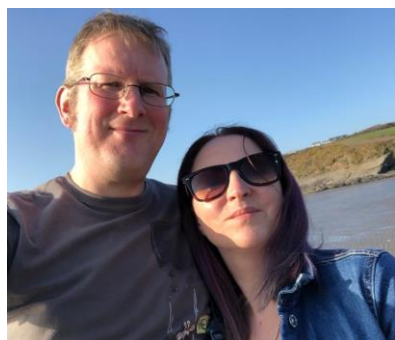




Editorial

The close-off date for the October Newsletter will be 17th September. Please could you send photos and write-ups to shirleybdraper@gmail.com

Introducing Kate



Hello
I am Kate
Wolsey,
and I am
delighted
to be
joining you
for a two-
year

placement starting in September. I am about to start my third year (of four) of training as preparation for ordination with the United Reformed Church. I have spent the last year on placement with Tabernacle, Pembroke where I have had an amazing opportunity to be a part of the full life of the church and I am very much looking forward to working with all the churches in the South Pembrokeshire pastorate.

I am a student at one of the United Reformed Church's learning resource centres – Northern College in Manchester. I make a weekly commute, during term time, to attend classes for academic and formational studies. Despite the long train journey from my home in Milford Haven I am really enjoying this. I am originally from Haverfordwest (or Crundale to be more precise). I am married to Dave and this year we will celebrate our 15th wedding anniversary. Dave is a software developer who works for the local authority. We have four children:
Ben aged 13 who loves computer gaming and has a special talent for digital video editing.
Emily aged 11 who loves making Tik Toks and who is a talented acrobatic gymnastic.

Rhys aged 9 who loves Minecraft and who is excellent at maths.

Maria aged 5 who loves swimming and gymnastics.

My career background is in education. I qualified as a teacher of Religious Education in 2005. I worked as teacher of Religious Education in the Midlands for a number of years. More recently I worked with children with additional needs, teaching a range of subjects.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know you all over the next two years. It is a real privilege to be able to serve you as a minister- in- training and I am excited for the opportunities that lie ahead over the next few years. See you in September.

Kate

That's God

Have you ever felt the desire to do something special for someone you love? That's God speaking to you.

Have you ever felt the sadness and the loneliness of someone who approaches and stands beside you? That's God who has chosen you.

Have you ever thought of someone who is very dear to you and have not seen for a long time, and suddenly that person unexpectedly appears? That's God, for there is nothing that ever happens by chance!

Have you ever found yourself in a difficult situation for which there seemed no apparent solution, and then "in the twinkling of an eye" the answer became as clear as daylight?

That's God, who unceasingly takes our problems into his hands and helps us solve them.



Upcoming Events

Wed 31st August 6pm Service of welcome for Revd Geoff and Deacon Kathy.

3rd Sept, 2:30 – 5:30 Naughty Party with Billy Cole.

2nd October Harvest service and lunch (lunch £12 after the service see an elder for tickets).

28th October Church meeting, 2pm

Teddy Bear Exhibition

This is being talked about to perhaps take place in 2023 in St Johns Church.

Butterflies

I have always loved butterflies because they remind us that's its never too late to transform ourselves.

Make you think?

In general, I don't believe in child labour, but sometimes they're the only ones who can figure out what's wrong with my computer!

The other day I spotted an Albino Dalmatian.

It's the least I could do for him.

I thought the dryer made my clothes shrink, turns out it was the refrigerator.

God said: Whew! I just created a 24-hour period of alternating lightness and darkness on earth.

Angel said: What are you going to do now?

God said: Call it a day.

Ministers

4 th Sept	Rev John Hayton Communion
11 th "	Rev Stella Hayton Ironman
18 th "	Rev Nanette Lewis Head
25 th "	Rev Adrian Davies
2 nd Oct	Rev Stella Hayton Communion
9 th "	Mrs Melony Ablitt
16 th "	Rev Stella Hayton
23 th "	Rev Norman Gilbert
30 th "	Rev Stella Hayton
6 th Nov	Rev Stella Hayton Communion

The church mouse says

Life is short so live it,

Love is rare so grab it.

Fear controls you so face it.

Memories are precious so cherish it.

We only get one life so live it.

Are you stressed?

When you are stressed, you eat ice cream, cake, chocolate and sweets.

Why?

Because "stressed" spelt backwards is "desserts".

St Johns 40th Summer Fayre dedicated to Eluned Brown

On Wednesday 16th August, the grounds of St Johns were a hive of industry from 7am.

Count was lost of the numbers that came between 10am and 1pm, there were so many people milling around the stalls and coming and going. Hot Welshcakes did a roaring trade, and the cake stall by the gate was the first stop for most people. Then there was Eluned Brown's family stall. Eluned started the fayre 40 years ago. Her family are selling all her knick-knacks (from a life of 104 years). All the funds raised will be given to St Johns. A very big thank you to all Eluned's family.



The buying public came in droves, to buy from the lunch food stall, the bottle stall, the book stall, bric-a-brac stall, Carol's pottery stall, not to mention the raffle, and the "What's her name?" to win the dressed doll.

The human fruit machine was enjoyed by many.... with three sitting with a bag each



with an apple, orange and lime in it. Each player paid into the slot (put their £1 for 3 goes into the money box) and pulled the lever (rang a bell) then the 3 bags were delved into by the church's 3 volunteers, and just sometimes the same piece of fruit was produced by all three, which meant the "winning" player won a piece of fruit!

The next game was to drop all your small change into the cleaner's bucket full of water with a 50p in the centre on the bottom. If any of your coins went on top of the 50p you won it, but all your small change stayed in the bucket! And finally, you could have a cuppa – and a sit down and enjoy gossiping with other people, be they visitors to Tenby or locals. The day was overcast but no rain and no hot sun either. It was just nice.

Our Treasurer Sue said the whole show made nearly £1,300. It was an enjoyable day for the stall personnel as well as all the visitors to the church grounds.

The fruit machine ended with 3 gentlemen in charge of the bags. Next year we will use their expertise again! A big thank you goes to everyone who worked so hard, especially to the main organisers and encouragers. Without all the helpers the fayre would not have been the success it was.



It was arranged that John (who is going blind) played his guitar on the seat outside the church wall, and Helen his wife had an official bin collecting for guide dogs. John's music

attracted passers-by into the grounds of the church and the fayre. St Johns has asked them to play on Wednesdays at the coffee mornings whenever they can.

My Shadow by Robert Louis Stevenson

I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me

And what can be the use of him is more than I can see

He is very very like me from the heels up to the head:

And I see him jump before me, when I jump into my bed.

The funniest thing about him is the way he likes to grow –

Not at all like proper children can, which is always very slow;

For he sometimes shoots up taller like an india-rubber ball.

And he sometimes gets so little that there is none of him at all.

This brings back lots of memories – read it to today's children!

English

Is the only language where you recite in a play and play in a recital.

Your fingers have fingertips but your toes don't have toetips.

Yet you can tiptoe but not tipfinger.

When you transport something by car it's called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship it's called cargo!

Visitors to Tenby

On Sunday 21st August a large family group of 10 and more, teenagers upwards, visiting Tenby and not knowing anyone at St Johns came to the 11am service and enjoyed having refreshments and toasted raisin bread in the hall at the back after the service. It was great to meet them. Other family groups were also there. It is lovely to meet visitors this summer.

News of Stella

If you see Stella pop into the police station, don't worry, she's now a Police Chaplain.



September 2022

As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and **harvest**, cold
and heat, summer and winter,
day and night, shall not cease.

(Gen 8:22)



Give thanks with a grateful heart!

Harvest Festival is a time to focus on
the beauty of God's creation and God's provision for us.

Perhaps one of the most sung hymns at Harvest Festival is "WE plough the fields and scatter," but we don't though, do we? When was the last time you did? When did you get your Massey Fergusson out and make lovely straight furrows in your field? Most of us would have to admit that we have never in our lifetime ploughed a field! And yet every year we proclaim that we have. Are we just lying to ourselves, and to the world, about how we spend our time? Are we in fact asking God to bless something that we have never done? How much more honest and relevant would it be if we were to sing:

We push our supermarket trollies,
and gather all our tins,
we use our great tin-opener,
and throw it in the bin.
Our food it all comes to us,
with such a great ease,
and most of all we all love:
Y Fenni's lovely cheese.

All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above
then thank the Lord,
o thank the Lord,
for all His love.

Now that is relevant!

Let us pray:

God of grace and gift, we thank you for the wonderful provision that we find in all you have made. For the miracle of seed, plant and fruit. As we celebrate these bountiful wonders, we pray for our world to be saved from exploitation and devastation caused by greed and over-farming. We pray for those who endure pressures of an extravagant world and those who work the land and care for our environment.. In Jesus' name, Amen



Get Active:

- ✿ Make your harvest festival the theme of the month.
- ✿ Include Climate Sunday in your Harvest Celebrations
www.climatesunday.org
- ✿ Support local farmers, produce, farm shops, butchers, greengrocers and let them know you will be praying for them.

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