



Editorial

The cut off date for the December Newsletter is Friday 21st November 2018. A big thank you to everybody who gives me a contribution and it just makes the Newsletter so much everybody's!

Poem from Margaret who attends the Craft Group on Mondays.

There is a list of folks I know, all written in a book
And every year at Christmas time, I go and take a look
And that is when I realise that these names are part
Not of the book they're written in but of my very heart.

For each name stands for someone, who has touched my life
sometime,
And in that meeting they've become, the "rhythm of the rhyme"
I really feel I am composed, of each remembered name,
And while you may not be aware of feeling quite the same
My life is so much better, than it was before you came.

For once that you have known someone, the years can not erase,
The memory of a pleasant word, or a friendly face.
So never think my Christmas cards, are just more routine,
Our names upon the list, forgotten in between.
For when I send a Christmas card, that is addressed to you
It is because you're on the list of folks I'm indebted to.

And whether I've known you for, many years or a few,
In some way you have had a part, in shaping things I do.
So every year when Christmas comes, I just realise anew
The biggest gift that God can give, is knowing folks like you!

Recipe of the month: Spaghetti Pizza

Base 1 ½ cups plain flour, 1 tsp salt, 1 ½ tsp baking powder, rub in 2oz butter. Mix with milk and water to a firm dough. Roll onto a 12" pizza tray. Cover with a tin of spaghetti and grated cheese or anything else. Bake till cooked.

Children's corner

It's impossible said pride
It's risky said experience

It's pointless said reason
Give it a try whispered the heart.

News of members

A card from Margaret Day..."It was wonderful to see you all and have that wonderful warm welcome. I have been laid low with a very nasty bug and are only just getting on my feet now. We have preparations going on for a big party at the weekend as Judith my oldest girl will be 60. Where have the years gone? All my best wishes to everyone."

Harvest Faith lunch on Sunday 8th October



Stella took a lovely Harvest Service based around a tin of soup! It was disappointing that only about half the congregation came to the hall afterwards for the Harvest Lunch. (I wonder if we don't do enough advertising?) They missed a really good one...Melanie's bread, Ieuan's two Roulades, Gill's Pavlova, Shirley's NZ Spaghetti Pizza, and Val's Golden Peanut and Rice Salad amongst the many dishes on offer.

Knitted Bible

This letter was received from winner of the children's Quiz "To all at Saint Johns Church Tenby, thank you for my prize from the Knitted bible competition. I was amazed when I got it. I bought the colliers I am righting with Now and phew authors from the giftcard. From Riley"

His parent added "We really enjoyed the knitted bible exhibition and came away with a real Buzz! We have taken many photos of it and are going to make a slide show

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presentation to show at Sunday School! So powerful to see. My personal favourite was the shepherd and sheep at the very end. The 100 sheep. To see all those sheep and the 1 shepherd really touched my heart. A great picture of what love and care God has for us! Amen x"

Another card was received also:-

Dear Mr Powell and all at St Johns,
On behalf of St George's United Reformed Church we would like to thank you for your kind donation of £250.

We also thank you for your letter which gave us a good insight into your wonderful occasion, and the out-reach of the knitted Bible. Many Blessings to all at St Johns.
Betty and Alan

Carol Singing

Ron Hurlow announces the dates for Carol Singing and asks everyone to put them in their diaries and come and enjoy the Christmas Fun.

4th December Belvedere at 2pm
7th " Park House at 1.45pm
Gumfreston at 2.45pm
12th " Pencoed at 2pm
East Park at 3.15pm

Eluned Brown (St Johns oldest member) contributed the following:-

Another Church Memory



A reference to the Greenhill Grammar School song in last month's Newsletter, reminded me of another personality. I'm referring to Rev. John Lloyd-Williams, who was minister

here for over thirty years, I can remember him, although I was only 8 years when he left Tenby in 1925.

He came from Carmarthenshire, and was Welsh speaking. He had two sons – Keyworth who was a Congregational Minister and Trevor who worked on The Times newspaper in London.

He married my parents, christened me, and buried my mother who died when I was only 4 months old.

He left here because he had something wrong with his throat, and members couldn't hear him. My Uncle, Mr William Parcell, made a temporary pulpit to bring him further forward and nearer the congregation. He later resigned and went to a little Welsh chapel in Pwllheli. He was only there a few years before he died. He was buried in Tenby Cemetery as was his wife, a few years later. This is the Greenhill Grammar School song which he wrote and Richard Williams composed the tune. I have always remembered it because I loved to sing it.

School Song.

I, O Cambria, the land of our birth and devotion
The home of the lyric and learning and song,
The mother of college, and school and Eisteddfod.
Our school by the silver sea
Our school by the silver sea
2, Our teachers we honour
Our tasks we accomplish
As comrades together our school we acclaim.
In games and in studies, we are shoulder to shoulder.
With right our incentive and truth as our aim.
Our school by the silver sea.
Our school by the silver sea.
3, Thy past we recall and we work for thy future.
For out of our genius grow leaders of state.
Our service we pledge for thy sure advantage.
Our zeal for thy future shall never abate.
Our school by the silver sea
Our school by the silver sea.

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Prayer

In the New Testament the word most commonly used for “prayer” was prosechein, a vow, a declaration, a promise of action, a directing of attention to a thing, a situation. It was a far different thing from the medieval-to-modern image of the helpless humble supplicant. Today the idea of joining with God, playing on his team – “How can I help you” is a practical, even shocking approach to prayer, but here is ancient underlying rationale.

Taken from an Aikido Exercise Book

The Church Mouse says

Sometimes you have to turn the page to realize there is more to your book of life than the page you are stuck on. Stop being afraid to move on.

Dates to remember for November

- 9th Churches together Quiz
- 11th Remembrance Service at 9.30am
- 21st Church meeting
- 28th Christmas Fair
- 30th Advent Songs of Praise

Dates for December

- 16th Nativity Service
- 24th Christingle Service at 4pm
- 25th Christmas Day Service at 10am.

December 8th Advance Notice

Come and sing Handel’s Messiah rehearse 2.30 to 5.30 and concert is at 7.30pm. All in St Johns Church. An optional practice on Thursday 6th for the chorus. Cost £5 to sing.

Update from the Elders

The following matters of concern were discussed by the Elders and the following action agreed. The high level west end of the church has suffered damage due to water ingress; some external re-pointing has been done. The view from an experienced conservation architect is that much more

needs to be done, possibly removing the current plaster layer. This has been contaminated over the years by use of the wrong paint of which there are many layers. The immediate future will see samples of plaster and pointing material taken for analysis prior to external work being done next summer. Thereafter in the winter of 2020 the external plaster work may be replaced. This will mean not using the church for a period, probably January to March. The audio amplification system in the church has caused concern over recent weeks. The lapel microphone was replaced, as advised by the equipment suppliers, with some improvement. There is still a need to improve sound levels and particularly the quality of the hearing aid loop system. It has been decided to call in specialists to examine the whole system and recommend what needs to be done. This will occur in the next couple of weeks. Action should then follow.

Finally we commend Jim and Mel Walker for the work they are doing with the Stay and play group, anyone is welcome to drop in on Friday morning, in term time, to see the action. Just hammer on the inside door which is kept locked while young children are in the building. Also don’t forget the Creative Arts Project which runs Tuesday to Thursday during half term week (see calendar at back) and please come to the short performance on Thursday 1st Oct in the afternoon at 2.30pm



Mel and Jim with Sharon on the piano.

Tony and Audrey Scullard have sent a letter to everybody. Please read it on the Hall noticeboard by the kitchen.