



Editorial

Could I please have contributions for October Newsletter by 17th September. Either give them to me in church, ring me on 844002 or email to Shirleybdraper@gmail.com. Any news of members is appreciated, a story about your holiday, a recipe that is a favourite. All are welcome!

News of Members



Photo of Shirley's family, four generations. Who remembers Zoe (mother of Connie, 1 year old in September) at

Sunday School?

Sue and Graham had 2 nights in a shepherd's hut in Mold, and Mollie and Peter have been on a cruise.

Jenny Deverson and Graham Powell both had a birthday on 2nd August!

Ieuan and Laura celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary on 9th August.

Margaret Phillips has had her 85th birthday.

Vincent, Carol B-T 's grandson, has obtained his degree in Zoology.

Ellie Craig's husband John passed away.

Judy Brew's husband Mike has been in Withybush Hospital, but is home again.

Audrey Scullard and family are having a Thanksgiving service for Tony at 2pm on 18th September at Hainham Free Church near Combe Road, Salisbury. This is Audrey's Church and she would welcome anybody from St Johns.

Some members including Rhys, Jessica and Megan, before Elaine shut down, used to have a Sunday coffee at the Bali Hai on Frog Street. The premises has now opened again – but not for coffee or ice creams – It is now a board and water sports equipment shop! It looks so different.

Laura, Ann M, and John Hayton enjoy swimming early mornings at North Beach, and a while ago were accompanied by a baby dolphin! In the past they have seen a basking shark too.

Funeral of Derek Griffiths

Derek and Marion were members of St Johns but moved away. His daughter Julie has asked for St Johns members to know that there is a link:-

<https://funeralvideo.co.uk/RonaldGriffiths>

The password is GR2021

If anyone wants to contact Julie by email ask Ann Maggs for the address.

The Computer Swallowed Grandma.

The computer swallowed Grandma,

Yes, honestly it's true!

She pressed "control" and "enter"

And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely

That thought just makes me squirm

She must have caught a virus

Or been eaten by a worm

I've even used the Internet

But nothing did I find

In desperation, I asked Jeeves

My searches to refine

The reply from him was negative

Not a thing was found "online".

So, if inside your "In box",

My Grandma you should see

Please "copy", "scan" and "paste" her

In an email back to me. *Silversurfers.*

The Church Mouse says

I want to tell you about a girl who only eats plants

You've probably never heard of herbivore.

Recipe of the Month

As Mollie and Peter are in Australia and New Zealand on their continued voyage, here is the recipe for Lammingtons.



For Chocolate Lammingtons: Make or buy a Madeira Cake and cut into squares. Dip each square gently into runny chocolate icing, and then into coconut and leave to dry. Melt a knob of butter with a tiny bit of very hot water and mix into icing sugar with as much cocoa as to the darkness you want, add more hot water until you have a runny consistency.

For Raspberry, Strawberry, Orange coloured Lammingtons: Melt a jelly of the appropriate colour as per recipe on the packet. Dip the cake squares into this and then into coconut. Leave to dry. A Lammington can be slightly split and whipped fresh cream inserted.

Children's Corner

Every child should look in the mirror every day and say this poem:

Mirror, mirror on the wall,
It does not matter if I'm short or tall,
If I have skinny legs or my hips are wide,
It only matters who I am inside.
Blue eyes, brown eyes, black or green,
What makes me most beautiful cannot be seen,
When you look at me,
don't judge me by my parts,
The most beautiful thing about me is my heart.

Flash to bang

We have had a bit of thunder and lightening lately. Do you know the Flash to Bang method? If you start counting when you see the flash, and stop when you hear the bang, for every 5 seconds counted, the storm is a mile away from you.

Have you reached the Wonder years?

Wonder where your glasses are?
Wonder what day it is?

A Wedding in St Johns

The first wedding since lockdown in St Johns was on Saturday 24th July 2021 between Gemma Richards and Leighton Thomas. The Bridal couple had to do a lot of organising with who could come and where they could seat



them. The certificate had to be signed in the Church itself as the Vestry was not allowed

to be used! The Flowers were lovely and arranged by Ann Maggs and Laura Davies.

Monday Craft Group

One week Shirley showed the group how to upcycle t-shirts. Several ladies made shopping bags, by cutting the sleeves out and widening the neck. Then around the bottom cut a "fringe" and knotted all these separate pieces together. A Dog's pull was made beautifully, plaited by Hannah and Helen to give to a friend's big dog. Another lady made a plant pot holder macrame with t-shirt strips instead of string. You can knit or crochet long strips of T-shirt material into just about anything you like. The craft club had a great afternoon making these things.

Other members are stuffing plastic lemonade bottles with plastic bags, or any plastic material that can't be recycled pushing it firmly down with a stick. This is an ecobrick, which can be used for various projects or passed on for use elsewhere.

Hannah's 35th birthday was celebrated too, her Mum bringing a lovely cake to share amongst us.

August Quiz Answers

1. Ralph Vaughan Williams 2. Pink Floyd 3. Saint-Saens 4. Nimrod 5. Elton John 6. The Gondoliers 7. Igor Stravinsky 8. The 4th part is sung oratorio Hymn of Praise 9. Jane Ross /Percy Grainger 10. A little fast 11. The Liverpool Oratorio 12. Beethoven 13. Bucks Fizz 14. Maurice Jarre 15. Evelyn Glennie 16. A Little night music 17. Old style



Trombone 18. Andrew Lloyd Webber 19.
Pietro Masgagni 20. Evan & James James
Nobody got all the right answers this month!

Volunteers wanted who can listen to people

The Wednesday Coffee mornings take place from 10am outside the front of the church. Volunteers are needed to talk to the people who come for a cuppa, and maybe to do a little bit of “waitressing” etc. Please contact Carol B-T on 812958 if you would like to help any Wednesday from 10ish to 1ish.

The Ministers for September are:-

August	29 th	Stella Hayton, Communion
Sept	5 th	Worship Group
	12 th	Stella Hayton, Peter
		Beynon’s reception into membership
	19 th	Melony Ablitt
	26 th	Adrian Davies
October	3 rd	Stella Hayton, Communion

Around the world in 80 days continued...

On Monday, 11th February, we arrived in Auckland, New Zealand, after calling at Tonga on 8th. Peter and I were splitting up that day – he to go on a helicopter ride around the harbour area and me to go on a trip to the Waitomo Caves. Half way to the caves we stopped at what seemed like a deserted farmhouse. Even the driver wondered if he was in the right place. But we were! Once the door was opened to his persistent knocking, we were welcomed into a beautiful open-plan farmhouse and shown onto a gorgeous patio out the back. The food was delicious – all home cooked. There were only 28 of us on the tour – but enough food there for 100.

Then on we went to the caves to see the glow-worms.



Magical. Our Maori guide led us in our little boat through massive caverns full of stalagmites and stalactites, going downhill

all the way ‘til we came to a huge grotto where thousands of larvae shone on the roof. What a fantastic view of God’s wonderful world. The New Zealand countryside was very interesting a very ‘lumpy’ land, hills, tumps, valleys and streams. Hardly any flat fields. Maori signs everywhere, agapanthus growing wild all over. Small colonial-style wooden bungalows dotted about. Dead possums on the side of the road, very brown fields – no rain for months, lots of grey-patched cattle and ostrich farms. I did a 200mile round trip, whilst Peter flew about the harbour and visited the fascinating Maritime Museum.

We were at sea in the Tasmanian Sea for the next 2 days, then on 14th February arrived in Sydney, Australia. We got up very early to see the ship had its berth right in the city, with the Opera House on one side and the Harbour bridge on the other. We were going to the Blue Mountains on a tour, and after struggling through very busy city traffic, drove for 2 ½ hours on the M4 to arrive at 11am next to the steepest railway track “in the world.” It went at 45 degrees down the side of a valley where coal had been mined in the 1860’s. Quite scary -lots of ‘oohs’ and ‘aahs’ going down! The view from the top was of miles and miles of tree-covered hills, mostly eucalyptus – thus the ‘blue’ colour. We came back up in a cable car. The place was called Katooma which means ‘shining water’! Spectacular! Lunch was a revolving restaurant and having put my bag down at a chair, I thought it had been stolen when I tried to return to it. But the restaurant had revolved and my chair and bag were now the other side of the room! Peter had stir-fry kangaroo for lunch with Emu sausage and chips!

On the way back to the ship, after a series of spectacular viewing points, the driver took us to the Olympic Village of 2006. After dinner on the ship, we walked in the harbour area. Flying boats circled the trees. Peter stayed on deck watching the lights and people until the ship left at midnight. A wonderful day!

After a day at sea, we arrived in Brisbane on 16th. A real high light of our cruise. We watched as “Aurora” berthed at a grain terminal, and then, as we left the dock area, spotted Peter’s cousin Gill and her husband Mike, waiting for us! I’d wanted to visit them for



30 years and now my dream came true. They took us on a tour of the city sights and then to their home, and their daughter's school (another teacher!) and home. We had a wonderful day together. Gill even insisted I use her 'phone' to phone my 2 daughters in the UK, after treating us all day! I didn't want to leave.

On Sunday 17th we entered the Coral Sea, where it was 75 degrees F. and force 6 wind. We were 9,400 nautical miles from Dorset in England! *Contributed by Mollie*

Decluttering

Help needed! If you have anything stored at church that could be stored at home, please take it – and if you can't, please label it so that we can sort out what we need to keep and where we can put it without having to move stuff to get at it! Thank you.

A big "O" birthday invitation

John and Stella would like you to help them to celebrate their big birthdays – only a few days late (350+!). We will be having an "at home" on Saturday 11th September between 4 and 8pm. Please do drop in for a slice of cake and a cuppa, a chat and possibly even a chance to say hello to the cat! It will be lovely to see you.

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Well, in many ways it feels like a new year ... life has been returning to normal (or will do in Tenby as soon as the peak holiday season draws to a close), and for the Methodist Circuit the traditional **Welcome Service** marks a new phase of our life together, as Flis has moved on and we welcome the Revd Carole Challis who is coming to work with our churches to the East, and Diane Hodson our new lay worker, and, of course, the Revd Stephen Wigley, our District Chair but now also de facto Superintendent.

Within our Pastorate, all four churches are now open again, and we're celebrating a new year by changing the pattern of worship at the churches in **Reynalton and Templeton**. During the lockdown a couple of new mini-roundabouts have been put in on the road

through Pentlepoir, which make the journey from Reynalton to Tenby (which I always found a bit tricky at busy times) feel even more hazardous. I'm grateful to the lovely people in the churches for letting us make the change, so from 5th September I'll be leading worship at Templeton on 1st and 3rd Sundays and at Reynalton on 2nd and 4th.

We are being encouraged by both the URC and the Methodist denominations to consider each relaxation in our covid-safe procedures carefully, summed up as "just because you can, it doesn't mean you should". We are to be ruled, as always, by the law of love – love of God and love of our neighbour, and so must weigh up each change carefully, so we would ask your **prayers and support for all our Elders** as we seek to lead the churches in these difficult times.

At the same time, there are activities which are important to us – and to our outreach – which we don't want to have to give up. For example, the Christmas Fayre was transformed into a sort of "click and collect", and the tea boxes were a (delicious) way to share a celebration with friends and neighbours. Likewise, we would love to be able to hold our Christmas Tree Festival, but need to work out how to do it safely. **Watch this space!**

Of course, one thing we have all been missing is a good sing. As we're not yet able to let rip inside, we may have to think about "Harvest carol singing", or taking the final hymn outside (weather permitting). Singing is important for so many reasons – it's therapeutic, it keeps the gospel message going round in our minds as an earworm, and it binds us together as a community of Christians. If we can't sing together in person, perhaps we should at least try singing one of the hymns that comes out with the "Thought", to keep our voices in trim for when we can sing together!

God bless,

Stella and John