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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

Good Friday, this year, is on 15th April, followed, of course, by Easter Sunday on the 17th. As explained on page 13, this is the most important of the Christian festivals and is one of the Sundays that all professing Christians are expected to attend a church service. There are occasions, in the past when it was necessary to hold several communion services in order to accommodate all those who wanted to receive the sacrament. The lockdown has led to a further diminution in numbers going to church but let us hope that the size of congregations will stop to rise once more.

It is easier to build strong children than repair broken men.

From the Editor

Dear Friends,

I got myself into a muddle recently. My daughter-in-law had died and I sent text messages of condolence to each of my grandchildren commiserating with them on this sad event. I happily despatched it to the numbers which I had in my mobile phone, and shortly afterwards I received a message in reply which read as follows: "Good afternoon. I am not sure who you meant to send this message to, however this is a work number for Thames Valley Fire. I am afraid it is the wrong number. We are sorry for your loss. Please send our best to your family. Kind regards Laurie customer service."

Various reactions running through my brain. In the first place I took note of what the message said re-discovered the correct numbers and re-sent the messages. I then had time to think, and it came to me that Laurie was quite clearly a kind and compassionate person. Not only had she taken the trouble to inform me of the mistake that I had made, but she also included her condolences to my grandchildren. The more I have thought about this the more I have been impressed by the kind thoughts that there are at the other end of this mistaken number.

I then think a little bit more and wonder about myself. Would I have thought of doing such a thing? And if I had thought of it, would I have taken the time and trouble to compose a similar kind response and send it back to the person who made the mistake? I sincerely hope so, but to be honest, I am rather doubtful.

Some people in this world have the mindset that tunes them in to the other person's difficulties. It gives them an insight into how the other person is thinking and the emotional difficulties which they might be experiencing. Not only that, they then go ahead and do something about it. These are the people who help to make our world go round in a Christian way. They are the ones who go beyond giving to charity and actually do something themselves. It is this group which keeps our various voluntary organisations running smoothly; they take on the running of societies by serving as chairman, secretary and so forth, and it is this group which ensures that our churches are cleaned, coffee made, flowers arranged and that all the multitude of jobs are performed on behalf of the parishioners. Strength to their arms!

Yours sincerely, *Eric Sparks*

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.

Terror

What can one say about what is happening in the Ukraine? Various words come to my mind, most of which I would rather not put into print. I will confine myself to saying “disgusting” and hope that your in-built Thesaurus will do the rest. What ought to happen to Putin and his henchmen brings some very unchristian thoughts to mind, but we remember the many bloodthirsty events recorded in the Old Testament. The whole situation is at the extreme of comprehension.

We have the stand-off from direct confrontation because that would, in all probability, rapidly escalate into all-out nuclear war and we quite definitely do not want that. It is one of those situations where one side is “playing to the rules” and the other side is not. Even supplying arms to the Ukrainians is like walking a tightrope. The Western Powers are applying sanctions, but these will take time to work and there are always people who are ready to seize any opportunity to make a fast buck by back door trading. We can only hope that the actions taken will begin to bite before it is too late to save the country.

Then we have the humanitarian aspect of the stupendous exodus of, mainly, women and children fleeing the country in terror. Many of them did not have time to make sure that they had the documentation necessary to gain entry to the country they were going to. This has presented a problem to the country of entry. Do they allow anyone to enter without adequate checks? It could just be that opportunists are grasping the chance to get into the country with every intention of committing acts of terrorism. Unlikely you might say, but what would be your reaction if there was a terrorist attack in London by someone who had gained entry in this way?

This brings the subject of our attitude towards immigration as a whole into question. If we are a Christian country, and that is in doubt these days, ought we to deny our way of life and standard of living to anyone? Even if we are worse off as a result. Is it right for us to impose limitations on people coming into the UK because we feel that we want to keep our way of life to ourselves? Of course, the Christian answer is resounding NO. But we are reluctant to dilute our standard of living to accommodate a crowd of “foreigners” however useful they may be to the economy. Think of the number of waiters from Eastern Europe, doctors and nurses from the East, the shortage of lorry drivers. It would seem that we want our cake and eat it, but we need to make up our minds!

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Don't mess with me, I know karate, judo, jujitsu, kung fu and 20 other dangerous words.



Father Edwin' Page



Dear Friends,

My feet aren't the nicest part of my anatomy; they're size 9 and I ask a lot of them and, probably like most people, at the end of a long day, they don't smell too sweetly either! Mind you, there's nothing nicer than putting your feet up in the evening, or maybe giving them a bit of TLC with a long soak in a hot bath...ahhh!

Holy Week and Easter is a busy time for our churches and many people will be on their feet making preparations for this high point of the Christian year. For me, one of the most dramatic events of the whole Easter tableau is played out on Maundy Thursday, when Jesus washes his disciples' feet. 'Maundy' comes from a Latin word, *mandatum*; from which we get the word 'commandment'; and we use that word this week, because there's a verse in the Bible when Jesus says to his disciples, "I give you a new commandment, love one another, just as I have loved you."

It would be too simplistic to say that we all ought to carry a bowl of water and a towel and offer to wash one another's feet. Foot washing is an important part of the liturgy we use in church on Maundy Thursday, because it's an illustration of what it means to live out that commandment: to love one another selflessly and completely, just as God loves us. That invites us to a deep understand of the events of Good Friday and Easter, as we celebrate the fullness and richness of human life and faith.

This Easter, the dark shadow of the conflict in Ukraine will still be hanging over our world. Even if peace breaks out in the coming weeks, the long journey to rebuild and heal that country will take decades. Yet Maundy Thursday, with its foot washing and its example of humble service gives meaning to every human relationship, and a promise that healing and reconciliation can emerge from the darkest conflict.

Christian faith speaks of radical, selfless, liberating love for God and one another: to know that is to understand Easter. To understand Easter is to know what it means to live in peace.

With every blessing,

Edwin

You can't find peace by avoiding life.

News from the Ministry Team

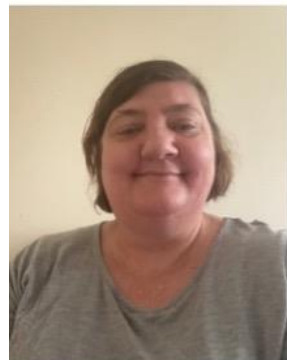
It is with great pleasure that we can announce that the Reverend Emma Street, currently an Assistant Curate in our Ministry Area, has been appointed to serve as a Team Vicar. Emma will continue to serve in the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area. Emma was licensed to her new role as part of the Inauguration Service for our Ministry Area, held at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, on Sunday 27th March

This great news about Emma's new appointment follows other good news that our clergy team will be up to full strength with the appointment of Jenny Tiebas, who will be ordained as a Deacon at the end of June. Jenny will be joining us to serve her Curacy, and we look forward to welcoming her to our Ministry Area in a few months' time.

Meantime, please continue to pray for the work of our 12 Heritage Coast churches, and for all that we do in God's service.

A word of introduction from Jenny Tiebas...

Canon Edwin has asked me to give you a snapshot of myself so here goes. I'm 52, married to Angel and we have two children, Hannah and Joshua. Hannah is married to James Arthur and they have a little girl aged 16 months called Emmy-Rose who is an absolute delight and full of mischief and they live in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Joshua lives with Maddie and their son Harrison who is 16 weeks old and they live in Beaufort, Ebbw Vale.



I was born in Caldicot South Wales and grew up in a family that was very active in the local Church and my parents would make sure that every day we spent time together reading a bible passage and talking to God. I asked Jesus into my life when I was 8 and have had an incredible journey since. I joined London City Mission when I was 20 and met my husband while I was there. We became involved in our local Anglican Church when our children were young as that was where their friends went. I have worked with Children, families, young people, for over 20 years and have been a Parish Assistant and Apprentice with the London Diocesan Fund for a further 7 years, this gave me a broader experience within the Anglican Church and opened my eyes to how diverse the Church was. It was during my time as an apprentice that I knew God was calling me into a vocation as a priest within the Anglican Church and began my journey.

Truth is something which can't be told in a few words.

I am so excited to begin my Curacy in the Glamorgan Heritage Coast MA. I believe that the team has a lot to offer me in regard to my training as a Curate and I have a lot to learn. I look forward to sharing our different experiences. When I came to visit the Heritage Coast a few weeks back it felt like I was coming home and really appreciated the welcome that I was given, as well as Canon Edwin's home-made lentil and tomato soup. I look forward to joining you all and 'getting stuck in'. Please feel free to come and say hello and ask me any questions that you may have when I arrive.

Blessings

Jenny Tiebas

Lateral Thinking

1 A father has three sons Gary Nick and Paul. He asked them to apologise to their mother and repeat it three times This is what they said:

Gary We are sorry. We are sorry. We are sorry.

Paul We are sorry. We are sorry.

Nick We are sorry. We are sorry. We are sorry. We are sorry.

Which boy did exactly as his father had asked?

2 Owain had just bought a brand-new car and was hurrying home to tell his wife all about it. In his rush to get back, he went past a red light without stopping, bumped into somebody in front of him and went the wrong way up a one-way street. A police officer saw all this but took no action. Why not?

3 A newly elected US President held his first meeting in the oval office of the White House on a beautifully sunny day, no rain, no fog, but when he looked out of he window he could not see the top of the Empire State Building. Explain.



1 Nick. He apologised and repeated it three times.
2 He was walking. He had bought the car, but it had not yet been delivered.
3 The White House is in Washington and the Empire State Building is in New York.

Don't worry if plan a fails, there are 25 more letters in the alphabet.



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World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer, formerly Women's World Day of Prayer, an Ecumenical service, is always held on the first Friday of March. This is also the Friday before World Women's Day. This year it was held in St. Illtud's at 6pm. It has been held in Llantwit Major since 'time immemorial' and each Church or Chapel takes it in turn to be the host. A different country composes the service every year. Last year it was Vanuatu and people from across the world had to tune in on-line because of the Pandemic. Whichever country devises the booklet, it is always fascinating to learn more about their way of life, customs, dress, and music: to hear their 'voice'.

This year it was the turn of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Scotland has their own service, but there was some Scottish folk music played in our introductory preamble along with Welsh, English and Irish tunes. The theme for 2022 is: 'I know the plans I have for you' based on Jeremiah 29:1-14. It was shown through readings, prayers and a dramatic section with three women talking about living in poverty, fear and loneliness in Britain today. Some brave members of Bethesda'r Fro showed their skilful acting talents.

We hoped that being put together in this country, we would have a chance of knowing all the Hymns, because sometimes there is a struggle to sing unfamiliar songs. Hooray! We knew them all, except the specially composed chorus: 'For surely I know the plans I have for you.' However, as someone remarked: 'After singing it again and again, I couldn't get it out of my mind!' A veritable 'ear-worm'.

The instructions in the booklet were to prepare a table to typify our country: a blue tablecloth to represent the sea surrounding us; a Globe; greenery; pictures of our land; seven candles in candlesticks, to be lit during the course of the service, and the Scriptures open at Jeremiah 29. The candlesticks were precious, dearly loved ones from Bethesda'r Fro.

We also laid sunflowers in yellow ribbon and rosemary for remembrance on the blue tablecloth, so it was also a symbol of our prayers for the people of the Ukraine. Revd. Emma led our service beautifully, starting and finishing with prayers for Ukraine.



At the beginning of the service everyone was handed a packet of seeds symbolising future growth and at the end they received a card/bookmark with a picture of Llantwit Major beach and 'Thank you for our beautiful land' at the top, and 'Pray for World Peace.'

There was such a warmth and sincerity about our gathering that we found it most moving. This is one service that we shall always remember.

Keith Brown

Mothers 'Union

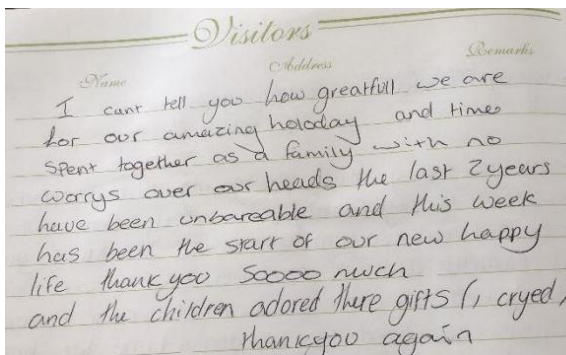
Our thoughts and prayers are very much with the people of Ukraine at this time and of course it is important that we give what we can to help alleviate their suffering and to help all those organisations which are involved in the relief effort. MU are also involved in helping those closer to home who for various reasons are having a tough time. Some may feel that their plight pales into insignificance compared to other desperate situations around the world but we are called to work where we are, as well as to do what we can further afield.

The MU "Away From It All" caravan at Porthcawl is run by Llandaff Diocesan MU and provides much needed breaks for families who desperately need it, whether they are originally from our area or have settled here. Families are able to spend time together away from their stressful situations at home, engage in activities together and have fun. They often experience healing in their relationships by spending this quality time with each other.

Look out for our **Smarties 20p Challenge** beginning on Mothering Sunday and also for our stall on the church path (inside if wet) on Saturday 16th April.

Here is what it meant to one of the families who were enabled to have a break.

Sue Beetlestone

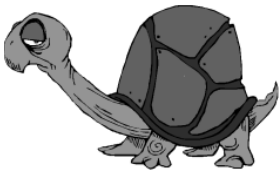


There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self.

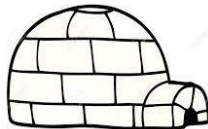
Humour

People make some strange statements when claiming on their car insurance. Here is a sample kindly provided by Keith Young.

- Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree we haven't got.
- There was no damage to the car, as the gatepost will testify.
- A car wandered into my car. I was after was informed that the car was half witted.
- The accident was due to the other man narrowly missing me
- I was on my way to the doctor with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident.
- I knocked over a man. He admitted it was his fault as he had been run over before.
- I collided with a stationary tramcar coming the other way.
- Consider that neither vehicle was to blame but if either were to blame it was the other one.
- I left my Austin Seven outside and when I came out later to my amazement there was an Austin Twelve.
- My car had to turn sharper than was necessary owing to an invisible lorry.
- To avoid a collision, I ran into the other car.
- The pedestrian had no idea which way to run, so I ran over him.
- The other car collided with mine without giving any warning of its intention.
- The other man altered his mind, so I had to run into him.
- I told the other idiot what he was and went on.
- A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.
- I unfortunately ran over a pedestrian, and the old gentleman was taken to hospital, much regretting the circumstances.
- I thought the side window was down, but it was up, as I found when I put my head through it.



I can't understand why they wouldn't let me volunteer to fight in Ukraine.



I suppose we *could* take in some refugees



Oh! You look more like the Salvation Army.

Those who simplified the universe only reduce the expansion of its meaning.

Llantwit Major Chamber Music Festival 2022

Venue - St Illtud's Church, CF61 1SG

Artistic Director - Ben Tarlton

31st March, 19:30

Dvorak - Terzetto

Kodaly - Duo

Brahms - Clarinet Quintet

1st April, 19:30

Rossini - Duo

Mozart - Clarinet Quintet

Dvorak - String Quintet

2nd April, 19:30

Brahms - Sextet No.1

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Holy Week 2022

Sunday 10th April PALM SUNDAY

8.00am	Holy Eucharist @ St Illtud's
8.15am	On-line service from St James', Wick
9.00am	Holy Eucharist @ St Tathan
9.30am	Holy Eucharist @ Ewenny Priory
9.30am	Holy Eucharist @ St Illtud's (in person & online)
11.00am	Holy Eucharist @ St Bridget's
11.00am	Holy Eucharist @ St James', Wick
11.00am	Holy Eucharist @ St Cattwg's, Llanmaes
11.15am	Holy Eucharist @ St Donat's
3.00pm	Holy Eucharist @ Holy Trinity, Marcross

The blessing of Palms reminds us of Jesus entering Jerusalem, when people waved palm branches and spread their coats on the road to welcome the King...just a few days later, the same people shouted for the 'king' to be crucified!

Monday in Holy Week (11th April)

7.00pm	Healing Service @ St Illtud's
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Wednesday in Holy Week (13th April)

10.00am	Holy Eucharist @ St Illtud's
11.00am	Holy Eucharist @ St Tathan
3.00pm	Holy Eucharist @ All Saint's, Southerndown

Maundy Thursday (14th April)

10.00am	Chrism Mass @ Llandaff Cathedral
7.00pm	Holy Eucharist @ Ewenny Priory
8.00pm	Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing @ St Illtud's, followed by The Watch of the Passion (until 10.00pm)

The worship on Maundy Thursday remembers Jesus celebrating the Last Supper with his disciples, before he washed their feet, reminding them to serve one another. We spend some time at the end of the formal worship, remembering that Jesus asked his disciples to wait, watch and pray, the night before he was crucified.

Good Friday (15th April)

- 10.00am** **Good Friday Worship for Families @ St Illtud's**
- 10.00am** **Stations of the Cross @ St James', Wick**
- 11.00am** **Stations of the Cross @ St Michael's, Llanmihangel**
- 12.15pm** **Good Friday Liturgy @ St Illtud's**
- 12.00pm** **An Hour at the Cross @ St Bridget's**
- 2.00pm** **'Walk of Witness' starting at St Tathan Church**

On Good Friday, the drama begins in earnest! The various services remember The Way of the Cross – the journey of Jesus from his trial to his death on the Cross. As we stop along the way at 'stations', we pause for a moment to remember the different people and events that took place. The worship on Good Friday is stark, with little of the music and ceremony that we're used to... but the message is stark. Jesus Christ gave his life on the Cross, opening his arms in an embrace of love for the world.

Holy Saturday (16th April)

- 8.00pm** **The Easter Vigil @ St Illtud's**

Holy Saturday sees the lighting of the Easter Candle, representing the Light of Christ bringing light to the whole world. Our worship moves from darkness to light, with music and celebration that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

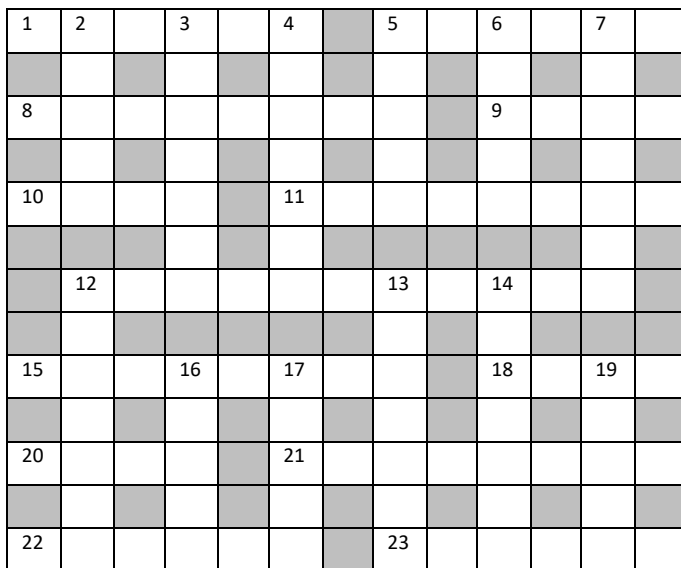
Sunday 17st April – EASTER DAY

- 8.00am** **Holy Eucharist @ St Illtud's**
- 8.15am** **On-line service from St James', Wick**
- 9.00am** **Holy Eucharist @ St Tathan**
- 9.30am** **Holy Eucharist @ Ewenny Priory**
- 9.30am** **Holy Eucharist @ All Saint's, Southerndown**
- 9.30am** **Morning Prayer @ Gileston**
- 9.30am** **Holy Eucharist @ St Illtud's (in person & online)**
- 11.00am** **Holy Eucharist @ St Bridget's**
- 11.00am** **Communion @ St Michael's, Llanmihangel**
- 11.00am** **Holy Eucharist @ St James', Wick**
- 11.15am** **Holy Eucharist @ St Donat's**

Easter is a celebration of God's love for the world. Our churches are filled with flowers and our worship reflects a message of hope and good news to the whole world: Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Puzzle Page

Crossword No 114



Across

Down

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|--------------|-----------------|
| 1 Judge | 2 Of kidneys |
| 5 Wavy | 3 Double |
| 8 "Snout" | 4 Companion |
| 9 Plant | 5 Dog |
| 10 As well | 6 Start |
| 11 Flight | 7 Wage list |
| 12 Critical | 12 Envious |
| 15 Injurious | 13 Carve |
| 18 Chopped | 14 Circus swing |
| 20 Hard-up | 16 Artery |
| 21 Placid. | 17 Force |
| 22 Attack | 19 Same |
| 23 Levelly | |

Answers

Across: 1 Critic, 5 Choppy, 8 Informer, 9 Soya, 10 Also, 11 Aviation, 12 Judgemental, 15 Damaging 18 Axed 20 Poor, 21 Peaceful, 22 Assail, 23 Evenly.

Down: 2 Renal, 3 Twofold, 4 Comrade, 5 Corgi, 6 Onset, 7 Payroll, 12 Jealous, 13 Engrave, 14 Trapeze, 16 Aorta, 17 Impel, 19 Equal.

Mini Quiz

- Which US State capital takes its name from the French for 'Red Stick'?
- In the British army, which rank comes between Captain and Lieutenant Colonel?
- Fleur de Sel is a variety of which condiment?
- Which maritime Canadian province is named after the father of Queen Victoria?
- Which Hampshire town is mentioned in the first verse of Gunga Din by Rudyard Kipling?

Answers

1 Baton Rouge, 2 Major, 3 Salt, 4 Prince Edward Island, 5 Aldershot.

Children's word ladder

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

GAZE	LOOK
GAME	SPORT
SAME	EQUAL
	SECURE
	RESCUE
	GROTTO
	BAY
	AMOUR
	MISPLACE
	THINK
MUTE	DUMB

*MUTE:
CAVE, COVE, LOVE, LOSE, MUSE.
GAZE, GAME, SAME, SAFE, SAVE.*

I have lots of hidden talents. The problem is, even I can't find them.

Saint of the Month

15 April: St Padarn (early 6th century)

We all know St David is the patron saint of Wales, but there is a strong argument that St Illtud should be. However, it was not until 1120 that David was declared Wales' patron saint; up until that time there were three people regarded as such – David, Teilo (third bishop of Llandaff) and this month's saint, Padarn.

From the cluster of churches dedicated to St Padarn in mid-Wales, it would seem that his main missionary work spread from his *clas* or community at Llanbadarn Fawr near Aberystwyth. Padarn had sound teaching and training, for tradition has it that he was a pupil of St Illtud at Llanilltud Fawr.

As with so many of these early Celtic Christian saints, we don't really know where Padarn came from – could have been Brittany, but more likely south-east Wales. He and his family settled in Ireland, where Padarn joined a fellowship of monks led by his cousin, St. Cadfan, who later became the founder of Ynys Enlli, Bardsey Island, off the Llŷn Peninsula. Padarn travelled back to Wales to study at Llanilltud Fawr, probably being trained to be a bishop, for when he settled at Llanbadarn Fawr, Padarn founded a new diocese and became its first bishop.

It is said that Padarn was ordained bishop along with David and Teilo by the Patriarch of Jerusalem when the three made a pilgrimage to the city. The patriarch gave crozier and a finely woven tunic. On their return to Wales, they divided the country up into three dioceses, Padarn bishop of the north, David bishop of the south west and Teilo bishop of the south east.

Tradition has it that Padarn left Llanbadarn for Vannes in Brittany and founded a monastery there, becoming one of the seven founding saints of Brittany, four of which (Samson, Padarn, Tudwal and Brioc) were trained at Llanilltud Fawr.



Philip Morris

Still there is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self.

The Meaning of Easter

The facts of Easter are easily told. Jesus with His followers, the disciples, came to Jerusalem and started to preach. The Jewish authorities saw Him as threat to their power and sought to eliminate Him. They bribed Judas to betray Him and this he did. The Roman Governor recognised that whatever he did would be wrong and took the easy way out by



to deal with Him. Jesus was first humiliated, tortured and then nailed to a cross and crucified – the Roman barbaric and agonising method of execution.

Many criminals received the same fate, indeed, two were crucified at the same time as Jesus, but this occasion was significantly different. Jesus died and was buried. The disciples thought that their mission had failed but were astonished when Jesus appeared among them three days later, alive and well. He

taught them and prepared them for their ministry, which was to spread His word to all peoples, Jews and Gentiles alike. This, then, is the great significance of Easter, the most important Festival in the Christian calendar. Jesus *knew* from the outset that he was going to die. He also knew what the manner of his death was going to be and did not shrink from doing what God, His Father, wanted him to do. He could so easily have avoided



and suffering.

This was God's sacrifice, that He allowed his only Son to die in order that we, mankind, might come to Him. It was His gift to us, the world, that we might come to eternal life.



We celebrate Jesus' life, His death, and His resurrection.

If you want something you never had, you have to do something you've never done.

Sitting in the Dark

When the Vicar began writing his leading article for the January 1974 Parish Magazine ten days before Christmas, he knew how difficult things were going to be for everyone. For three days earlier Edward Heath had announced a three-day working week from New Year's Day. TV programmes would stop at 10.30 pm in the hope that people would save electricity and go to bed. There were tough times ahead, but he tried to be positive.

In spite of the cuts, redundancies and general cheerlessness of the news there should be no shortages of good wishes...Within the permitted limits we must during the emergency keep community life going as far as is possible, for we cannot all sit in the dark before an empty grate and a blank T.V. screen.

The Rector was not afraid to apportion most of the blame on the Union leaders, saying: *we have landed ourselves in a position of confrontation marked by stubborn militancy...people who love power for its own sake, or for some extremist view which they would like to enforce on others.*

Covenanting for a Union

In spite of his bitter disappointment by the failure of the Anglican-Methodist unity scheme in 1969, the Vicar still hoped for the unity of the churches in the future, explaining in the January issue that the present scheme was to decide whether the Church in Wales should enter into a Covenant with the Free Churches of Wales to work towards unity. *This Covenant is an agreement of intent, not itself an act of present union, to make the goal of visible and corporate unity a matter of prior concern; something the P.C.C. would have to consider and answer questions for the Governing Body in due time.*

Two recent joint statements by C of E and RC theologians gave him further hope. *They show a remarkable degree of agreements, pointing forward to a day of reconciliation, which goes far beyond anything said since the Reformation.*

This was added to in the February issue when he thanked Father Murphy for the way they were received at the Sunday Mass during the Week of Prayer for Unity. *No-one could have failed to notice how very close and similar is the present Roman Mass to our own Eucharist... meanwhile we must be careful not to let such occasional get-togethers be a substitute for hard work and continuous prayer towards full unity.*

Eulogy for Tommy Steele

It is very unusual to find a full eulogy printed in a Church Magazine, but it's also in the January issue, presumably given by the Vicar. Those of us

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is gods handwriting.

each one...he played an essential role in all our services as Verger and to him this was an act of real worship.

A film of St Illtyd's Church

Viv Ginn showed this film to the Mothers' Union in the Andrew's Room. It had been made by members of Barry Training College, with a commentary by the Vicar and Elwyn Gibbs. One wonders where it might be now.

The Reservation of the Holy Sacrament

The Vicar's wish was coming true, according to his article in the February issue, with just the wait for a Faculty. He described where it would go: *On the south side of the altar in the side chapel is an ancient niche, formerly a piscina or basin, admirably suited as a place in which an aumbry or safe can be inserted for this purpose without any damage or alteration. Mr. Billy Phillips has offered to pay the cost of the aumbry as a memorial to the late Glen Thompson.* The Vicar hoped it would be there by Easter. In fact, he had to wait until July.

A Notable Anniversary

Also in the February issue, the Vicar wrote: *The headmaster, Mr. J. Hughes, and the staff of the Llanilltud Fawr Junior School, together with the pupils, deserve congratulations on the imaginative way they celebrated the centenary of their school which began in January, 1874... The old buildings, some of them far older than 1874, have served well.* While commenting on the quality of the teaching and the wellbeing of the children, he compared a report of March, 1877 which deferred the giving of a grant until *the exercises in English Grammar and Parsing, together with the answering in Geography*, had improved.

The New Community Council

The Vicar reminded church members to vote for the new Community Council on 7th February, *which takes the place of the old Parish Council, under the new reorganisation of local government. While its powers will be limited its members can do much to create a real community, and provide a focus for local action where such is needed.*

St. Donat's Notes

Thanks were given to Mrs. Olive Thomas and Miss Eunice Thatcher for their work among children in the parish, providing occasional special services in the church which had been much appreciated.

David G Brunning

From the Registers

Baptisms

27 Feb. Mia Violet Partridge
06 Mch. Ivy Ann Rees
13 Mch. Elliot Spencer Sutor

Marriages

25 Feb. Richard Martyn & Sara Geraldine Malone

Burials

01 Mch. Patricia Anderson, aged 73 years, Llantwit Major
03 Mch. Dorothy Tomboline, St. Athan
04 Mch. Colin Hutin, aged 85 years, Ewenny
07 Mch. Betty Mary Lewis, aged 95 years, St. Athan
07 Mch. Hazel Abel, aged 97 years, Llantwit Major

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Celebration of St David at St Donat's

Sunday 6th March saw a very special celebration of St. David and Welsh culture at St. Donat's church. The day was made even more special by the attendance of a number of AC students, their Principal and his wife and the Chair of the College Governors. Edwin led us all with sensitivity, humour and thoughtfulness through a celebration of Welsh heritage. The soft melody of Welsh traditional harp music welcomed us into the church and we reflected on the life of St David on the one hand and expressed our unity with the people of Ukraine on the other. We lit candles as we silently sent them our prayers and thoughts. Sue skilfully played the Ukrainian anthem on the harp.



Stan Gilbert had selected two traditional Welsh hymn tunes. Other contributions included a poem by Celyn and Anwen, phrases from Dylan Thomas' work read by students and the story of the leek, led by Sian who introduced us to leek-tasting. The service ended with everyone sharing a little about themselves and their connection with St. Donat's church.

The church looked very spring-like with a real celebration of Wales with all the daffodils standing proudly around the church. The AC Christian Fellowship leaders brought a number of fellow students to church. We were also able to give the warmest welcome to the new College Principal, Naheed Bardai, his wife and children. The Principal spoke most positively of his hopes for the continuing relationship between the church and the College. The College Chair of Governors, Jill Longson, has long been supportive of the church and added her thanks for a very special service.

So, a wonderful occasion, tinged with sadness over the situation in Ukraine, but demonstrating the way in which our faith can help us to deal with challenges whilst celebrating the best of our heritage.

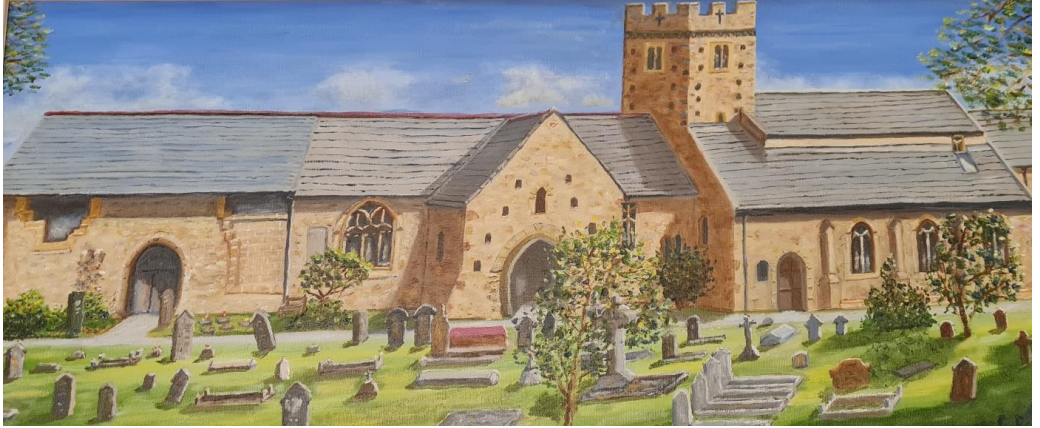


Bob Smith

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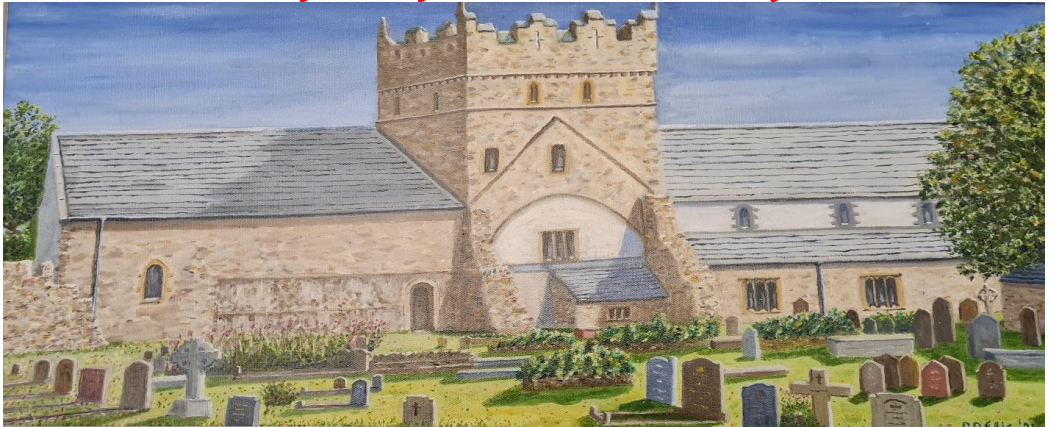
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April 2022 Final	Sunday 3rd	Sunday 10th Palm Sunday	Sunday 17th Easter Day	Sunday 24th	
St Illtud 8.00am	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	
Wick 8.15am	Online	Online	Online	Online	
St Tathan 9.00am	Morning Prayer	Eucharist	Eucharist	Morning Prayer	
St Illtud 9.30am	Online & in person	Online & in person	Online & in person	Online & in person	
All Saints 9.30am			Eucharist		
Ewenney 9.30am	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	
Gileston 9.30am	Eucharist		Prayer		
Llanmihangel 9.30am	Eucharist		Communion @ 11am		
Llanmaes 11.00am		Eucharist		Morning Prayer	
St Brides 11.00am	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Morning Prayer	
Wick 11.00am	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	
St Donat 11.15am	Prayer & Praise	Eucharist	Eucharist	Meet, Greet & Eat	
Marcross	Friday 1st 9.30am Friday Fellowship	Eucharist @ 3pm			
Monknash					
Wick 8.30am		Thurs 7th Morning Prayer on Zoom	Thurs 14th Morning Prayer on Zoom	Thurs 21st Morning Prayer on Zoom	Thurs 28th Morning Prayer on Zoom
St Illtud 10am		Wed 6th Eucharist	Wed 13th Eucharist	Wed 20th Eucharist	Wed 29th Morning Prayer
St Illtud 12.15pm	Fri 1st Eucharist & soup lunch	Fri 8th Eucharist & soup lunch	Fri 15th Good Friday Liturgy	Fri 22nd Eucharist & soup lunch	Fri 29th Eucharist & soup lunch
St Tathan 11am		Wed 6th Eucharist	Wed 13th Eucharist	Wed 20th Eucharist	Wed 29th Morning Prayer
All Saints 3pm		Wed 6th Eucharist	Wed 13th Eucharist	Wed 20th Evening Prayer	Wed 29th Evening Prayer



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