



Editorial

Could we please have contributions before Friday 19th August for the September Newsletter. Please send photos and news to Shirleybdraper@gmail.com.

News of members

Shirley, daughter Anne, and Russ had a week in Droitwich with Russ's Mum Jean and she has visited Tenby on her yearly holiday, coming to Craft Club and Sunday Service.



Graham and Sue Powell did the drop from top of Rhigos mountain to valley bottom in two sections. Other news is that they are celebrating their

granddaughter Jo's achievement in gaining an honours degree in nuclear engineering - B Eng.

BREAKING NEWS!!!!

St Johns Summer Fete change of date!!

Would everybody please note that this year's summer fete will be held on Wednesday 17th August, and it will be a special one in memory of Eluned Brown. Eluned started our summer fetes in 1982 – 40 years ago.

Please could all members volunteer... do let Sue Bonser know asap which stall you would like to be on, new ideas welcome. If anyone could organise a game... Penny in the bucket, Tombola, or the one we had for years – guess the piece of fruit held up by one of 3 persons for a prize! We had great fun with that one. Please let Sue know! Excess volunteers will be gratefully recruited for help with the tea and coffee!! Aprons provided or bring your own.

Hopefully the fete will be outside with good weather.

Ministers for August

31 July Rev Stella Hayton

7 August Rev Stella Hayton - Communion

14 August Melony Ablitt

21 August Rev Stella Hayton

28 August Rev Adrian Davies

Ministers for September

Sunday 4th Rev John Hayton - Communion

Sunday 11th Rev Stella Hayton (Ironman!)

Sunday 18th Rev Nanette Lewis-Head

Sunday 25th Rev Adrian Davies

October

Sunday 2nd Rev Stella Hayton - Communion

Do you fall over?

Have you fallen over in the last 12 months? 1/3 of people over 65 fall... if you are over 70 more of you are at risk. The answer is to increase your activity. Practise standing up from sitting on your chair until you can again do it in one go (like you used to)! Then practise standing and sitting up and down continuously. Start by doing it 3 times and work up till you can do it at least 10 times. Practise standing on one leg to improve your balance. Count. Then change legs and see if you can count higher. You will get better with practice.

Make a game of finding things that you could trip over around the house so you can make your home safer.

Quotations from DIRE broadcasts.

Fishermen and hypochondriacs have one thing in common. They don't have to catch anything to be happy.

This church is surprising. It holds about 2,000 but when there are around 1,000 in it, you get the feeling it's half empty.

If history repeats itself... I should think we can expect the same thing again.



His lead is 6.9 seconds. In fact, it's just under 7 seconds.

With half the race gone, there is still half the race to go.

I'm not a believer in luck, although I believe you need it.

I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father.

There was nothing wrong with my car except it was on fire.

We are at the top of a cliff... we can either fall off the edge or keep climbing.

Christening

On Sunday 19th June, our minister Stella christened Aurora May Bosley. Aurora is the daughter of Dan and Georgia and the fifth generation christened in our Church. It was also Father's Day. Stella made the day so special for all the family and friends, and there was no prouder father than Dan walking around the Church showing off Rory as the congregation sang 'He's got the whole world in his hands'.

As her great gran writing this, happy tears are coming just thinking of it! Thank you so much Stella for making the day so special. *Jenni*



Queue

The word queue is ironic. Its just a 'q' with a bunch of silent letters waiting in a line.

What's on

Tuesday 2nd August Vision Show Choir 8pm

Tuesday 9th August Tenby Male Choir 8pm

Tuesday 13th Sept Pembroke Male Choir 8pm

Letter to the Editor

"Just a note to thank the Minister and Elders for a super Jubilee Party they put on for the members and friends of St Johns. It was really excellent. Thank you all." *Brenda*

Birthday party

A special birthday party to celebrate the "0" birthdays that have occurred with Covid holding people back from celebrating. This year is a great one for 80th birthdays, at least ½ dozen of our members! A few members also turned 50, 60 or 70 too. So, a church gathering for afternoon tea on Saturday 3rd September 2022 for all those with birthdays, and their family is happening... Sue Bonser to organise contributions to the afternoon tea! And to let you in to a little secret – Billy Cole might just come and play for us again too!

Tenby & District Arts Club

This group has met on Winter Friday nights in St Johns Hall for years. They also organise a Members' Summer Art Exhibition every year (except during Covid!). This year's was between Saturday 16th and Saturday 30th July every day except Sundays. Their raffle was an original watercolour by Graham Hadlow, who also donated a selection of prints to be sold for St Johns Church funds. Thank you, Graham.

The Church Mouse said:

It's quite possible things will turn out far better than you could imagine.

After Church Refreshments

St Johns is now having a gathering after Sunday Church for getting to know our visitors and members. The first Sunday Sharman provided delightful scones. The next Sunday Ann M toasted raisin bread. Please come to church and plan to stay just for a short while for a great community occasion.



Mollie is 80

Mollie and Peter's family came to Tenby for a weekend of celebrations! Penblwydd Hapus Mollie. Mollie provided birthday cake for the after-church refreshments on Sunday 24th July. Thank you, Mollie.

Church Meeting

After a prayerful meeting the church voted to allow (to not allow) same sex marriage ceremonies at St Johns. Once the legal paper is finalised the church will be able to offer such ceremonies.

Sad News

We send our sympathy to Helen, Sandra, and their families at the passing of their mother, Vera Williams, who was a long serving member of St Johns. We will miss her. On Tuesday 26th July, her funeral was held in St Johns, which was well attended by her family and friends and Church members. Stella and Nanette lead the service, Vera's daughter Helen read a poem and her daughters, Rachel and Sarah shared heartfelt, humorous and emotional stories about their grandmother. We look forward to sharing love, fellowship and faith and spending more time with Helen and Sandra and their families in the future.

Gwyneth John, a long serving member from Templeton sadly passed on 21st July. Her funeral is expected to be 6th August at Templeton Church. Details to follow.

General Assembly (GA) 2022

Most years a couple of hundred people from the United Reformed Churches across Great Britain, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands meet over several days for worship and to debate the church's priorities in Derbyshire. Stella and I went this year.

Highlights for me (John) included speeches by overseas visitors including the need for the

official end to hostilities over the north/south Korean border. The treaty parties including China and USA mean North and South Korea are officially still at war (since shortly after the end of the 2nd War World). The people of Korea want an official end to hostilities so they can work out their own way forward without interference from outside powers. As churches we are encouraged to sign a petition on this matter. We also heard from churches in Myanmar in very difficult circumstances.

It was also agreed for an emergency payment to ministers and church staff to help with the cost-of-living crisis. Changes to ministers' and staff pensions were agreed in principle, as the old scheme was getting unaffordable.

The youth assembly brought a motion encouraging churches to reduce the stigma of mental illness by encouraging churches to have a trained mental health first aider.

It is sad to say that parts of our church are still racist, mostly unintentionally, and a working group has made great process to help the church work towards being an anti-racist church. Tessa Robinson will be the first woman from the BAME community to be GA Moderator in 2023/24.

Our denomination is facing an uncertain future, so it was encouraging to meet a trainee minister – God is still calling people to serve all sorts of ways. GA agreed to set-up the role of lay pioneers, who would be trained, to help reach and serve people in new ways. It was felt that the church is more willing than ever to change.

It was a good and encouraging time together and a reminder that we are part of a much bigger whole, that reaches out not just across our shores but across the globe.



Holidays

August 2022




Six days you shall work, but on
the seventh day you shall rest
(Exodus 34:21)



Timeout!

When you contemplate your holidays, what do you think of?

Are you looking to book a flight to foreign climes? Are you looking to laze on the beach all day and party by the pool all night? Would you rather go sight-seeing, travelling around Europe or even a road-trip in Canada, New Zealand or the States? Benidorm or Barbados? Either way you can look forward to long queues, early morning flights, at least 3 hours in a flying tin can with 200 other adventurers. Another hour searching frantically for your suitcase and the delight of 4 hours on a coach, stopping to drop off at every hotel on the way knowing yours is going to be the last one. You finally arrive, middle of the night, exhausted. You just about recover, before your reverse the arrival scenario, arriving home with sun-burn, tummy trouble and some bug you caught on the plane! But, hey! Do not let me put you off.



Maybe it is time to recapture the sense of the Holy Day as being a time of resting not roaming, of chilling not roasting, of having time to be, rather than somewhere to be. Just be. Just be still . . .

Let us pray:

Jesus said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' So they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. (Mk 6:31)

Lord Jesus, help us to find rest in you.
Help us to take 'sabbath' time weekly.
May all our holidays be Holy Days.

We pray for all who find no rest or peace
in their lives. Help us
to help them to 'be
still' and to know you.
Amen



Get Active:

It is not only human beings who need rest, the whole of creation needs time out too. Lock downs changed many habits, including the desire to travel great distances for holidays. Why not try . . .

- ✿ Looking to holiday closer to home.
- ✿ Discovering your holiday carbon footprint and trying to reduce it. Remember the calculator is at www.climatestewards.org
- ✿ Take up the discipline of taking time out with God every week.

