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Editorial

The close off date for the November Newsletter is 15th October. Please send your contribution to Shirleybdraper@gmail.com or put it into the box at the back of the church.

News of Members

A lot of members take holidays at this time of the year – as the tourist season comes to an end and Tenby is less busy. Mollie and Peter have been away. Ann M has bravely been coping with recorded hymns for our Sunday services.

Stella and John have also had a break, and were away when the Civic Celebration for the Queen took place in St Mary's.

We send a "Get Well" message to Eileen.

The church mouse says:

Bread is like the sun -It rises in the yeast and sets in the waist.

St Johns Organists date back 150 years!

Miss Edie (Music governess at Mrs. Goward's Ladies school) was the second person to play St Johns organ. I wonder if any of her pupils also played the organ?

If anyone knows the history of Organists, Secretaries, or Treasurers of St Johns could they please let me have a little resume?

Children have all the answers

From a newspaper Shirley receives from New Zealand -

In the first book of the bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.

The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments.

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

The seventh commandment is thou shall not admit adultery.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.

The greatest miracle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus she sang the Magna Carta.

The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 Decibels.

The Epistels were the wives of the apostles. One of the Oppossums was St Matthew who was also a taxi man.

Christians only have one spouse. This is called monotony.

Craft Group at the Art Exhibition



Members of the Craft Club thoroughly enjoyed looking at the array of crafts that were available at the recent Art Exhibition held in the hall, which happens each year in September. This year, like every year, there was a wide variety of work on show with a lot of crazily low prices. The members of the club appreciated the skill and time given to

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produce the items and have got some ideas of what they can try to do at future Monday meetings.

Learning about life

A 3-year-old girl was in church with her parents when the lights suddenly went out and down the aisle came the church choir holding candles. In that still, quiet, reflective moment a little voice started to sing "happy birthday to you. Happy birthday to you". Another toddler whose birthday is only a day different to her 28-year-old uncle, cried when he was given "her presents" at her 2nd birthday party. The family had to explain it was his birthday too.

Happenings over the next months:

The ministers at St Johns will be:-October 2 Rev Stella Havton Communion and Harvest with Harvest Lunch to follow.



October 9 Melony Ablitt

16 Rev Stella Havton

23 Norman Gilbert

30 Rev Lorette Hinson

November 6 Rev Stella Hayton Communion

More Dates

October is harvest time, is this why October's full moon is called the Harvest Moon? November 13 is World Kindness Day. Think about consciously doing a kindness, for example - phone some one you haven't spoken to recently, invite a friend out, or around for a coffee, share a good book with

someone you see regularly, give a helpful idea to a friend, or maybe invite a friend or neighbour to join you in Church. November 9th is British Pudding Day. October 25th is World Pasta Day. October 27th is National Cheese Toastie Day. These three days give opportunities to share recipes with each other or maybe share a dish with a

person who lives on their own, or even just

experiment with a new recipe.

Warning?

Beware of a new Amazon scam:- My husband ordered me some expensive jewellery, but motor cycle parts came instead. Thankfully, they fitted his bike......

Queen Elizabeth II

It was with great sorrow we learnt about the death of our Queen. Most of us have only ever known one Monarch in our lifetime. Elizabeth was a committed Christian and she talked of her faith and Jesus Christ in so many of her Christmas broadcasts. The coverage of all the events, especially the funeral, was broadcast to the world. People heard prayers and witnessed the respect the British not only had for the Queen but even more respect for God and the Christian faith.

Weren't George and Charlotte so very good they knew their Great Grandmother so well. People are living longer now and more children know their "greats".

The Proclamation of King Charles III

in Tudor Square, was a centuries old tradition. The first proclamation was from St James' Palace and the 2nd from London's Lord Mayor. Then of course, in the decades past, men would be riding horses taking the news to all the cities, towns and villages i.e. to Cardiff, Haverfordwest, and Tenby.

There are so many traditions that gradually come about: like the sailors pulling the gun

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carriage started when the horses pulling Queen Victoria's coffin acted up, so the naval regiment behind moved up and started pulling! Like throwing flowers on the hearse which started with Princess Diana's funeral. We will see more ceremonies yet with the Coronation of King Charles. The visitors that will descend on the UK for this will again be a security nightmare, but the hotels, cafes, etc. will welcome the extra trade.

Service of Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II

This was held at St Mary's Church in Wales on Sunday 18th September. St Johns Church closed, as did the Baptist and Salvation Army. Members attended the Service which included a Piper and was very moving. The readings were from Revelation to St John 7:9 to the end, and from the First Epistle of St Peter 1:3-9. The final hymn was "I vow to



thee, my country" which was followed by the National Anthem of Wales, sung in Welsh, and "God Save our gracious King". Welsh folk are wonderful singers and the whole service was

a great testimony to so many different people, Mayor, sea cadets, British Legion, churches, etc. coming together to remember Queen Elizabeth II.

Failures

If you fail never give up because FAIL means "First Attempt In Learning". END is not the end, in fact END means "Effort Never Dies". If you get NO as an answer remember NO means "Next Opportunity". So let's be A.P.J. Kalam positive.

Rare Books

Murphy was talking to a rare book collector. "It's funny I should meet you" he told him, because only last week I threw away an old bible printed by Guten".

"Oh my God" gasped the collector, "It wasn't Gutenburg by any chance, was it?"

"That's it" said Murphy.

"Do you know", said the collector, "that the last Gutenburg bible that came on the market sold for five million pounds".

"But mine wouldn't have been worth anything", said Murphy, "Some fellow named Martin Luther had scribbled all over it".

Quotation

I believe in Christianity, as I believe the sun has risen. Not because I see it, but in it I see everything else.

Recipe of the Month

Its apple time again. This recipe is a family favourite, hot for pudding, cold as cake! Dinca Fala

10oz flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 50z butter/margarine, 5oz sugar, 1lb peeled and cut apples. Rub fat into flour and BP till resembles crumbs, add sugar, and apples. Mix with enough milk to make a fairly stiff mixture. Cook in a greased tin in medium oven for 1/2hour.

Congratulations to Tabernacle URC,

Pembroke on being awarded a Wales in Bloom award for the Garden Through Time.



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Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action
(1 John 3:18)



Reflecting on The Vision of OWW

Here is the vision statement from the One World Week website www.oneworldweek.org together with relevant Bible passages. Take time to reflect on the Bible passage and discuss it in relation to One World Week's Mission.

We are "People working together to build a just, peaceful and sustainable world"

Our MISSION We want to build a network of co-operating individuals and organisations to provide opportunities for people from diverse backgrounds to come together to:

- acknowledge our interdependence: Acts 2:42-47; what does this say about our interdependence on God and one another? Mark 3:20-29
- *learn about global justice, spread that learning and act on it:* Proverbs 2:1-15; how can we learn about justice and share that learning? Psalm 36:5-9
- take action to increase equality, justice and the health of earth's natural systems, locally and globally: Micah 6:6-8; why should we act with justice, desire mercy for all and actively walk humbly with God? Colossians 3:5-17

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Let us pray:



Read or sing Bryn Rees' hymn "The kingdom of God is justice and joy."

Look over the Lord's Prayer. Such familiar words and yet

words that speak of the coming of the kingdom of God.

Wow! Let us pray for the kingdom to come [pray the Lord's Prayer slowly, dwelling on each phrase].

Get Active:

- Discover the true meaning of 'UBUNTU', read Archbishop Desmond Tutu's book "No Future Without Forgiveness"
- **One World Week is about actions, just like Acts 2, Proverbs 2 and Micah 6 are. Commit to God's kingdom way of life.
- **Commitment For Life—have a look using the QR code.



Make sure that your church
has a "One WORLD WEEK"
service. Resources are
found at www.oneworldweek.org/resources