

St Johns Church Newsletter



June 2022

Editorial

The close off date for July Newsletter will be Friday 17th June. Please let Shirley have any news. You can put contributions in box at back of church, or email shirleybdraper@gmail.com. I do thank everybody who contributes – some times the pages fill up miraculously!

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 31st May: The Inner Wheel Club of Tenby are raising funds for Motor Neurone Disease with the Whitland Male Voice Choir, doors open at 7.30pm for the 8pm concert. £10 per person.

Sunday 5th June 11am: morning worship will be commemorating Pentecost (Remember to wear the colours of fire!). After the worship coffee with a special cake will be served in the Hall to celebrate 50 years since the foundation of the United Reformed Church with the combination of the Congregationalists and Presbyterians.

Monday 6th June: St Johns are celebrating the **Jubilee Coffee/Tea and Cake Garden Party** in garden between 2 and 5pm. Everyone is invited. Members, please bring small cakes or a traybake. There could be some live music!

Tuesday 14th June 8pm: Pembroke Male Voice Choir in the Church.

Saturday 3rd September: Big 'O's Birthday Party. To celebrate all church members who have turned 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, or 90 in 2022!! Everyone to bring a plate for afternoon tea.

The Church Mouse says

"Life isn't a matter of milestones but of moments" *Rose Kennedy*

Is your life too hectic?

Slow down and enjoy life. It's not only the scenery you miss by going too fast – you also miss the sense of where you're going and why. *Eddie Cantor (1892 -1964)*

The Dentist

A woman and her husband were on holiday and needed to visit the dentist. The woman said "I don't want any injections or anything like that, just pull the tooth out and we'll be on our way." The Dentist said "You're a very brave lady, which tooth is it?" She said "Show him your tooth dear".

Judith Keller

From Chicago, USA is enjoying her stay in Tenby if we go by the photos she has taken! This one is outside the front of St Johns church with the town wall behind. Covid interrupted their holidays in Wales, and Judy



was pleased to see all her friends again.

Melanie, her daughter stayed the first week and with

Judy did a lot of walking the paths and beaches. Judy held a Soroptimists Book Club meeting at her rented flat in Harding Street. The first time Judy stayed in Tenby she visited the library and asked for a book club, and via the Soroptimists she met church members and via the church met many more friends.

Shirley's son-in-law Russ, took her and Judy to Stockport one weekend as he was going to a



special occasion at his old rugby club there. They went via Aberystwyth and Lake Bala. The two ladies stayed 2 nights at the Travelodge on the edge of Stockport's shopping mall and visited the WW2 Air Raid Shelter under the limestone cliff. Judy learnt that the "wheel" was a wind-up siren and in the shelter 40,000 people had loos, beds, medical care, and hot water in kitchen for drinks. Wooden seats lined the passageway wall everywhere. We were disappointed to find the Hatters Museum was under repairs. The Victorian Glass market was great, and the Produce Hall (now a pub) had once had a prison in its limestone cellar, and seen from our hotel room was a Victorian brick viaduct that once had been the longest in the world. Coming home via Llangollen, Horseshoe Pass, and the Black Mountains, we looked at



Pontcysyllte canal boat aqueduct from the Dee River way down below. We were very lucky to see not just people walking along its path, but canoes and then an actual canal boat - all three things at the same time! It was the first time Judy had been up through North Wales so the Llangollen Eisteddfod Park and the Builth Wales Agricultural Showground were both pointed out.

Playing the Organ

In a church, the organist was quietly playing before the service when the Minister asked her if she could play something more modern. She replied "I can't play anything more

modern than this. I'm making it up as I go along".

Pianist / Reporter

Mollie has been away on a cruise! Ann M. is very good at pressing a button on a CD player! One Sunday a guest from the congregation played the piano for all our hymns. Another week the wife of the preacher played for us. If anyone would like to play for our services (even once in a while!) please do let us know. We also need a computer literate person to report our Sunday services to the local paper, the Tenby Observer.

The Queen's Jubilee

In the Tenby Post Office is a full-sized stand-up picture of the Queen for anyone to have a photo with her. Our shops are decorating their windows in red, white and blue and flags are flying in the streets. In the Community Café, Caroline the Teddy Bear Shop lady who comes to the Monday craft group has organised photos of old bears belonging to Tenby people – 70 of them, to be made into bunting.

The St Catherine's Fort, has asked for pages of coloured-in drawings made during lock down, for them to hang around as bunting in the entrance to the Fort.

Who has made the Elizabeth Trifle as invented on the TV show?

We pray for our Queen Elizabeth and her family, and the whole country is enjoying this special occasion of 70 years of a Queen on the throne - the longest ever time.

The longest day

Before the calendar change of 1752, 11th June was the longest day of the year. This is now



the 21st June when the sun is at its highest in the sky and shines for the longest hours.

Queen Mab's Summer Pudding

6-8 slices stale white bread with crusts cut off.
1 ½ lbs/ 675g soft fruits - strawberries, raspberries, blackcurrants (but not too many of these – they will mask the flavour of the more delicate fruits. 2 tablespoons water.
5ozs/150g sugar.

Line a 1 ½ pint/1 litre pudding bowl with the slices of bread, cut more if necessary to completely cover the bottom and sides. Wash and prepare the fruit and put into a saucepan with water and sugar, boil gently until sugar melts and the juices begin to run, but do not allow the fruit to disintegrate. Spoon the fruit into the prepared bowl and make a lid with the remaining bread. Put a saucer that fits inside the bowl on top and weigh down with a heavy weight. Chill for 8 hours or more. Remove weights and plate and turn out the pudding onto a China dish. Serve with whipped cream.

Want to live well?

The secret of living well and longer is:
Eat half, walk double, laugh triple, and love without measure. *Tibetan Proverb.*

Christian Aid

On Wednesday 18th May at the St Johns Church coffee morning £320 was raised for Christian Aid with the selling of the hot Welsh Cakes.

Big Day Out Saturday 25th June

Most years the United Reformed Church celebrate with a big day out at the show ground in Builth Wells, where there are workshops, special talks, activities for old and young. Lunch breaks (take your own

sandwiches) drinks, books, and all sorts will be on sale. And of course, a lovely service of Worship. Complimentary transport – if you want a place on the coach let an elder know as soon as possible.

News of Members

Avril Probert has broken her arm. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Rev John Hayton is very proudly wearing his



medal for his 10K Race for Life which he accomplished in under 50 minutes! Cancer Research UK is benefiting £910. Well done, John.

Religious meeting on ship.

The Padre was giving an illustrated talk on aspects of the Bible with a rating showing slides on a magic lantern, with appropriate music. Everything went right in the New Testament, but at the start of the Old Testament about Adam and Eve, all he could think of playing was “If you were the only girl in the world, and I was the only boy”!

Hymn sung on Sunday 22nd May

In Christ there is no East or West,
in him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

The editor thinks this is just great for the world especially for Ukraine. Let's Pray for East, West, South and North.



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First Fruits

My Father is glorified
when you produce
much fruit and in this
way prove that you
are my disciples
(John 15:8)



Picking at Pentecost

Pentecost is the festival of the harvest of the first fruits (cf Deut. 16). Read again the passage above from John's Gospel 15:8. Now take a look at the nine fruits of the Spirit pictured above and as mentioned in Galatians 5:22-23.

- ✿ Have a discussion to draw out what each fruit might look like in your lives?
- ✿ Which fruits do other people see in your life? How are they made manifest?
- ✿ Which fruits need a bit of work? Perhaps you lack patience because your self-control is failing.
- ✿ How might you help one another in your church or your family to bear more spiritual fruit?



Let us pray:

Loving God, you provide all our needs in this, your beautiful creation. Help us always to appreciate and care for it.

Today we also thank you for the farmers of our nation, for our shop workers, lorry drivers, factory workers, all these and more who help to bring food from the ground to our tables.

Bless them all Lord, in Jesus' name, Amen!



Get Active:

In our crazy modern world where we can eat Strawberries all year round and fruit like Avocado from 1000s of miles away, perhaps we could take the "First Fruits" to mean those nearest to us. Those grown locally.

- ✿ Buy locally grown food.
- ✿ Check out the mileage your food has travelled to get to your plate.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-46459714>

Have a Pentecost 'First Fruits' Harvest Festival—
Celebrating all that is good
in your local environment

