# St Johns Church Newsletter January 2020



### News

Members please note that from Sunday January 5th services will be held in the large hall and not the church. There are two reasons for this. The organ requires a strip down for cleaning, repairs and treatment of woodworm infestation. Secondly it will allow us to minimise our heating bills during the peak season of use. The Elders trust everyone will cooperate with these arrangements which will continue until the end of March.

The Christmas Fair raised £440. The Quilt raised £78 for Kidney Research and was won by a gentleman at Paxton Court.

Shirley thanks everybody for their get well wishes. She had a small heat attack in the church on Monday at the start of putting up the Christmas trees for the festival. Ieuan took her to the cottage hospital, who called an ambulance. Carol followed the ambulance over to Withybush and stayed till Shirley's daughter arrived. After several hours and 3 moves, Shirley ended up in ward 8 by 1am in the morning. She is now fine and waiting to go to Morriston for a cardiogram and possible treatment, but it may be a long wait!



Hefina has our sympathy and prayers with the loss of her husband, Morgan

# **A Memory Verse**

Those we love don't go away They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, So loved, so missed, so very dear...

### **Christmas Tree Festival**

The Friendship Club was pleased to receive a letter thanking them for their tree.

Christmas Afternoon Tea.

**Nativity Sunday** 

**Recipe of the Month** 

Children's Corner

### The Church Mouse says

The craft club members decorated their church mouse Christmas tree beautifully. Please go and visit the festival if you haven't already.

# **Tree Lessons from a Christmas**

- \*Twinkle
- \*Share your gifts
- \*Bring joy to others
- \*Be a light in the darkness
- \*We all fall over sometimes
- \*You were born to sparkle...even if your garlands are a little droopy
- \*It's okay to be a little tilted.

By Jane Lee Logan

### A notice on a Church door

Spotted by Caroline Chaitres, wife of the former Bishop of London.

"It is possible that on entering this church, you will hear the call of God. It is, however,

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unlikely that he will contact you by telephone. Please turn off your mobile."

Contributed by a lady from the Welsh Cake Makers.

### An Excuse

Every time I try to eat healthily, along comes Winter, Christmas, Easter, Summer, Friday or Saturday and it ruins it for me.

### **Eleventh Floor**

I got a lift to the eleventh floor and as I got out the operator said "Have a good day, son" "Don't call me son" I said "You're not my Dad" He scratched his head "No, but I brought you up, didn't I"

## What's on in January.

Jan 8th Elders meeting 12.30pm Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Service at St Teilos – Prayers for World Unity. 2pm.

## **Benefits of a Good Vocabulary**

I recently called on an old Engineering buddy and asked what he was working on these days. He replied he was working on "Aquathermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium, and steel under a constrained environment!" I was impressed until on further enquiry, I learned he was washing dishes under his wife's supervision.

# Begin with a Yes

You cannot get thru a single day with out having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make. By Jane Goodall

# **Editorial**

The close off date for February Newsletter is 11<sup>th</sup> January. Please send contributions to Carol B-T or Graham or leave in the box at the back of the Church.

# Walking the Earth

We have flown the air like birds and swum the sea like fishes, but have yet to learn the simple act of walking the earth like brothers. Martin Luther King Jr.

# If you

If you wear a hijab, I'll sit with you on the train If you're trans, I'll go to the bathroom with

If you're a person of colour, I'll stand with you if the cops stop us.

If you're a person with disabilities, I'll hand you my megaphone

If you're an immigrant, I'll help find you resources

If you're a survivor, I'll believe you If you are a refugee, I'll make sure you are welcome

If you are a veteran, I'll take up your fight If you're LGBTQ I won't let anybody tell you you're broken

If you are a woman, I'll make sure you get home ok.

If you are tired, me too

If you need a hug, I've got an infinite supply If you need me, I'll be with you.

Tea became popular in the UK because the water was boiled so it made it safer to drink than cold water and a good alternative to beer.

Monty Don.