



## News of St Johns

Please note that Rev. Dr John Proctor is preaching in our Church on 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The Daffodil Festival is between 1 and 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Mothering Sunday is 11<sup>th</sup> March, when posies will be given to all ladies, by the Junior Church children.

Early notice: The Display of Church History starts on 25<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Easter is 30<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April

## March

March is usually blustery, but light finally wins out over darkness. The vernal equinox falls on the 20<sup>th</sup> when day and night are of equal length, and the clocks go forward on the 25<sup>th</sup>, giving a sudden extra hour of light every evening. Spring feels irresistible now.

Summer-visiting birds begin to return, bumblebees are tentatively buzzing, and the ground can be cultivated. Yellow is the colour of March with daffodils, primroses, lemon-toned brimstone butterflies, and bright spring sunshine in between the showers and the gales. The month is named after Mars, the god of war, and the guardian of agriculture. On the 20<sup>th</sup> the sun rises precisely due east and sets due west. This only happens on two days a year the Vernal equinox in March and the Autumnal equinox in September.

## Margaret Day

In a letter sent to Shirley, thanking her for a copy of the monthly newsletter sent to her, Margaret wishes to give everybody her best wishes, especially Mollie. Margaret says she has settled down in her little flat, and that the church she is going to is also named St Johns.

## Editorial

The close off date for April's Newsletter is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The editor's email is [shirleybdraper@gmail.com](mailto:shirleybdraper@gmail.com) I haven't any

"News of members" this month because so many members have contributed!!! Thank you. It is YOUR newsletter!

## Walking the Way

For those exploring Walking the Way spiritually, I would encourage them to sign up for the daily devotions from the United Reform Church which they can do from the website:- [urc.org.uk](http://urc.org.uk). It looks very interesting what they have planned for Lent.

*Recommended by Suzanne Tolley*

## To be born Welsh

To be born Welsh is to be born privileged  
Not with a silver spoon in your mouth  
But with music in your blood and poetry in your soul.

## The 150<sup>th</sup> Banner

The finished product and the Craft Group



The 150<sup>th</sup> banner is nearing completion and will be on display from the Daffodil Festival onwards. The ladies have worked very hard, with some doing a lot more of the fine work than others! Note the ribbon in the girl's pony tail, the Welsh Cakes, a tea cup, the daffodil, the Christmas Tree, the Communion squares of bread! So many bits and pieces that make up the life of the church are included.

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## March 2018

### New Church Website

This is now live. To see it go to [www.stjohnstenby.org.uk](http://www.stjohnstenby.org.uk) and let all your friends far and wide know about it too.

### The Church Mouse says

Decided that my 2018 started again on February 1<sup>st</sup>, January was just a trial month. May your March be filled with relaxation, lots of laughter, good friends, and unexplained miracles. Amen

### Recipe of the Month: Lemon Mug Cheesecake

6 little glass pots or espresso cups  
Put 1 tablespoon butter in bowl and microwave for 10-20 seconds until melted. Stir in 7 crushed plain biscuits i.e digestives or malt. Press down to form crust in the 6 cups. Then in bowl add 1 egg, 3 tablespoons cream cheese, 2 tablespoons soured cream, ¼ teaspoon of vanilla, 3 tablespoons sugar, ¼ teaspoon cornflour and pinch salt. Beat all together until smooth and spoon over the biscuit crust. Cook in microwave in 30 second bursts with 20 second breaks in between, for about 3-4 minutes till top bubbles. Chill in fridge at least an hour before topping with lemon curd. A different jam topping can be used if liked.



This photo was taken about 2pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February, with a lovely winter sun. The

outside 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary banner is on display above the front entrance.

### Children's corner

Remember when you are praying:-  
Don't give God instructions, just report for duty.

The Best Mathematical Equation

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

### Poem read on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January by Mrs Melony Ablitt, the minister that day.

From a Friend

Dear Friend,

How are you? I just had to send a note to tell you how much I care about you.

I saw you yesterday as you were talking with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would want to talk with me too. I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you – and I waited. You never came. It hurt me – but I still love you because I am your friends.

I saw you sleeping last night and longed to touch your brow so I spilled moonlight upon your face. Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you! You awoke and rushed off to work. My tears were in the rain.

If you would only listen to me! I love you! I try to tell you in blue skies and in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in leaves on the trees and breathe it in colours of flowers, shout it to you in mountain streams, give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with nature's scents. My love for you is deeper than the ocean, and bigger than the biggest need in your heart!

Ask me! Talk with me! Please don't forget me. I have so much to share with you!

I won't hassle you any further. It is YOUR decision. I have chosen you and I still wait – because I love you.

Your friend JESUS



## Roof of Church

Eluned Brown comments that we mentioned that our Church was reroofed in 1923 in last month's newsletter. Well, she said, it was done again the beginning of 1999 just after Nanette came. I don't remember what it cost. But I do know that I raised £1,800 myself towards it. I still have the list of people who gave donations. My own family gave £150 towards it.

Also mentioned last month, was John Tipton. He and I were class mates all thro' the old Greenhill Grammar School. I will miss him because we had been visiting each other.

*Editor:* If anybody else has memories of raising money for the roof in 1990 the editor would be pleased to hear them. This was when the Church gave everybody a £1 to make it more! Shirley remembers having a cream tea afternoon at the hotel, and 2 members muddled the date and came the next day but they still had a cream tea!

## Mollie Neate



Mollie was in hospital for only a few days after her heart attack and had a stent put in. She came home to be fussed over by Peter and her family!! Take it easy Mollie and get really well.

## Stay and Play Group

Mel starts this new activity on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March in the hall between 10.30am and noon. This is for young mothers/and or fathers to bring their pre-school children to meet others and for everybody to make friends. So again pass the word on to any young families.

## Christian One Liners from Ron Hurlow's friend

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

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.

People are funny; they want the Front of the bus, Middle of the road, and Back of the church.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.

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

We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

**Tenby Arts Club at St Johns, 7:30pm**

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*Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March: A 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Presentation by Kath and Co, £4 for non-members.

*Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Jazz by the Memphis 6,*

admission £7, tell your friends.