

St Johns Church Newsletter



December 2018

Editorial

The January 2019 Newsletter close off date will be Friday 14th December as the Newsletter will have to be printed prior to the Christmas celebrations.

Shirley apologies that in Eluned's story last month a line was missed out of the School Song. It is the fourth line before the Chorus and reads "Proudly we hale thee, to thee we belong."

Cultural Art Holiday Workshop



At half term for Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 31st and Thursday 1st, Mel and Jim Walker organised a Workshop on these three days with the help of our Mollie Neate, and Hannah Lowe and Peter Kingdom, Drama teachers at Ysgol Harry Tudor and founders of the Inspired Theatre Company of Pembroke. They were assisted by student Tisha Edgar. With their help approximately 20 children, the youngest being 6 and the oldest 13, organised a 14 minute drama about the local pirate Black Barti which they performed at 2.30pm on the church stage on the Thursday for parents and friends. They made or found all the props, sorted out songs and it was just a marvellous performance. The children have asked to do it again -maybe Easter holidays?

News of Members

Janice G's husband Vincent is home from Hospital.

Recipe of the month

An old-fashioned Christmas Tree

Coat twigs and branches with egg white (don't use PVA glue, this is nasty stuff – all you need is a sticky surface for your sparkle to stick to and then dry). Sprinkle the branches with copious amounts of Epsom salts for a beautiful frosted effect. After Christmas you can reuse them in the garden; lay them criss-cross fashion over your newly planted seeds in your veggie patch – they will help keep off the birds and the Epsom salts acts as a fertilizer and helps your seeds to germinate – Magic, eh?

Christmas Tree Festival

This starts on Thursday 12th December, with arranging them starting on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th. Please see Ann Maggs about your tree, and tell everyone to come and have a look at the Festival. The Church will be open till Xmas Day (except Sunday afternoons). Stewards needed!

Carol singing

Don't forget to give your name to Ron Hurlow, and he will arrange transport for you to join in. You just have to have a voice, but not necessarily of choir standard.

WW One

Shirley's mother's cousin was born on the last day of the War and was christened Armistice, a name she evidently hated, changing it to Marie as soon as she was able to. We only found out when she died in 2000.

Spiritual Vitamins *from Suzanne Tolley*

Feel Defeated? Take Vitamin A Always (God) caused us to triumph through Christ. Corinthians 1:14

Feel Discouraged? Take Vitamin B Blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly places in Christ. Ephesians 1:3



Feel Troubled? Take Vitamin C Casting all your cares upon Him for He careth for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Feel Downcast? Take Vitamin D Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Psalms 37:4

Feel Anxious? Take Vitamin E: Everything by prayer....let your requests be made known unto God. Philippians 4:6

Remembering Failures? Take Vitamin F Forgetting those things which are behind. Philippians 3:13

Have the Blues? Take Vitamin G Giving thanks for all things unto God. Ephesians 5:20

Faith Wavering? Take Vitamin H Hold fast your confessions of faith without wavering, for He who has promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

More Alphabet Vitamins next month!

Colours of the Rainbow

Stella quoted "Richard of York Gave Battle in Vain" at one of the Craft Group sessions. We would like you to find a Christmas Tree at the Festival where you can quote this!

Australian Visitor

Ann Magg's Australian niece is now Assistant Manager of Cancer Research Shop in Tenby, and is also looking for gardening work....so if you would like to get your garden tidied ring Bindi at Ann's.

The Church Mouse says:

Appreciate your community by shopping locally for Christmas; and be a good neighbour - what about a drop-in invite to even one of them for a glass of wine just before Christmas, or to come in for a Christmas morning coffee.

Children's Corner

It will be full moon on 22nd December and the winter moon will be at its highest, whitest, and brightest for this month!

The Chan family joined in the Holiday Workshop. This is Riley coming up the aisle at the end of the production.



The Christingle Service

This is on 24th December at 4pm and the church is always full. Come early and enjoy the Christmas Trees.

Fried Eggs

Karen was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband Peter. Suddenly he burst into the kitchen. "Be careful," he said, "Karen, be careful. Put in some more butter. You're cooking too many at once. Too Many! Turn the eggs! Turn the eggs now! We need more butter. Oh my gosh, where are we going to get more butter? They're going to stick! Careful, woman, careful! I said be careful. You never listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn the eggs again! Hurry up! Are you kidding? You are really crazy. Have you lost your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Where is the salt? Use the salt. Use the salt! The salt." Karen unbelievably stared at her husband "What is wrong with you. You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?" Peter calmly replied "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving the car."

Facebook for the senior generation –

For those of my generation who do not and cannot comprehend why Facebook exists: I

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am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later, and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook.

I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist

Sent in by Ron Hurlow.

Rev. H Ellis Rogers BA



Following Rev. John Lloyd-Williams as minister at St Johns, was Rev Ellis Rogers. He came to us from a small Welsh chapel in Merthyr-Capel Soar. He was a

dedicated minister and was here from 1927 to 1946, nearly 20 years. He buried my grandparents, married my husband and I, christened three of my children, and brought me into membership.

He was married, but had no children. His mother, a dear old lady, lived with him and his wife. Mrs Rogers Junior was a gentle lady, who supported her husband in everything.

They lived in our Manse, a lovely house next to our church, and we should never have sold it!! Although Rev Rogers was a sincere and

quiet man, he was very much loved here in the chapel and popular in Tenby. He used to adjudicate the written work every year in the Greenhill Grammar School Eisteddfod on March 1st. He retired after his mother died in 1964, and went to live in Ty Draw Road, Cardiff, opposite Roath Park.

Written by Eluned Brown.

Laughing

There's nothing better than laughing with someone and you both keep adding things that make it funnier, and you can barely breathe!

Seven Prayers for December

1. May your health improve
2. May your friends be blessed
3. May your family be loved
4. May your pains be less
5. May your worries disappear
6. May you be blessed
7. May everyone have a blessed Christmas.

Church Dates to remember

Don't forget the Christmas Fete is on Wednesday 28th November.

Friday 30th November is the All Churches Advent Songs of Praise at 7pm at St Johns.

Thursday 6th December the Cymrodorion Carol Service is at 2.30pm at St Johns.....and at 6pm Carew Methodist Church is holding the Network Carol Service.

On 8th December at 7.30pm at St Johns there is a come and sing the *Messiah* event.

Friday 14th December is St Johns Christmas Afternoon Tea at 3pm. Book and pay £5.

Have a Blessed Christmas!