

St Johns Church Newsletter



August 2018

Margaret Daniels

On Thursday 19th Margaret died. Her funeral will be on Friday 3rd August with the family at the Crematorium, and at St Johns at 3pm, with tea in the hall afterwards. Our sympathy is extended to Sue and Ian Bonser, and Daniel and Rachel, and to all the other members of the Daniel family. They are in our prayers.

A Busy Time Ahead by Graham Powell.

Hi Folks, it is going to be an interesting few weeks as we approach the actual date of the 150th Anniversary. We are going to welcome our new minister, Reverend Stella Hayton, and her husband John into our midst. We wish them well as they settle into their new home and adjust to changes that moving to Wales and Pembrokeshire will bring. While Stella's formal induction as minister of the Pastorate will not be until 1st September; she has said that she will assume duties from about the last week in July. This allows a couple of weeks for them to settle into their new home in the manse.

It is expected that one of her first duties will be to welcome our Member of Parliament, Mr Simon Hart, when he comes to open the Knitted Bible exhibition on Friday 27th July.

We plan to have a coffee morning on this day and invite all members to join us for this event. This exhibition will be open daily, except Sundays, until 22nd August. We will need all members to assist in greeting the public who come to see the exhibition while ensuring safety of the displays. When duty rota is available please enter your name for as many times as you are able.

On Sunday 5th August we hold our Anniversary Service which will be conducted by the Moderator, Revd. Simon Walkling. All the Pastorate churches have been invited and we hope this will be a celebration of the life of the churches and looking forward to the future under new "management". The service

will be followed by a Faith Lunch to which all are invited.

The week thereafter has some further activities planned. On Tuesday 7th there is a concert given by the West Wales Show Choir. On Wednesday 8th it is our annual Summer fair, if the weather allows, we will have stalls at the front of the church which we hope will attract passers-by.

It is the Elders hope and wish that we unite to make all these events the most successful ever.



Editorial

The close off date for the September 2018 Newsletter is Friday 17th August. Please leave contributions in box at back of the church, or (especially photos) to shirleybdraper@gmail.com

Immigrants

A Guardian Newspaper quote by an Italian who arrived in USA back in the 1960's:
It wasn't easy to be an Italian Immigrant in those days, the same as it is hard to migrate today. So remember, whether a person is white or black, we are all equal, all afraid, and all trying to survive.

Don't wash your hair in the shower.

I use shampoo in the shower. When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed very clearly on the shampoo label is the warning "FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME".



No wonder I have been gaining weight! Well, I got rid of that shampoo and I'm going to start showering with dish washing liquid instead. Its label reads "DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE". Problem solved!!!!

Scottish Islands

Angela found out that Shirley had visited her home town of Dunoon, on the Holy Loch when on the cruise. Angela lived in one of the houses along the shore and her family had a shop in the town, which her son still runs. Shirley said Dunoon is a lovely town, and she had a coffee in a corner of a bookstore. The Pier is a very old wooden one. The Marina on the beautiful Holy Loch where the tender boat came to had a huge craft shop where a lot of Angela's friends work. If only we'd talked a bit more beforehand!



Getting older

When I was young my slippers were red,
I could kick my heels right over my head.
When I was older my slippers were blue,
But I still could dance the whole night through.
Now I am old my slippers are black,
I walk to the shop and puff my way back.

Recipe of the month

For Dips, and children's titbits.

Cut slices of beetroot, carrot and sweet potato very thinly, brush oil under and over them, and place on a tray and bake 25 minutes in the oven. Much nicer than shop brought ones!

The Church Mouse says:

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

Children's Corner

This is an old Scottish saying taken from one of the books written by the niece of Robert L. Stevenson, Dorothy E. Stevenson. Shirley's Swiss Grandmother was her French Governess about 1908 before immigrating to New Zealand.

It's no' what ye ha'e, it's what ye dae wi' what ye ha'e that matters.

Introducing Barney

Stella and John Hayton have settled in, and their cat Barney is making himself at home too. They came to the church service on Sunday 15th July but have been on "holiday" settling into Pembrokeshire before actually taking on the "job". Stella is preaching in St Johns on Sunday 29th July.

News of Members

Mrs Mary Squirrel is now at home with carers coming in and is hoping for a cataract operation sometime in August.

Lara has graduated from Oxford University, and her capping ceremony will be in September.

Rachel has graduated from Bath Spa University, and her capping ceremony took place last Wednesday 18th July. The news of her Grandmother's death was received the next morning.

We give our congratulations to both these girls.



Templeton URC.

Templeton is having its 200th Anniversary service on Sunday 29th July at 6pm, which will be taken by Rev. Martin Spain. They would welcome anybody who would like to come.

Craft Group

The members have been "yarn bombing" for the front of the church for the Knitted Bible Exhibition. One week, we had a German couple trying to come in the glass front door, so we invited them around via the back door and gave them a tour of the church. They were very interested in our church.

Knitted Bible Exhibition

This will be in the church from July 27th until August 21st. It has no fewer than 34 exhibits, and is a must for everyone to come, bringing all their family and friends, to see. Children will be delighted with it.

The Long Course

This weekend affects St Johns when out of town folk who come in cars i.e. those unable to walk to church, cannot attend because of the closed roads on Sunday. We have to thank Rev Adrian Davies for being an in-town minister able to take our service. Our hall is also used by the Runners who leave their belongings in safety there.

Think of a computer!

My brain is like an Internet Browser:
17 tabs are open, 9 of them are not responding. Thousands of pop-ups, and where is that **annoying music coming from?**

Simple Sayings

Faith isn't a feeling. It's a choice to trust God even when the road ahead seems uncertain.

A useless life is an early death. *Goethe*

Be kind to people who aren't. They're the ones who need it most.

The phrase "do not be afraid" is written in the Bible 365 times. That is a daily reminder from God to live every day being fearless.

We don't change our lives to BE saved, but because we ARE.

Three Rules of Life

- 1) If you do not GO after what you want you'll never have it.
- 2) If you do not ASK, the answer will always be NO.
- 3) If you do not step FORWARD, you will ALWAYS be in the same place.

Precilia Chumulu Ngodin

On Sunday 22nd July we welcomed back Precilia and her family. In 2003 Precilia came from Cameroon to work at Park House Care Home and came with her friend to St Johns services. It was great that her visit coincided with coffee in the Hall after the service, and we were all able to meet Michael, and their children, Becky (who is a nurse), Elenor, and Lloyd. Precilia left Tenby to work in Hereford and her family joined her there. They now all live in Ledbury.

