 1st January 2025 Kathleen Snow will be our new Worldwide President. Kathleen has served on the Board for six years as the Zonal Trustee for the Americas, a member of Mothers' Union for thirty-six years!

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Royal British Legion

Our meeting this month is the AGM and will be held on Thursday 3rd October 2024 at 7.30pm in Kidwelly Rugby Club.

Looking ahead to November and Remembrance Sunday, if anyone would like to order wreaths for the War Memorial, please contact either David Taylor 07770 798 703 or Dave McFarlane 07766 212 274 for details. A £10 deposit is required when ordering.

KIDWELLY SENIOR CITIZENS

As I write we have just started our Indian summer, so I hope it's still here as you read this! Our speakers for this month were Helen & Kelly from TeTrim Teas. A surprise for most of us, as the tea was made from either Rhubarb root or mushrooms. These teas have been developed to be gut kind, and that works with your body to improve wellbeing. Some of the trials were carried out at Trimsaran, alongside research at Aberystwyth University. The rhubarb tea is to be drunk after your evening meal and when you have finished eating for the day. It is cleansing for body and mind. The Mushroom tea has 2 flavours, Welsh Heritage Apples & Cinnamon, and the other includes Ginger & Chilli and another ingredient that I can't remember. Oops! These are Brightening Teas, to be had in the mornings and help you through the day. We had some mixed reactions. The research into these Teas has been extensive, and wherever possible the ingredients are sourced in Wales. They have even instigated the growing of green tea over here. In Trimsaran, they are now growing the mushrooms. All in all, it is a very environmental, ethical, and organic company. As local as possible, as Welsh as

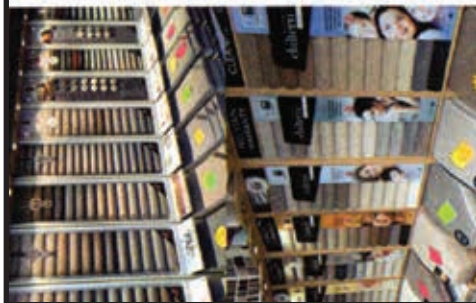


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possible. It was a very interesting and illuminating talk.

We hope our trip for October, the 30th, will be to Vincent Davies, in Haverfordwest, and perhaps a meal on the way home. The next meeting will be on 2nd October, 2pm, at the Rugby Club.

Sudoku (September solution)

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9	5	8	1	2	6	4	7	3
2	7	4	3	6	9	1	5	8
3	1	9	5	7	8	6	2	4
8	6	5	2	1	4	7	3	9

Welsh Conversation class

If you have some knowledge of Welsh and would like to improve your conversation, then do come along to the Parish Room on Monday evenings between 6.30pm-7.30pm. A warm welcome awaits you.

Mothers' Union Diocesan Random Draw

Results for July-October are:

July 49, 71, 68

August 4, 13, 45

September 34, 46, 2

October 20, 51, 4.

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Born into a Methodist family in Transvaal in 1931, Tutu went first into teaching, but after three years retired in protest at the deteriorating standard of black education, in particular the discriminatory Bantu Education Act of 1953. Instead, he went into the church, enrolling at St Peter's Theological College in Johannesburg and becoming an Anglican priest, then studying theology at King's College, London.

In 1975 he became the first black person to hold the position of Dean of St Mary's Cathedral in Johannesburg, following this by becoming Bishop of Lesotho and then in 1978 the first black General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

Regarded by many as a prophet in the liberation theology sense of the word – someone challenging power – Tutu became Archbishop of Cape Town in 1986, therefore the leader of South Africa's 1.6 million Anglicans. Always a pacifist, he was already one of the most prominent voices calling for sanctions on the apartheid regime from the international community.

On the release of Nelson Mandela from prison in 1990 after 27 years, when South Africa moved towards democracy, he saw his country as "The Rainbow Nation". Mandela responded by making him Chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 1995.

Exhilarated by a new vision for the future of South Africa, he described himself as "on cloud nine" when the election results came in 1994. He planned the religious component of Mandela's inauguration ceremony, including Jewish, Muslim and Hindu leaders.

Tutu's Nobel Prize medal was stolen in June 2007 from his home in Johannesburg, but was recovered a week later.



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Newyddion St. Teilo News

As we enter the season of Autumn and our Harvest Thanksgiving services get underway in our three churches of the Parish, we reflect on the bounteous gifts we have received and now share. We share food, flowers, love -- all things we have in abundance and are prepared to share with each other and those less fortunate. Even a kind word or deed towards a neighbour or stranger is a form of sharing and to show care can mean so much to someone in need. A smile and a little chat can be so uplifting to so many.

Over 50's Club. Our September meeting was our usual congenial get together with a warm welcome extended to another new member namely Esme Howells while our thoughts are also of absent members. Normal procedures were dealt with, followed by the arrangements from Aeres and Barbara for the oncoming outings they have organised. Our appreciation goes to both. Julie, our member entertained us by showing illustrations and photographs of her visit to Hamburg in Germany giving us an insight into the lifestyle, the beauty of the buildings and recreational areas of the country. Thanks Julie. Refreshments were served by Gina and Carl. The raffle was won by Dorian and the bingo was won by June. The October outing is for an afternoon cream tea at the Plough Inn Llandeilo. Lush!! The recent visit to the Honey farm at New Quay and then on to Aberaeron was most pleasurable. The next meeting is on Wednesday the 2nd of October at the Neuadd Mynyddgarreg Hall at 2pm when the Rev Canon Brian Witt will suitably entertain us. Looking forward.

Neuadd Mynyddgarreg's Beer Festival held in September was an outstanding success once again. A huge gathering was entertained by 'Crows Foot' band from Ferryside, the group 'What the Funk' and a Guitarist / Singer. Hot food was provided by Gayna and also a BBQ by Country Foods. Chairman Cllr Chris Peters-Bond thanked Artists, Committee and friends for their hard work in bringing the event to a good end.

As we approach Autumn, forthcoming events are the Annual Halloween Fancy Dress party on Friday 1st November, an eagerly awaited event enjoyed by young and old alike. Then comes the Annual Fireworks Display on Tuesday 5th November, another grand event in our community. More details in next month's magazine.

Condolences to the family of the late Eric Roberts, Trimsaran, who passed away recently. Eric lived with his family at Pleasant View and was a pupil at Ysgol Mynyddgarreg. We remember his family in our prayers along with his wider family and friends in the village.

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Congratulations and Bon Voyage to Owain Baxter as he prepares to leave for Australia where he has been invited to join a prestigious cricket team for a six-month term at only eighteen years of age. Owain excels as a cricketer and has played at many venues both in England and Wales during his youth, representing his country at a high level.

Proud parents Gary and Anouska are joined by his wider family and friends in wishing him a wonderful time.

Shwrne dda i ti Owain, enjoia'r cyfle a'r profiad, pob lwc i ti. x

Over 75? Need to keep fit and active and have a good mind? Well then, Tai Chi classes are for you and free, at the Burns Foundation Centre on alternate Fridays at 1.30pm for one hour followed by refreshments and a chat. These classes are run by Re-engage and are sponsored by the Welsh Assembly Seniors scheme. A qualified instructor in Tai Chi, Lis Duffy, who takes these classes, takes you at your own pace and is happy to discuss your personal needs. For further info., you are welcome to contact me, a member of the class.

Congratulations to all students who were successful in recent examinations and good wishes as they embark on further examinations and importantly, as they leave their homes for further education in University or College. Llongyfarchiadau a dymunuadau gorau am y dyfodol i chi gyd.

The band 'Mynediad am Ddim', visit the village this month to perform as part of their 50th Anniversary tour. No strangers to Mynyddgarreg and the Neuadd, we look forward to seeing and hearing them. A capacity crowd will no doubt give them a wonderful welcome.

Capel Horeb has a special service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday 8th October at 6.00pm when the guest Preacher will be the Rev. Betty Wyn, Carmarthen.

Fydd na groeso mawr i bawb i ymuno yn y gwasanaeth.

Sant Teilo Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday 2nd October 7.00pm, followed by the traditional Harvest Supper in Church, at £10 pp for a two course meal with a glass of Bubbly. Guest Preacher will be Rev. Glenys Payne.

In the afternoon at 2.00pm, pupils and staff of Ysgol Mynyddgarreg will visit Sant Teilo to hold their service of Thanksgiving.

Sant Teilo will as always give and receive donations of food items for the Myrtle House Foodbank in Llanelli. DR

FLOWER ROTA

OCTOBER Christine Evans NOVEMBER Margaret Hughes

READER'S ROTA

HARVEST Churchwardens, 6th October No Church, Harvest at St Mary's
20th October Peggy Davies, 3rd November Lisa Flanagan



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6-13 October Llinos Jones 20-27 Pauline Thomas
3-10 November Sarah Walters

Readers

6 October Helen Davies 13 October Llinos Jones
20 October Bridget Owen 27 October Isabel & Shan
3 November Sarah Walters

Door opening

6 October Helen Davies 13 October Shan Rees
20 October Bridget Owen 27 October Shan Rees
3 November Sarah Walters

The churchyard cleanup was a great success. 18 volunteers turned out and they weeded, scrubbed, pulled and if there had been a competition in the show for longest bramble we sure would have won that!! Special mention to Thomas Flanagan who worked his socks off and thank you to the vicar and Lisa for providing the bbq and refreshments.

We had another sunny day for Llandyfaelog show and it was a great day with lots of competitors and stalls to see and the fencing competition was a welcome addition to the programme. Well done to all involved.

What's on

Harvest service will be on Tuesday 1 October with the children of the community and the YFC taking part

There will be a harvest supper in the Red Lion after the service.

Please contact Rheinallt or Shan for further details

Update on the church bells: we hope that they will be back in full working order in the next month. It will be lovely to hear them again.

Remembrance service will be held in St Maelog's on Sunday 10 November at 2pm followed by a service in the remembrance garden

Church fundraiser: the next fundraising event will be in the Red Lion on Tuesday 12 November - watch this space for more information



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We will organise a date ASAP, all help much appreciated and if anyone has any long-handled bulb planters we can borrow for the occasion it would be appreciated.

The YFC 90th anniversary celebration dinner is at the Diplomat Llanelli on November the 9th and places are filling up fast.

Congratulations to Caroline Stiles and Llinos Jones who have been chosen to represent Wales in the national short mat bowls competition in October. Pob lwc i chi.

What do children like to wear on their feet these days?

(Why not show yours off at the family service this month?)

Crocs. The foam clogs have now become the fastest-growing 'cool' brand with British children. The footwear company even ranks above companies such as Star Wars, the BBC and Converse, according to a recent poll of young people.

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Parish Readings for October 2024

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October 6th 19th Sunday after Trinity (Harvest in St. Mary's at 11.00am) Liturgical Colour: Green (Harvest- White)

Eucharist: Genesis 2.18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1.1-4,2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16 [p695] (Harvest readings will be different – to be confirmed)

Evening Prayer – readings will be confirmed later

Reader: Ted Rowlands

October 13th 20th Sunday after Trinity Liturgical Colour: Green

Eucharist: Amos 5.6,7, 10-15; Psalm 90. 12-17; Hebrews 4.12.16; Mark 10.17-31 [p701]

Evening Prayer: Psalm 127.[128]; Joshua 5.13-6.20; Matthew 11.20-30

Reader: Jenny Jones

October 20th 21st Sunday after Trinity Liturgical Colour: Green

Eucharist: Isaiah 53.4-12; Psalm 91.9-16; Hebrews 5.1-10; Mark 10.35-45 [p707]

Evening Prayer: Psalm 141; Joshua 14.6-14; Matthew 12.1-21

Reader: Kath Nicholas

October 27th Last Sunday of Trinity/Bible Sunday

Liturgical Colour: Green

Eucharist: Isaiah 55.1-11; Psalm 19.7-14; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; [p716]

Evening Prayer: Psalm 119.1-16; 2 Kings 22; Colossians 3.12-17

Reader: Brenda Evans

3rd November 1st Sunday of the Kingdom/All Saints

Liturgical Colour: White

Eucharist: Isaiah 25.6-9, Ps 24, Rev 21. 1-6a and John 11.32-44 [p731]

Evening Prayer: Psalm 145 or 145.1-9; Daniel 2.1-11, [12-24] 25-28;

Revelation 7.9-17

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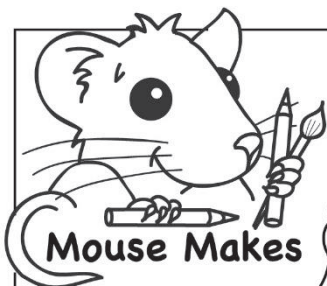
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"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
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Psalm 86:11

"For we **walk** by

_____ not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7

"**Walk** by the

_____ "
Galatians 5:16



Jesus said:
"I am the light
of the world.
If you

_____ me you won't
have to **walk**
in darkness
because
you have
the light
that leads
to life."

John 8:12



"**Walk** in

_____ as Christ loved
us and gave
himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2

"**Walk** in
a manner
worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing
to him, bearing

_____ in every good work
and increasing in
the knowledge
of God"
John 8:12

"_____ is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who **walks** in
his ways."
Psalm 128:1

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God in the arts – ‘Glorious the song when God’s the theme’ ‘The Dream of Gerontius’

Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series looking at great works of music.

John Henry Newman was a great Victorian churchman, an inspired Anglican preacher and teacher who became a Roman Catholic in 1845. Newman was also a poet and wrote hymns that have remained perennial favourites – among them, ‘Lead, kindly Light’ and ‘Praise to the Holiest.’

The first hymn was written when, as an Anglican, Newman was ill in Sicily and his servant thought he might die. He recovered and, anxious to return home, he wrote these words, knowing that God had important work for him to do. The light that he prayed for in Sicily was to shine out, resplendent and glorious, in that later hymn which expresses the vision of the heavenly courts in the longer poem, ‘The Dream of Gerontius.’

Newman wrote the poem in 1865 after the death of a 41-year-old fellow Oratorian, Fr John Joseph Gordon, who had said to him as he lay dying, “I do not say that I do not fear to die: for death must always be a fearful thing. God’s justice is very terrible; but then, in the crucifixion, God’s mercy appears so very great.” ‘The Dream of Gerontius’ is about death and judgement, but it is the judgement of a loving God.

Newman presented Dvorak with a copy of this poem when the composer visited Birmingham, and he was invited to compose a setting for the city’s 1888 Festival. Although Dvorak felt inspired by the words, the timescale was too demanding. The poem was presented to Elgar on his wedding day a year later, again with the suggestion that he set it to music. The words simmered and stirred in Elgar’s imagination to produce one of the great oratorios of all time in 1900, when it was given its first performance in Birmingham.

Elgar inscribed the score ADMG (To the greater glory of God) and wrote on the last page of the manuscript, ‘This is the best of me.’ The light of God’s glory and grace that inspired Newman shines through the music as it shone through Elgar’s own life. His funeral card of 1934 contained words from the poem, and on his own score of ‘The Dream’ he wrote these words of Virgil, ‘Whence doth so dear desire of Light on wretches grow?’



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It is now difficult to separate the poem from Elgar's setting. The composer, like the poet, leads the listener from the prayer of faith, 'Firmly I believe and truly' – a prayer sustained by the words of the priest, 'Go forth upon thy journey, Christian soul' – to the judgement throne where the angels praise God in the heights.

One of the angels then leads the soul away with a beautiful setting of 'Softly and gently,' not to the fire of judgement, but to the cleansing, sustaining water of eternal life. The work ends with echoes of that angelic hymn, praising God who is our refuge in every generation.

Newman wrote, "I always sleep better after music." He compared music to an electric current that passes through the body and then into the mind and heart. And Elgar's wonderful setting can do exactly that, creating a vision of that new world of eternal glory that Gerontius expresses in the words, '*Novissima hora est*.....into thy hands, O Lord, into thy hands.'



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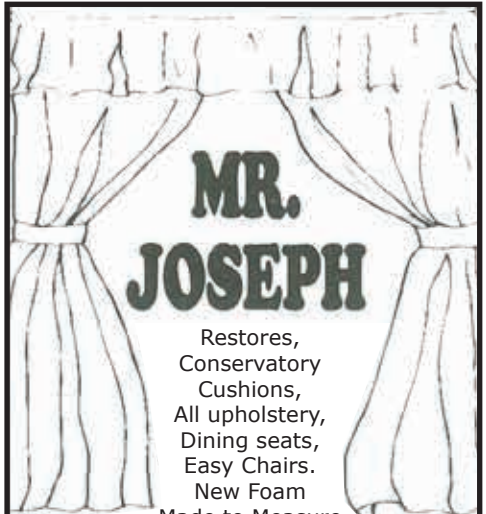
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October 6th -William Tyndale Bible translator and Reformation martyr.

This month is the 501th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, and so a good time to pay tribute to an outstanding English scholar, translator and martyr of the Reformation.

William Tyndale (c. 1494 – 6th October 1536) was born near Gloucester, and studied at Oxford and Cambridge. He could speak seven languages, and was proficient in ancient Hebrew and Greek. As a priest, his abilities would have taken him a long way, but by 1523 Tyndale's only desire was to translate the Bible, so that English men and women could read it for themselves. It became his life's passion.

For Tyndale had rediscovered a vital doctrine that the Church had been ignoring: that of justification by faith. He had found it when reading Erasmus's Greek edition of the New Testament. In fact, his life's work was well summed up in some words of his mentor, Erasmus: "Christ desires His mysteries to be published abroad as widely as possible. I would that [the Gospels and the epistles of Paul] were translated into all languages, of all Christian people, and that they might be read and known."

Tyndale's translation was the first Bible to be published in English, the first to draw directly from Hebrew and Greek texts, and the first English translation to take advantage of the printing press.

It was to cost him his life. For Tyndale's work was seen as a direct challenge to the power of both the Roman Catholic Church and the laws of England in maintaining the Church's position.

When the authorities tried to stop his translation, Tyndale fled to Hamburg, Wittenberg, Cologne, and finally to the Lutheran city of Worms. It was there, in 1525, his New Testament emerged. It was quickly smuggled into England, and King Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey, and others, were furious.

Tyndale moved on to Antwerp, where for nine more years he continued his work. Then in May 1535 he was betrayed, arrested, and jailed in a castle near Brussels. Tied to the stake for strangulation and burning, his dying prayer was that the King of England's eyes would be opened. Sure enough, two years later King Henry authorised the Great Bible for the Church of England, which relied largely on Tyndale's work.

Not only that, but in 1611, the 54 scholars who produced the King James Bible drew very heavily from Tyndale. Even today we honour him: in 2002, Tyndale was placed at number 26 in the BBC's poll of 100 Greatest Britons.

The story behind Come ye Thankful People Come

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;<
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home!

We ourselves are God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be....

By H Alford (1810 – 71)

Very probably, you will sing this well-loved Harvest hymn this month. It was written by the Revd Henry Aldford, DD, a Victorian clergyman who had been a fellow student at Trinity College, Cambridge with Alfred Tennyson, and whose transparent goodness and friendliness seem to have made him liked and appreciated wherever he went.

His ministry began as vicar of Wymeswold, a tiny village in Leicestershire with a badly neglected church. Over 18 years, Henry rebuilt the faltering Christian community, faithfully visiting every person in his parish, and preaching his way through the Bible in sermons that were so clear that everyone could understand him. He then moved on to the incumbency of Quebec Chapel in London for four years, before moving to the Deanery of Canterbury, in 1857, where he lived until his death in early 1871.

Henry was one of life's good people; gentle, kindly, grateful for everything he had (he used to say 'grace' before AND after each meal), and eager to encourage all those whom he served. He was prodigiously productive: writing something like 50 books. The best known of these was a four-volume exposition of the New Testament, which took him nearly 20 years.

His famous hymn draws upon two of Jesus' parables: the story of the wheat and tares (Mt 13:24-30) and the story of the seed that grows unbeknown to the sower (Mark 4:26-29). Both are parables drawn from agriculture; both are about the ultimate harvest of our souls before God.

During this lifetime we properly give thanks to God for our harvest of His gifts of creation, but we should also reflect on what seed we are sowing in our lives, and what harvest we may expect as one day God will gather together *only His own* for the eternal heavenly harvest.

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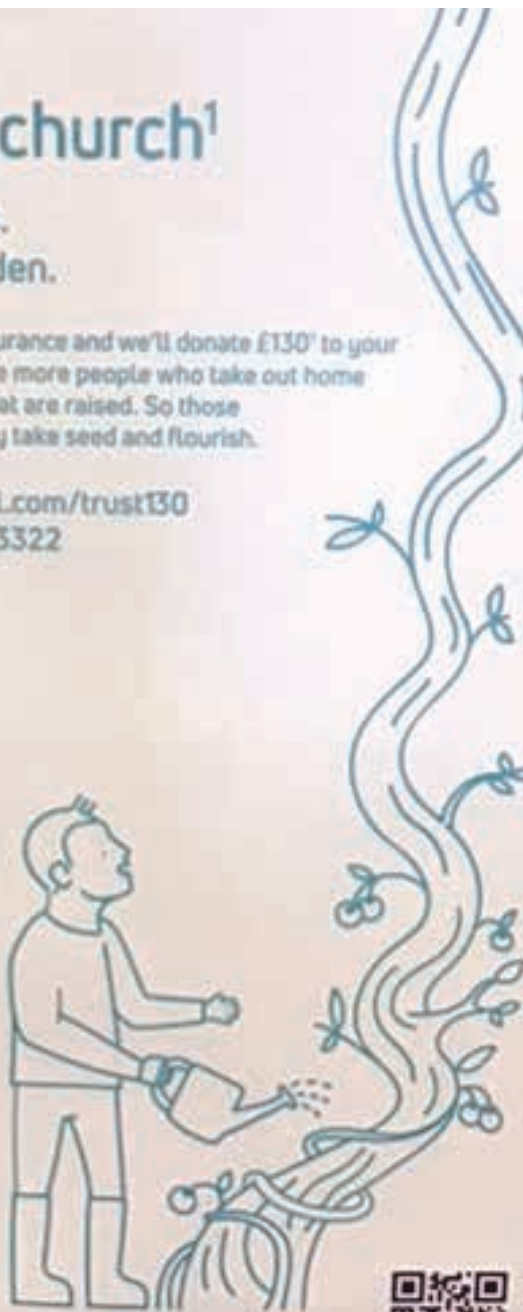


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11.00am **Harvest in St. Mary’s**
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9th October
2.00pm MU in the Parish Room

13th October **Trinity 20**
9.30am Choral Eucharist
11.00am Cymun Bendigaïd
6.00pm Evening Prayer

19th October
7.00pm **Film night in church**

20th October **Trinity 21**
9.30am Choral Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Prayer

27th October **Last Sunday after**
Trinity/ Bible Sunday
9.30am Family Service
6.00pm Evening Prayer

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11.15am Bilingual Mattins

St Teilo’s, Mynyddgarreg
Wednesday 2nd October
7.00pm **Harvest**

6th October **Trinity 19**
No service – 11.00am Harvest in
St. Mary’s

20th October **Trinity 21**
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