



## Editorial

The close off date for the October 2018 Newsletter is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please leave contributions in box at back of the church or (especially photos) to [shirleybdraper@gmail.com](mailto:shirleybdraper@gmail.com)

## Recipe of the Month: Bramble Jelly

2kg blackberries, 450ml water, juice of 2 large lemons, 450g sugar to every 600ml of blackberry juice (about 1.5 – 2 kg)

Put berries in pan with the water and lemon juice and simmer until tender. Pour into a muslin jelly bag and leave to drip overnight (Do not squeeze the bag for this will cloud the jelly).

Measure the juice, bring to the boil, and add 450g sugar for every 600ml of juice. Stir until sugar has dissolved, then boil rapidly about 10 minutes till setting point is reached. Test with a jam thermometer, 105oC/220oF or for jelling on a saucer.

Pour the jelly into sterilised dry jars and cover.

## Children's Corner

St Audrey's Day is October 17<sup>th</sup>. A fair was held in St Audrey's chapel in Ely to celebrate this day. It was usual for a cheap variety of bobbin lace to be sold. This was of such poor quality that any poor lace eventually became known as St Audrey's. This in time became shortened to "tawdry" and this is where the term which refers to anything that is cheap and nasty comes from!

## News of Members

Mrs Squirrel has been in hospital and is home again.

Ieuan has also been in hospital, came home, and then missed it so much, decided to spend some more time in A & E but is home and ok now.

Janice G.'s husband Vincent has been in Withybush Hospital suffering from a septic foot since 10<sup>th</sup> August. He should be discharged soon if all goes well. Janice would like to thank Rev Stella for driving her there when she had never been before,

and Anne M. for her invaluable help and comforting advice.

David, father of Rhys, Melissa and Megan was involved in a car accident and his arm was broken in 3 places. He is ok, but his car driven into by the other person wasn't!

Liz gave Megan the doll from the "name the doll" at the fair won by Mr Storey as they have no grandchildren in this country.

Anne Embrey came to a craft meeting just as Shirley was about to post her the August Newsletter, so Anne was able to take it back to Halesowen.

Sue B. 's husband's Mum died a week back.

## Knitted Bible Exhibition



On July 27<sup>th</sup> Pembrokeshire MP Simon Hart cut a crocheted ribbon to let everybody come in to see this wonderfully set up 34 exhibits of stories of the Old Testament and stories of the New Testament. As our Minister Rev. Stella Hayton said at the opening ceremony – "In the days before people could read, all the churches had paintings of the Bible stories of their walls. This is a modern version for people to learn about the Bible. St Johns is very lucky to have this Exhibition"

The knitted figures were made by a church in Hartlepool 10 years ago and have been circulating around UK Churches ever since.

## Craft Group

Although they like all the compliments coming their way, the Group do not take the praise for all the work and skill that went into the Exhibition by the Hartlepool UR Church



10 years ago. But we would like to add that St Johns (via Sue P.) replaced the paper star on the stable with a crochet one! They also have crocheted and knitted the yarn bombing on the fence and trees at the front of the church. A lot of time and work was spent also in making the crocheted or knitted book-marks given out free to visitors. Special thanks must go to Carol B-T for her hard work in obtaining the exhibition, and inspiring the Craft Group!

## Visitors to the Exhibition

Graham met a student at London Uni and her parents on holiday from Shanghai. They asked Graham if they could have a Bible, so he found one on the back bookshelf and presented it to them.

The number of visitors grew as the days went on, and the average number was about 100 a day. Word was passed around! It's the best advertising! One boy aged around 10 made a 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to bring his grandmother who had come to visit her family in Tenby.

The Children's Quiz was enjoyed, with many children counting the 99 sheep, or Noah's animals entering the Ark.

The Exhibition Visitor's book records folk from Germany, Holland, Canada, Ireland, Australia, Switzerland, Sierra Leone, New Zealand, Slovakia, Kenya, and Italy, plus many Pembrokeshire locals, including 2 ladies from the Church of Wales Church in Neyland whose group have knitted, 22 stories from the Bible and the backgrounds, and had them on display last Easter. Their group didn't know about this Exhibition till they saw photos in the local paper, and our church never heard about their display either. Phone numbers have been exchanged!!!! Approximately 2,000 people have come through the doors.

## The Church Mouse says:-

Life is like a piece of knitting. It is sometimes pulled too tight. The pattern doesn't work out.

The tension isn't right. But still, with skill and patience, by counting carefully, at last we are rewarded with a story grand to see.

## Anniversary Service Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August



Rev Simon Walkling, URC Moderator for the whole of Wales, who lives in Pontypridd, took the service which was followed by Communion and then most of the congregation stayed for the Faith Lunch in the Hall, helping themselves to meat, pies and salads and then desserts from the plentiful buffet. There were visitors from all the local churches plus our usual holiday maker visitors.

During the service the Bible was read by Liz, Sue and Anne M. Simon commented that 150 years ago on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1868 the Church was opened and used for the first time to seat 700 people. He added that the spire was added from 1906 to 1908 - yes, to reach to heaven, but also for ventilation purposes for the new gas lighting and heating!

## Induction Service for Rev.Stella Hayton

This takes place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 2.30pm. More in next month's Newsletter..... Stella and John's phone no. is 01834 845398.

## Church Fete 8<sup>th</sup> August

With rain first thing in the morning, (and umbrellas being held over the Welsh Cakes cooking!) all the stalls were put inside the Hall. Many people came for the coffee morning, a lot more to see the Knitted Exhibition, and followed the signs into the



Hall. The smell of Welsh Cakes brings people to the front door to buy, and the makers tell them about all the happenings in the Church behind them. Also the Tenby Arts Society had their annual local artists exhibition on the walls of the hall, and this attracted people to come and look. St Johns was a very busy Church.

The Fete raised over £600, and everybody who helped is thanked.



## **Dog's Bedtime Prayer**

Now I lay me down to sleep, the Kingsize bed is soft and deep,

I sleep right in the centre groove so my human beings can hardly move.

I've trapped their legs. They're tucked in tight, and here is where I'll pass the night.

No one disturbs me or dares intrude till morning comes and "I want food".

I sneak up slowly to begin, and nibble on my human's chin.

For mornings here, it's time to play and I always get what I want.

So thank you Lord, for giving me the human person that I see,

The one who hugs and holds me tight and shares their bed with me at night. AMEN

## **A Church memory.**

Eluned Brown tells us a bit of church history which she learnt from her Mum.

Before WW1 a Scottish couple, Mr and Mrs Albert Peerless, came to Tenby and opened a Temperance Hotel in the High St. overlooking the North Beach and Harbour, and called it the

Peerless Hotel. They had no children, but they brought with them Mrs Peerless' 3 nieces, to work with them. May Grant was the Chef. Kate Grant was the housekeeper, and Lizzie Grant did the books.

One day, some young men from Llanelli, who were jobless because the tin mines had closed, came singing around the streets to earn some money. Mr & Mrs Peerless put them up for a few nights. They sang to them and their guests in the evenings. Mr & Mrs Peerless took a fancy to one of them – Richard Williams. They "adopted" him sent him to learn the piano, (and he got his LRAM) and away to have his voice trained. He should have stayed away, but came back to live with Mr & Mrs Peerless who were members of our church.

Richard started playing the organ at services and had weekly Choir practice after the evening service. Some members from the 3 other chapels used to join us. I recall 1 lady from the Presbyterian saying to him "sorry I'm late, but better late than never". Richard replied "Yes but better never late!" He would conduct singing festivals, and I have seen our church so full, gallery & all, and forms would be brought in from the School Hall to the aisles. I got my love of singing from Richard Williams (he was inspirational!). I have seen him sweating after conducting a singing festival. Anyone can stand in the front and wave their arms, but he would inspire you to sing. Sometimes he would go to South Wales and conduct Cymanfa Ganu for about 1000 people in Welsh of course. He used to produce theatrical events in the De Valence before WW1, and he was conducting singing festivals in our church the last year before he died at 81 on Dec.29<sup>th</sup> 1954. He was buried next to his benefactors, Mr & Mrs Peerless, by the church in Tenby Cemetery. Mrs Peerless used to call him her "son".

I joined our choir at 16 years old, and I have many happy memories of Richard Williams and am very proud to have known him and sung under him. We have a church hymn called "Tenby", written by a former minister Rev. Lloyd-Williams, and Richard composed the tune. Also the same pair wrote a song for Tenby Greenhill Grammar School which we used to sing at our school eisteddfod on 1<sup>st</sup> March.