

St Johns Church Newsletter

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Pause for thought... The U in Jesus

Before U were thought of or time had begun
God even stuck U in the name of His Son.
And each time U pray, you'll see it's true
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.
You're a pretty big part of his wonderful name,
For U, he was born; that's why he came.
And his great love for U is the reason he died.
It even takes U to spell crucified.
Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand,
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?
The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
And this word resurrection is spelled with a U.
When JesUs left earth at his upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing he just had to mention.
"Now go into the world and tell them it's true
That the love I have shown is not just for U".
So many people are spelt with a U.
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?
It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know, but it all starts with U.

From Mrs Melony Albitt.

The Church Mouse says

Just when I know the answer nobody asks the question.

A Moralistic Tale

A snake entered a Carpentry Shop. As it crawled to the corner, it went through a saw and hurt itself a little bit. At that time, he turned and bit the saw, and, in biting the saw, he hurt himself badly in the mouth. Then, not understanding what was happening to him, he decided to roll around the saw as if wanting to suffocate it, with his whole body and shaking with all his strength. It was so unfortunate, the snake ended up being killed by the saw. Sometimes we react in anger, thinking about hurting those who hurt us, but we are hurting ourselves. In life, sometimes it is better to ignore situations, people, and offences because the consequences can be irreversible and catastrophic.

Editorial

Friday 18th October is the cut off for the November Newsletter. Any articles are appreciated by the Editor! Articles and photos to Shirleybdraper@gmail.com

Children's corner

St Johns will be having a **Harvest Service** on 6th October followed by a **lunch**. Please bring Harvest contributions to the Service itself. Did you know that Oats are annual plants which grow, flower and seed before dying in the autumn? The porridge oats we eat today were first found in Western Europe as wild oats as a weed growing with barley. The usefulness of these cereals for both human and animal foodstuffs means that they now grow all around the

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world. Porridge is easy to cook, and has an advantage over bread in that you don't need an oven to cook it. You could cook them in a pot on the edge of a fire!

Recipe of the month: Toothpaste Blitz two tablespoons of bicarbonate of soda with four tablespoons of coconut oil and store in a glass and aluminium screw top jar. Toothpaste tubes are very unrecyclable!

Bronwen Hurlow



Sympathy and love was expressed to Ron and daughter Kathryn and family on the sudden passing of Bronwen

Hurlow.

Bronwen Hurlow's service of remembrance was held in St Johns on 16th September at 2pm after the service at Parc Gwyn Crematorium in Narberth. The church, balcony and Crematorium were full for the service, and the Quaynotes Choir sang beautifully "Hallelujah" and "You raise me up".

News of Members

Ron Hurlow came home from hospital on Tuesday 17th September. Margaret Walker has been in to hospital and home again.



For Adults

The adult version of "hands, shoulders, knees and toes" is "Wallet, glasses, keys, and phone." *Silver surfers*

Many are....

Many are the light beams from the one light. Our one light is Jesus. Many are the light beams from the one light; we are one in Jesus.

Many are the branches of the one tree. Our one tree is Jesus. Many are the branches of the one tree; we are one in Christ.

Many are the gifts given, love is all one. Love's the gift of Jesus. Many are the gifts given, love is all one; we are one in Christ.

Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one; servant spirit of Jesus. Many ways to serve God, the Spirit is one; we are one in Christ.

Many are the members, the body is one; members all of Jesus. Many are the members, the body is one; we are one in Christ.

Words: Anders Frostenson, tr. David Lewis

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From Stella Hayton

What is failure?

It is great to fail. Failure breeds success. Every time you fail, you are getting better, so never give up, but keep on failing. Keep on pushing yourself and growing.

Mother's poem

Cleanin' and dustin' can wait for tomorrow
Babies grow up, I've learned to my sorrow
So quiet down cobwebs; dust go to sleep
I'm rockin' my baby, cause babies don't keep!

Right Wright

A student called 'Wright', so they say
Wrote 'right' in a wrong kind of way
His teacher, inflamed, then loudly exclaimed
"Right Wright, write 'right' right, right away!"

Visitors

On Sunday 15th Stella, John, Sue B. and Shirley took the 2 ladies from Clitheroe to the No.25 café for a coffee and scone after the 11am service. It was interesting for them and our members to find out more details about each other. They had arrived in Tenby for the first time ever, on the eve of the Ironman and hadn't known it was on. Welsh Cakes were not something they had heard of, so they decided to come and buy some on Wednesday!

A Garden Mystery

A garden is a mystery
It makes me question 'why'?
The plants I nurture with such care

Just shrivel up and die?
While seeds that I don't know about
All vigorously thrive
And grow like fabled beanstalks
From cracks within my drive!

A Smile Line

The mother of three notoriously unruly teenagers was asked whether or not she'd have children if she had to do over again "Yes" she replied, "But not the same ones"

It takes a Lifetime

It takes a lifetime to learn how to live
How to share and how to give
How to face tragedy that comes your way
How to find courage to face each new day
How to smile when our heart is sore
How to go on when you can take no more
How to laugh when you want to cry
How to be brave when you say goodbye
How to still love when your loss is so great
How to forgive when your urge is to hate
How to be sure that God is really there
How to find Him, seek Him in prayer.

Know your way

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of a local superstore. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down the street and at the end turn to your right!"

The man thanked the boy kindly and said "I'm the new minister in town. I'd like you to come to my church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle "Aww, come on....You don't even know the way to the Post Office!"

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Smiles

Stella used the poem about "Smiles" from last month's Newsletter to describe Bron Hurlow on Sunday 1st September.

Pet service

St Teilo's Catholic Church in Tenby is holding a Blessing of Pets and Animals Service on Sunday 6th October at 3pm. Everybody is welcome to come with a pet or just to watch.

Portmeirion

Shirley went on a coach trip recently to Portmeirion, and guess who else was on the coach?



CHURCH CLEAN UP

It has been decided by the Elders that there needs to be a general tidy up of the church as it is evident that some areas are becoming nothing more than a store. To this end we advise members that a working party is being formed that will sort all equipment and transfer unwanted items to the local tip for recycling or disposal. Any member who has an item they wish to keep must remove it by 30th November or, with agreement of the

disposal team, mark it with a label that identifies the reason for retention.

Church Activities

The Holy Habits Bible Study Group will meet on 3rd and 31st October. Contact Graham for where - new people always welcome.

Saturday 5th October

A Bible Study Day at Carew - ask Stella, Ann or Carol for details

Request for Newsletter Items

Shirley is sure that lots of other things have happened in our church life, or community, but unfortunately nobody has given me items about them. I hope you enjoy the bits and pieces I have gathered to fill this newsletter up and I look forward to having some more St Johns news, photos or other items to put in next month.