



### You

You might think you don't matter in this world but because of you someone has a favourite mug to drink their tea out of each morning that you bought them. Someone hears a song on the radio and it reminds them of you. Someone has read a book you recommended to them, and gotten lost in its pages. Someone's remembered a joke you told them, and smiled to themselves on the bus. Someone's tried on a top and felt beautiful because you complimented them on it. Someone has a memory that makes them grin that involved you. Someone now likes themselves that little bit more because you made a passing comment that makes them feel good. Never think you don't have an impact, your finger prints can't be wiped away from the little marks of kindness you've left behind.

***On the wall of Cafe 35, Tokomaru Bay, Near Gisborne, New Zealand.***

Bless the food before us, the family beside us, and the love between us. Amen

### The Church Mouse says

A DREAM written down with a date becomes a GOAL.

A GOAL broken down into steps becomes a PLAN.

A PLAN backed by ACTION becomes REALITY.

### Editorial

The close off date for May's Newsletter is

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

April. Please

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of the church.

**Raising of the  
150<sup>th</sup> Banner**



### Snow

On Thu 1st and Fri 2nd March Tenby



practically closed down. The Daffodil Festival was affected, but Monday and Tuesday of the next week saw the Church being manned by

volunteers so that people could still see the display.

The Male Voice Choir, Harpist, Jazz Band, Handbell Ringers, etc. were all cancelled. As was the Rev John Proctor, the URC General Secretary and the cawl lunch. The Gymanfa Ganu in the evening was cancelled as well. Rev Nanette Lewis-Head did a marvellous fill in, entertaining the children on the stage as well, as Hefina had broken her arm previous to the snow! and couldn't take Junior Church.

### News of Members

Mollie and Peter Neate came the Sunday after the snow, and were welcomed by all.

The funeral of Clarice Upham took place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Audrey and Tony Scullard are staying at the Giltar Hotel on a 5 day coach trip from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May. They will be at the Wednesday Coffee Morning and are looking forward to seeing as many friends as they can!

Eluned Brown has recovered well from the fall she had.



### Thanks from Mollie

How wonderful it was to be back in church again, on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March, after 4 weeks away. I had hoped very much to be there for the "Raising of the Banner" on February 25<sup>th</sup> but circumstances of health prevented it. However, the service on 4<sup>th</sup> was a joyous occasion, where Nanette stood in for Rev. Dr. John Proctor. We were treated to some wonderfully affirming hymns, an uplifting sermon by Nanette and an amusing sharing of the service with the children! It was lovely to see them in the background and hear their little voices.

Although it was not "the big occasion" we had planned, it was the sort of occasion that St Johns does best – a group of committed Christian friends coming together in worship and witness, offering prayers and thanks to God for His presence in our lives, and for each others' presence in our lives, the sharing of a special bond.

Nanette gave us an opportunity – very unusually – of speaking within the service about what St Johns means to us, as a church fellowship, and several of us took advantage of that. It was quite daunting, but for me, an ideal opportunity to say thank you to all who were there, for their loving kindness and care over the past weeks, since my heart attack. For those who were not at that service, I want to re-iterate those thanks now through our Newsletter.

You may never know how much all those messages of love and care and prayer meant to me – and still mean to me – as I recover from the shock of what has happened. But I will always treasure them in my heart.

*Mollie.*

### Stella Hayton

The Tabernacle Church of Pembroke put on an afternoon tea, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>, and St Johns welcomed her to the 11am service on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Mothers Day. Stella used a quiz with

the word Mother in all the answers for the children's talk, and she gave a very interesting sermon about Discovery, Discernment and Discipleship with her husband John holding up the names. This was followed by our usual (overwhelming in food) Faith Lunch.

### Stay and Play Group

This came into being between 10.30am and midday on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, led by Mel and Jim who welcomed a small group of children and parents.

### Elders

After Shirley took the individual photos to be used in the Daffodil Festival, she took one of all the Elders before starting their meeting that night.....



### Christening on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Rev. Nanette Lewis Head christened Tyler, son of Jill and Danny, from Stockport, a 4 year old, who answered some of Nanette's questions himself.

### The Craft Group

Were very involved with the 150 years banner, then helping with the Daffodil Festival, but have now settled into making jewellery, with perhaps a go at making rag mats as well.

### Good friends

Good friends help you find important things when you have lost them.....things like your smile, your hope and your courage.



### New Members

Sharron was inducted into St Johns membership, and Suzanne Tolley was ordained as an Elder by Rev Nanette Lewis Head on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> which lead into a communion service. Liz became an Elder again, and Mollie welcomed all. Shannon was to also be inducted into membership but the snowy weather prevented her coming to Tenby.



### The Tenby and District Arts Society

Who meet in St Johns Hall every Friday have had a great Winter program, celebrating their 70 years in existence. The last meeting is the AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> April until next winter programme starts in October.

### Recipe of the Month : Somerset Easter Cakes

*The story is that the Duke of Monmouth was fleeing from the Battle of Sedgemoor and fell into a ditch. A local woman thinking he was a poor peasant down on his luck, baked him the following cakes to strengthen him!*

Makes 24 cakes. Sift 225 g plain flour into a bowl and rub in 100g butter till the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Stir in 100 g sugar, 100g currants and 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon, then mix in 1 beaten egg, 2 tablespoons brandy, and enough milk to give a soft dough that falls reluctantly from the spoon. Spoon the mixture into well greased bun tins and bake for 20-25 minutes.

### Shirley says

*Awake in the early hours, listening to Radio 4, I heard the following prayer said by a minister: May my words be nice, articulated properly, do no harm in the world, but only good for all.*

### Children's Corner

Did you know that if you boil eggs wrapped and tied in an onion skin the eggs will have an orange marbled effect, or you can boil eggs in beetroot water for a pink colour, or spinach water for green!

### Daffodil Festival



One of the beautiful daffodil displays on the history of the UR Church in Tenby and district.

### Christian One Liners

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

Quit griping about your church, if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

Peace starts with a smile.

Don't put a question mark where God put a full stop.