



Kate

On Pentecost Sunday, 18th June, Mrs Kate Wolsey, who is training to be a minister of the United Reformed Church, at Northern College, Manchester conducted the morning service at St Johns. Her Tutor, Dr Meg Warner, was there to assess Kate's progress. After the service lunch was held that was enjoyed by everyone including Kate's husband David and



youngest daughter Maria, and Meg.

Also, it was enjoyed by the Church members

and a large number of holiday makers who came to St Johns service that morning. One visiting couple lived in Leamington Spa, and were telling us about the recent thunder storms their area had which actually shook everyone's houses!

Ministers for the month

Aug 6 Rev Stella Hayton
Aug 13 Mr Norman Gilbert
Aug 20 Rev Stella Hayton
Aug 27 Mrs Melony Ablitt
Sept 3 Rev Stella Hayton (Iron Man)

St Johns Summer Fayre

Is on Wednesday 16th August. 10am onwards. Please see Carol if you'd like to help with the stalls, etc.

Teddy Bear Festival

Starts on 9th August for 2 weeks till 23rd. Bring along all your friends and can you help with stewarding? And there will be a picnic cream tea and sale of the Teddys, on Wednesday 23rd 2.30pm onwards – which promises to be good.

Church Cleaning

There is a rota on the hall wall by the kitchen. If anyone can help, please add your name.

Wild Flower Riddles *continued from last month..... Answers on last page.*

My first may mean something both neat and demure. My second is a flower sweet and pure.

My first is a sign of cold winter's grip. My second may mean "fall" though it is not a slip. My first is what children will always enjoy. My second is a name owned by both man and boy.

My first is a colour, not white and not red. My second may tell you that dinner is spread.

My first the reverse of bitter is found My second a vegetable quite small and round.

Peter and Mollie's holiday to Norway

Peter and I recently returned from a cruise to the North Cape, Norway. We had a few surprises as the itinerary was changed and we weren't informed! We were expecting a trip to the Fjords, but it became a "North Cape Discovery" cruise to the "Land of the midnight sun" in the Arctic Circle. Norway has the second longest coastline in the world and we travelled right along it to the "top of the world". During our cruise we visited several churches.

The first was at LEKNES in the Lofoten Islands. Our ship (Cunard's Queen Victoria) had to anchor 1.5 nautical miles offshore so we were landed by tender. Leknes was a small "one-street" town, with café, large shopping mall, garage, offices, but at the top end close to the snow-topped mountains was a very modern church of the 7th Day Adventists. It was a Saturday, their day of worship. Several people welcomed us in English and we sat in on the service for ½ hour joining in the hymns (words



on a screen). There were 3 children of African origin, who we were told were refugees. Only there a year, but fluent in Norwegian and they tried to teach me to say "hullo" in Norwegian. The service was similar in format to ours and we listened for 15 minutes to the sermon, but didn't understand anything. It was a small congregation plus 7 of us from the ship, 3 of whom were Germans.

Two days later we arrived at Honningsvaag, North Cape. The Globe monument (1978) has become the symbol for the North Cape. We had 20 miles on a tour bus on a meandering, climbing mountain road, before reaching the North Cape Hall Experience Centre with an Arctic Exploration Museum including a shrine to the King of Siam who visited in the early exploration days, a "hall of lights" where you could lie on your back and watch a simulation of the "Northern Lights" and a beautiful little Chapel, named St Johns. It had about 20 Scandinavian-style chairs, a simple altar with a cross, white walls, and a beautiful ceiling from which dozens of thin droplets of electric lights in blue and white hung and 3 storeys underground.

We reached our most Northern latitude at 71° 12'N well within the Arctic Circle, and turned back. The next day we arrived in Trondheim, a



real city with a wonderful cathedral called Nidaros which is the name of a piece of music that Tenby Male Choir sing! Peter wanted to visit

this cathedral so we caught the ship's shuttle bus to the centre of the city. We talked to several Norwegian ladies in the cathedral coffee shop. The cathedral is huge, 1100 years old and in gorgeous gardens with a quadrangle surrounding it. We didn't have

time to visit the 3 museums. We bought post cards, one Peter got for Terry Evans in the choir who is always saying "Nidaros" was the most difficult piece he every learned! That was in the days when John Hurlow was in the choir.

From a massive ancient cathedral our last church visit was to an Art Deco Lutheran Church, built at Alesund. The town suffered a disastrous fire in 1904 and the whole town had to be rebuilt, so rebuilt in Art Deco Style. The church had a wonderful fresco inside decorating almost the whole front wall. It had 2 sets of organ pipes. I asked the volunteer collecting our 50 krona entrance fee if they had 2 organs. He said no, just one, but they only use one set of pipes otherwise it is too noisy! Built in 1909, the church already has the problem we have around the rose window. They only get a small "tithe" from their government, so they have to charge visitors.

I could write more but Shirley wouldn't be very pleased ... Mollie.

Recipe of the month

To Preserve Children

Ingredients: a large grassy field, 2/3 small dogs, ½ dozen children, a pinch of brook and pebbles.

Method: 1. Mix children and dogs well together.

2. Put them in a field, stirring constantly.

3. Pour brook over pebbles.

4. Sprinkle field with flowers.

5. Spread over all a blue sky and bake in the sun.

6. When brown remove and set to cool in a bath tub!

Choirs during August

8th Tenby Male Choir £10 8pm start

22nd Whitland Male Choir £10 8pm start.



A good life

Is when you assume nothing, do more, smile often, dream big, laugh a lot, and realize how blessed you are for what you have.

Our Prime Purpose

In this life is to help others, and if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them.

Dalai Lama

Trust

Is a fragile thing. Easy to break, easy to lose and one of the hardest things to get back.

Naturally

Why people say "Amen" and not "Awomen"? Bobby asked. His little friend replied "Because they sing hymns and not hers."

One Pound

A one-pound coin goes a long way these days; you can carry one for several weeks before you can find anything that it will buy.

Tenby Community Day

23rd September 2023 on South Beach, the car park, and Battery Gardens. Free refreshments, lunch, games, lots of silly things to do, a sand sculpture competition on the beach. St Johns are organising a human fruit machine. If you can help, please let Shirley know. A couple of hours sitting and having fun.

Hybrid service marking end of Simon

Walkling's service as Synod Moderator at 2pm on Saturday 5th August. Watch on Zoom [835 9909 7025 Password Synod12] or come and watch at the manse.

Templeton Wedding Dress Festival runs from Saturday 26th to Monday 28th August, 11am to 5pm.

Rev Adrian Davies



The members thank Adrian for his time, as he has preached for a few weeks in July, one Sunday due to the Long Course weekend with roads around Tenby closed and Stella, John and Kate all at the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church.

On searching for a book of stamps

Check in wallet, check once more, hunt through bag, look in drawer, feel coat pockets, peer in pot, riffle desk, find them not, shake out shoes, lift up hat, inspect fridge, ask the cat, scour the shelves, peek in purse, turn out cupboards, sweat and curse, go to shop, buy more stamps, put in wallet next to stamps.

Brian Bilston.

Editorial

If anyone can write a story, poem, article about their holidays, or anything Shirley would welcome it to include in the Newsletter by 19th August. There is a box at the back of the church to put it, or send to Shirleybdraper@gmail.com. Thank you.

Answers to the well-known flowers riddles.

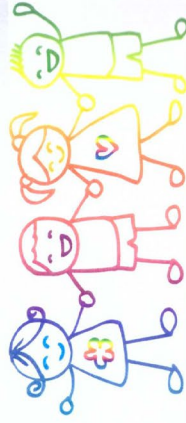
1. Primrose 2. Snowdrop 3 Sweet William
4. Bluebell 5. Sweet pea.

Self-certifying appointment.

For de-waxing ears phone 0300 303 8322 for an appointment. This is for Pembrokeshire people.

Pastorate Barbecue on 1st September in the Garden Through Time at Tabernacle from 4pm to 7pm. Come and join us!

The Whole People of God, Called and Committed to God's Service



Children & Young People

The Basis of Union, states “*The Lord Jesus Christ continues ministry in and through the Church, the whole people of God called and committed to his service and equipped by God for it.*” This whole people of God includes our children and young people who serve in so many different ways in our churches and witness to God’s saving love in Jesus in our communities.

When we talk about children’s and/or youth ministry, we think about how can we minister to them? But let us switch this around and say that ‘children’s ministry’ is their ministry within the church, how can they minister to us?

The ministry of our young people discuss the following questions:

- What gifts, abilities and experience do you see in the young people you know?
- Think about ways that children and young people can or do serve in the church?
- How can you encourage children and young people to play a bigger part in the life and ministry of the church?



Time to Reflect

Take a look at these real life examples of children’s ministry (click here or scan the QR Code) [Landie Memorial Award Winners: January-March 2023 - United Reformed Church](#)



Now look overleaf at the 10 statements from the United Reformed Church Charter for Children. Discuss each statement and make notes of what these mean for your church fellowship.

United Reformed Church Charter for Children

We believe that:

1. Children are equal partners with adults in the life of the church.
2. The full diet of Christian worship is for children as well as adults.
3. Learning is for the whole church, adults and children.
4. Fellowship is for all – each belonging meaningfully to the rest.
5. Service is for children to give, as well as adults.
6. The call to evangelism comes to all God’s people of whatever age.
7. The Holy Spirit speaks powerfully through children as well as adults.
8. The discovery and development of gifts in children and adults is a key function of the church.
9. As a church community we must learn to do only those things in separate age groups which we cannot in all conscience do together.
10. The concept of the ‘Priesthood of all Believers’ includes children



“Out of the mouths of babes and infants you silence the enemy.” (Psalms 8:2)

Read 2 Chronicles 34 and discuss what it meant for the adults of the king’s court when the 8 year old king Josiah walked the faithful path of devotion in God’s way. At the age of 12 Josiah began to implement Godly reforms in the community, and at the age of 18 Josiah led the nation in repentance and a turning back to God. Would we go along with the ideas of such a young person?

How would you respond to that 8, 12, 18 year old in your fellowship that suggested changes in the life of the church?

Paul writes to Timothy about his ministry in the church and advises “*Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*” (1 Tim 4: 12) What examples can you follow from young people connected with your church? Think about what Jesus says in Mark 10:13-16 and the need to be like children.

Time to Respond

Look at and work through the United Reformed Church “Where are the Children?” booklet which is available free following this link or QR Code

[Where are the children? – United Reformed Church](#) Think of ways that you can encourage children and young people to take on ministries and responsibilities in your church. Now put it into action . . .

