


Pedair Afon Ministry Area

The Magazine

Nothing is impossible with God

Come And See



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and the
Garw Valley**

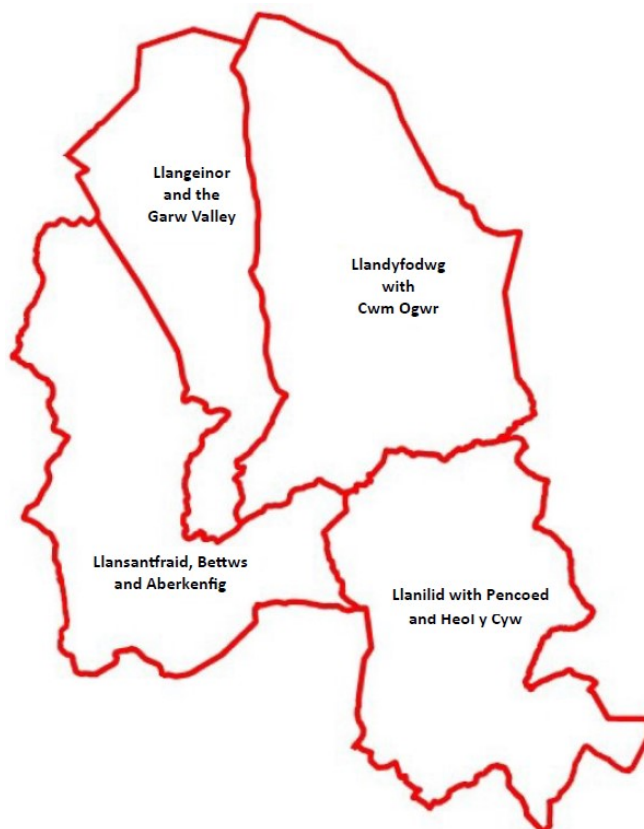
**Llandyfodwg
with
Cwm Ogwr**

**Llansantfraid, Bettws
and Aberkenfig**

**Llanilid with Pencoed
and Heol y Cyw**

October 2022

REGULAR SERVICES IN THE MINISTRY AREA

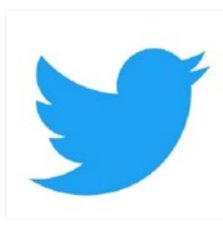
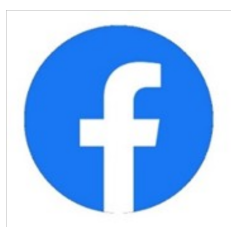


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View from the Rectory

(HodgesTowers)

September 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I am writing this on the same day that the new King has been in Cardiff. King Charles III flew into the capital and was centre stage for a service of reflection at Llandaff Cathedral before going on to the Senedd and then to the Castle. Its great to see the

sun come out and the crowds but it's all bittersweet. Rev Andrew the Archbishop of Wales put one or two quips in his sermon and it was interesting that in normal days people would have laughed but not this time. But how should we approach this time?

We need to remember above all Queen Elizabeth was someone who was a friend of Jesus and did what she promised. All her life she seemed to have had a quiet living faith but more recently in the latter years of her life she did explicitly share that faith out loud. She talked in some of her Christmas messages about the strength that she got from this relationship and you could see that even though she was the Queen she always bowed the knee to the King of Kings. Since the time of her father's tragic death until her own she kept her word of being at the nations' service.

Lots of people lobbed grenades about Empire and privilege and life of luxury and what do we need the monarchy for but do these people really understand what it was they were asking to have removed or what it was they were challenging? Kings and Queens have been around a long long time and I agree that a rogue one could be disastrous. But the Queen was no a rogue one and the alternative for me would not be appealing.

We'd have to get rid of the Monarchy and then lose the Defender of the Faith and probably for good measure get rid of all links of Church and State weather formal or informal and then make sure there are no prayers or anything in any of our government buildings etc. The monarchy and government and church and faith are all interlinked in this country and I would stick my neck out here and say it is the reason why we have been able to play such a big part in this world. We are a few million people on a little rock to the north of the planet and yet we have had world influence



for centuries. We have caused pain in the world through bad use of this influence but we have also brought immense good through the use of this influence as well.

We still have prayers at the beginning of everyday in the Houses of Parliament but they are under threat. We still have an education system that says we should have a daily gathering of Christian worship in our schools but that is less and less adhered to. We have a country that used to keep Sunday as a day off for all but that has gone by the wayside. We are still a country that has a monarch as the focus and who promises to be that monarch under God but what of the future?

The Queen served God the whole of her life and has now gone to be with Jesus. King Charles has watched in the wings for years and is now centre stage. He says he has his mother's faith too so it looks like there is all to play for. This I know, when I let God into my life fully many years ago that was when things began to change for the better. Life is meant to be lived hand in hand with our God, we're not meant to go it alone. That is true or a regular human like me or the King

Psalm 2:10-12

Now therefore, O Kings, show discernment;

Take warning, O judges of the earth.

Worship the Lord with reverence

And rejoice with trembling.

Do homage to the Son,

that He not become angry, and you perish in the way,

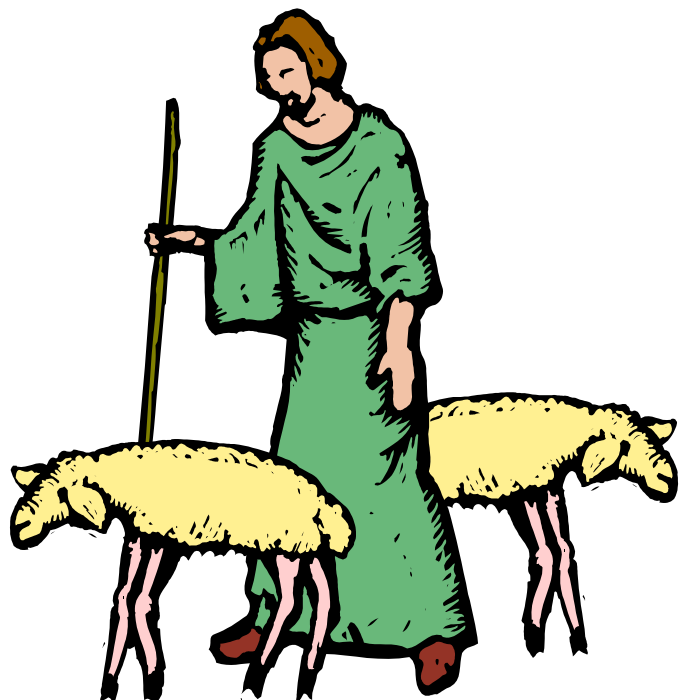
For His wrath may soon be kindled.

How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

Long live the King.

Rev Ian

*(Ministry Area Leader
& Annoying Area Dean
& Mad Vicar Extraordinaire)*



Farewell to our Dear Friend



It is with much sadness that our dearest friend Mike Woodland was laid to rest on Thursday 25th August. We at St David's Church Wyndham are still in disbelief that he is no longer with us at our twice weekly services. Not only was he the back bone of the organisation of our church where he took charge of so many things such as music, treasurer, webpage, photographer, printer, editor and even quizmaster but so much more. He was always pleasant and kind to everyone and made himself available when we were unsure of any the above.

Mike was a knowledgeable and helpful man, we knew him to be extremely thorough and yes, he always did things properly. He was blessed with so many gifts.

The last six months were not easy for him while he was at home with illness, however he still managed to help out in many ways as he was extremely good with technological issues which many of us are not.

Our ministry area will miss him greatly and it will take a long time to accept that we no longer have him with us.
Rest well Mike.

From Linda Kinsey and all at St David's, Wyndham.

In memory of Michael Woodland our friend

How do you sum up Mike in a few words, always willing to help, a dear friend, part of our church family and has been in church since a young lad playing the organ.
(continued...)

Moving then to St John's, Ogmore Vale and St Cein's Llangeinor with his family; when St John's church closed, Mike decided to come back to his home which was St David's, Wyndham and he's been with us for the last 18 years.

Mike didn't get flustered easily, but kept a calm, efficient demeanour even in a crisis. Over time, Mike has proven to be very reliable and trustworthy. He acted with grace but didn't demand to be the centre of attention.

When we had social evenings he was ready with his quizzes as quiz master and after playing music for us to dance.

We've got so many happy memories, through Mike's photographs and videos.

Mike was set in his ways and even when we made delicious Lunches for Charity, Mike would always have his Shepherd's Pie, Mike liked what he liked!

He was '**A man for all seasons**' and will be greatly missed by us all xx

Rest in Peace Mike x

Love Jill, Thelma, Florence and Eirwen

I've had the joy of knowing Michael for twenty years. As Musicians we shared a time in harmony.

He would never B# (Be sharp)
Bb (Be flat) but always he would
B' (Be natural).

Great symphonies take time to compose.

Sharing times with Mike was such a privilege. (Duet).

Opus Dei.

From Gerald.



St David's Mothers' Union News

September meeting

17 ladies met for lunch in Pantruthyn where we put the world to rights and shared lots of laughter. A few ideas were put forward for future meetings and details can now be discussed in our **October Meeting** in the church hall on **Wednesday October 5th at 2pm**. Members were invited to the Deanery Quiz, and £20 was donated to the Caravan fund. I have passed this on to Frances our Deanery Leader.

Subs for September and October will be collected in the October meeting. We continue to support **Splice** Baby Bank and donations of toiletries, both for babies and adults will be welcome. If any church members would like to donate please give to me or any M.U. member. SPLICE is a registered charity based in Pyle/Kenfig Hill. They provide practical and emotional support to families who live in Bridgend County.

November 2nd 2pm

Ukelele Band Singalong with Tea/Coffee and Cake Tickets £5

Mothers Union will be hosting the afternoon, serving tea and cake in the interval. Pencoed Ukelele band will be entertaining us and leading the singalong. Proceeds will go to the Llandaff Diocese Mothers Union **Away From It All** Caravan fund. The caravan is based in Porthcawl and provides holidays for families in need.

We would love to see members of the Ministry Area especially Mothers Union members. Bring your friends too! Tickets available from me and St David's M U Members.

The Pedair Afon Ministry Area Joint Communion

Thanks to Ian, Roger and Glenda for a beautiful service which gave thanks for the reign of Queen Elizabeth 11 and paid tribute to her faith in God. So lovely to see the church full and the singing was amazing. It was lovely to chat with Mary and Liz from Llantsanffraid, new friends from the Ministry Area meeting in Kenfig Hill and Dorcas and Jill, fellow branch leaders of M U.

A trip down memory lane for me as I attended Ogmere Grammar School 1961 to 68. For once I could say, " I know the way !!!" I parked in Fairy Glen and remembered all those days we climbed that hill to school. Happy memories.

Birthdays in October Marilyn 2nd Oct.
Happy birthday Marilyn. Have a lovely day.

Cleaning Rota October

Helen Pam Ursula Margaret

Worcester Victorian Christmas Market Trip

Thursday December 1st tickets £15

We still have a few seats available. Let me know if interested.

Sponsored Walk in Aid of Dementia Uk

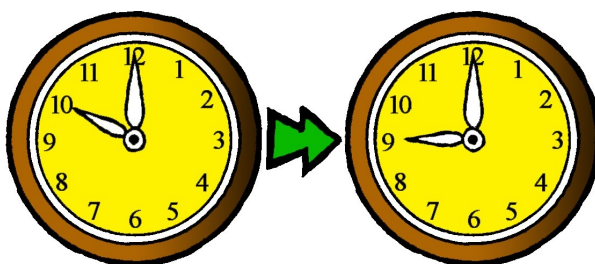
I am taking part in the sponsored event **Walk 30 Miles in September**

The challenge is to walk 1 mile a day. I am hoping to walk 2 miles a day. So far I'm doing well. Its September 15th and we are half way. Thanks to all my lovely sponsors for supporting me. I wonder if I can make 100 miles. We'll see. I'll ask my knees !!!!! I may need extension. Please sponsor me if you can. I'm walking in memory of my dear Aunty Sunbeam and special Friend Bet Minton a much loved St David's MU Branch leader for many years. Dave and I were walking in Penarth and met 2 ladies. One was very frail. She said "Hello. This is my new friend." " I'm an old friend but she doesn't remember". So sad. So moving ! Stories like this and about families coping with Dementia is giving me the inspiration to walk every day.

Look forward to seeing you on Oct 5th 2pm.

God Bless **Joan Sheldon**

Don't forget!



**British Summer Time ends at 2am
on Sunday October 30th.**

**Remember to turn your clocks back an hour
before you go to bed!**

A Letter of Condolence sent to the Royal Family on the death of our Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II



Llandaff Diocese Mothers' Union is deeply saddened at the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The passing of our Queen is a real loss after a life of incredible service. She was loved and respected by each generation and will be sorely missed by us all.

As our Patron, we give thanks for her guidance and support of Mothers' Union over the decades, which has enabled us to touch as many lives as possible, in many and varied communities. We mark and celebrate a life dedicated to the service of others, her strong faith, and her devotion to all people

Our Queen was a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and our thoughts and condolences are with the Royal family, who we hold in our prayers at this time.





St. Paul's

Communion services for October 2nd, at 11am.
There will be no service on the 16th due to the Ministry Area joint communion in St David's, Pontycymer on that day.

On Sunday 30th October the Parish communion service and lunch is at St. Paul's at 10.a.m.

Whist Drive meetings are Wednesday the 12th and 26th October, and the 9th and 23rd of November at the Heol y Cyw Rugby Club at 7pm.

Mothers Union
To be arranged.

Eileen



Hello Everyone

I trust you are all relieved that the glorious heat wave has broken. As I write the heavens are opened for the first time in many weeks, and we look forward to the grass becoming green once again. It is funny how quickly we can forget the discomfort of the heat in the reality of the rain and sometimes wonder if we will ever see the sun again. The rain however has brought some joy, with members of my family, who shall remain nameless, running out just to stand in the rain, arms outstretched and faces lifted in sheer delight. (It wasn't Ian!!)

This is a picture of how life is currently at the Rectory. We have recently seen some amazing highs and some lows, too. We were so pleased to be able to celebrate, all who Ian is, at his 50th birthday garden party. We are so grateful to all of you who gave so generously, who came and shared a groaning buffet/bbq table with us. It was a wonderful occasion, it didn't rain and we were really blessed.

So it was quite shocking just a week later to find ourselves waiting at the GP surgery, where the seemingly fit Rector was struggling to breathe and control his heart beat. Ian is well, and although awaiting a further intervention at the hospital, is not allowing this condition to impact on his mission and ministry here. God is good and holding us all steady.

We are in the process of celebrating three children and their academic achievements, one graduation down and two to go. We have a very busy household currently with the young people and their persons coming and going. You may have spotted one or two of them over the Summer. It is a time to rejoice in all they have achieved and who they have become, and also to plan and prepare for all that will be coming next. Naomi will shortly be leaving the nest permanently to take up a role as a quality control graduate intern at a company called Dunbia, based near Bedford. She will be back for visits, I am assured (she better had!) as well as Brides dress fittings, ready for her wedding in December. She will shortly be followed by Tim, who will be moving to Surrey to take up a position with Surrey Police. Jacob goes to East London, to intern at a church in Bow. Michael will return to his beloved Huddersfield for Year 2 at University.

I can't help but be a little sad that their growing up and achieving so much, means inevitably that they will leave our cosy nest, where we have been a gang of six for so long. But how can we possibly complain? Ian and I are very much looking forward to visiting them, and sharing in their journeys, although whether he will see through on his promise to buy a camper van and camp out on their drive ways remains to be seen.

I have been grateful for your care, about what next for me? That is the

question I guess, I would value your prayers as I continue to seek discernment and guidance from God, as well as having a bit of a rest.

In the meantime, some of you will have heard me talking about the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer, recently. Since giving up work I have been volunteering as a heritage researcher for this charity. They are building a national monument to hope in Birmingham, a testimony to all that Jesus has done in and through this nation. We need your answered prayers. It is not too late to submit one. The plan is to match a prayer with a brick, so that anyone can view it the prayer and be encouraged. Please go to the website, watch their videos and be inspired. They have begun the building work already.

The website is <https://www.eternalwall.org.uk>, or just google eternal wall. Remembering all that the Lord has done for us equips and informs us as we move on.

Emma



Notes from Billy Davies, St David's Pontycymer

It was the silver jubilee in 1977 and a young butcher was managing Woodley's butchers in Swansea. Being told by customers that H.M the Queen was visiting Swansea at 2pm that afternoon he decided to shut the shop for half an hour to see the Queen. The young man waited on the pavement's end to ensure he would not miss Her Majesty.

The monarch was late but he was not going to miss the opportunity of waving to his monarch as she passed by. Two hours later the Queen was passing and satisfied he had seen the lady who was wearing a lime hat, dress and coat he returned to the shop to be greeted by a very angry area manager. Bill Hastel demanded to know where he had been! The young butcher smiled and replied, "Oh just been to see the Queen Sir," those words brought a smile to his face and he not only helped the young butcher pack up and clean the shop but took him home in his car.

A few years later the slightly older butcher was managing Woodley's butchers Bridgend and once again he was told Her Majesty was going to be in Bridgend and he decided to go and see the Queen as she passed by. Being told the route that would be taken he made his way to the bottom of Court Road on the corner by himself excitedly awaiting her arrival.

The car came down Nolton Street slowly and turned right at the bottom of Court Road to travel to the train station and the Queen turned and looked and waved at the young butcher causing him to bow down low and when he raised his head the car was well passed and on its way up to the train station where the Royal train awaited,.

The young butcher was left in tears of joy as he realised that the Queen had seen him and waved to him and it left him full of pride. The butcher had seen the monarch twice and will never forget it. Yes the young butcher was me and I will never forget the gracious lady and her beautiful smile.



Services in LBA for October

Oct 2nd	St John's with Revd Glenda @ 11am
Oct 9th	St David's Bettws with Revd Gaynor @ 11am
Oct 16th	Joint ministry area service in St Cein's, Llangeinor @ 10am
Oct 23rd	St John's with Revd Geoff Waggett
Oct 30th	St David's Bettws with Revd Geoff Waggett @ 11am

September 100 Club St David's, Bettws

Drawn by Lee Bridgeman

No 9 Mali Watts £5

No 16 Gareth Allen £5

No 23 Revd Gaynor £5

A Distinguished Visitor



St David's Bettws received a visit from this guest with Royal connections. He brought his souvenir photograph to show us—and his own jar of marmalade!

St Tyfodwg's Church, Glynogwr



Dates for your Diary

Sunday, 9 th October	7pm - Harvest Songs of Praise
Friday, 4 th November	7pm Ogmore Valley Male Voice Choir Concert Tickets £5
Saturday, 12 th November	10am -2pm Christmas Fete
Sunday, 18 th December	7pm – Carol Service

A New Beginning for St Tyfodwg's Church, Glynogwr

Over the last few years the St Tyfodwg Development Committee have been involved with seeking funding to install a community facility within the Church. We needed to create a space that could be used in a variety of ways, making the most of the opportunities that existed around us.

St Tyfodwg's role in its local community can be redefined through its provision of a vital local service and by being a point of connection that re-establishes it at the heart of local life. As a Church we recognise that we are the stewards of a building that should be a shared community resource. There is now an opportunity to develop St Tyfodwg's with a community facility and thus conserve an important historical building, much loved by the community with a desire to preserve its heritage.

The facility will allow the Church to be equipped to meet the needs of the local community in which the Church of today is involved as part of its wider mission. If the Church is to survive it will need to secure new sources of revenue and redefine its space in ways that can have a variety of uses that enables it to function both now and in the future.

We are in really difficult times with many people experiencing hardship. This is an opportunity to reach out to those who normally would not attend church services by providing a much needed place where they can meet socially, enjoy a chat and coffee and prove that the Church is for them as much as it is for those who attend religious services. By connecting with the community we hope that they will in time decide to join the Sunday congregation. We wish to create a space that will have a variety of uses as well as be a place of worship.

We hope to achieve four targets:-

To reduce loneliness and isolation within the community

To improve social interaction and build community cohesion.

To provide activities and services in a rural area.

To help improve the wellbeing of the community by providing access to outreach services enabling the residents to feel more valued.

The alterations within the Church are nearing completion, although there are still a number of tasks to undertake, namely excavation work to enable mains water to be installed in the Church, as well as repairs to the exterior of the Church Tower. Nevertheless it is hoped that we will be ready to open the community facility in the not too distant future.

We are extremely grateful to the Communities Facility Programme, The National Lottery Fund, Pennant Walters Ltd and The Hedley Trust for funding our Community Project. The immediate benefits to our Church are that we have had a new heating system installed (ours had broken down), new lighting and our tower is having repairs to prevent water getting in. Also it has been freshly decorated and with the extra space created we have increased our seating capacity for weddings etc. Long term benefits are that we hope to create an extra source of revenue from hiring out the community space and also attract more people to worship with us on a Sunday.

Thankfully we have been able to arrange Church Services whilst work has continued.

We offer a WARM WELCOME to ALL.

Helen Dando

Ministry Area Representative,
St Tyfodwg's

Llangeinor and the Garw Valley

On Saturday 1st October, St Ceinwyr's Church, Llangeinor will once again welcome Swansea Ramblers with tea and cake. The Church will be open 12noon—3:00pm. All are welcome.



St Ceinwyr's Church, Llangeinor

St Ceinwyr

St Cein, or Keyne, Cain, Cenau, Cenedion or Ceinwyr, died in either 490 or 505 on 8th October. Born in Wlaes, daughter of King Brychan, she grew up to be very beautiful and she rejected the many men who sought her hand in marriage. Eventually she became a nun. She sailed across to Cornwall and set up a cell where the village of St Keyne now stands. Her holy well is about half a mile to the south of the village. Legend has it that the first of the newly-married couple to drink at the well will be master for life! Keyne visited St Cadoc at St Michael's Mount in Cornwall and he told her to return to Wales, which she did. In 480AD she settled beside a hillock in Crickhowell at a place now known as Llangenny. It was there that her prayers caused a holy spring to burst forth from the ground, and by it she founded a chapel. The chapel was demolished in 1790 but the well remains. Other churches dedicated to her include Llangain (Dyfed) Rockfield (Llangenon) in Gwent as well as Runston church (now ruined) also in Gwent. Keynsham in Somerset is seemingly not named after St Keyne but after a local Saxon Saint, Kaegin or Caega.

St Ceinwyr's Church will be open to visitors on Saturday 8th October from 12noon to 3:00pm. Tea, coffee and cake will be available.

At 4pm there will be a service for Baby Loss Awareness Week. All are welcome to join us for reflection, prayers and the lighting of candles.

**LLANGEINOR and the GARW VALLEY
SERVICES in OCTOBER 2022**

Sat 1st 12:00md St Ceinwyr's open to visitors
to 3:00pm Tea/coffee/cakes available

Sun 2nd **16th Sunday after Trinity—Thanksgiving for Harvest**

10:00am Holy Communion, St David's, Pontycymer
11:15am Holy Communion, St Ceinwyr's, Llangeinor
6:00pm Harvest Praise, St Ceinwyr's, Llangeinor

Weds 5th 6:00pm Holy Communion, St David's, Pontycymer

Sat 8th **St Ceinwyr's Day**

12:00md St Ceinwyr's open to visitors
to 3:00pm Tea/coffee/cakes available
4:00pm Baby Loss Awareness Service

All are welcome to join us to say prayers and light candles

Sunday 9th **Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

10:00am Morning Prayer, St David's, Pontycymer
11:15am Morning Prayer, St Ceinwyr's, Llangeinor



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Weds 12th 6:00pm Holy Communion, St David's, Pontycymer

Sun 16th **Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**
Ministry Area Joint Communion Day
10:00am **Holy Communion, St Ceinwyr's, Llangeinor**

Weds 19th 6:00pm Holy Communion, St David's, Pontycymer

Sun 23rd **Last Sunday in Trinity—Bible Sunday**
10:00am Morning Prayer, St David's, Pontycymer
11:15am Morning Prayer, St Ceinwyr's, Llangeinor

Weds 26th 6:00pm Holy Communion, St David's, Pontycymer

Sun 30th **Fourth Sunday before Advent—**
First Sunday of The Kingdom
10:00am Holy Communion, St David's, Pontycymer
11:15am Holy Communion, St Ceinwyr's, Llangeinor



GLYNOGWR SERVICES in OCTOBER 2022

Sunday 2nd

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:00am Holy Communion, St Tyfodwg's, Glynogwr
10:30am Holy Communion, St David's, Wyndham

Weds 5th

10:00am Holy Communion, St David's, Wyndham

Sunday 9th

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

7:00pm Harvest Songs of Praise, St Tyfodwg's,
Glynogwr

Weds 12th

10:00am Holy Communion, St David's, Wyndham

Sat 15th

**10:00am Messy Church, Church Hall and
to 1:00pm Church, St David's Pencoed**

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Sunday 16th

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Weds 19th

10:00am Holy Communion, St David's, Wyndham

Sunday 23rd

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9:00am Holy Communion, St Tyfodwg's, Glynogwr
10:30am Holy Communion, St David's, Wyndham

Weds 26th

10:00am Holy Communion, St David's, Wyndham

Sunday 30th

Fourth Sunday before Advent -

First Sunday of the Kingdom

Clocks go back one hour

9:00am Holy Communion, St Tyfodwg's, Glynogwr
10:30am Holy Communion, St David's, Wyndham



LPH SERVICES in OCTOBER 2022

Sunday 2nd

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:00am Holy Communion, St David's, Pencoed
11:00am Holy Communion, St Paul's, Heol y Cyw

Weds 5th

10:00am Holy Communion, St David's, **Church,**

Sunday 9th

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9:00am Holy Communion, Llanilid Church
10:30am Family Communion, St David's, Pencoed
3:30pm Evensong, St David's, Pencoed

Weds 12th

10:00am Holy Communion, St David's, Pencoed

Sat 15th

**10:00am Messy Church, Church Hall and Church,
to 1:00pm St David's, Pencoed**

Deadline for articles for November Magazine

Sunday 16th

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Ministry Area Joint Communion Day

10:00am

Holy Communion, St Cein's, Llangeinor

Weds 19th

10:00am Holy Communion, St David's, Pencoed

Sunday 23rd

Last Sunday in Trinity—Bible Sunday

9:00am Holy Communion, Llanilid Church
10:30am Café Style Communion, St David's
Church Hall, Pencoed
3:30pm Just Breathe, St David's Church Hall,
Pencoed

Weds 26th

10:00am Holy Communion, St David's, Pencoed

Sunday 30th

Fourth Sunday before Advent -

First Sunday of the Kingdom

Clocks go back one hour

10:00am

Parish Communion and Lunch,

**St
Cyw**

Paul's, Heol y



LPH EVENTS in OCTOBER 2022

Saturday 1st	10:00am	Veterans' Hub, St David's Church Hall, Pencoed
Thurs 6th	11:00am	Coffee, Chat & Sing on Zoom <i>Contact Rev Glenda for the passcodes</i>
Tues 11th	2:00pm To 4;00pm	Chat & Craft, St David's Church Hall Pencoed <i>All welcome—materials and equipment provided Join in with the craft, or just enjoy the chat.</i>
Weds 12th	10:00am to 12noon 7:00pm	Coffee Morning, Bethel Newydd, Heol y Cyw Whist, Heol y Cyw Rugby Club
Thurs 13th	11:00am	Coffee, Chat & Sing on Zoom <i>Contact Rev Glenda for the passcodes</i>
Sat 15th	Deadline for articles for November Magazine	
Thurs 20th	11:00am	Coffee, Chat & Sing on Zoom <i>Contact Rev Glenda for the passcodes</i>
Weds 26th	7:00pm	Whist, Heol y Cyw Rugby Club
Thurs 27th	11:00am	Coffee, Chat & Sing on Zoom <i>Contact Rev Glenda for the passcodes</i>
Sunday 30th	Clocks go back one hour	



LBA SERVICES in OCTOBER 2022

Sunday 2nd

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

11:00am Holy Communion, St John's, Aberkenfig

Sunday 9th

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

11:00am Harvest Thanksgiving, St David's Bettws

Sat 15th

**10:00am Messy Church, Church Hall and Church,
to 1:00pm St David's Pencoed**

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Sunday 30th

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First Sunday of the Kingdom

Clocks go back one hour

11:00am Holy Communion, St David's Bettws





The most enduring image of the Covid plague to me was that of the Queen, sat alone, dressed in black, mourning her late husband in the chapel. At least she followed the rules. Only a person with a heart of stone could not have been moved by this image of our monarch, looking like a dignified but frail woman, mourning a man who she described as her 'strength and stay all these years.' She echoed the countless thousands who were also unable to fully say goodbye to the ones they lost during Covid.

During her reign the Queen has always shown her strong faith, as has the new King. This has two advantages: it does not matter how powerful you are, if you believe that you will be finally answerable to a higher power, then you will keep yourself on the right road. It is also a good idea if you have faith if you are the head of the Church of England. Whether future monarchs will continue with their faith, it will have to be seen.

As we probably all know, Henry VIII made himself the head of the English Church and then to break from Rome. His choice, to enable him to get a divorce and produce a male heir to prevent another War of the Roses, has far reaching consequences. The leader of the campaign to stay with Rome, Sir Thomas More, ended up losing his head in the Tower. The Church of England champion, Thomas Cromwell, rose to become the most powerful man in the land before he too lost his head in the Tower.

This split fuelled an already anti-clerical laity. The laity had three major resentments. Firstly, were the abuses such as absenteeism, maladministration and fiscal greed. Secondly was the view that the clergy were a class of unproductive consumers who lived off the benefits of the land. The belief was that the bishops, priests, deacons, monks,

nuns, and friars outnumbered the laity. Though this was untrue it shows the phobia of people at this time. Lastly was the fact that whilst churchmen were immune from civil courts the laity could be brought before a church court that ignored the principles of common law.

Henry VIII's doctrinal conservatism saved the church from the worst of anti-clericalism but rich prizes such as monasteries and chantries were doomed. Monasteries had much lands and plate which helped fund Henry's military campaigns and bribe those subjects who were unsure about the break from Rome.

Chantry Chapels were less of a prize but was based on a theologically suspect idea of Purgatory which many of the Protestant reformers denied. The idea is that if you die but fall short of grace you are placed not in heaven but in purgatory where your soul will be cleansed before ascending to heaven. Purgatory is not to be confused with hell. The length you spent there depended on your sins but also who prayed for your soul. To get people to pray for your departed soul the wealthy set aside money or land to pay for a priest to say mass in a special chapel for their souls.

Others went further and set up alms houses and schools whose residents or scholars would pray for the departed founder. 2754 chantries were abolished and much good work ceased. Add to this the end of charity from the monasteries and the lot of the poor became much worse.

In the church religion was sacramental, institutional and ritualistic. These were objective obligations and the people sought subjective religious experiences in church murals and the adoration of saints. This was a time when the word of God and worship of him was in a language (Latin) known only to the elite. Possession of an English bible was illegal – subjective religious contemplation on the word of God was for the rich.

With the removal of many pictures and the destruction of the relics of the saints left a spiritual vacuum for the lower classes. This led to a period when rebellion and violence was the norm. Violent swings of the monarchy to Protestantism (Edward VI), Catholicism (Mary) and back to Protestantism (Elizabeth I) in a mere eleven years meant being a spiritual vacuum, at least to others, was a good way of staying alive.

The first Elizabethan age saw England rise on the global stage. The second Elizabethan age saw the British Empire being dismantled and converted into a Commonwealth.

The first Elizabethan age saw some element of religious tolerance compared to the earlier reigns. The second Elizabethan age saw the UK turning into a multi-cultural nation.

Finally, both Queens reigned with a regard to duty and Christ. I am sure our new King, Charles, will do the same.

Kevin Murphy

Ministry Area Warden



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Open between 10:00 – 12:00

St David's Church Hall

The first Saturday of each month

Come and join us for a chat and a brew

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Or call Simon 07833 490632



Wedding

*Sept 3rd Rachel Allison Hole and Matthew John Williams St David's,
Pencoed*

May God bless their home and their life together



Baptisms

Aug 6th Mila Isabelle Donaldson St David's, Pencoed

Aug 7th Tommy Morris Denscombe St David's, Wyndham

*Aug 21st Oliver Edward Bird St David's, Pencoed
Harrison Robert Bird*

Aug 28th Ethan William George Davies St David's, Wyndham

*Sept 10th Oakley Anthony Newbold St Bride's,
Llansantffraid*

May the Lord bless them and keep them always in His care

Our first response

*'The Queen is dead;
Long live the King'*



The day after the death of our Queen, St Davids' bell tolled from mid-day along with others around the country, and the church was open for prayer.

I had heard that the church had a black & gold cloth that was placed over the altar on the death of a monarch – well good luck to finding that, I thought, after 70yrs! Well someone must have put it away very carefully because *there it was* on the altar!

I photographed Mum in front of it – that's 95 year old Ann King, Actually, it was when Mum was bringing me home as a baby in the ambulance, that the death of King George was announced (so I'm not one of those who can say *'I've only ever known a Queen'*!)

Mum had, together with Dad, welcomed the Queen at Bridgend station when they were the Mayor & Mayoress of Ogwr (the Bridgend Borough area). They also attended a garden party – 2 others present in the church had also attended occasions with the Queen. I had missed out – I was due to waitress at the garden parties (I worked for Lyons at the time) but had the flu & couldn't have lifted a tray!

Hazel King

Willing Workers Wanted



We have big plans to refurbish and upgrade St David's Church Hall in Pencoed—both for the use of our Church family, and to become more of a community resource.

The hall is already used extensively, for instance, the Veterans' Hub, Girl Guides, Foodbank, W I craft group and various exercise and wellbeing groups, as well as our own Café Church, Messy Church, Chat & Craft and Just Breathe.

To kick off our Big Plan, we are asking for volunteers to join a working party to clear the hall of clutter in preparation for sanding and oiling the floorboards and painting the walls and woodwork.

We're going to meet in the hall on Saturday October 1st at 12noon. Will you join us? If the weather is fine, there may be some gardening opportunities, too!

There will be tea, coffee and soft drinks, and maybe some food as well. Why not come and join in? See you there.



A Change to Messy ??



Messy Church this month was as always a great one and we went along as we always try to do. If you were there you might (I say might in case you was just too hungry and anticipating the great food to actually acknowledge what was said) have heard about the possible change to our monthly MessyChurch. What is this change you might ask...

Well the other churches in the area want us to maybe get together and do a big Messy Church instead and every now and then travel to other churches to see how they do it.

THOUGHTS ?? I have some pros and cons to help with the discussion :

Pros:

- we all get to meet more people.
- new ideas for our own Messy Church.
- a possible break for our lovely Rev Ian.

Cons :

- our group is like a little family.
- the activities and food are the best.
- it's not too far away (most of us live in Pencoed)

Rev Ian wants to know our thoughts and opinions, so in my opinion we love Messy Church and the only change I would want to make at Messy Church is to make it MORE MESSY, MORE OFTEN.

Heather

Word Search for October

With October, autumn is underway – the leaves are turning gold, the chilly nights are closing in and the shops are full of Halloween things. Our ancestors were frightened of the dark and cold of winter, and feared that evil things might attack them. So they lit fires and wore frightening masks, to ward off evil spirits. But Christianity taught a much better way: it taught that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that when He died for us on the cross, He overcame all the powers of evil that there are. So we don't need charms to ward off evil, we just need to turn to Jesus in prayer. He will protect us from any power of darkness that menaces our lives. The Psalms say that He is our shield and protector!

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| AUTUMN | GOLD | NIGHT | PROTECTION |
| PUMPKIN | SWEETS | SAINTS | GOODNESS |
| SAVING | PRAYER | DARK | LIGHT |
| JESUS | SON | SCHOOL | EXAMS |
| FEARLESS | HALF | TERM | COAL |
| LEAVES | BONFIRES | SNEEZE | SCARVES |
| SOUP | | | |

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Hi everyone

Now's the time for all those who have been picking up bargains or knitting hats ,gloves etc. to get them out of storage.

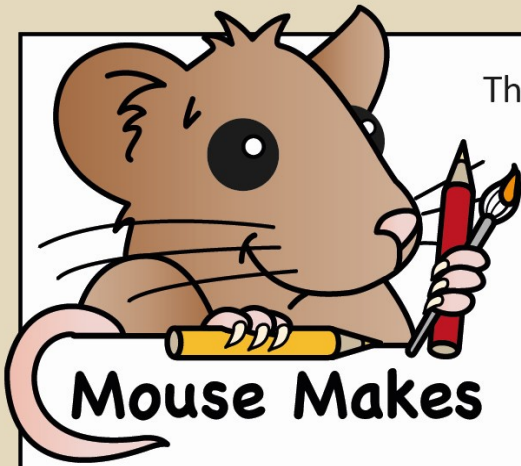
The Operation Christmas child season is upon us, all the information you need to take part in this fun event is on the enclosed leaflet. Unlike most things the donation requested to help with transport costs hasn't gone up and you can pack all the usual items and hand made goods are gratefully accepted. To find out more about this charity you can go onto their website: - Samaritans - purse.org.uk Where there are lots of interesting information about what the charity is doing and also great stories about the children whose lives have been touched by your kind gifts. Children like Kalina in Poland and Yuri a child brought up in an orphanage in Honduras.

I have pre-printed boxes if you need them but there is a cost I'm afraid. More information about when and where you need to bring the boxes in next month's magazine.

FOOD BANK

The food bank is grateful for any donations you can make, they are having to help more families at this current time, so can make your donations by leaving tins etc in the church porch or using the collection boxes in the supermarkets. Thank you for your support.





Mouse Makes

The New Testament has **four gospels, twenty one epistles** and the book of *Revelation*.

The **epistles** are a collection of **letters** that were written by the apostles to the early Christians, they contain teaching, instruction, advice and encouragement.

The Apostle **Paul** is thought to have written **thirteen** of the *epistles*...



Look in your Bible to see who wrote the other eight and who they were written to.

How many people does Paul send greetings to at the end of his letter to the Romans?

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The word **epistle** comes from the Greek word **epistolé** which means *letter or message*

Which is the shortest epistle?

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How many chapters does it have?

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Which are the longest epistles?

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How many chapters do they have?

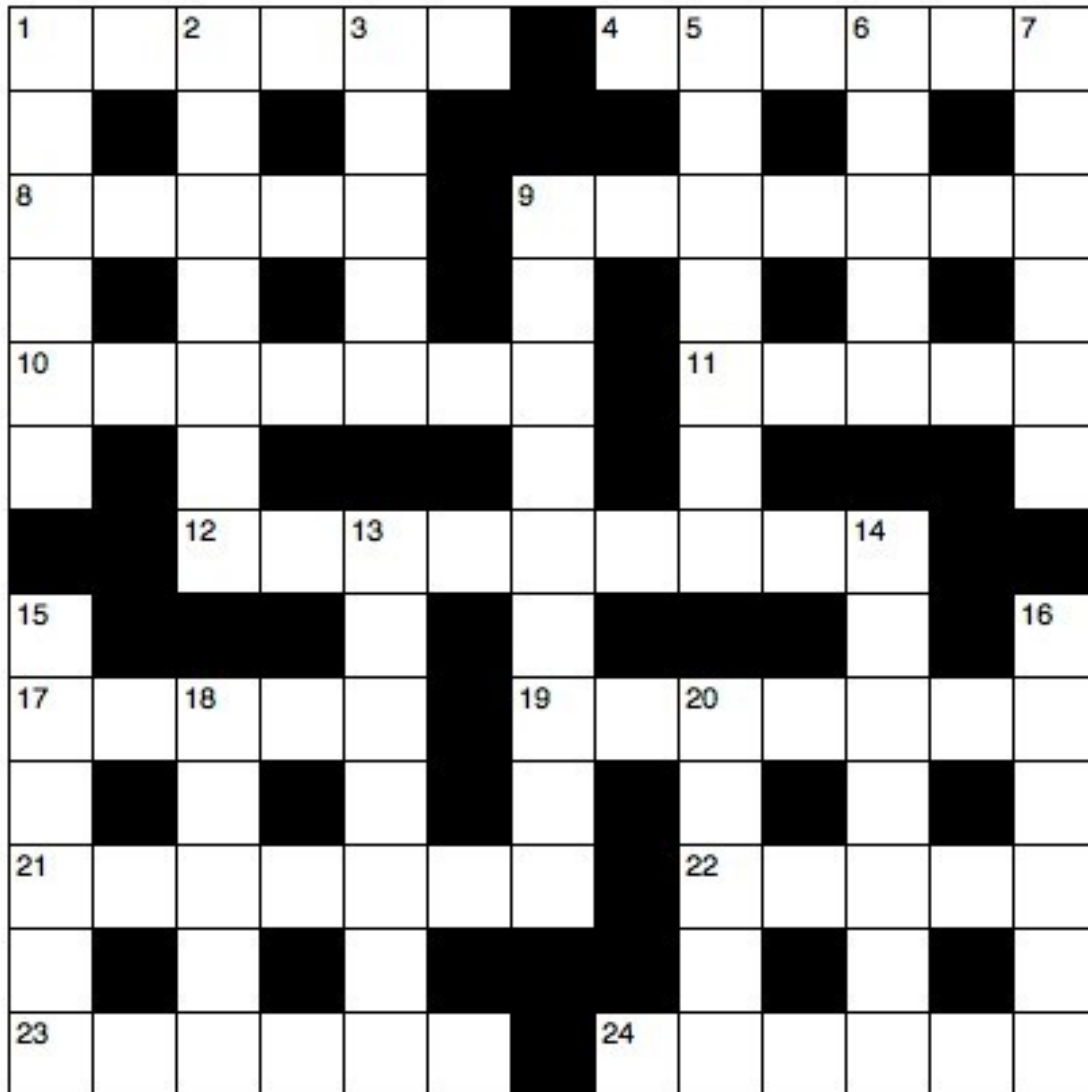
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DID YOU KNOW...?
At the time of the New Testament letters were written on scrolls

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 HEBREWS • JAMES • PETER • JOHN • JUDE • PAUL • SCROLL • WRITE

Crossword for October



Across

1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6) **4** As balm (anag.) (6) **8** Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5) **9** On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7) **10** 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7) **11** Banishment (Jeremiah 29:1) (5) **12** 'And now I will show you the most — way' (1 Corinthians 12:31) (9) **17** 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2) **19** Mice den (anag.) (7) **21** How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of —' (Exodus 13:3) (7) **22** One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5) **23** 'As a sheep before her shearers is —, so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6) **24** Paul's birthplace (Acts 22:3) (6)

Down

1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6) **2** Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7) **3** Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5) **5** Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7) **6** The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5) **7** 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6) **9** According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9) **13** 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7) **14** 'The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7) **15** 'If your hand — you to sin, cut it off' (Mark 9:43) (6) **16** Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6) **18** Track (Job 41:30) (5) **20** Religious doctrine (5)

Solution below



ACROSS: 1, Lawyer. 4, Balsam. 8, Caleb. 9, Jehoram. 10, Sparrow. 11, Exile. 12, Excellent. 17, Act in. 19, Endemic. 21, Slavery. 22, Galat. 23, Silent. 24, Tarsus.

DOWN: 1, Locust. 2, Welfare. 3, Ember. 5, Athlete. 6, Sarai. 7, Member. 9, Jewellery. 13, Condemn. 14, Temples. 15, Causes. 16, Scales. 18, Trail. 20, Dogma.



JESUS

*If I could package faith into one parcel
And collect all hope into a single can -
If I could roll all love into one heart-ball
And commoditise it in a living man
I'd already have a fully detailed label
Prepared before the world itself began -*

*And it would have one name -
And that name - JESUS -*

*At the centre of God's universal plan
To take the world along the course
God's surge of love provoked
Till wholeness flows through everything
With God's Spirit of life unyoked.*

By Sam Doubtfire





Prayer for October 2022

Loving, Creator God,

Thank you for your wonderful creation.

*In these days of concern
about climate change and the damage caused
by modern lifestyles and choices,
help us to be more aware.*

*Help us to make good choices.
Help us to be good stewards of Your creation.*

*You are so generous Lord.
You provide for us - more than enough
to meet the needs of all people.*

*Help us to play our part
in making sure there is fair distribution
of all Your provision.*

*Help us to reflect Your generosity,
Your compassion, Your justice.
Help us to care for Your world
and Your precious children.*

In Jesus name,

Amen

By Daphne Kitching



St James the Least of All

The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...

On publishing my book



The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

After all these years, who would have believed it: to have my own book printed! I must admit, I had imagined a leather-bound volume with gold leaf lettering on the spine – perhaps even titled 'Volume One', implying future delights when further work would appear. A paperback, held together with glue was a slight disappointment. The publisher's reason for a print run of 50, saying that it meant fewer would have to be dumped in cut-price bookshops, was not what I had expected either.

He seemed to think that my commentary on Eusebius's tables for cross-referencing the gospels, as explained in his letter to Carpianus, would not have mass interest. While I concede it will be unlikely to dent the sales of Harry Potter, and that I am unlikely to be involved in negotiating the film rights, I had hoped for slightly more enthusiasm for this stride forward in global knowledge.

The excitement of the book launch and signing was also tempered when only the bishop arrived, expecting a free copy, so he could mark it for theological errors. My suggestion that he take a copy to colour it in did not go down well. I suspect I will not now be asked to deliver a paper on it at the next clergy conference.

I was briefly excited when several parishioners came into the shop. But it turned out that one wanted to book a baptism with me, and another wanted to complain that at his recent wedding, I had nearly married the best man to the bride. I was tempted to tell him that the time may come when he wished that I had, but decided that would be another sale lost.

I could not even console myself with a free drink. The publisher had only brought two bottles of that particular white wine, of unknown origin, that seems specially reserved for book launches and retirement parties.

I suspect it derives less from a vineyard and more from a laboratory. One bottle he kept for himself and the other disappeared after my Confirmation class came in to ask whether the book would be serialised on TV.

In the end, I bought all 50 copies myself, placed a note in the bookshop window saying that, due to exceptional demand, the print run had been entirely sold out. It has also solved the annual problem of Christmas presents; in your case, a second copy will probably arrive for your birthday too.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

A Note from the Editor



I hope you are all enjoying the 'new look' magazine—we have some new contributors this month, and I hope that more will join us as we go along.

Articles, photos and artwork are always very welcome—if possible submitted by email to jr.mc@talktalk.net by the **15th** of the preceding month. If you send us hard copy, please allow a few days extra for typing up. (I am self taught and a bit slow at the keyboard!)

Feedback is always welcome—on events and services, as well as the magazine—looking forward to hearing from you!

God Bless

Judy

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