



## Margaret Dixon

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June Margaret died at her home, aged 84. Her funeral took place in St Johns on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>. Margaret will be missed on Wednesday Coffee mornings, as she always was on the door collecting the entrance fee. Our sympathy is extended to Mike and daughters Sue, Barbara, and Linda. They are in our prayers.

*Tribute to Margaret by Janice G.*

St Johns has suffered a great loss with the sudden passing of Margaret. Not only was she one of the main stays of the Church Choir with her strong soprano voice, but she was a key member of our team running the weekly coffee mornings.

Margaret was a very sociable person, sometimes a little too much on a Sunday morning when it was difficult to get her to sit down in her place in the choir pews, as she had so many people she wanted to have a word with before the service. Margaret gave her all to our Church and we will all miss her cheery presence. Our love and compassion go out to Mike to whom she was deeply devoted.

## Editorial

The close off date for August Newsletter is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Please leave contributions in box at back of the church or (especially photos) to [shirleybdraper@gmail.com](mailto:shirleybdraper@gmail.com)

If anyone doesn't wish their name to be used in the Newsletter please tell Shirley, or if they do not want to receive the Newsletter via email.

## Ron Hurlow's History Exhibition

Graham welcomed Sue Lane, Mayor of Tenby and she replied with a lovely speech congratulating St Johns on putting their history on display for everybody to look at. She opened the exhibition by pulling a cloth from the Exhibition sign on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May, and Ron Hurlow showed her around the exhibit. Ron has spent a lot of time and research on St Johns history. Some years of Baptisms, Weddings, etc. are lost but he is hoping that

because of the Exhibition he will learn more from local people and visitors. A lot of folk attended, and many more visitors came to look until the Exhibition closed on Wednesday. There were a lot of photos on display, record books, past photos of all the ministers, and even the Wedding Dress worn in the church by Eluned Brown (our 101 year old member).



## Eluned's Thanks

I want to thank everyone who helped with the exhibition of our church history – Carol for designing the banner and the ladies who worked it, Graham, Anne, and most of all RON, who has been working on it for months. I was particularly interested in it as my family is the only one who has been here since the church opened on August 6<sup>th</sup> 1868.

My Gran was 15 years old then, and it was so interesting to see in the books her wedding, my parent's wedding, mine and three of my children's. Again, to see the christenings of my mother, mine and my 5 children and 1 grandchild. I did enjoy looking at the past events, etc. and thanks to everyone involved once again.

## Brenda's Thanks

Many thanks for your card and beautiful flowers celebrating my birthday on 10<sup>th</sup> June. I was quite overwhelmed. I had a "birthday week".

## Recipe of the month: Oaty Jacks

by Mary Berry Makes 25

Store in an airtight container or freeze if the family let you -children will love making them.



175g self-raising flour, 75g porridge oats, 175g sugar, 1tsp bicarbonate of soda, 1 tsp baking powder, 175g butter, and 2 tab. Golden syrup. Preheat oven to 180C. Measure the dry ingredients into a bowl. Melt butter and golden syrup together slowly. Pour this mixture into the bowl and stir till well mixed. You will need to use your hands to bring the dough together. Turn out onto a work surface and shape into 25 balls about 2cm thick. Arrange on 2 large greased baking trays leaving some space between the biscuits as they will spread. Press the tops to flatten a little. Bake 15-20 minutes until golden brown and firm. Remove from oven and using a fish slice transfer to a wire rack to cool and firm up.

## News of Members

Rhys was 11 this month and was presented with a gift at the service on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Brenda was 90 and was given a bouquet of flowers on her birthday on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June. "Happy Birthday" and "May the Dear Lord Bless you" were sung to both Brenda and Rhys. Brenda came to the Craft Club on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Carol had organised a cake for her. At the Craft Club that day we also sung "Happy Birthday" to June whose birthday was the following Wednesday. She is in this photo in the middle.



In last month's Newsletter Shirley sent Ieuan and Laura on holiday to the wrong place, they went to the Canaries in May, not the Caribbean. Sue and Graham have had a lovely holiday with friends in Lake Garda, Italy, using the ferry boat to visit all the towns around the Lake.

Margaret Day has sent a letter to Shirley because she is pleased that she receives a copy of the Newsletter. Her newest great grandson Rory is 3 months old now.

Tony and Audrey Scullard thank everybody for the welcome they received on their holiday in Tenby. We have welcomed again Anne Morgans, who comes on Sundays when she is at her self-catering rental home in Amroth. Her main home is in Kent. Judith Keller flew home to Chicago on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June. We will see her again next May for her annual month's holiday in Tenby.



## The Church Mouse says:

There is always, always, always something to be grateful for....

## Children's Corner

Why we need best friends.....

Because they laugh at the same stupid things we do.

Because they give us honest advice.

Because they will be there for us even if they're thousands of miles away.

Because they celebrate with us when we're at our best, and still love us at our worst.

## The Craft Group

The members have been knitting and crocheting "millions" of beautiful crosses to give away when the Knitted Bible exhibition arrives on 27<sup>th</sup> July. Please keep this date in your diary to come and see the exhibition.

## Wedding on the 19<sup>th</sup> May

No this is not about Meghan and Harry!



Sandra Storer (Shelia Noots' daughter) married Malcolm Harries that same day at 3pm in St Johns. Their grown-up families attended this joyous new start to life for both of them. The Flowers were arranged by Anne M and Lorna and looked beautiful still, a week later for the Church History Exhibition.

## For Sale – Cards with Envelopes

These cards are for Church funds and celebrate our 150 years of worship and witness at St Johns. There are two different drawings of our Church. One is drawn and gifted to the Church by Dilwyn Morse of Park House, and the other is by our very own Ron Hurlow. The cards are £1.50 each or 2 for £2.50. They are blank inside so suitable for any occasion. Look for them under their original framed drawing on the wall in the Hall.

## Tree Trimming

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June, the trees at the front of the Church had a "hair cut". This photo shows one man feeding branches into a chipping machine, whilst the other is out of view up in the tree.



## Priest, Pastor, Vicar, Minister and Friend

Whatever we call them, it's a tough job! If they visit their flock, they are noseys, if they don't they are a snob. If they preach longer than ten minutes it's too long, if they preach less than ten minutes, they can't have prepared their sermon.

If they run a car they are worldly, if they don't they are always late for appointments.

If they tell a joke they are flippant, if they don't they are far too serious.

If they start a service on time their watch must be fast, if they are a minute late, they are keeping the congregation waiting.

If they take a holiday, they are never in the parish, if they don't, they are a stick in the mud.

If they run a gala or bazar, they are money mad. If they don't, there is no social life in the church.

If they have the church painted and redecorated, they are extravagant. If they don't the church is shabby.

If they are young, they are inexperienced, if they are getting old, they ought to retire, but.... when they die, there is never anyone like them.

## Play and Stay Group

Jim and Mel are thrilled with the number of toddlers and their parents/carers that have been coming each Friday morning. It is averaging out about 10 children. They have lots of toys to amuse them, assorted sit in cars, pushchairs and dolls, a pool of balls, etc. Mel leads them in singing i.e. "The wheels of the bus go round and round". Also story time is popular. During the session the children have ½ a banana and toast each, while the grown-ups have a cuppa. It is great for the children to mix and learn, and for the adults to get to know each other.

