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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

It is that time of year. Tractors are out in the fields, days are getting shorter, crops are coming in, and we're all making sure we've stocked up on wood or coal for the coming chill. It is around this time of year that we celebrate the harvest. Living in communities so dependent on agriculture, harvest still means a lot in this part of the world, just as it has for hundreds of years.

Harvest has also been not only materially important but symbolically important for a very long time. In fact, Jesus used harvest metaphors regularly when talking to people about the work of the Kingdom of God. We hear from the Bible about sending labourers out into the harvest, about how the harvest is plentiful, about how we sow what we reap, sometimes ten fold, sometimes thirty fold, sometimes a hundred fold. And the church has picked up this language through the years as well.

When I was growing up, a group used to rent our high school's football stadium in the autumn for a couple of days for an event they'd advertise as "Soul Harvest 2001" or whichever year it was. While it always sounded to me more like the name of a horror movie than a revival, I can't say that it isn't scripturally grounded.

After all, this is something to which God calls us. While the image that many have of harvest is going out with a combine or a scythe and hacking away at plants, what the harvest is really about is putting to use those things God gives for their chosen purpose. God has given us plants to eat, but rather than grazing slowly across the fields, we've figured out how to bring in the grain to make bread. Likewise, when we are brought into the household of God, we are transformed into something new, something good, something beneficial.

There is a world all around us that is hurting and worried and scared and grieving and upset. The power and love of God can take all of those things and transform them, can take our most worrisome and broken bits and mend them into something new and different and glorious. All God needs is for us to bring ourselves and some others in with us and for us to be open to experience that transformation.

Our villages are full of people crying out for that transformation. As we celebrate the harvest of the earth and enjoy its fruits, let us be diligent in our labours that the harvest given us by God may bring us not only nourishment for our bodies, but nourishment for our souls, and nourishment for the good of the communities in which we live.

With every blessing,

Daniel+



Gwernaffield`	Sunday 7th October	11.00 am
Llanferres	Thursday 11h October	7.00 pm
	Sunday 14th October	9.30 am
Rhydymwyn	Sunday 14 th October	9.30 am
Cilcain	Sunday 28th October	11.00 am

WORSHIP in October 2018

Sunday 7th October

Cilcain

Gwernaffield

Llanferres

Nannerch

Rhydymwyn

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

11.00 Morning Worship

11.00 Harvest Morning Worship

18.00 Holy Communion (Healing Service)

11.15 Holy Communion

09.30 Holy Communion

09.30 Morning Worship

Sunday 14th October

Cilcain

Gwernaffield

Llanferres

Nannerch

Rhydymwyn

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion

11.00 Morning Worship

18.00 Evening Prayer

09.30 Harvest Morning Worship

09.30 Family Service

09.30 Harvest Holy Communion

Wednesday 17th October

Mission Area Eucharist

18.30 St James, New Brighton

Sunday 21st October

Cilcain

Gwernaffield

Llanferres

Nannerch

Rhydymwyn

Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

11.00 Morning Worship

11.00 Holy Communion

16.00 MESSY CHURCH in the Church Hall

18.00 Evening Prayer

09.30 Holy Communion

09.30 Morning Worship

09.30 Morning Worship

Sunday 28th October

Cilcain

Gwernaffield

Llanferres

Nannerch

Rhydymwyn

Last Sunday after Trinity

11.00 Harvest Holy Communion

09.30 Family Praise (in Church Hall)

18.00 Evening Worship

09.30 Morning Worship

09.30 Family Holy Communion

16.00 Family Holy Communion

Mid week services

Tuesdays 9.30 at Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield

Wednesdays 10.30 at St Mary the Virgin, Cilcain



RICHARD HOOKER

On 30th October we celebrate Richard Hooker, a priest of the Church of England and theologian. He died on 3rd November 1600; his celebration is held on 3rd November in the Church of England calendar and I cannot explain why the Church in Wales has the different date. Hooker's family came from Pembrokeshire with the surname Vowell, but decided to change to a more English name when they moved to Devon. He was born in Heavitree in Devon about 1554. Though his family were not rich, John Jewel, bishop of Salisbury, exerted his influence to get him into Corpus Christi College, Oxford where he excelled. He remained poor while at Oxford and sometimes walked home to Devon, visiting his patron in Salisbury, which would make the journey about 160 miles each way.

He was made a fellow of Corpus Christi which enabled him to teach there after graduating and ordination. On marrying Jean Churchman he was obliged to give this up and thereafter depended upon livings in the Church. They had four daughters and although some of his friends criticised her dominant attitude, it probably complemented his quiet one, and they seemed to be very happy.

He was shy and had poor sight. He did not cut an impressive figure as a clergyman, dressing badly, but engaged in written and spoken debate on theological matters.

The tendency in the Church of England during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I was towards Calvinism, with a strong Puritan influence amongst senior clergy. Roman Catholicism was feared, and especially because the King of Spain wanted to impose it on England by force. This fear was largely removed after the failure of the Spanish Armada in 1588. Queen Elizabeth, however, wanted to create a tolerant atmosphere where reasonable discussion could be held between Protestants and Roman Catholics: Hooker's *via media* or middle way caught her eye and she promoted him to Master of the Temple in 1585 against the advice of her ministers.

The Temple is a prominent church in the City of London that was founded by Roman Christians. It had belonged to the Knights Templar who built the present church, of which Hooker became incumbent.

Walter Travers was Reader in the church (not in the present meaning, but an ordained preacher) and a leading Puritan. The so-called *Battle of the Pulpits* ensued, with Hooker arguing his views in the morning and Travers in the afternoon. Isaak Walton, the author of *The Compleat Angler* and also Hooker's biographer saw him preaching and gave the following description:

'Mr Hooker his voice was low, stature little, gesture none at all, standing stone-still in the pulpit, as if the posture of his body were the emblem of his mind, unmovable in his opinions.'

His views are so close to those of mainstream Anglicans today that they seem to be modern rather than 400 years old. The basic statement of belief is,

'Scripture is the primary means of arriving at doctrine, and things stated plainly in Scripture are accepted as true. Issues that are ambiguous are determined by tradition, which is checked by reason.'

He also held the view, contentious in English society then, that the Church of Rome was a righteous Church, and some of its adherents might go to heaven! His opponents wanted fundamental change in the Church of England, part of which was to abolish bishops and remove all trace of Catholic rites. They also advocated that congregations should choose their own ministers.

Hooker can be said to be the winner if it was a battle, because Archbishop Whitgift took Travers from the Temple in 1586 and removed his licence to preach.

Hooker's great work in which he sets out his beliefs is '*Of the Lawes of Ecclesiastical Politie*,' in eight volumes published between 1594 and after his death in 1600. It clearly was not meant for popular reading, but the principles he proposed were maintained by leaders of the Church of England, even if suspicion of Rome carried on at all levels of society through the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. As an example, in St Berres church vestry there is an eighteenth century prayer book in which one of the prayers is, 'save us from popish treason.'

Hooker was not a secret Roman Catholic, but recognised that many of their doctrines, such as justification of faith by good works, were valid. He was an early latitudinarian, or exponent of a Broad Church, with a tolerance of others' views rather than outright rejection such as the Puritans advocated. This acceptance of wider practices came to a head in the Oxford Movement of the nineteenth century; Roman Catholics were allowed to build new churches and institutions in this country - St Beuno's Jesuit training college was built at Tremerchion in this time.

The Church in Wales was formed as an independent Anglican province in the early twentieth century and is said to be very firmly based on Hooker's principles.

It was also recognised that Hooker had laid the theological foundations of Anglicanism as a broad, tolerant Church, with a wide range of approaches to worship from low to high church; his reputation has continued to grow over the four centuries since his death.

Richard Hooker was not an imposing figure in a physical sense; he led the modest life of a parish priest for most of his life, but God chose him to be a giant of ideas with regard to forming the Anglican Church and its traditions.

Without him we might be a very different Church and we thank God for his life.

John Foxlee

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FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

The late Marion Byrne of Pen y Felin Farm on 6th September
aged 90 at St Michael's, Nannerch

The late Iorwerth Williams aged 84 Saturday 8th September of
Gwynwylfa, Denbigh Road.

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

'IN LOVING MEMORY'

This year's service for those who are bereaved.....

FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 7.00 PM
ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
CILCAIN

The service will include music and readings,
together with the opportunity to have
the names of loved ones read, and to light a candle.

At each of the five churches in the group there will be a folder with
slips to complete if you would like a name, or names, read out.

Slips can be left in the folder or returned to the
Rector at

The New Rectory, Rectory Lane, Llanferres, Mold, CH7 5SR

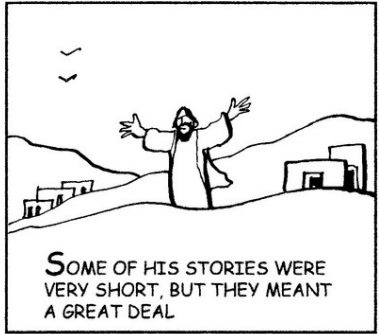
ALL ARE WELCOME WHETHER YOUR BEREAVEMENT HAS
BEEN SOME TIME AGO OR MORE RECENT OR WHETHER
THE FUNERAL WAS AT ONE OF THE GROUP CHURCHES
OR ELSEWHERE

The tale of the Mustard Seed & the tale of the Yeast

JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



SOME OF HIS STORIES WERE
VERY SHORT, BUT THEY MEANT
A GREAT DEAL



ONCE JESUS EXPLAINED HOW
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
WAS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

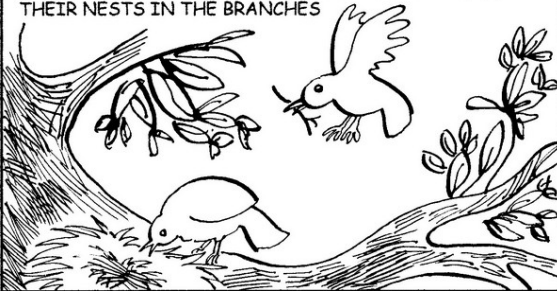


IT IS ONE OF THE SMALLEST
OF SEEDS....



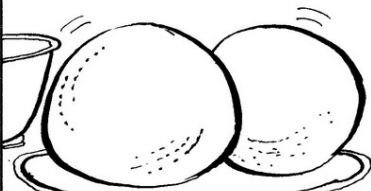
BUT WHEN IT GROWS UP IT IS
THE BIGGEST OF ALL PLANTS

IT BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT BIRDS COME AND MAKE
THEIR NESTS IN THE BRANCHES



JESUS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE YEAST.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S A TINY INGREDIENT,
WHEN IT'S MIXED WITH THE FLOUR,
THE WHOLE BATCH OF DOUGH RISES



THIS WAS JESUS' WAY OF SAYING THAT EVEN IF WE
HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF FAITH... IT CAN MAKE A
HUGE DIFFERENCE TO OUR LIVES, AND TO THE LIVES
OF OTHERS.

AN INTERVIEW WITH OUR NEW CURATE

Can you tell us a bit about yourself? Where do you come from originally and what was your career before you were ordained?

I was brought up in Aigburth in Liverpool and when I had completed my A levels went off to college in York to supposedly train as a teacher but this career was not for me and at the end of my degree started to work in children's homes in Scarborough, Newcastle upon Tyne and then in Birmingham. They were very interesting places to work but I completed a social work course in Birmingham and escaped into social work in Chester and Ellesmere Port. I spent 23 years in child protection work which is about 20 years longer than most social workers.

I am married to Stephen and I have a son Jamie who is 29 years old and lives and works in London.

Can you tell us something about your faith journey?

I was brought up in the Anglican Church and would describe myself as making a commitment to being a Christian in 1970 at school. I was very involved in the church and various groups as a young person and throughout college, summer camps and Christian unions. I have attended a variety of churches over the years including Pentecostal, free evangelical and baptist but returned to the Anglican Church when I moved to Mold in 1995.

I have explored my faith in many settings which has been an encouragement and made me more aware of my own journey which has not always been easy but having faith in God has given me strength to continue.

You were a Lay Reader for several years. What made you decide to train for the priestly ministry?

I had never expected to be called to anything in the church I was the shy person at the back. But God gradually drew me into training and gave me the courage and experience to rely on his grace. It had been a member of the church in Mold who had a vision of me in priestly robes and that has stayed with me as an encouragement and she has always kept on reminding me of this. Going for selection took me some time to complete but I believe it has been at the right time.

You have a rainbow embroidered on your stole. Is there a reason for this?

The rainbow is a sign of Gods promise. I had breast cancer in 2001 and I asked God for a sign as I was waiting to go for my results at the hospital. What I saw was the most amazing rainbow over the hospital.

You had a very busy start to your curacy with Daniel's illness, the arrival of young Henry Stroud and helping out with other parishes. Is your life any quieter yet?

I can laugh about it now but being a social worker I know how to deal with high levels of stress and carry on !
Life has thankfully been quieter since so far !

What are you hoping to bring to the Bro Famau Group?

I have much experience in working with people and particularly children. So I'm hoping to support the life of the churches, hopefully support those who are already working to capacity and learning all sorts of new skills in working towards becoming ordained as a priest (God willing) next June. I am interested in leading your church into growth both in the numerical, spiritual and in outreach to the community.

I can also have fun at messy church and be part of the 5 churches. I enjoy working as a team which is very much part of the mission area idea so I hope to encourage working together.

What has been the best thing that has happened to you so far in your curacy?

It's been a big change moving from paid employment to being a NSM but I look forward to the new challenge .

And what is the best thing that has happened to you in your life?

That is too hard a question as there are so many things . But I suppose getting a first in my theology degree last year was amazing !

If you were to be locked inside a church, with whom would you like to be locked in ?

I love and admire Desmond Tutu and I would sit and talk, laugh and learn from the great man

What do you like to do to relax?

Sadly watch soaps ! But I am a keen Liverpool supporter so I watch them on television.

Just been on a wonderful holiday to a Lake Garda

Who are your fantasy dinner party guests?

I don't do dinner parties so it would be a fantasybut I think I would invite a number of children who are now adults who I looked after in children's homes that I still keep in contact with, they are the ones that touched my life.

Where would you most like to go in the world?

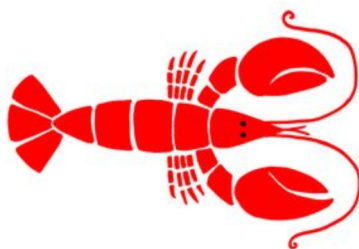
I would love to go back to visit Uganda in east Africa. It's the most beautiful country I have ever visited .

What has been your favourite Messy Church moment?

I think it has to be having 2 water pistols and squirting the kids in the story of the wise and foolish person

If you were an animal, what kind of animal would you be?

I asked Stephen and he said a lobsternot sure why !



PRAYER DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2018

ON THESE DAYS IN THE MONTH LET US GIVE
THANKS AND PRAY FOR

- 1 Grants Committee meeting in St Asaph
- 2 World Day for Farmed Animals
- 3 Shared Ministry Team meeting in St Mary's Cilcain
- 4 St Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226
- 5 World Teachers' Day
- 6 Harvest Supper in Gwernaffield Church Hall
- 7 Archdeacons' Collation & Installation service in
St Asaph Cathedral
- 8 Diocesan Course - Presentation skills
- 9 St Cynog, Abbot, 5th century
- 10 Cilcain Show AGM
- 11 Harvest Thanksgiving service at St Berres' Llanferres
- 12 Kids' Club at Rhydymwyn Football Club
- 13 Diocesan Conference at St Joseph's School Wrexham
- 14 Harvest Festival service at St Berres' Llanferres
- 15 St Teresa of Avila, Abbess & Teacher, 1582

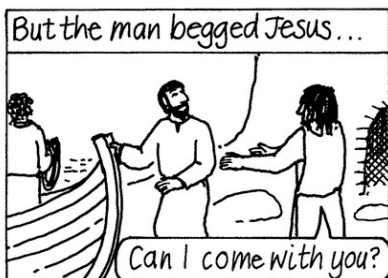
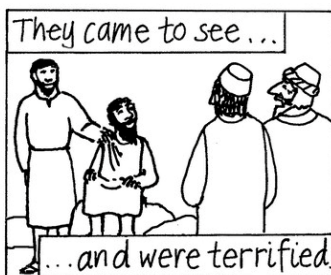
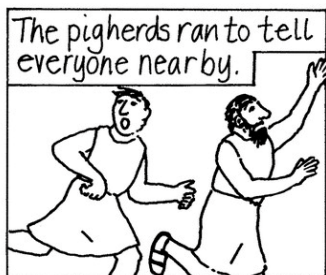
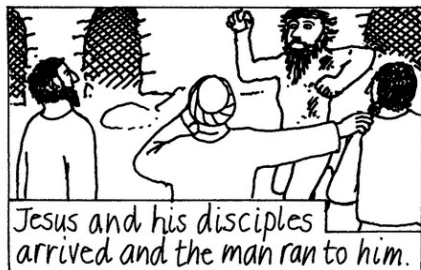
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mk 5:1-17, Lk 8:26-39, Mt 8:28-34

In Gerasa was a man filled with demons
He tore off any clothes or chains put
on him, and he lived in the graveyard.



Word Search

The Poor Man’s Earl

Think of Piccadilly Circus, and that small statue of the angel poised with bow and arrow. Most people think it stands for Eros. It is in fact a memorial to the greatest Christian Victorian philanthropist, politician and social reformer of his generation – Lord Shaftesbury.

Anthony Ashley Cooper, the 7th Earl of Shaftesbury (1801 – 1885) was a devout Christian Member of Parliament who spent his life fighting to help ease the miserable conditions in lunatic asylums, to stop the practise of forcing young children to be chimney sweeps, to stop children working in factories below the age of 10, to stop women and children going in the mines at all, to stop opium addiction, and to provide Ragged Schools for children without any means of education. On the day of his funeral at Westminster Abbey, tens of thousands of poor Londoners thronged the streets to see his coffin go by. He was much loved as The Poor Man’s Earl.

- Piccadilly
- Circus
- Statue
- Angel
- Memorial
- Victorian
- Philanthropist
- Politician
- Social
- Reformer
- Lunatics
- Chimney
- Sweeps
- Shaftesbury
- Earl
- Poor
- Man
- Factories
- Ragged
- Schools
- Coffin
- London
- Streets
- loved



CROESO PAWB

Initially Nannerch Mothers' Union did consider Messy Church and went to a course with Lucy Moore, but found that we did not have the helpers and venue necessary to do it. We asked the headteacher if the school could help us in any way. Mrs Downes suggested we try something similar in school and make all (children) welcome, Croeso Pawb.

Croeso Pawb is different from Messy Church in several ways. We have a captive audience in school. All the children are involved. There are no parents in attendance, they join us in church for the service and refreshments at the end of the session. We are not particularly messy, but we have many craft activities associated with a theme. The theme is always a Christian one.

We start each session with an introductory talk to all the children, then we go off in classes to work on the activities associated with the theme. The children take some of their crafts to church to decorate there. We finish with a short service in church and unlike Messy Church, no meal, but home made cake, juice, tea and coffee.

Croeso Pawb has been running for five years and this September's session had the theme of the Earth (the topic for Ysgol Nannerch this term) and by caring for it we have a beautiful world and plentiful harvests.

Nannerch Mothers' Union and the staff of Ysgol Nannerch team together to run the sessions.



Messy Church takes place between 4pm and about 5.30pm on the third Sunday of each month in Gwernaffield Church Hall. There is also one in St Mary's Church, Mold, on school holidays. All children are welcome provided they are accompanied by an adult (the 'grown-ups' seem to enjoy the activities just as much as the children!)

We have a very enthusiastic team of helpers who plan the activities based on a biblical theme. There are crafts, and physical activities. In response to demand, some of our activities have got messier/ noisier over the last few months. We have acted out the 'Marvelous Picnic' which involved wading through water (in a paddling pool) to get to the fish supper on the other side. And there was the story of the wise and foolish men who built their house on the rock and sand, with strategic water pistols in the audience providing the rain as a special effect! This month we built the walls of Jericho which came crashing down when we blew our home made trumpets!

After the activities we have a short time of prayer and worship involving a story based on the theme, display of what the children have made, and a relevant song.

Then there is a simple and tasty meal and time of quiet reflection in which we can also discuss future plans.

We could always do with more helpers. We would love to increase our activities and recruit more children. Please come along and join in the fun and fellowship and experience God's Love in action!

AROUND OUR CHURCHES

NANNERCH

School Assembly

One of our Worship Leaders continues to go into school each week to take an assembly. Linking with this term's topic, water, the assemblies themes range from Noah's Ark to Jesus Walking on the Water.

Mothers' Union

Nannerch/ Rhydymwyn Mother's Union met on Tuesday September 18th at Rhydymwyn. Our speaker was Reverend Daniel- 'My Faith Journey'.

Our meeting in October will be on Tuesday 16th at Nannerch at 2pm. Our speaker will be Rachel Roberts who is the Resident Art Therapist at St Kentigen's

Looking Ahead

Members of St Michael and All Angels' congregation will be involved in a weekend of commemorating the Armistice on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November. On Saturday evening in the Memorial Hall (built in memory of Lieutenant Walter Buddicom M.C), a celebration, 'Nannerch Remembers', with singers, poems, artefacts and a World War I themed supper.

Sunday 11th will be the Remembrance Service. This will include the bell ringing which is to be a nationwide event, followed by the service which will be particularly poignant this year.

GWERNAFFIELD

Mothers' Union

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 30th October - our Speaker will be Rev'd Daniel Stroud who will give a talk on the World Mission. New members are always welcome - we meet on the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Church Hall. Please telephone Mrs Gaynor Morgan (Secretary) on 01352 741515 for more information.

Church Notelets

We have two set of church notelets available to purchase, each with six cards, at a cost of £3.00 per pack. All proceeds will help raise funds for our church.

New Bible Study Group

Ellie and Chris Jenkins are holding a house group, reading the book 'If you want to walk on water, you have to get out of the boat' by John Ortberg. Meeting for 8-10 weeks, on Thursday nights starting Thursday 18th October 8.00-9.15pm. We have 8 spare seats in our lounge, so it's first come first served! We have a few copies of the book, let us know if you'd like one.

Please email ellie.jenkins@messham.org if you'd like more information, or wish to join us. Every blessing, Ellie and Chris

In Loving Memory Service

There was a good attendance at the Holy Trinity "In Loving Memory" Service held in September. The second Service will take place on Friday 2nd November at St Mary's Church, Cilcain at 7.00pm. Nearer the time, slips will again be placed in Church for anyone wishing to have a loved one's name/s read out at this Service.

Whist Drive

Our whist drive which was held on Saturday 8th September proved to be a very pleasant evening, despite the small number attending. There was a lot of chat and laughter and £75.00 was raised for Church Funds. Thank you to all who supported, donated and helped, it was much appreciated

Harvest Services

A warm welcome is extended to you at our Harvest Services as follows:-

Harvest Morning Worship on Sunday 7th October at 11.00am followed by Holy Communion (healing service) at 6.00pm

And, of course, this will be preceded by our Harvest Hotpot Supper to be held at 7.00pm on Saturday 6th October in the Church Hall. Hotpot and apple pie will be served, together with tea and coffee, and entertainment will be provided by Angela Parker. Tickets cost £5.00 and £2.50 for children. Please contact Carole on 01352 740550 for further details and tickets.

RHYDYMWYN

Harvest. Service

The Harvest Service this year will be on Sunday 14th October at 9.30am. All donations of suitable food items will go to Flintshire Foodbank.

Church Cleaning.

The next church cleaning date is Friday 12th October at 9.00 am. Please come and help if you can.

Kids Club.

This has started again after the long school holidays, for children aged 5-11. It is held on Friday evenings from 6-7pm. Anyone interested please contact Zen , 01352741226.

CILCAIN

Coffee morning in the Daniel Owen Centre

We are holding a coffee morning in the Daniel Owen Centre on Saturday the 13th of October. There will be lots of homemade cakes to enjoy with your tea or coffee, so do pop in and see us if you are in town.

Concert with the East Fife Male Voice Choir

On Friday 19th October at 7.30 we are delighted to be able to welcome the East Fife Male Voice Choir who will sing in Cilcain Church. Tickets available from Cilcain Community Shop £6.00. Please see posters in and around the village. Proceeds shared between Cilcain church and British Heart Foundation

“In Loving Memory”

The ‘In Loving Memory Service’ takes place at Cilcain on Friday the 2nd of November, All Souls’ Day at 7.00 pm. There will be forms to fill in available at the back of the Church. Sometime before hand them in if you would like your loved one’s name read out during the service.

Mold Food bank

If you have any donations for the Mold Food bank please place them in the box at the back of the Church. It will all be gratefully received.

Cilcain Show

Cilcain Show was another successful show day which was very well supported. We were blessed with fine weather because the day before was awful. The ladies in the refreshment tent were kept busy and there was also "food on the field" and in the north aisle. All in all an excellent choice with something for everyone. There were lots of colourful stalls selling a wide selection of goods, and a good variety of entertainment in the ring to keep everyone amused. The children appeared to love the inflatable slides etc. The Dog Show went very well and there were lots of entrants for the mountain race. Thank you everyone who supported this day in whatever way, it is very much appreciated.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Service will be at 11.00 am on Sunday 28th of October, this will be followed by a Bring & Share Lunch. Anyone wishing to make a donation of food for our Harvest appeal for the food bank can bring it on that day.

LLANFERRES

Harvest Festival and Supper

Harvest Evensong will be on Thursday 11th October at 7 pm and there will be a Harvest service on the following Sunday 14th October. Donations of food, (which will be given to the Mold Food-bank), flowers and foliage, will be very much appreciated to decorate the church. We will be decorating the church on Wednesday 10th October from 2 pm and everyone is welcome to come and make the church look even more beautiful than usual!

The Harvest Supper will take place on Thursday 18th October in the Village Hall. It has traditionally been an event which is free to all parishioners of the village and this year we would especially like to say 'thank you' to the people of the village who rallied round to help when we were short of helpers at Village Carnival time. We rely on volunteers to bring their favourite dishes to share with everyone and the menu so far is promising to be a magnificent repast. Please come along and share in the food and

the fellowship.

Church Finances

Thank you to several people who worked so very hard at the Village Carnival and who helped to boost our dwindling coffers. We are still concerned about our ongoing financial situation. We have several costly projects pending. We would really appreciate if people could consider a small regular commitment using the leaflets that have already been distributed, or a one-off donation to boost the church finances. Spare leaflets can always be found in the church.

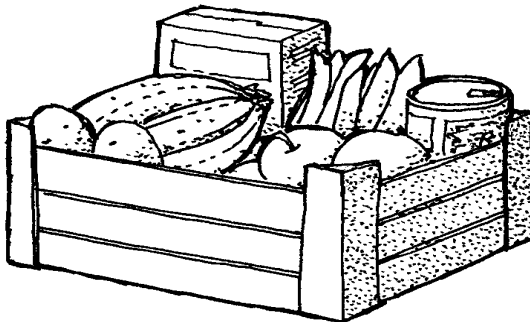
Church Bins

We have made many, many appeals for people to put the right materials in the correct bins, and, by and large, things have improved! We are still however having some problems, particularly in the area reserved for cremated remains. We don't want to 'name and shame' but we do still respectfully ask if people could be careful and considerate.

Thank you

To everyone who has supported the rota to keep our church open and available to everyone in the summer months. We will need to close the church due to insurance restrictions at the end of October but the church will be open during daylight hours until then. Please take this last opportunity to enjoy a moment of calm and reflection in the sacred space of our cherished church. If you would like to volunteer to join the church opening rota for next year, please contact any member of the Church Committee.

To everyone who has worked to maintain, clean and decorate the church building and grounds. You know who you are!



SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS PREVIEWED

Please use these introductions to prepare for worship. If you are a reader at home who is unable to come to church, you might like to use these pages, with your Bible, to join the congregation on a Sunday in the reading of the same passages

Sunday 7th October - 19th after Trinity

Genesis 2: 18-24 This passage ends with words we will hear Jesus quote. God made the human race as male and female, and in his intention a man and woman become one when they marry.

Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12 Readings from this long text on Christ's saving work will take us to the end of this year. Throughout the book, Christ is praised as supreme in all creation, the one who has been glorified in suffering and has opened for all of us the way to God and to glory.

Mark 10: 2-16 Husbands, wives and children feature here in Jesus' teaching. He affirms marriage as intended by God to be life-long, although the Jewish Law made provision for divorce. Children, and all who are childlike, are welcome in his kingdom.

Sunday 14th October - 20th after Trinity

Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15 The only good life is with God. Therefore, say Amos, although worldly wealth and comforts seem desirable, they can bring harm both to yourself and others.

Hebrews 4: 12-16 This treatise often switches between doctrine and ethics. In this short passage we find both a statement of our way to God through the work of Christ and the motive for all our behaviour.

Mark 10: 17-21 It is not easy to be good, says Jesus. There are commandments to be kept; there is wealth to be handled wisely; there are many worldly attractions and ties which may distract us from receiving all the joys found in his kingdom.

Sunday 21st October - 21st after Trinity

Isaiah 53: 4-12 The prophet describes the suffering undergone by the Jews, and their time of exile, as being undergone on behalf of the sins of others. The familiar words are easily transferred to Jesus, who according to today's gospel foresaw that he must undergo death and resurrection for our sake.

Hebrews 5: 1-10 This author's great purpose is to interpret Christ's work in terms of the Jewish priesthood, whose task was to offer sacrifices to God for the sins of the people. Here, with many echoes of the Old testament, he tells how Christ as the perfect and eternal High Priest offered himself once for all, for the world's salvation.

Mark 10: 35-45 Jesus has just shared with his friends his expectation that soon, in Jerusalem, he will be executed. But the twelve still argue between themselves about the greatness and glory they believe is about to come, not understanding the kingdom life of self-giving and service.

Sunday 28th October - 22nd after Trinity

Jeremiah 31: 7-9 The separated kingdom of Judah is promised by Jeremiah that God has not forgotten them. The blind - like Bartimeus in today's gospel - will receive their sight and all in need of comfort will know the ways of joy and praise.

Hebrews 7: 23-28 This treatise dwells at length on Christ as a greater priest than any in the Jewish religious system. His work is uniquely and completely redemptive, because as God's own sinless Son he offered himself for us.

Mark 10: 46-52 Mark is about to show us Our Lord's destiny. Significantly, one blind man sees Jesus as the Son of David he truly is, while the authorities only see a dangerous heretic.



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