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## THOUGHTS FOR US ALL

I am writing this letter during a lull between the downpours of rain and sleet following Storms Ciara and Dennis. We were travelling to York and back recently for a family funeral and we were able to see some of the extensive flooding and damage affecting the countryside caused by those storms.

The news has been full of other stormy occurrences over the past few weeks, which have caused me to reflect on how we as Christians should respond to difficult and challenging situations.

It has been my privilege and responsibility to be with many people who are facing their own stormy times such as illness, bereavement, loss and change in their lives. This month my family and I also experienced our own chapter of loss and change. During this time we were immensely helped by acts of human kindness, small in themselves but adding up to an enveloping blanket of concern and care .

When bad things happen, we all instinctively want to make things right, to mend what is broken. Sadly sometimes things just can't be mended. Especially when a loved one dies. But kindness and concern love and prayers do help.

We are entering the season of Lent, traditionally a time when Christians make acts of self-denial and sacrifice in preparation for the time when we remember the ultimate sacrifice made freely for us by the Son of God. It is becoming more common these days to try to try to do something positive, something that will make a difference to others, rather than deny ourselves a luxury for a short period of time.

A phrase that has affected me greatly over the past week is: 'In a world where you can be anything, be kind.' And, having received so much kindness over the past few weeks, I think I understand a little better how much difference it can make.

So, during Lent, please can I make a suggestion that you smile, say thank you, open that door, find something positive out of the worst of situations, send that card, say that prayer? You may never know how much it helps but, be assured, it will.  
And be kind to yourselves too.

Wendy

In February's  
looked at stories  
about things growing  
parable of the



Messy Church, we  
that Jesus told us  
and in particular the  
Mustard Seed.

We made beautiful birds to hang on a tree which we then put into the church.

The messiest activity was making pictures of trees by painting our arms and adding painted leaves! We also made collages of flowers using seeds.

We found out how yummy Nutella is when mixed with bread dough and baked in the shape of a tree!

Thank you to everyone who helped. Some helpers were not able to be there on the day but they still managed to prepare crafts for us.

We hope that George manages to negotiate the floods down in South Wales before we meet in March! We will be talking about things lost and found - like treasure, and the story of the prodigal Son. All are very welcome on Sunday 15th March from 4pm at Gwernaffield Church Hall.  
Wendy



We're trying to sort something out with *The Parish Pump*, the website that supplies some material. In the meantime, here's a quiz on the New Testament:

1. *Where was Jesus born?*  
A. Nazareth B. Bethlehem C. Jerusalem D. Capernaum
2. *How many disciples did Jesus have?*  
A. 7 B. 10 C. 12 D. 20
3. *What's the name of the disciple who betrayed Jesus?*  
A. Simon Peter B. Andrew C. Bartholemew D. Judas Iscariot
4. *How did Jesus die?*  
A. flogged to death B. crucified C. stoned to death D. burned outside city
5. *Who gave Jesus gifts when he was born?*  
A. The wise men B. The shepherds C. Mary D. Herod
6. *With what did Jesus feed 5,000?*  
A. loaves and fishes B. corn and roast lamb C. almonds and figs D. fruit
7. *What's the name of the prayer Jesus taught to us?*  
A. Prayer of Jesus B. Prayer of Peace C. Lord's Prayer D. Righteous Prayer
8. *Who are the religious leaders who continually tried to trap Jesus with their questions?*  
A. Stoics B. Pharisees C. Epicureans D. Galileans
9. *What did Jesus do for Lazarus?*  
A. Cooked him dinner B. Took him for a walk C. Healed him D. Raised him from the dead.
10. *Who wrote most letters in the New Testament?*  
A. Joseph B. Jesus C. Jairus D. Paul
11. *How did Paul escape from Damascus?*  
A. A tunnel under the wall B. dressed as a soldier C. on a horse D. in a basket let down the city wall.
12. *What's the last book of the New Testament?*  
A. Acts B. Corinthians C. Revelation D. Romans

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WORDSEARCH - Find these words:

MOURN

CROWN

DARKNESS

FAVOUR

BEAUTY

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THOUSANDS

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This is the black & white image of a painting from Leonardo da Vinci in the fifteenth century. In fact it's probably his first painting done on his own. It is showing The Annunciation, the stage in the Gospel when the angel Gabriel puts the birth of Jesus to the young unmarried Mary the Virgin. ( see the gospel reference from Luke on page 22 )

Mary is at first puzzled by what's happening, but the angel having explained about Jesus and that of his kingdom there will be no end and he will be holy.

Jesus will be called the Son of God, and Gabriel also explains that Mary's relative Elizabeth, in her old age has been pregnant for six months when it was thought she was past the age of childbirth,

' For nothing will be impossible with God'  
says Gabriel. Mary said,

**" Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."**

Then the angel departed from her.

## St David & St Patrick

It happens this month that there will be the festive days of the Welsh and Irish patron saints - these are the days, 1st March and 17th March, when they died and their lives are celebrated.

They lived a long time ago, Patrick in the fifth century AD, David in the sixth century AD and the exact years are not very certain, but there is quite an amount known about their lives, especially in regard to their Christian service.

Patrick was born into a Romano-British family on our main island of Britain. There is a strong tradition that it was within Wales, but could have been England or Scotland. It is known that his father Calpornius was a deacon, his grandfather a priest in Gaul, but he had no definite faith when he was captured by Irish pirates at 16 years of age. He was taken to Ireland and set to work as a shepherd on the west coast. During six years there he became a Christian and received a vision to escape after this time. He did this and ran away to a port two hundred miles away. With difficulty he arranged a ship to Britain, and eventually came back to his family. He continued to study Christian faith. A few years later he had a vision which he recounted as follows:

I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victorinus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near to wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea - and they cried out with one voice: We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and which gradually walk among us.

He studied in Europe, mainly at Auxerre and spent time in Marmoutier Abbey. He was ordained at Lerins Abbey by St Germanus of Auxerre. Following the meaning of his vision he returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary. He was not always welcomed by the locals and moved about, staying for a rest at islands off the Skerries coast, one of which is still called Inis-Patrick. He formed a sanctuary at Saul which gradually became accepted and attracted many people. He wrote some time later:

Never before did they know of God except to serve idols and unclean things. But now, they have become the people of the Lord, and are called children of God.

His work was not always easy and because he was foreign to Ireland and also rejected turned down personal gifts from Irish kings he was sometimes suffered beating and was at one time taken captive for 60 days. He also suffered a dispute with a leader called Coroticus who enslaved some of Patrick's converts.



Although not certain, it is said he converted 100,000 people to Christianity and establishment of the faith certainly progressed in Ireland.

A prayer which he is said to have used when a chieftan was trying to prevent him from going to convert people in Tara into the faith, called ' St Patrick's Breastplate.' ( This is a shortened version which is often used as a prayer.)

*I arise today through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to see before me, God's ear to hear  
me,  
God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before,  
God's shield to protect me, God's host to s lordecure me against snares of  
devils, against temptations and vices, against inclinations of nature,  
against everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and anear, alone and in a crowd.*

*Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every one who speaks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me,  
Salvation is of the Lord, Salvation is of the Lord, Salvation is of the Christ.  
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.*

David lived in much of the sixth century, but the exact dates, like those of Patrick, are much discussed by scholars. What is certain is that he came from a privileged family, his mother being St Non and his grandfather Ceredig ap Cunedda, king of Ceredigion. The tradition is that he was born in Henfynyw, Ceredigion. Nothing seems to be known about his study and ordination, but he became extremely active in founding monastic settlements and churches in Wales, Dumnonia ( which is the area of Dorset, Devon and Cornwall today ) and in Brittany in modern-day France. Later on he returned to his homeland and founded a monastery on the site of today's St David's cathedral in the Glyn Rhosyn valley of Pembrokeshire, near the sea.

Around 550 he attended the Synod of Brefi, where he took a determined stand against Pelagianism, as a result of which his fellow monks elected him primate of the region. ( Pelagianism was a controversial theology developed in Rome by Pelagius, a monk from either Wales or Ireland, who was eventually declared a heretic.) David's stand on this was also celebrated by renaming the place Llandewi - Brefi in support of him, by which name it still goes.

There is a story told that there was such a large crowd listening to him there

that he placed a handkerchief on the ground and stood upon it, with a small hill rising to allow him to be seen. A dove is said to have appeared on his shoulder. In stained glass illustrations of him the hill and dove are often featured. You must please yourself whether to believe these elaborations.

He became very stringent about monastic rules while in charge of the Glyn Rhosyn monastery. Monks while ploughing, pulled the plough themselves, ate only bread with salt and herbs, and drank only water.

The history of St Dyfnog, who started out as the monastery beer and winemaker shows that this stricture of David developed in time. After a while he told Brother Dyfnog that his skill was not needed any longer, and he decided to go to Ireland where presumably the monks would have maintained the bucolic tradition. His boat sank in a storm and he swam back to the Welsh shore and returned to ask David what to do; David told him that people in the north of Wales needed religious help, so made his way here. He found a community near Denbigh where they needed him and he needed a very good small waterfall which apart from good baptism-immersion was an excellent source of water for making alcoholic beverage. It is now Llanrhaeadr, where his baptismal pool can be seen near the church.

There is another story about David which has importance to our diocese. St Mungo was driven away from his native Scotland and travelled to David's monastery, where he stayed for a while. He asked what service he could do, and David suggested he come to northern Wales, presumably because he thought the people needed help. Mungo, who became known as Kentigern came to Llanelwy and built a monastery and cathedral. He went back to Glasgow after a few years and appointed Asaph as the bishop.

David lived to a good age, probably about 90. His last sermon was on the Sunday before he died (thought to be on a Tuesday.) In it he said,

Arglwyddi, brodyr, a chwiorydd, Byddwch lawen a chadwch eich ffyd a'ch cred, a gnewch y petheu bychain a glywsoch ac y welsoch gennyf i. A mwynhau a gerdaf y fford yd aeth an tadeu idi.

Lord, brothers, and sisters, Be joyful, and keep your faith and your creed, and do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about. And as for me, I will walk the path that our fathers have trod before us.

David was buried in what is now St David's cathedral, his shrine being a popular pilgrimage place through the Middle Ages. Because it was near the sea Vikings raided and destroyed artefacts. In 1275 a new shrine was made which was partly dismantled, including the bones, by a Protestant bishop in the 16th century. The shrine was restructured in this century. 10

## Worship in March 2020

### Sunday 1st March

### First of Lent

Cilcain	11.00 Morning Worship
Gwernaffield	11.00 Morning Worship 18.00 Holy Communion ( Healing Service )
Llanferres	11.15 Holy Communion
Nannerch	09.30 Holy Communion
Rhydymwyn	09.30 Morning Worship

### Sunday 8th March

### Second of Lent

Cilcain	08.00 Holy Communion
Gwernaffield	11.00 Morning Worship 18.00 Evensong
Llanferres	09.30 Morning Worship
Nannerch	09.30 Family Service
Rhydymwyn	09.30 Holy Communion

### Sunday 15th March

### Third of Lent

Cilcain	11.00 Morning Worship
Gwernaffield	11.00 Holy Communion 16.00 Messy Church in the Church Hall 18.00 Evensong
Llanferres	09.30 Holy Communion
Nannerch	09.30 Morning Worship
Rhydymwyn	09.30 Morning Worship

## **Sunday 22nd March**

## **Fourth of Lent**

Cilcain	11.00 Holy Communion
Gwernaffield	9.30 Breakfast Morning Praise 18.00 Evensong
Llanferres	09.30 Morning Worship
Nannerch	09.30 Family Holy Communion
Rhydymwyn	16.00 Holy Communion

## **Sunday 29th March**

## **Fifth of Lent**

Llanferres	10.30 Bro Famau joint Holy Communion
Gwernaffield	18.00 Evensong

There will be Morning Prayer at Llanferres each Monday at 9.30am

Holy Communion at Gwernaffield at 9.30am each Tuesday

Holy Communion at Cilcain at 10.30am each Wednesday

## **Night Shelter in Pontblyddyn Church**

This has started over the winter months and Pontblyddyn Church is hosting the initiative for rough sleepers from Wrexham on Sunday nights. So far we have been looking after seven guests and we are thankful that we have been able to offer food, shelter and warmth during the dreadful weather over the past few weeks. It's not too late to volunteer to help - please contact Mel (07814 963804).

Wendy Shillito

Answers to Quiz on p.5:

1.B 2.C 3.D 4.B 5.A 6.A 7.C 8.B 9.D 10.D 11.D 12.C

***On these days of March please pray for:***

- 1 Fair Trade Fortnight begins this Sunday
- 2 St David, Bishop 6th century, Patron Saint of Wales
- 3 Lent Group, 10.30am Gwernaffield church hall
- 4 Lent Group, 7pm Christ Church Pontblyddyn
- 5 World Book Day
- 6 Women's World Day of Prayer
- 7 Perpetua, Felicity & companions, Martyrs AD203
- 8 International Women's Day
- 9 St Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop & Theologian c. AD395
- 10 St John Ogilvie, Scottish Catholic Martyr, AD1615
- 11 Caedmon, first English religious poet, AD684
- 12 Pope St Gregory the Great, AD604
- 13 World Radio Day
- 14 Pi Day, the mathematical symbol
- 15 World Speech Day
- 16 start of Shakespeare Week for primary schoolchildren
- 17 St Patrick (5th century) Bishop & Patron Saint of Ireland
- 18 St Cyril of Jerusalem , Bishop AD386
- 19 St Joseph of Nazareth
- 20 St Cuthbert, Bishop, AD687; First Day of Spring
- 21 Thomas Cranmer 1556, Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley,  
Robert Ferrar 1555, Bishops, Teachers & Martyrs

- 22 World Water Day ( International )
- 23 World Meteorological Day
- 24 Oscar Romero, 1980, Bishop & Martyr
- 25 Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 26 Sr. Harriet Monsell, 1883, Community of St John the Baptist
- 27 International World Theatre Day
- 28 Spring lambing work for farmers
- 29 Joint Eucharist at St Berres, Llanferres
- 30 World Bipolar Day
- 31 Mission Area Vestry meeting, St Mary's church, Cilcain

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## Rural Strategy in the Diocese of St Asaph

This is a meeting forum that has been arranged within the diocese under Ven. Barry Thompson. There are about 50 people who meet from the whole diocese and two from our area are Revd Daniel Stroud and Diane McCarthy, the Diocesan Secretary.

The first meeting was on 19th October 2019 where they talked about a wide range of ideas: the general issues were, rural communities, rural church, rural issues, partnerships and prayer.

The general aim of the rural strategy was to reimagine the rural church for a sustainable future. The intention is for the strategy to reconnect the church and community, to help develop an outward facing church able to help and share the Christian faith with rural people, especially young people and families, the farming community and those isolated.

Those attending were asked about the ideas of the strategy, what their concerns were, what surprised them, and if they had questions. There are a lot of notes about it on the diocesan website and we look forward to more developments.

## **AROUND OUR CHURCHES**

*Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield - from Tracy Davies*

### **Mothers' Union**

The March meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st March at 7.15pm - our speaker for the evening will be Shirley Hughes who will give a talk on Religious Artefacts.

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

This will be held on Thursday 26th March at Holy Trinity, starting at 7.00pm

### **Church Yard Tidy-Up**

The next church yard tidy-up will be from 6.00pm onwards on Friday 3rd April next. Any help you are able to give would be most appreciated.

### **Prayers in the Rural Church**

A booklet entitled "Prayers in the Rural Church" issued by the Diocese of St Asaph is now placed on the table at the back of the Church. This is available both in small and large print (the former containing space for notes if desired.)

### **Facebook**

As well as posting items of interest and events on our Holy Trinity Facebook page, Amanda Griffiths has also agreed to do likewise on the Gwernaffield/ Pantymwyn Facebook page. If you have anything of interest, please contact Amanda - [amandgriffiths740@btinternet.com](mailto:amandgriffiths740@btinternet.com)

### **Gwernaffield Pantomime**

The Performance of 'Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood' was well received and much appreciated by all those present. The cast of five young professional actors were very slick and they engaged well with the audience. A very entertaining afternoon and, after covering all our expenses, £275.00 was realised for Church funds. Thank you to all those who attended, donated raffle prizes and helped.

### **Fundraising for 2020**

Saturday 14th March - Concert with Dewi sant and Organist Philip Knowles at Holy Trinity Church, starting at 7.00pm. Cor Dewi Sant are a community choir based at Eryrys and Llanarmon-yn-Ial and are very much in demand. Tickets are £7.00 (including tea/ coffee and biscuits.)

### **Fundraising for 2020**

Saturday 4th April - Easter Egg Hunt/ Easter Bonnet Parade and Afternoon Tea with hot cross buns. Entrance is £3.00 for adults and £1.50 for children, with the Egg Hunt starting at 1.00pm and tea being served from 2.00pm. This event proved to be very popular last year with both parents and children.

For further information on all the above events, please call Carole on 01352 740550.

*St John's Church, Rhydymwyn - from Elizabeth Thomas*

### **Coffee Morning**

On Saturday April 18th at Rhydymwyn Valley Works Environmental Site, 10-12am. Cakes, raffle, coffee, tea. Come and support us. Proceeds in aid of St. John's Church.

### **Flintshire Food Bank**

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the food bank. A box is placed at the back of the church for donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries,

*Nannerch/ Rhydymwyn Mothers' Union - from Cath Yeardley*

### **Modern Day Slavery**

We have representatives from "Haven of Light" coming to talk to us on March 17th, Tuesday at 2pm. She is working with Ali Ussery in her work combatting human trafficking. If anyone would like to come to hear her speak, please contact one of the wardens at Nannerch.

**Easter coffee morning** is planned for 4th April.

### ***Mission Area Vestry Meeting 2020***

This will take place in Cilcain church on Tuesday 31st March at 7pm. There are c.500 registered church members in our mission area and they are all very welcome, but there probably will be room. There is news of refreshment food and drinks being available afterwards, so let us look forward to it as well as progress of our Mold Mission Area! JF



*The Blessed Virgin Mary, Cilcain* - from Kathleen Mason

We will be holding Compline Services in Holy Week, and the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday the 10th of April. Everyone welcome.

We continue to hold our Hymn Practice on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Many thanks to Mary Bartley for volunteering to choose the Hymns for our Services. and to Lisa Worthington-Jones for volunteering to operate the Hymnal when Mike is not available.

We continue to collect donations for Mold Food Bank. Thank you Glen for our lovely new box at the back of the Church.

Our next Fund Raising Event will be a Coffee Morning at the Daniel Owen Centre in April.

*St Berres, Llanferres* - from Wendy Shillito

### **Open the Book**

It's great to be back in Bro Famau School. We were short in numbers at the beginning of term and so John Foxlee kindly stepped in to help. What a good sport! He played the prophet Jeremiah and was hauled ably up the well (with spiders and snakes) by two very talented actors and the supporting cast. Bethan and Anne, who have been involved with the team previously, have now joined us and we are looking forward to working with them.

### **Logs available**

Following the recent storms and damage to trees in the churchyard, some very good people have cleared and processed the trees. There are quite a lot of logs available for use for a small donation to church funds. Please contact Noel Headley on 01352 810224 for further details.

### **Church Opening**

We are very pleased to be able to open the Church during daylight hours from the end of March. Please feel free to step into this beautiful building which belongs to us all: to light a candle, say a prayer if you wish, and have a moment of quiet reflection in this mad and busy world.

### **Congregational Meeting**

The annual Congregational (formerly 'the vestry') meeting will be held in church on Tuesday 21st April at 7.30pm. All local parishioners are welcome to attend,

### **Electoral Roll**

It is a legal requirement that the Electoral Roll is reissued every five years. All those who wish to join or stay on the Electoral Roll need to complete a short form (available at the back of church) and either leave it in church or pass it to Gay Headley, the Church Committee secretary (01352 810224) Being on the roll allows you to participate fully in decision making for items relating to the church.

### **Thank You**

To Beryl Hughes who has delivered the church magazines in Maeshafn village for many years. Unfortunately she has been ill in hospital and is no longer well enough to deliver the magazines. We give her our grateful thanks and our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

If anyone would like to spend some time exercising in one of the most beautiful places on God's earth and do a little good at the same time, would you like to volunteer to deliver the church magazines to the houses in Maeshafn instead of Beryl? The magazines can be collected from Loggerheads Garage. Please contact Anne (01352 810270) or John Foxlee (01352 810677) for details.

*St. Michael's Nannerch* by Janet Wright

### **Easter Coffee Morning**

Please join us on Saturday 4th April 10am - 12 noon and enjoy coffee and cake with us in the Memorial Hall. There will be an Easter themed raffle and refreshments. Celebrate the start of Spring!

### **Family Services**

Family Services in Nannerch continue to be well supported by the children and parents. Our next session in March will be Breakfast Family Church. Refreshments followed by discussion. The children contribute to these discussions with insight and enthusiasm. It is so rewarding to see them grow in confidence as they read, lead prayers and put forward their ideas.

### **Easter**

We hope to include the children of Ysgol Nannerch in 'Easter Outside' - a Diocese of Gloucester Experience Journey. Obviously, this depends upon the weather! If inclement, we will have to rethink.

In any case, the children will be involved of making Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday and an Easter Garden in church, as part of their education of the Easter Story.

## From the Registers - Funeral Notice

The late Dorothy Mary Shillito of Pantymwyn at St. Berres, Llanferres on 12th February and at Flintshire Memorial Park.

***"Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them"***

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Book review for The Feasts of Repentance by Michael J Ovey

This book is one sent to me for review by the Readers' magazine and it's available if you want to borrow it. The author was a Church of England clergyman and principal of Oak Hill College, a conservative evangelical training college for priests in London. Sadly, he died in between writing and publication, aged 58.

The author had a strong view that failure to preach and undertake repentance undermines our view of God and faith in divine grace - all of us ought to talk about doing it, or take note of its importance in life.

The first chapters in the book illustrate the 'feasts of repentance' in Luke-Acts; these are meeting of three people with whom there are various interactions. For example, in the story of the Prodigal Son there is the father ( representing Jesus in terms of his forgiveness ) the younger, prodigal, son and the elder son, all of whom experience repentance differently.

The middle section explores in detail the distinction between repentance and faith with relation to Jews, Christians and pagan Gentiles. Finally the discussion moves to matters of modern pastoral understanding.

This may be considered to be a deeply theological book which has to be read carefully, but has great rewards in understanding the concept of repentance. JF

## **Sunday Bible Readings to be Discussed**

We didn't have any comments on the readings last month, but I accept that sometimes they're more difficult than others. Please look at this month's readings and comment upon them if you are able. I must concede that I didn't put reply boxes in our churches and will try to do that this time. JF

### **1st March: First Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

**Romans 5:12-19**

**Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus' time in the wilderness is described as his temptation for offers from the devil; as much as there is, he does not accept. This is very different from the behaviour of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, who take up what the devil, in the form of a serpent, offers to them.

Paul's advice to the Romans is that humanity has been innately sinful since the beginning of time, but through Jesus we are not now condemned for our sins. God's gift of righteousness offers us the possibility of a new and free life.

### **8th March: Second Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis 12:1-4a**

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

**John 3:1-17**

God's message to Abram is from a very early time, before his name is changed to Abraham; he asks that Abram should leave his present life and take up the promise of the Lord. Abram complies with a small future problem, with Lot's presence, complying. Paul describes Abraham as a complier of faith, not the law.

The Pharisee Nicodemus is described by John as a seeker of truth, but not very courageous about it - perhaps a typical human being. Jesus accepted him as a timid seeker and gave him a good explanation of the example of heaven.

### **15th March: Third Sunday of Lent**

**Exodus 17:1-7**

**Romans 5:1-11**

**John 4:5-42**

The gospel of John tells the long story of Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan

woman at a well. His encounter with a woman, and a Samaritan, would not be acceptable to a Jew, and the astonishment of his disciples shows that. Her initial surprise at him talking to her also illustrates the lack of understanding between Jews and non-Jews. This story reaches out to us that people of the whole world, not just Jews, are within the reach of Jesus.

We may be in Lent, but there are certain things we need, and that applied to the ancient Jews crossing the desert. Although they appeared ungrateful, God supplied water to them for their need. 'Is the Lord among us or not,' is an everlasting question.

Paul gives the Roman Christians a promise that they are being supplied by God through his glory. We should note that this advantage is granted even though they had suffering through their faith from the authorities.

## **22nd March: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**1 Samuel 16:1-3**

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

**John 9**

There is a detailed explanation of the healing by Jesus of a blind man and a deep discussion about the concept of sin which is typical of John's gospel. There is a similar discussion over the grieving of Saul by Samuel in the Old Testament reading. There is a very short extract of Paul's letter to the Ephesians about our standards of darkness and light.

## **29th March: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**Romans 8:6-11**

**John 11:1-45**

St John's gospel tells an deeply emotional account of the raising of Lazarus from death, and how that affected the faith of onlookers.

The spirit of God within us is what the tale from Ezekiel offers us for life. Paul's piece from Romans tells us how important the spirit is to our lives compared with the existence of the body.

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**Diocesan Lent Course:** This will take place in the meeting room of Holy Trinity church, Gwernaffield, Tuesday 3rd March, 10.30 am after the 9.30 am Eucharist, and 7pm in Christchurch Pontblyddyn on Wednesday 4th March. The subject is Pilgrimage and there is a booklet on the diocesan website which is highly descriptive; there will be a printed booklet by the time of the course. It will be for 6 weeks.

You are very welcome to come along and take part in it!

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The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated this month, on 25th March. It is recorded in the Gospel of Luke: (*Luke 1: 26-33*)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! the Lord is with you" But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever and of his kingdom there will be no end

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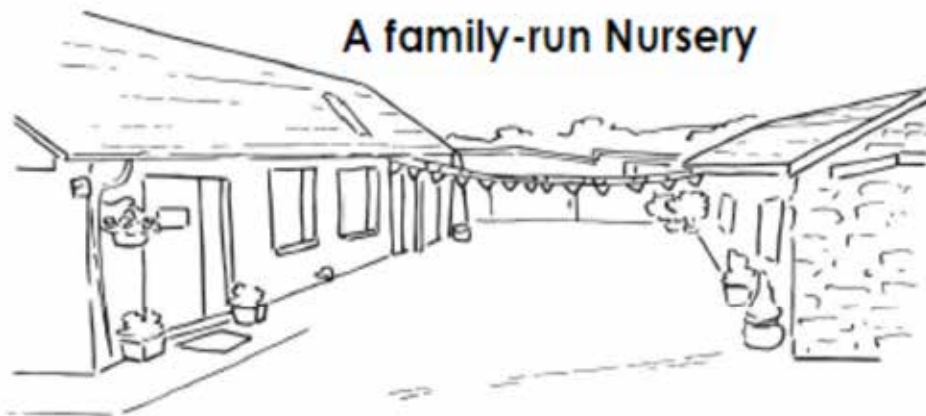
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