



Editorial

The close off date for June Newsletter is 17th May. Please send any news, photographs, or articles to Shirleybdraper@gmail.com or place in the box at the back of the church.

News of Members

Seeking the Lost:

How often do we lose our keys?

Bill Adams experienced an anxious half hour last Sunday here at St. Johns after joining us for Coffee and discovering his Car Keys were missing...

Panic set in as he retraced his walk on the beach.... Was he most worried about Val, the Dog, how they would get home to Lamphey, or the cost of replacement keys?

We had no way of him telling him during his frantic search that we had found them on the floor!!!

After meeting Jenny and Judy telling him this good news, a very relieved Bill returned after walking a total of 9,000 steps that morning.

Would a modern Jesus use this as an example, as in his parables of the lost sheep or lost



coin.

He is always seeking the lost and rejoicing over one sinner that repents. Bill would like to thank everybody who helped in the search for his keys.

He and Val

are very grateful that they weren't lost

Careful optimist

I am an optimist,

I am a very hopeful fella.

But just in case, you never know I take my umbrella!

Today

The beautiful thing about today is that you get the choice to make it better than yesterday.

Your Day

May your day be touched with sunshine, your heart overflow with love and your soul sing with hope.

My Dad

Told me his password is

MickeyMinnieGoofyDonaldPlutoHueyLouisDe
weyDublin

Because he was told his password had to contain 8 characters and at least one capital.

Coffee mornings.

Another Coffee morning was organised on Saturday morning 20th April for the Tenby Walkers group, plus anybody else who came along. With cakes, Welsh Cakes, books, and various occasion cards for sale everyone enjoyed the social time. It was announced in church on Sunday that £560 was made. St Johns says thank you to the Walkers group. The Wednesday coffee morning is always busy too with a lot of regulars and visitors.

Methodist Preacher

On Sunday 14th April Ms Miriam Moules took the service, coming by train from Carmarthen. Carol BT picked the her up from Tenby Station and rushed them to the Church for 11am. In the church the waiting congregation started to practice the new hymns but didn't get very far as Miriam arrived just a few minutes late. She was a great speaker and involved the congregation by dividing them into groups to discuss questions she put forward.



A true Friend

A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good EGG even though he knows that you are slightly cracked.

Church History

St Johns Church has lovely hangings in both the hall and the church made by Rev David Fox, minister of St Johns between 1983 and 1991.



They are even more precious, as David Fox took a holiday to walk in the mountains of Switzerland and was lost without any trace. We

remember him in our prayers when we look at the lovely work he did on so many hangings.



Gardens

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

Judith Keller and her daughter Melanie

We welcome these two ladies from Chicago who come every year to visit Tenby. They came to church on Sunday 28th April. That afternoon was Tenby's "May Day" fun show, with a Maypole, lots of stalls, and fun to wander around.

Gratitude

Practising gratitude doesn't mean burying unwanted feelings or looking for the silver lining in a bad situation. Practising gratitude

means acknowledging what is still good along with the mess.

Travelling in Rome

When Pope Julius XI arrived back in Rome from the war, Michelangelo proudly exhibited to him the wonderful painted ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. "Sure Mike," said His Holiness, "you're done a great job, but you know – I can't help wondering if a nice coat of soft magnolia might be more user-friendly like!" Another old lady was being shown the same ceiling by a guide. 'It took Michelangelo seven years to finish this ceiling' said the guide grandly. 'My landlord was like that too' sighed the lady in agreement. *From Lionel Blue's jokes.*

'Thank you's

The Editor received in the box at the back of the church the following two letters from Brenda:-

I feel that I must write to say a big thank you for our super band of workers who gave us a Wonderful St David's Day. The meal was excellent and the entertainment as well. Thank you, Mollie for co-ordinating the thespians + vocalist, pianist. Well done. P.S. This is the second one I have written as the first one was posted with my letters!

Just a note to thank our wonderful flower arrangers for the magnificent arrangements for Easter Sunday indoors and outside. We as a church are so lucky to have such folk.

Editor: thank you Brenda for writing these 'thank you's for the Newsletter. I am always thrilled when I find something in the box. I wish more people would put a write-up into the box. It would be nice to have different jokes, etc too instead of ones I have to hunt for to fill the pages.



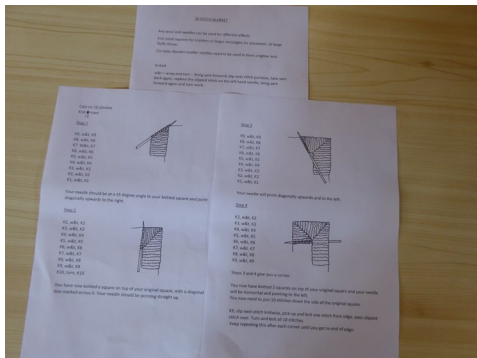
Jessica's birthday

The congregation sang Happy Birthday to Jessica for her 14th Birthday on Sunday 21st April. She was presented with a birthday card and gift. It was also Dilys's birthday, and also Avril and Howell's 66th wedding Anniversary.

St Johns craft group



A few members have been busy knitting following Sue's pattern, and with her help in making a blanket that is a square circle.



The pattern is a repeat one and after a few turns you know it off by heart. The blanket starts in the middle and works outward.

The Church Mouse says:

True friendship isn't about being there when it's convenient. It's about being there when it's not.

Old Age

Everything slows down with age. Except the time it takes cake and ice cream to reach your hips.

John Wagner

A senior moment is when you spend half an hour searching for your glasses, only to find that they were on your head the entire time.

Old people should not eat health foods. They need all the preservatives they can get.

Robert Orben

Eco-church award

St Johns has been awarded a bronze Eco-church award. The award was given after answering a range of questions on the steps the church takes to improve its environmental credentials. These include: recycling as much rubbish as we can (thanks to all who take home bits for recycling), planting bee friendly flowers in the garden (thanks to leuan and Sue); encouraging the walking for health group, preaching about caring for the earth, and many more. If can do even better to get a silver or gold award.

Look out for the certificate!

Good Bye and Hello

We say goodbye to Sasha and Maryna - our Ukrainian guests at the manse. They are moving on. We wish them well and God's blessing.

We say hello to our new Ukrainian guests who hope to join us next week.

It is a reminder of the human cost of the war in Ukrainian continues to mount up. We continue to prayer for peace and an end to this warring madness.



Kate's Goodbye

My time with you as minister-in-training will be coming to an end very soon. The last two years (three in Pembroke!) have been full of wonderful opportunities and challenges. I offer my heartfelt thanks to you all for your support. From day one you welcomed me and my family, you have allowed me to grow in my own time, you have supported me to take risks and you have allowed me the space to make mistakes and to learn from them. It has been a huge privilege to have served you as a minister-in-training and I will really miss being part of your communities in this way.

Jeremiah 29:11: says "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". As I write I am unsure of exactly where God will place me next and the tasks that lie ahead so I am grateful that even when we are uncertain of the path, God knows exactly where we are going and equips with everything we need for our journey. This assurance offers both strength and hope. However, anxiety about the future, about change and about moving on, is a human trait that we can't avoid. This is where the power of prayer becomes so valuable. Philippians 4:6-7: tells us "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

I have been grateful for your prayers as I have journeyed with you, and I will be especially grateful for them as I journey on. You can, of course, be assured of my prayers for you all. You have created wonderful spaces for worship, and you work so beautifully with your communities and my prayer will be that God leads you onward in your mission. Maybe

this means doing more of the same or maybe God will open new doors for you. I always feel blessed to know that whatever challenges God presents, God does not send us out to face them alone.

"I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

So, as I prepare to move on, I won't say goodbye or hwyl fawr, only thank you, diolch and that I will see you all very soon.

God Bless

Kate

Ministers during May

April 28th Mr Kevin Lewis

May 5th Rev Stella Hayton (Communion)

12th Mrs Kate Wolsey

19th Rev Stella Hayton

26th Mrs Melony Ablitt

Dates

May 5th, 7:30 Memorial Concert at Stepside Methodist Church for Joyce Lewis by Pembroke Choir. £7

May 12th 6pm Songs of Praise at Tabernacle, Pembroke.

May 14th 8pm, Tenby Male Voice Choir

2nd June Open Gardens, Templeton

8th June 10.30 Circuit Walk at Llansteffan

9th June 2pm-5pm Love your Burial Ground at Templeton.

11th June 8pm Whitland Male Voice Choir

25th June 8pm Pembroke Male Voice Choir