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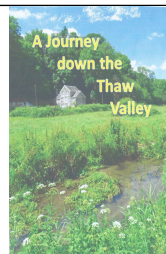
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This magazine serves them all.

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Please don't forget to pass on this edition of the magazine to people who would otherwise not receive it.

This Month's Cover

The handsome creature of the cover this month is a walrus. These creatures are native to the Arctic but this specimen, which has been given the name "Wally" (what else?) is thought to have been carried south on a wandering ice floe. He was first seen off the coast of Ireland in March before moving on to Wales and the Isles of Scilly. It seems that, even though he is many miles from his natural habitat, he is managing to stay healthy and gives every appearance of having the time of his life. Untroubled by travel restrictions, social distancing or the need for vaccination, he has discovered a new hobby of puncturing inflatable craft with his long, sharp tusks when he uses them to lever himself aboard. Understandably, he is not very popular with the owners of the boats which he ruins, but the rest of us may well find his peregrinations amusing and even entertaining. Few of us would have the opportunity of seeing this example of the variety of creatures on earth, so let us look, marvel at God's works and praise Him.

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From the Editor

Dear Friends,

Have you heard the name Naomi Osaka? Perhaps not unless you are a sports fan and in particular a regular follower of tennis. Japan's Osaka was in the news a few weeks ago when she said that she would not give any press conferences during the French Open because she wants to protect her mental health.. Tennis overlords are taking a tough stance and in a joint statement said Osaka also faces "more substantial fines and future Grand Slam suspensions".

Naomi said that expecting players to answer questions after a defeat amounted to "Kicking a person while they're down." in a statement she said, "I've often felt that people have no regard for athletes' mental health and this rings true whenever I see a press conference or partake in one. We're often sat there and asked questions that we've been asked multiple times before or asked questions that bring doubt into our minds and I'm just not going to subject myself to people that doubt me."

Some of the interviewers, press or Television, can be downright rude and ill-mannered both in the questions they ask and the way in which they ask them. They frequently interrupt and talk over what the interviewee is trying to say and it can all become very offensive.

What do you think? Many sports stars received some incredible sums of money for their performances in public. Perhaps soccer players are the prime example of this, and given the situation, is it unreasonable to expect that in return for this lucrative life-style, they make themselves available to the media? It is regarded as an integral part of the job.

On the other hand, one needs to consider the impact that the media, newspapers, television or radio, make on anybody from whom they wish to obtain some "copy/" it is all done under the Mantra of "The public has a right to know". It seems to me that if the person is one who derives their income from placing themselves in the public image that this is not an unreasonable attitude. However, there are many cases where the attentions of the press, reporters or photographers, make the person's life unbearable. A case in point was the paparazzi hounding Princess Diana to her death. This is all in the name of "Free Speech" but completely overlooks the fact that one person's freedom infringes that of another. It should be "Do as you would be done by."

Yours sincerely, *Eric Sparks*

*I owe my success to having listened respectfully to the very best advice
and then going away and doing the exact opposite.*

National Garden Scheme

You may not have come across this organisation before so I will explain just what it does. People who have gardens which are worth seeing make them available to the public to visit on certain designated days. There may be several gardens within your orbit or merely a few but, without doubt, they are all worth a visit. As is customary, you pay an entry fee to enter the garden where you will find not only the plants and layout to admire, but, probably, plants for sale and refreshments to your taste. The National Gardens Scheme coordinates and publicises the events and a great deal of money is made. The NGS can boast that they donated £2.88 million to national charities in the year 2020. A wonderful achievement.

This year, probably because of lockdown, there were few gardens opened in this area, but one that did was most rewarding to visit. Llandough Castle is not far from Cowbridge and dates back to the 12th Century. Starting life as a wooden structure, it was rebuilt in stone by the Walsche family in the 15th century.



The castle changed hands many times over the next 300 years and the structure remained much the same until, in 1844, an Orangery was added. A chequered career over the two World Wars led up to the purchase by Simon and Rhian Rees in 2003. They restored the Orangery and set in hand a major reorganisation of the grounds towards making them what they are now. Work began on creating the gardens; hedges were planted and the swimming pool turned into a pond. The kitchen garden was built, borders created and the woodlands are being reinstated as a natural garden.

Our gardens may not be on the same grand scale as those of Llandough Castle but I am certain that an equal amount of loving work goes into them. We will all have derived a great deal of pleasure from them especially during the lockdown and perhaps we remember the words of Frances Dorothy Gurney:

*“Kiss of the sun for pardon.
Song of the birds for mirth.
You’re closer to God’s heart in a garden
Than any place on earth.*

ES

*The best thing commercially which is the worst artistically, by a large, is
the most successful.*



From Father Edwin



Dear Friends,

One of my lasting memories of the pandemic will be the sight of footballers playing without crowds. The sight of an empty football stadium seems so strange, when we're used to seeing thousands of fans experiencing the highs and lows of a big game. I've been to enough 'crunch' matches over the years to know that the emotions of joy and despair can change in an instant, when success brings a rush of energy, while losing can be hard to bear. Yet failure is something that we all have to face up to at some time or other. We might end up doing a job to which we're not suited, or we might fail a driving test or an important exam, or it might be a relationship or a marriage that fails, for a whole variety of reasons.

In the same way, the world can carry many signs of failure, when you think of the conflicts and disagreements that divide peoples and nations, and I'm sure God looks down from heaven on occasions with a despairing shake of the head. The world that was God's perfect creation, modelled on divine love, so often fails to live up to those high expectations.

But perhaps the challenge is to discover how we can respond to such obvious failure, if it comes our way. I suppose we can react like many sports fans, who start off each season with such high hopes for their team, but end up promising themselves, philosophically, that, somehow, next year will be better. Or instead, we can proclaim the presence of God who pours grace and love into every situation, with the intention of turning darkness into light, evil into good and despair into hope.

That's not an acceptance of failure; rather, it's a reminder of the possibilities that God promises to us all. Over time, God's love and grace which can overcome every obstacle in our lives or in the life of the world, and that can transform us and the world into God's likeness. That's the immense promise that reminds us of the very nature of our loving, creator God, who seeks to use every possibility to good purpose. There is nothing in this world that cannot be made good by the love of God.

We have felt a very different range of emotions within our church community in recent times, with some significant changes of personnel in the Ministry Team, along with some notable occasions.

It is with great sadness and deep regret that we have said our farewells to Revd Rhian Prime. Rhian has been a valued member of our team since she joined us in September 2017. She is taking a step back from

Don't just count your years make your years count.

fulltime ministry to care for her husband, David, who is unwell. They are moving to Pembrokeshire and we wish Rhian, David and Becky health happiness and every blessing for the future. Rhian's final service was celebrated at St Tathan's Church on 30th June and she left us with a bold challenge to work together to the glory of God.



A quite different emotion filled the day on 26th June when Rick Gratton, who has been on placement with us for the last 2 years, was ordained as a Deacon by Bishop June in Llandaff Cathedral. Rick has become well known to many people across our churches and he will serve as an Assistant Curate in the Llantrisant Ministry Area.



To complete the recent roller-coaster of moves, we are preparing to welcome Revd Emma Street, who will be joining our Ministry Team in mid-August. Emma is currently serving in the Vale of Neath and we look forward to her becoming a part of the 'Heritage Coast' team. She brings a strong professional background as a Social Worker, as well as her more recent experiences as a parish priest. She and her family will be living in the Vicarage in St Brides Major and we look forward to welcoming her to the churches and communities of our Ministry Area.

This time of year brings a flurry of anniversaries of ordination for all the clergy. The most notable this year sees landmark occasions for two of our local retired clergy, with Revd Joy Birkin marking 25 years since her ordination, while Canon Hillary Collins has just celebrated 60 years since his ordination as a priest. Our congratulations are extended to both.

In the light of these joyful examples of service in God's name, even in difficult times, it seems appropriate to end with the Covenant Prayer that Revd Rhian left for us, and to be inspired by its challenge:

Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, exalted for you, or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing: Amen.

With every blessing, *Edwin*

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From the Registers

Marriages

29 May Scott Kenneth Keeling & Rebecca Sian Lewis
05 June Jack Richard Lawthom & Riah Jade Spickett

Burials

14 May Francis Morris John, aged 86 years, Llantwit Major
20 May Trevor Thomas Evans aged 87 years, Rhoose
25 May Celia Ellen Williams aged 88 years, Cowbridge.
01 June Emlyn Spargo, aged 93 years, Llantwit Major.
04 June Muriel Mary Spencer aged 85 years, Llantwit Major
04 June Ruth Elaine Ward aged 86 years, Crawley, Surrey
17 June Pamela Margaret Evans aged 97 years, Cowbridge
18 June Queenie Joyce Hopkins aged 94 years, Barry

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What happened next (3)

, 17th May, 1972 is a day that should go down in the history of Llantwit Major, for, according to the Vicar, Dilwyn Llewellyn Jones in the May Magazine, *as far as can be ascertained, this is the first visit of an Archbishop of Canterbury to St. Illtyd's, certainly the first official visit. Archbishop Baldwin passed this way in 1188 summoning Welshmen to the Crusade, but there is no record that he stopped here.*

Archbishop Michael Ramsey, accompanied by Mrs. Ramsey, was coming to address the Annual School for Clergy on that day, during his visit to the Diocese, and the Diocesan inset, 'Welsh Churchman' gave some of his back-ground, including the fact that he had been educated at Repton, when his predecessor as Archbishop, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher had been the headmaster. (I once met Geoffrey Fisher, when he came to Monmouth Diocese, and when he sternly asked me who I was, I could only reply,



"I the youngest incumbent in the Diocese, your Grace." Whereupon he gave a little smile, saying he supposed there was something in that.)

But also in the May Magazine the Vicar was writing about the first official visit of our own Bishop on Rogation Sunday, when he hoped that many members of the farming community, as well as parishioners from neighbouring parishes would be present. He had intended to go in procession to the fields near the church during the singing of the Litany, but alas, according to the June Magazine, prayers for seasonable rain came too soon, so that Mr. and Mrs. Ieuan Lewis, of Flanders Farm, waiting in vain for us at the Abbot's Ley, as it had to be sung in the church. He also commented that the farmers turned up well, *but where were our own parishioners?*

Commenting on the happy occasion of Michael Ramsey's visit, he described how our own Bishop had written to him to thank everyone for the careful arrangements which went without a hitch, and the Eucharist was one

What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything.

of the nicest he had celebrated on a Diocesan occasion. He added that he was writing to the Rugby Club for providing such an excellent meal.

The Vicar continued: *Everyone was impressed by the natural humility and dignity of the Archbishop, and the two hundred and more clergy who heard the lectures were equally impressed by his spirituality and scholarship. The Archbishop was moved by the many gestures which warmed his visit, the unexpected welcome of children from the schools, the gift of a club tie by members of the Rugby Club, to remind him that Wales had not only produced Illtyds but also Barrie Johns, and the spontaneous action of the landlord of the Old Swan in presenting him with a bottle of champagne, to which he responded by going in and thanking them all. From the church we gave him a newly published "Life of the Welsh Saints" (including Illtyd), and to Mrs. Ramsey we gave a fine vase made locally by Mary White, which had just been exhibited in Paris.*

St. Donat's Notes

Even more bishops, when the Vicar described how a young Roman Catholic priest from Cardiff had said Mass for staff and students at Atlantic College of whom a number belonged to that faith. He wrote: *This has been done with full approval of the Bishop of Llandaff, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff, and the Church Council of St. Donat's. In these days when the Christian Churches are slowly beginning to recover their unity in Christ, the practice of sharing churches is surely a very practical move in the right direction.*

David G. Brunning

CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday, 24th June, 1961, the young Curate of Ystrad Mynach, the Revd. Norman Hilary Collins, made his way to Llandaff Cathedral. He'd been in the parish for just a year since he'd been made a Deacon in the same Cathedral, and now it was time for the Bishop of Llandaff to ordain him as a priest.

This is the great moment in the life of a cleric; the one he or she would look forward to during all the years of training for the priesthood, and afterwards would celebrate its anniversary each year, with particular reference to the Silver, Golden and Diamond celebrations. So, if it had not been for Covid 19, we would all have been rejoicing with Canon Hilary in St. Illtud's church last month.

May we take this opportunity of giving him our congratulations on the 60th anniversary of his priesting, and look forward to the time when we can all celebrate such occasions together once more.

Real generosity is doing something nice to someone who will never find out.

Humour

A father had taken his young son to church. The boy listened attentively in silence until the first hymn was announced. "We start our service with hymn number two hundred and twenty two, Ten Thousand times Ten Thousand!, two hundred and twenty two." The little boy looked up at his dad and, with a worried note in his voice, said, "Do we have to work that out dad?"

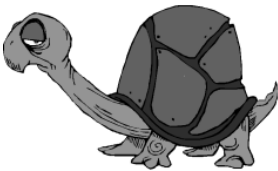
A blond man went to see his doctor and said, "Doctor, what is the matter with me? When I touch my arm, ouch, it hurts, when I touch my leg, ouch, it hurts, when I touch my head, ouch, it hurts when I touch my chest, ouch, it hurts. What on earth is the matter with me? The doctor replied, "Your finger is broken."

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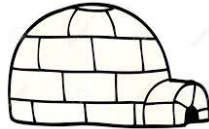
Little Peter had been playing in the garden and came into the house in a very dirty condition. He said to his mother "Who am I?" Mother was ready to play his game and said, "I don't know. Who are you?" With a shout of glee, back came reply, "Wow! Mrs Evans was right;, she told me that I was so dirty, my own mother wouldn't recognise me!"

On his first day as the new manager of the store, a man hung a large notice in a prominent position for the staff to see. The sign read "DO NOT FORGET – I AM THE BOSS." When he came back from his lunch, his secretary told him that he had a phone message, "Your wife rang to tell you not to forget to bring her sign back."

A poodle and a collie are walking together when the poodle starts to confide in his friend. "My life is a mess," he said, "My owner is mean, my girlfriend ran away with a schnauzer, and I'm as jittery as a cat." "Why don't you go see a psychiatrist?" suggests the collie, "I can't," said the poodle, "I'm not allowed on the couch."



I couldn't get tickets for the Euro football.



I don't know that I want to eat out.

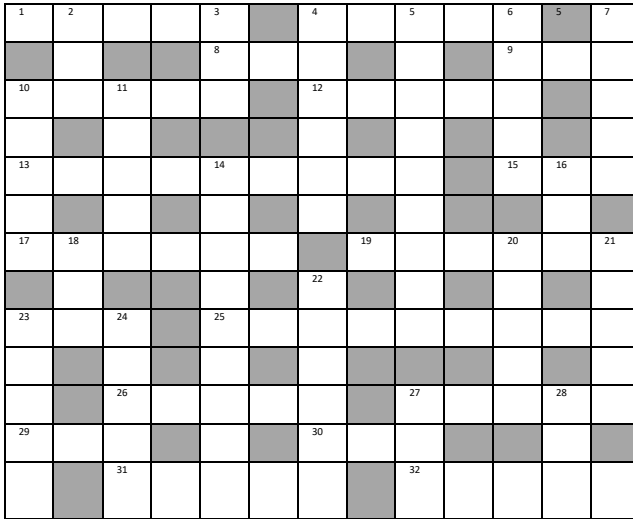


What size of group are we allowed now?

What a strange illusion it is to suppose that beauty is goodness.

Puzzle Page

Crossword No 105



Across

- 1 Damp
- 4 Hail
- 8 Copy
- 9 Edge
- 10 Sketched
- 12 Question
- 13 Lie in
- 15 Draw
- 17 Guard
- 19 Infuriate
- 23 Task
- 25 Ladybird?
- 26 Bitter
- 27 Loaf
- 29 Baronet
- 30 Freezing
- 31 Finished
- 32 Planet

Down

- 2 Blade
- 3 Brown
- 4 Follow on
- 5 Perfect
- 6 Assignment
- 7 Astonish
- 10 Sag
- 11 Proficient
- 14 Was Patron
- 16 Anger
- 18 Fuss
- 20 Bee
- 21 Bare
- 22 Squalid
- 23 Contest
- 24 Noise
- 27 Farewell
- 28 Insect

Answers

Across: 1 Moist, 4 Sleet, 8 Ape, 9 Rim, 10 Drawn, 12 Query, 13 Oversleep, 15 Tie, 17 Patrol, 19 Madden, 23 Job, 25 Storybook, 26 Acriid, 27 Bread, 29 Sir, 30 Icy, 31 Ended, 32 Earth. Down: 2 Oar, 3 Tan, 4 Sequel, 5 Exemplary, 6 Tyst, 7 Amaze, 10 droop, 11 Adept, 14 Sponsored, 16 Ire, 18 Ado, 20 Drone, 21 Naked, 22 Sordid, 23 Joust, 24 Blare, 27 Bye, 28 Ant.

Mini Quiz

- 1 What is the most abundant element in the universe?
- 2 What is the current year expressed in Roman numerals?
- 3 Which branch of mathematics derives its name from the Greek word for triangle and measure?
- 4 Pollux is the brightest star in the constellation Gemini. What is the second brightest ?
- 5 What is the collective noun for budgerigars?

Answers

1 Hydrogen, 2 MMXXI, 3 Trigonometry, 4 Castor, 5 A Chatter.

Children's Word Ladder

Go from one word to the next by changing only one letter. The first three words

TORN	RIPPED
WORN	SHABBY
WARN	ADVISE
	SHED
	PLAIN
	RISK
	ARROW
	DIPPY
	CLEVER
	REMAINING
LIFT	RAISE

TORN, WORN, WARN, BARN, BARE, DART, DARE, DAFT, LEFT, DEFT, LIFT

Diligence is the mother of good fortune

The Suit

Bob Jameson and I have known each other for well over 70 years. He has had a colourful life and relates a delightful story entitled, "The Suit". I reproduce the first instalment below. Ed

This is the story of a suit, but no ordinary suit.

By the mid 1970s I had got into the habit of visiting South America every year for three or four weeks. One of the several agents in Britain who sold my belts, also represented a high-class suit manufacturer in Leeds. He had mentioned to me that if I ever wanted a suit, he would obtain one at a very special price. I replied that I would like a tropical weight suit more appropriate for the heat of Argentina in the summer.

One day Mike the agent rang. "I've got just the suit for you Bob." he enthused, "I had it made for a special customer of mine but when he received it he decided he didn't like it. It's just your size Bob and it's tropical weight and made from top quality worsted wool." "Yes, thank you Mike." I said, "I'll have it on your recommendation; send it along." I had forgotten momentarily that he was after all a salesman. When it arrived I viewed it with some dismay. There was no denying its quality. The very finest tropical weight pure wool etc. and a perfect fit. But it was, how shall I say, noticeable, if not striking. Black and white check with a thin blue stripe. I could not imagine walking up Shrewsbury Pride Hill wearing it. But it was for the tropics, undeniably a lovely quality. The suit's first outing was my next trip to Argentina.

My Aerolineas flight via Madrid coincided with an official visit to Spain by Dr Hector Campora, then the President of Argentina. His Aerolineas flight was due to take off some minutes before my flight. In the event, his flight was delayed and when we arrived at Buenos Aires International Airport, we took the landing slot reserved for him. I was seated at the front of the plane and was first out as soon as the mobile stairs have been wheeled into position.



It was a beautiful day, the sun beating down from a cloudless sky and my appearance was greeted by wild enthusiasm from the thousands of spectators packing the Veranda of the terminal building. On the spur of the

moment, I gave a royal wave as I descended the steps and several more during the walk to the terminal. I had arranged for a school friend of my wife to meet me at the airport, and we were soon speeding along the road to the city lined with cheering crowds. I didn't pretend to understand what was happening, but the reasons became clear later.

My plane had arrived from Madrid at the time the President's plane was expected and the distance from the plane to the terminal being considerable, faces were unrecognisable. So, I got the welcome reserved for the Doctor Campora. Furthermore my



friend's car was a black Ford Falcon, very similar to the fleet of official government cars.

But what about the Doctor Campora? Well, shortly after my arrival it began to rain and did not stop. Campora was four hours late and by which time his supporters were soaked and gave him the bird. Later I did wonder if the suit had influenced events.

Bob Jameson

Leisure

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long at sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

WILLIAM HENRY DAVIES 1871-1940

*There are things known and there are things unknown and in between
the two, are the doors of perception.*



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Church Cleaning

At the risk of getting boring I find myself writing again to the wider congregation to seek your opinions and possible support. My last plea for volunteers fell on stony ground, and so now I am asking you to think about ways in which we can keep the church clean.

Our cleaning team is much reduced in number, and it is impossible for so few volunteers to manage the cleaning of the whole area. At the moment we have two people being paid to 'muck out' the corners and crevices that evade our usual volunteers. This has come about through some very kind donations and is a one-off event. They are doing a splendid job tackling cobwebs, windows and some high-level areas. However, that fund will run dry.

One idea that has come from recent discussions with the team and the Church Warden is that we seek to get regular donations from the wider congregation so that we can hire a cleaner to do a weekly clean of the Galilee Chapel, the kitchen, the toilets, the stairs, the mezzanine and the porch. This would leave the East and West Church to be done by volunteers, which is manageable.

I have had one promise of a monthly donation already and wonder if maybe some more of you may feel able to commit to a regular monthly donation. That way we would know how much we can spend on a weekly cleaner, should this be an outcome.

In my heart I am a believer in giving of one's time to a problem and not seeking to solve it by throwing money at it. We are a Christian community after all! Nevertheless, we are an aging congregation and our younger members are very busy people with work and families to juggle.

I look forward to receiving your comments on the situation. Please feel free to telephone or email me with your ideas.

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MU Dates

Tuesday July 6th - The Rev Philip Morris will speak to us on the theme of Pilgrimage.

Monday August 9th - Mary Sumner Day - A walk for those who are able, followed by a picnic at St Illtud's for all of us.

Think of all the beauty that is still around you and be happy.

Summer of Hope

2021 marks the 145th anniversary of Mothers' Union, brought to life by Mary Sumner's vision of women supporting families and communities. This summer, we also mark 100 years since she died after a truly remarkable and inspiring life. Mary Sumner led a breakthrough for women, whose role during her lifetime was chiefly to give support to male leaders in the Church, work, and society. Her vision was a world where women's voices were heard, and their own rights recognised.

This Summer of Hope, we celebrate the opportunity to reflect on her extraordinary achievements, and to continue her incredible work, through prayer, creativity and giving. All round the world, women are growing their leadership skills, supporting one another, and making a difference, thanks to the generosity of members like you.

For example, in Tanzania, Jane Abnel Masingo is developing her leadership role both in the Church and in her community. Following in Mary Sumner's footsteps, Jane dedicates her life not only to looking after her child and her parents but also to teaching other women in her community and passing on her wisdom.

Jane is 43, a single mother of one child. She lives in Mpwapwa in central Tanzania, a mountainous district served by dirt roads. After attending primary education and two years of Bible School, Jane joined her local Mothers' Union Savings and Credit group. Through this, she was able to take out a small loan to put her dream into action by starting her own food business. Now, in spite of the pandemic hitting her income, Jane is looking forward to a Summer of Hope, thanks to the continuing support of her local Mothers' Union.

Members around her have provided a perfect refuge for Jane and the other women in her community, giving them a safe space to share their difficulties, advice and to grow together in mutual support. Jane says that thanks to her involvement in Mothers' Union she has learned how to: "help development outside the church as well as in the church".

"One of the biggest problems affecting women and children is gender-based violence," she says. With the group's support, Jane feels empowered to take action, lead, and pray for an end to this abuse. Jane's dedication embodies the spirit of Mary Sumner's vision and keeps it thriving today.

See more about the Summer of Hope at

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Dates for your Diary:- See page 15

Sue Beetleston

Time heals griefs and quarrels for we all change and are no longer the same persons. Neither the offender nor the offended are any more themselves.

Saint of the Month

1st July: Euddogwy, Bishop

In 1997 I was asked to edit a book of short biographies of the Welsh saints commemorated in the newly compiled *Calendar of the Church in Wales*. This was later incorporated into *Exciting Holiness* (Canterbury Press), which contains biographies, prayers and readings for all the saints celebrated throughout the year in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The entry I wrote for our saint of the month is actually the shortest in *Exciting Holiness*:

“Euddogwy is the third saint to whom Llandaff Cathedral is dedicated but little is known of him. It would seem that he was a nephew of Teilo, and a monk of Llantwit Major. On the death of



Teilo, Euddogwy was elected bishop of Llandaff by the abbots of the South Wales monasteries, and consecrated in 569.”

Really I should have stopped at “little is known of him”, because all that we do know of Euddogwy is from the 12th century *Book of Llandaff*, written as unhistorical propaganda in favour of the diocese of Llandaff against the Norman invaders. The writers wanted to show the importance of the diocese because it could claim to have ‘archbishops’ as its founders – Dyfrig and Teilo – and not content with two, added a third ‘archbishop’ Euddogwy. Like all good Celtic saints, Euddogwy is said to have performed miracles of healing; and to strengthen the ancient claims of bishops of Llandaff that he went to Rome to receive from the Pope confirmation of the ‘privileges’ of the diocese.

So the third saint of Llandaff is a shadowy figure compared to his illustrious predecessors, Dyfrig and Teilo. But having said that, we know that he was venerated down through the centuries, and perhaps it was because of how the *Book of Llandaff* describes him: “humble and gentle, and learned in both the Old and New Testament, like a candle upon a stand.” Euddogwy was one of those many of whom we know very little yet who kept the flame of the Gospel alive in those so-called Dark Ages.

Philip Morris

I appreciate any conversation where I can walk away questioning myself and my ideas.

Lateral Thinking

1. A little party comprising two fathers and
 1. A little party comprising two fathers and two sons plan an outing together. They are going to go to the theatre. What is the minimum number of seats that they need to book?
2. A man took a chance and moved his car from Pall Mall to a hotel on Mayfair. He soon realised that the move would bankrupt him. Explain.
3. Mr and Mrs Smith have identical twin daughters. June was born in March and her twin sister May was born in June. How can this be if they are identical twins?
4. Charlie Smith is a healthy teenager who has a weekend job behind the sweet counter in the local shop. He is a fine upstanding young man who is 6 feet tall with size 10 feet and a 40 inch chest. What do you think he weighs?



Answers

1. The party consist of three people. A man, his son and his grandson. The man is father to the son and the son is father to his son.
2. The man is playing Monopoly and has taken a "Chance" card which tells him to move his counter, which is a car, from where he is to Mayfair which has a hotel on it. The rent he would have to pay will bankrupt him.
3. The twin sisters were born in the month of June in the town called March.
4. Sweets of course!

I don't think inside the box and I don't think outside the box, I have no clue where the box is.

The Meaning of the Eucharist

Jesus came to Jerusalem with his twelve Apostles and preached the Gospel or Good News to all the people there. The Jewish authorities saw him as a threat and sought to eliminate Him.



Judas Iscariot accepted a bribe to betray Jesus but the night before this was to happen the twelve met in an upper room to celebrate the Jewish festival of The Passover. Then, as Saint Matthew tells us: "While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is my body". Then He took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them saying "Drink from it all of you. This is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

In the Eucharist, also known as Holy Communion or Mass, we re-enact this act of supreme sacrifice made by Jesus on our behalf. The priest takes bread and wine and consecrates it using words derived from the account in the Gospel. The priest then gives each person some of the bread and some of the wine which they receive in token of what Jesus did for them. In a spiritual sense, we receive the body and blood of Jesus so that we can "feed on him in our hearts with faith and thanksgiving." and be grateful to Him that He shed His blood on our behalf for the remission of our sins.



Take away the cause and the effect ceases.

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