

St Johns Church Newsletter



November 2022

Editorial

The close off date for December Newsletter will be Friday 18th November. Please send your photos and write-ups to email Shirleybdraper@gmail.com

News of Members and past members

Eileen Allgate is 102 now.

Audrey Scullard writes that she was able to go to Harvest at Salisbury United Reform Church, as well as her own little church at Harnham where they have a lunch of homemade soup and bread followed by apple crumble or chocolate sponge on the first Sunday of each month. Both her sons visit her regularly, and she had a 5-day holiday in October in a caravan at Weymouth with her younger son, wife and dog.



John Hayton had a birthday at the end of Sept, on a Monday,

so the Craft Club sung him happy birthday, and had a cake in his honour which all enjoyed!

Remember Marion And Derek?

Their daughter, Julie Griffiths says in an email that "Mum and I plus dogs and Joe (when he visits) have moved to 26 Trechard Circle". They have St Johns Newsletter every month and enjoy it. Shirley has contact information.

Tenby Project

Monday Craft Club Members enjoyed a visit from Tenby Project Adults with learning disability to their club on Monday 3 October. Christian, who now spends Monday at the Tenby Project, stayed the whole afternoon with the Club and enjoyed his knitting project.

Tenby Project have a coffee morning every Monday 10.30 to 12 and welcome all members of the public to come. They love making tea and coffee and looking after people wearing the special aprons with a Tenby Bee motif on them. The coffee morning is at Augustus Place Hall, and there are quite a few regulars, but more folk would be so welcomed. Also, if you know any of these special Adults tell them to come and enjoy at day out with their friends.

The Tabernacle

My name is Lynn & I worship at the Tabernacle in Pembroke. I have been asked to host a craft meeting at our group on the second Wednesday in January & I am appealing for newspaper etc suitable for Papier Mache. Any paper collected at St Johns can be brought to me by Stella, John or Kate. Bless You!

Autumn

I used to dread walking under horse chestnut trees in the Autumn, but after therapy.... I managed to CONKER it. *Silversurfers.*

Harvest Sunday 2nd October

The service was taken by Rev Stella Hayton with assistance from Kate Worsley, our trainee minister. With the help of Liz, they "performed" a 3-person monologue about bees. The bee bombs Stella had made at the Craft Club were given out by Kate and Rhys to all the congregation to take home and throw on to a bare patch of earth to wait and see then what happened next spring.

Harvest Donations of tins for Patch

The Congregation brought tins of food, or dried products that would keep, instead of garden produce, and St Johns donated them to Patch for the folk who need food parcels.



Harvest Lunch

After church, a Harvest Lunch was organised in the Hall, with about 25 people attending. A lovely 2 course lunch was produced by Sue and Ian Bonser



.....consisting of chicken wrapped in sage and bacon, coleslaw, salad, and tiny minted potatoes followed by Blackberry (gathered from a blackberry patch) and Apple (from the Bonser's tree) Crumble or Apple Pie both with custard. A great community time for all!

Lord's Prayer

On the 4th page of the September newsletter there were a few words about the Lord's Prayer and Stella Hayton preached on Sunday 16th October about prayers, especially the Lord's Prayer, "the one we know so well that we can rattle on through it so fast that it hardly touches the sides"! We should say this a lot slower, with a pause between sentences so we think about what we are saying rather than saying words we have said all our lives!

Sayings from Graham Powell

A committee is a group of people who individually can do nothing but as a group decide that nothing can be done.
If you don't agree with me, then you obviously have not been listening.
I would be unstoppable if I could get started.
I try to take one day at a time but sometimes several attack me at once.

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will take place this year on Wednesday 30th November. Goods may be ordered from now until the Fayre. Please

order at your earliest convenience to avoid disappointment, though it is expected that goods will still be available on the day.

8" Christmas cake. £25

6" Christmas cake. £15

3" Christmas cake. £5 (mini cake)

Crab apple Jelly. £2.50

Black currant jam. £2.50

Carrot, date & ginger chutney £2.50

Christmas chutney. £2.50

Spiced apple chutney £2.50

Bottle lamps. £3.50 each

Mince pies (from Gill) will be available on the day

Ian will make pasties £1 each, these will be available on the day

Peter will arrange a Christmas Draw with prizes to include a hamper Tickets £1 each, these may be ordered in advance of the day
6" Christmas cake draw. Tickets £1 each
Art, pottery and crafts available on the day
Gift Stall, Books and dvd's

Goods available for collection or delivery -

PLEASE ORDER BY 15th NOVEMBER or

preferably sooner to ensure your order can be fulfilled. Orders to Sue Bonser 01834 842082 or text to Sue 07530 668501

Stella and Kate's bee jokes from Harvest

What is a bee-line? The shortest distance between two buzz stops!

What are the cleverest bees? Spelling bees!

What do you get if you cross a bee with a doorbell? A hum dinger!

What kind of bee can't be understood? A mumble bee!

What does a queen bee do when she hiccups? She issues a royal pardon!

Why do bees hum? Because they've forgotten the words! What kind of bee drops things? A fumble bee!

Recipe of the week: *Bee Bomb* One portion of compost to one portion of flour, flower seeds



for bees; mix with water just as much as is needed to make small round balls. These are to be thrown on top of a cleared soil patch and wait then till they grow!



Stella making Bee Bombs at Monday Craft for the Harvest Service.

St Johns Art Exhibition

Thanks to

Carol Brinton-Thomas and all her helpers who put so many hours into making and painting, and sitting in the hall during this exhibition. Members of St Johns, locals, and visitors to Tenby who came to look and buy had a really unique time. With a percentage from the raffle and all sales £600 was raised for St Johns and £600 for Cancer Research.

Tenby Arts Club

This Club started their winter programme on Friday 7th October with a talk about "Landscapes and what do they mean to us" and now meet Fridays at 6pm at St Johns Hall or sometimes a concert in the church itself. The cost is £5 or £3 per member, with the evening concluded by about 8ish after refreshments of tea/coffee and biscuits. New members are always welcome. This year the Club are celebrating 75 years with a special lunch in Giltar Hotel on 9th December. Past members welcome. Please contact Carol B-T on phone 01834 812958 for more information.

Do you watch "Great British Bake Off"?

The night they had to make desserts made me laugh when one of the judges said to the

competitors, did they know that desserts backwards is stressed!!

Xmas Tree Festival

Calling on members, clubs, etc. to help erect and decorate Christmas Trees, on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December ready to open the Festival on Wednesday 14th December. Also needed are Stewards for 10 to 12, 12 to 2 and 2 to 4pm shifts each day just to welcome visitors.

Warm Spaces

Tenby Council Community Engagement Officer Anne Draper thanks Tenby's Churches and Halls for joining together to be open every day for any folk to come for warmth during the winter months when their electricity and gas costs will be sky high. The Tenby Project have their coffee morning at Augustus Place Hall 10 – 12am and St Johns their Craft Group 2 – 4pm on Mondays, the Salvation Army is open Tuesdays 11 to 2pm with soup and a roll. The Baptist Church have their open morning also on Tuesdays. St Johns Coffee morning is on Wednesdays. St Mary's is planning soup and a film on Wednesday afternoons. On Thursdays, the Salvation Army is open 10.30 to 12.30 and on Fridays, Tenby Town Council is opening Augustus Place Hall from 10.30 till 3.30 with Mums and toddlers in the mornings, and with Kurling and Boccia available in the afternoon, although you can go for a hot drink and a chat anyway. The Old Chapel (where the Community Fridge is) on Lower Frog Street is open Tue to Sat 10 till 4pm with Toddlers and Mums on Wed mornings. Of course, each church has its Sunday service. These Warm Spaces are open to the whole community for anyone to come and enjoy the warmth and a free hot drink.

This month's service leaders are:

6th Nov 11:00 Stella Hayton
13th Nov 9:30 John Hayton (note time)
20th Nov 11:00 Stella Hayton
27th Nov 11:00 Melony Ablitt



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Remembering



I thank God every time I
remember you
(Philippians 1:3)



Thinking it through

One of the most poignant World War epitaphs is

“WHEN YOU GO HOME, TELL THEM OF US AND SAY,
FOR YOUR TOMORROW WE GAVE OUR TODAY.”

For our present generations, we ought to look back with gratitude to those who gave so much that we might enjoy the world we live in. But we must also look forward, for in our day we are fighting a different kind of war which requires alternative ways to bring victory. We are defending our world, God's creation, against human destructive practices. We find ourselves looking for ever new offensive strategies against the armies of pollutants and those who violate and desecrate the earth. So in the present, what would we be willing to give of ourselves so that future generations look back and can say that we gave our today for their tomorrow?

Read and reflect on what is said about creation in Romans 8:18-30



Let us pray:

Remember and give thanks for those who have given of themselves to create a better world for us to live in.

Remember and give thanks for all whose lives have been selflessly dedicated to caring for God's creation.

Remember that you too are called to care, to give, to serve, that others may have a world which they look at and give thanks for your part in being a good steward and passing it on to future generations as a place that reflects the glory of God.



Get Active:

- ✿ Remember to act:
- ✿ Nov 6 is the United Nations' International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict. Discover more at www.un.org/en/observances/environment-in-war-protection-day
- ✿ Plant a tree in Remembrance of someone who is special to you.
- ✿ COP 27 is taking place in Egypt during November. Bring it to the attention of your MP, remind them of the promises from COP26.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!

