

St Johns Church Newsletter

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News of Members

Graham Powell turned 80 on Friday 3rd August, but on the Sunday before after church we had a pyramid of cup cakes with an 80 candle on top and sang him Happy Birthday.



Hannah, a member of the Craft group, had a party the following Monday, for her 33rd birthday.

Mike Rossiter is home and will soon be up and "running" again.

Ron Hurlow is home but awaiting results.

Janice's husband **Victor** is home, and under the care of the wonderful district nurses.

Eluned Brown had a lovely photo in the Tenby Observer saying she is the oldest resident in Tenby, and she was nursing her newest great granddaughter.

Margaret Walker may have to have a pacemaker.

Margaret Day wishes to be remembered to everyone. She has trouble with her Arthritis but is still doing ok.

Editorial

The cut off date for the October Newsletter is Friday 20th September. Any news, photos, and stories to

Shirleybdraper@gmail.com please, or in the box at the back of the church.

Recipe of the month

Egg and Bacon Breakfast Burgers (for 4)

Mashed Cooked Potatoes, 2 hard boiled eggs, 4 rashers of fried and chopped bacon, a little butter, beaten egg (use a little in the mixture and keep the rest), salt and pepper and Worcester sauce to taste. Mix all together, shape into burgers, dip in the leftover beaten egg, and roll in crushed corn flakes. Lightly fry on both sides. It can be prepared the day before to be fried at breakfast time.

Greenhill Avenue Centre

By the 19th October, a survey has to be returned about the future of the Avenue Centre and the elderly day centre based at the Cottage Hospital. I am sure that some of you would like to express your opinion please pick up a copy and the explanation leaflet asap from the library to fill in. There is still the possibility that Pembrokeshire CC will close the centre down.

Children's Corner

Do you know that every "c" in Pacific Ocean is pronounced differently?
Do you know that it takes 42 muscles to frown and only 28 to smile?

Craft Club

Shirley's daughter Anne's mum-in-"partnership", Jean Millns comes to the craft club on the yearly holiday she has with her son Russ, and this

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year she brought a huge number of knitted dolls all in different characters -enough to make a special table stall at the Church Fete! Included too, were dolls for whom Jean had knitted clothes.



Melony Ablitt on Sunday 11th August included the following poem in her sermon.

Drinking from My Saucer

I've never made a fortune, and it's probably too late now.
But I don't worry about that much,
I'm happy anyhow
And as I go along life's way
I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause
my cup has overflowed.

Haven't got a lot of riches,
And sometimes the going's tough
But I've got loving ones all around
me, and that makes me rich enough.
I thank GOD for his blessings, and
the mercies He's bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause
my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went
wrong,
My faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke,
and the sun peeped through again.

So LORD, help me not to gripe, about
the tough rows I have hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause
my cup has overflowed.

If GOD gives me strength and
courage, when the way grows steep
and rough.
I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm
already Blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy, to help
others bear their loads...
Then I'll keep drinking from my
saucer, 'cause my cup has
overflowed

A Smile

A smile costs nothing but gives
much. It enriches those who receive
it without making poorer those who
give it. It takes but a moment, but
the memory of it sometimes lasts for
ever. None is so rich or mighty that
he can get along without it, and none
is so poor that he cannot be made
rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the
home, fosters goodwill in business
and is the countersign of friendship.

The Church Mouse says

To err is human, but to really foul
things up requires a computer.

Jigsaw Festival

Sue and Graham visited St Issells
Church Floral display, to be told they
should also go and visit St Johns
Jigsaw Festival. Isn't it great to have
inter-church recommendations.....We
must remember to do this too for
other church's activities.

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The Festival had a great number of visitors with more coming as word spread. It is amazing how many people are jigsaw puzzlers! Most



people didn't believe the apple or the round world maps were made of jigsaws, but everybody appreciated the amount of work that went into finishing all the puzzles on display, plus the bible quotations and how appropriate they were to the puzzle pictures. Anne Maggs is to be congratulated on the display, and all her helpers. Also, thanks must be given to those who were able to do the stewarding each day

Reached the Wonder years yet?

Wonder where my glasses are?
Wonder where I parked my car?
Wonder where I left my phone?
Wonder what day it is?

Positive Thinking For those awaiting exam results:

If you fail, never give up because F.A.I.L means "First attempt in Learning"
End is not the end. In fact, E.N.D means "Effort never dies".
If you get No as an answer, remember N.O. means "Next opportunity".

Welsh Cakes

The Welsh Cake ladies on Wednesday 7th August, the Fire Fighter's Carnival Day, donated their takings of £160 to the Fire Fighters Charity.

Friends

Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made,
And the things which in common we share;
We want to live on, not because of ourselves
But because of the people who care;
It's giving and doing for somebody else,
On that all Life's splendour depends,
And the joys of the world, when you've summed it all up,
Are found in the keeping of Friends.

Sankey Evening

Tabernacle United Reformed Church, Pembroke are holding a Sankey Evening with musical items on Sunday 6th October at 7.30pm. The conductor will be Mrs Christine Lloyd. They ask St Johns to come and join them. Anyone wishing to go to this who would like a lift please see Stella.

Kindness

Is loaning someone your strength instead of reminding them of their weakness.

The Story of Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody.

When there was an Important Job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did

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it. When Nobody did it Everybody got angry, because it was Somebody's job. Everybody thought Somebody would do it, but Nobody realised that Nobody would do it. So it ended up with Everybody blaming Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place.

He remembered fondly Nell Craig and her son John and wife Ellie and especially their daughter Justine. He wished to be remembered to them all. He also asked after Rev Martin Spain and Rev Chris Gilham, both Congregational Ministers connected with Pembrokeshire. It's always fascinating to chat with visitors we get here at St Johns.

The Summer Fete on 14th August

This had lots and lots of visitors and locals coming as it was a showery day. All the stalls did very well. The Welsh Cake ladies in the front of the Church kept sending people through



the church to look at the jigsaws and then on into the hall for a cuppa, and a look around the stalls. The Cake Stall sold out. The Tombola Stall did very well. All the Raffle prizes and Guess the twin Doll's names were well received. Sue Bonser was pleased to win Jenny's son's donated raffle picture.

Old Friends visiting Tenby

The Rev. Mark Evans who is a Congregational Minister in the Isle of White, was in St Johns recently looking at the jigsaws with his young family and bringing greetings and happy memories of the Craig family.