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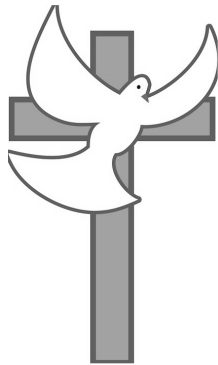
Curate's Contemplation

As I write this, the sun is shining on this lovely spring day and our garden is full of delicate flowers. It is a day full of promise and hope. Life here seems such a contrast with the increasingly heart-breaking scenes which are streamed into our homes in the daily news. We all feel for the people of the Ukraine, for the thousands who have fled their homes and for those who remain to live day by day in constant fear and need. We watch with awe the immense bravery of the Ukrainian nation. As someone who taught history for many years, I find it difficult to acknowledge that so little has been learned from the mistakes of the past. It is difficult to fully comprehend man's inhumanity to man.

Even in these darkest of times, I have listened with awe and wonder to some of the reports and interviews which have shown so clearly the deep faith of many of the people at the centre of this conflict. Religion in war-torn Ukraine is highly diverse, but almost three quarters of the 43 million population belong to the Christian faith. They speak openly and trustingly of a God who is with them, who shares their horrors and feels their pain. They have no idea of what the future holds for them, of when – if ever – they will be able to return to their homes, to some semblance of the life they knew. They do know, however, that they are not alone in this wilderness, that they can put their full trust in Jesus Christ their Saviour. So strong is their faith that they have even been able to speak with kindness of those who have taken up arms against them.

In the midst of these troubled, dreadful times, we can all take strength from such deep faith. The European response to the crisis has demonstrated so clearly the humanity that abounds, that so many people want to help in any way they can. Our own contributions may seem small, but when they are generated by love they reap benefits far beyond the immediate. We know that Christ overcame the ultimate evil. Every small contribution we make in His name, every small prayer we offer, makes a difference. They serve also as a reminder to us that we should count our blessings, that our lives can be full of promise and hope. The sun does not shine every day and the delicate spring flowers will fade, but they will be replaced by the more robust blooms of summer. During the month of April we will celebrate Easter, the most significant of our Christian festivals. We will do so with sorrow for the situation in Europe, but with hope that all may find the peace of Christ.

*With every blessing,
Rev Joan*



HOLY WEEK SERVICES ACROSS THE AREA

Palm Sunday - 10th April

JOINT PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

9.30am Beginning at St Mary's, Pembroke and walking to

11.00am SS Nicholas & John, Monkton (PJ)

9:15am St Mary's, Angle Holy Communion Service (C L-J)

11:15am St David, Hundleton Holy Communion (BC)

Maundy Thursday - 14th April

7.00pm Holy Communion (PJ) SS Nicholas & John, Monkton

Good Friday - 15th April

9.30am Reflection on the Cross St Mary's, Pembroke

11.00am Family Service SS Faith & Tyfei, Lamphey

2.00pm Reflection on the Cross –
followed by Hot Cross Buns in the Hall PJ
SS Nicholas & John, Monkton

APRIL SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY 3rd April (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

9.15am	Morning Prayer (CH)	St Mary's, Angle
9.30am	Holy Communion (JA)	SS Nicholas & John, Monkton
9.30am	Morning Prayer (PJ)	St Mary's, Pembroke
11:00am	Morning Prayer (PJ)	SS Faith & Tyfei, Lamphey
11:15am	Holy Communion (BC)	St Michael, Bosherton
4.00pm	1984 Evening Prayer (AH)	Ss James & Elidyr, Stackpole

SUNDAY 10th April (Palm Sunday)

9.15am	Holy Communion (CL-J)	St Mary's, Angle
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JOINT PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

9.30am	Beginning at St Mary's, Pembroke and walking to	
11.00am	SS Nicholas & John, Monkton (PJ)	

11.00am	NO SERVICE	SS Faith & Tyfei, Lamphey
11:15am	Holy Communion (BC)	St David, Hundleton

The information on service times shown may vary in the coming weeks, so please check with your individual churches for details of service times and formats

SUNDAY 17th April (Easter Day)

9.15am	Holy Communion (C L-J)	St Mary's, Angle
9.30am	Holy Communion (JA)	SS Nicholas & John, Monkton
9.30am	All Age Family Holy Communion Service (PJ)	St Mary's, Pembroke
11:00am	Holy Communion (GG)	SS Faith & Tyfei, Lamphey
11.15am	Holy Communion (PJ)	Ss James & Elidyr, Stackpole
11:15am	Holy Communion (BC)	St David, Hundleton

SUNDAY 24th April (Second Sunday after Easter)

9.15am	Morning Prayer (CH)	St Mary's, Angle
9.30am	Morning Prayer (Lay)	SS Nicholas & John, Monkton
9.30am	Holy Communion (JA)	St Mary's, Pembroke
11:00am	Holy Communion (GG)	SS Faith & Tyfei, Lamphey
11.15am	Holy Communion (C L-J)	St Gwynog's, St. Twynnells
11.15am	Morning Prayer (KW)	St David, Hundleton

further Easter Services are listed on page 5

PJ - Revd Peter Jones	JA - Revd Joan Allen
CH - Chris Hirst	KW - Keith Wheeler
GG - Revd Geoffrey Gwyther	BC - Revd Bob Capper
C L-J - Revd Chris Lewis-Jenkins	DW - David Watson



The Lectionary Readings for the next month for your Daily Office

Sunday 3rd April The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Purple)

Isaiah 43.16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12.1-8

Monday 4th April

Psalm 73; Exodus 8.1 - 19
Hebrews 11.17 - 31

Tuesday 5th April

Psalm 35; Exodus 8.20 - end
Hebrews 11.32 - 12.2

Wednesday 6th April

Psalm 55 Exodus 9.1 - 12
Hebrews 12.3 - 13

Thursday 7th April

Psalm 40; Exodus 9.13 - end
Hebrews 12.14 - end

Friday 8th April

Psalm 22; Exodus 10
Hebrews 13.17 - end

Saturday 9th April

Psalm 23; Exodus 11
Hebrews 13.17 - end

Sunday 10th April The Sixth Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday (Red)

Liturgy of the Palms:

Luke 19.28-40 Psalm 118. [1,2] 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion:

Isaiah 50.4-9a Psalm 31.9-16 Philippians 2.5-11
Luke 22.14 – 23.56 *or* Luke 23.1-49

Monday 11th April

Psalm 36.5 - 11; Isaiah 42.1 - 9
Hebrews 9.11 - 15; John 12.1 - 11

Tuesday 12th April

Psalm 71.1 - 8; Isaiah 49.1 - 7
1 Corinthians 1.18 - 31; John 20.20-36

Wednesday 13th April

Psalm 70; Isaiah 50.4 - 9a
Hebrews 12.1 - 3; John 13.21-32

Thursday 14th April (Maundy Thursday)

Psalm 116.12 - 19; Exodus 12.1 - 14
1 Corinthians 11.23 - 26;
John 13.1 - 17, 31b - 35

Friday 15th April (Good Friday)

Psalm 22.1 - 11; Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12
 Hebrews 10.16 - 25; John 18.1 - 19.42

Saturday 16th April (Easter Eve)

Psalm 31.1 - 5; Job 14.1 - 14
 1 Peter 4.1 - 8; Matthew 27. 57 - 66
 or John 19.38 - 42

Sunday 17th April Easter Day (White)

Isaiah 65.17-25 Psalm 118.14-24 Acts 10.34-43 John 20. 1-18

Monday 18th April

Psalm 111; Exodus 12.1 - 14
 1 Corinthians 15.1 - 11;

Tuesday 19th April

Psalm 112; Exodus 12.14 - 26
 1 Corinthians 15.12 - 19;

Wednesday 20th April

Psalm 113; Exodus 12.37 - end
 1 Corinthians 15.20 - 28;

Thursday 21st April

Psalm 114; Exodus 13.1 - 16
 1 Corinthians 15.29 - 34;

Friday 22nd April

Psalm 115; Exodus 13.7 - 14.14
 1 Corinthians 15.35 - 50;

Saturday 23rd April

Psalm 116; Exodus 14.15 - end
 1 Corinthians 15.51 - end;

Sunday 24th April The Second Sunday of Easter (White)

Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21 Psalm 118.14-29 Acts 5.27-32 John 20.19-31

Monday 25th April (Mark, Evangelist)

Psalm 37.23 - 40; Isaiah 62.6 - 10
 Acts 12.25 - 13.13;

Tuesday 26th April

Psalm 8; Exodus 15.22 - 16.10
 Colossians 1.15 - end;

Wednesday 27th April

Psalm 30 ; Exodus 16.11 - end
 Colossians 2.1 - 15;

Thursday 28th April

Psalm 28; Exodus 17
 Colossians 2.16 - 3.11;

Friday 29th April

Psalm 61; Exodus 18.1 - 12
 Colossians 3.12 - 4.1;

Saturday 30th April

Psalm 84; Exodus 18.13 - end
 Colossians 4.2 - end;

APRIL DIARY

Fri 1st	2 - 4pm Cake Stall at St Mary's, Pembroke – Raising money for Afghanistan (Tearfund) & Ukraine (Samaritans Purse)
Sat 2nd	12.15pm Wedding: Lauren & Tim, SS Faith & Tyfei, Lamphey
Mon 4th	10.00am St Mary, Angle EVM 4.00pm Monkton Priory Church EVM
Tues 5th	10.00am Monkton Priory School Easter Service in Monkton Priory 3.00pm Peninsula Churches Parish Profile meeting in Hundleton Church Hall 7.00pm Stackpole Church Committee 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice St. Mary's Pembroke
Wed 6th	10.00am Midweek service: St Mary's Pembroke 11.30am Funeral: Mrs Edith Eynon, Monkton Priory Church 7:30pm Monkton Vicarage Bible Study Group
Fri 8th	12 noon Wedding: Lucy & Kristian , SS Faith & Tyfei, Lamphey 2.00pm Tea@no3, 3 East Back – Showing a film clip of "The Chosen" – a new film depicting the life of Jesus
Mon 11th	1.00pm Bosherton Church EVM
Tues 12th	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice St. Mary's Pembroke 7:30pm Book Club on Zoom - see page 12
Wed 13th	10.00am Midweek service: St Mary's Pembroke 3.00pm Ashdale Care Home Easter Service 7.30pm Monkton Prayer Meeting on Zoom
Thurs 14th	MAUNDY THURSDAY—See Page 5
Fri 15th	GOOD FRIDAY—See Page 5
Sat 16th	10.00 - Easter Craft Workshop for 5 —11 year olds - <i>please see page 15 for details</i> 11.30am
Tue 19th	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice St. Mary's Pembroke
Wed 20th	10.00am No midweek service: St Mary's Pembroke
Mon 25th	6.30pm South West Pembrokeshire Service followed by Easter Vestry Meeting in Monkton Priory Church
Tues 26th	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice St. Mary's Pembroke
Wed 27th	10.00am Midweek service: St Mary's Pembroke
Wed 27th - Thurs 28th	Governing Body
Fri 29th	2.00pm Tea@no3, Social at the Cornstore for coffee



Freedom In The Cross

There's something that occurred
on that evening at Calvary
that created such a lavish stir
in all of history.

Upon that old rugged cross
our Savior bared it all
and offered himself a sacrifice
to overspread humanity's fall.

The sacred blood that was spilled
wiped clean the sinner's slate.
Christ paid the price for everyone
and carried our weight.

A willing heart endured the pain,
and purpose paved His way.
He opened the eyes of every man
To whom He came to save.

Though the tragedy of that day
will be mourned by those around,
our joy is found three days later
when He arose from the very ground.

And through that selfless act of love,
we were given new life in Him,
set loose from our bondages
to experience true freedom within.

Olivia Lakis

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A wider view on our churches

What is church all about? Why do we go to church? Are our church meetings as good as they can be? It is the time of year for our Easter Vestry Meetings, and as your Local Ministry Area Dean, I encourage you to try and attend the Easter Vestry meeting for your church, and also the SWP LMAC central one on the 25th April. It will give you a chance to ask questions and explore what has been happening in the churches behind the scenes this last year and the vision for this next year. It also gives an encouragement to those who are on the various committees that they are truly representing you and the wider church body, and have a role to play. It also shows that you are interested in how the church is being run and why we are doing what we are doing.

The following is the Archdeacon's bulletin to the clergy from the 15th March. Although it is written to the clergy, I have included it in the Bridge to give us all a wider perspective of what challenges lie ahead of us. If you find yourself moved to help or comment on it, I will be most interested to hear from you.

Revd Peter (SWP LMA Dean)

ARCHDEACON'S BULLETIN – 15/03/22

Dear Colleagues,

Next week will mark the second anniversary since the Global Pandemic caused the National Lockdown and the closure of much of our society. Thankfully, many of the restrictions which we endured have been repealed and hopefully by the end of the month, the remainder will also disappear. However, we are never going to fully return to life before the Pandemic. The world and the church have changed as a result of nearly two years of COVID.

For us as the Church in Wales, as the Diocese of St Davids, we need to ask some questions...What comes next? How do we move on from the last two years into a more bright and hopeful future? How do we write the next chapter of the story of Christianity in our time? The stark reality is that in the vast majority of our churches our numbers have reduced as a result of the lockdowns and there is anecdotal evidence of this being anywhere from 15-60%. Although some of our people have passed on either from COVID or other cause, the level of mortality is not 15-60% of our people. This means that people are either out of the habit of coming back to church or uncomfortable coming back to church or no longer wish to be associated with the church. And all of this has an effect on giving – which is down, even though the costs are increasing.

All three of these reasons are uncomfortable for us. We know how easy it was prior to the Pandemic to get out of the habit of going to church, the National Lockdown gave people an excuse beyond any other. Whilst we have engaged online, and in some places, new people have joined us and perhaps the housebound have returned as they have been able to through online services,

how do we persuade people to return to joining for physical worship, where they can partake of the sacraments and fellowship with fellow believers? We seriously need to look at how online services continue into the future, and there is much talk of as well as rather an either/ or.

I though, am very conscious of the pressure that places upon clergy and lay ministers if they attempt to run a two-tier system where they are doing all that they did prior to March 2020 and try to maintain new online services regularly as well. There are discussions within the Ministry Directorate about perhaps looking at putting resources into a small number of online services that would be for the whole Diocese and would tailor for different styles of church. Another option might be to look at moving online services to the afternoon or evening in order to not compete with physical worship.

How do we tempt back those who are uncomfortable about returning to church because of health reasons or frailty? This is more problematic as some of the “safety” measures taken through the Pandemic have been relaxed giving more freedom and return to more conventional worship. I have noticed that a number of churches are still maintaining specific areas for those who wish to socially distance and wear masks, and this perhaps is the way forward, making sure that those who would rather maintain a distance or precautions are still able to worship in person. We need to continue to encourage this approach.

We also more than anything need to communicate with people to find out why they are not worshipping with us any longer. Some have told me that they won't return to church because of the lack of communication during the lockdown from the church. This is very disheartening and I know that many of you have been very good at maintaining contact – however some have not, for various reasons. Perhaps now is the time to swallow our pride and re-engage with those who feel they have been abandoned – this means apologising and showing humility on our part.

I can tell you that the Province, through the Standing Committee and the Representative Body are looking at how we can help churches build back and what resources need to be used. Throwing money at a situation alone is not the answer, we need to reorientate ourselves to growth, evangelism and bringing back the lost. We need to perhaps ask the question What is the Church for? If our answer has nothing to do with making new disciples, proclaiming the Gospel and showing the love of God, then we seriously need to ask ourselves if we deserve to survive what lies ahead. We are at an existential crisis point – if we trust to the Lord and follow the calling of the church, we can turn this around. However, if we don't, we are doomed to disappear. The future of our churches is in all of our hands, the question is, are we willing to do what needs to be done?

Please be assured of my continual prayers and support

Paul
Archdeacon of St Davids

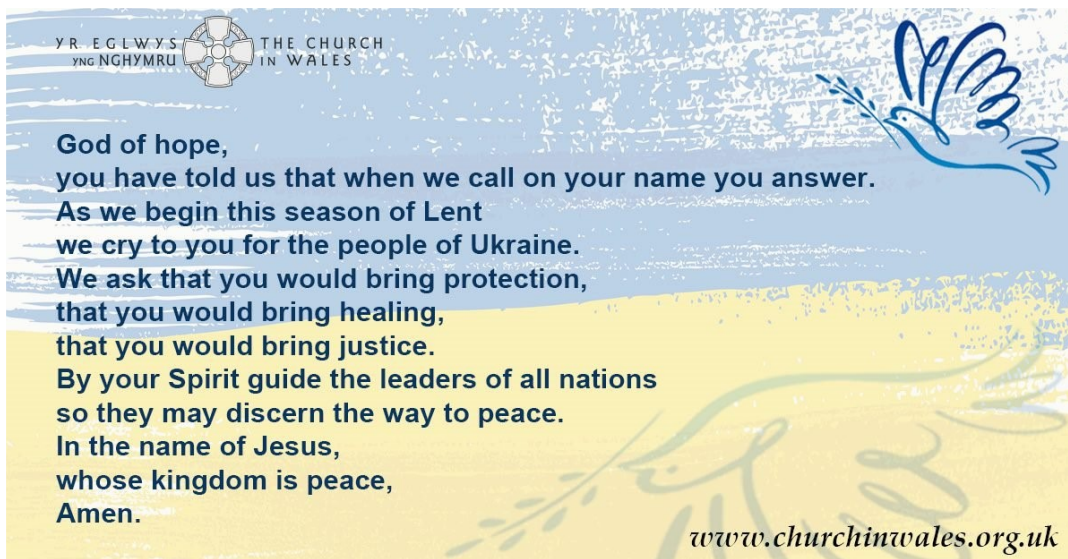
Evening Prayer Services

with a focus on Ukraine

on the following Sundays:

27th March,
10th and 24th April

7pm at St Monkton Priory Church



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THE CHURCH
IN WALES

God of hope,
you have told us that when we call on your name you answer.
As we begin this season of Lent
we cry to you for the people of Ukraine.
We ask that you would bring protection,
that you would bring healing,
that you would bring justice.
By your Spirit guide the leaders of all nations
so they may discern the way to peace.
In the name of Jesus,
whose kingdom is peace,
Amen.

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The Universal Prayer for Peace

Loving God,
Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.
Amen.

News from Church of St Nicholas & St John,
Monkton Priory



Coffee, Cake and Chat

Monkton Priory Church Hall
Tuesdays 10—11.30 am

*do come along and join us
~ you will be most welcome*

Easter Craft Workshop

5 - 11 year olds

Saturday 16th April

10—11.30 am
at Monkton Church Hall



*Children must be dropped off and collected by
Parent / Responsible Adult*

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News from the Belfry St Mary's Pembroke

It's been a bit dim in the belfry lately, both literally and metaphorically. Not only has one of the old fluorescent lights stopped working, but also every time we go in the belfry the clock is turning backwards. Ringers have been absent due to illness and caring for family. Don't worry, things are improving. Dave has very kindly taken on sorting out new lights. The clock turns clockwise if you switch it on and off again. Bellringers are feeling better! In years gone by the bellringers rang by candlelight in the winter evenings and would know the time from the chiming of the church clock. Its an ancient art that doesn't need electricity so I think we can keep going until the lights are fixed!

Our fundraising for the bell restoration work is making positive progress. The Church has received a kind anonymous donation of £280 for the bells and The Milford Haven Port Authority Community Fund had donated £500. We have started a GoFundMe page that has received donations of £400 so far. The total cost is over £83,000 and you can see why when you look at the costs of individual items (costs approximate for fundraising purposes):

new second bell for existing ring of 8 bells	8500	1	8500
new additional bell 1	7500	1	7500
new additional bell 2	7500	1	7500
bell tuning	800	10	8000
bell clapper small	130	4	520
bell clapper medium	150	4	600
bell clapper large	175	2	350
bell clapper fittings and work	220	10	2200
new bell wheel	1212	3	3636
refurbishment of existing wheel	870	7	6090
Wheel irons (strengthening struts)	71	10	710
bell headstock and fittings small	650	4	2600

bell headstock and fittings medium	712	4	2848
bell headstock and fittings large	800	2	1600
Bearings (pair) small	255	5	1275
Bearings (pair) large	300	5	1500
Timber fittings per bell (stay, slider, runner and pivot)	203	10	2030
Rope with sally	240	10	2400
Pulleys (double roller boxes)	220	10	2200
Cast iron rope boss (in ceiling)	47	10	470
Floor boss, wood (where rope goes through floor)	24	10	240
Nuts and bolts for frame	800	1	800
General refurbishment on existing bells	500	1	500
TOTAL			£64069

figures expressed in PACKAGES:

REPLACEMENT SECOND BELL with all the fittings (incl. wheel, headstock, clapper, stay, runner, slider) 8500 + 800 + 175 + 220 + 1212 + 71 + 712 + 255 + 203 12148

ONE NEW BELL (larger one) with all the fittings 7500 + 800 + 175 + 220 + 1212 + 71 + 800 + 300 + 203 11041

ONE NEW BELL (medium one) with all the fittings 7500 + 800 + 150 + 220 + 1212 + 71 + 650 + 255 + 203 11061

NEW SET OF ROPES 10 x 240 2400

With such need for humanitarian aid at the moment I wondered if we should carry on with this fundraising. But people have told me that it gives them hope to see such a project going ahead, securing our heritage for the future, and it will not change what they give to Aid Organisations. So please share the link <https://gofund.me/4eb9c503> and the QR code

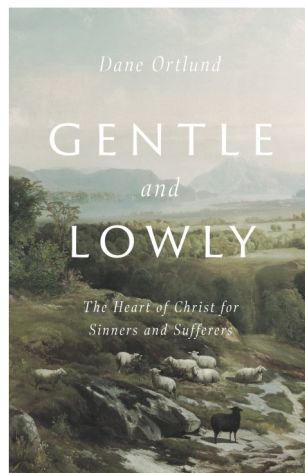


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Book Club run by EFCW over Zoom

Our next meeting is on April 12th

We will be looking at chapters 5 & 6 (Pages 51-66).
If you are only just now wanting to join the Book Club you will be very welcome, and it should be easy to catch up to where we have got to.



Gentle & Lowly by Dane Ortlund

This book draws us to Matthew 11,
where Jesus describes himself as
“gentle and lowly in heart,”
longing for his people to find rest in him.
It is a beautiful book that brings
Blessings and rest to our hearts.

Available to order from many on line book shops

Zoom links:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86219979611?>

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Meeting ID: 862 1997 9611

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please contact Revd Peter Jones for more details



More Delights from Audrey

" When I needed a neighbour were you there? "

We sang this quite challenging hymn at our recent Mothers Union "Wave of Prayer" service and in light of the horrendous events happening in Ukraine, with the resulting million refugees, it has never been more relevant.

So, I am sure that we will all be praying and supporting the relief efforts - please do not forget our cake stall in St Mary's Church on 1st April.

As those who know me will testify, shopping has never been my favourite activity, but it is amazing the effect "lockdown" can have. I was delighted recently to actually go into the supermarket and select my own goods from the shelves, but I am sure the novelty will soon wear off.

My garden birds have been quite sparse during the last four weeks - not sure why! There has been the usual gang of noisy, quarrelsome sparrows (their numbers nationally are down but seem ok locally). One male sparrow has taken up residence in my bird box (Designed for tits), not to nest, but to sit in comparatively dry and warm, watching the world go by. There were however two red kites virtually over my house recently - what a thrill - especially when I remember, many years ago, the enormous excitement at seeing a speck way up in the sky, which could have been a kite way out in the Carmarthenshire hills!

At that time there was just a handful of birds, surviving centuries of persecution - the only kites left in Britain!! Now since the successful re-introduction of Spanish birds into England, they have become comparatively common! But we can proudly claim that ours are the true local survivor's and it is now our "National Bird of Wales".

So let us continue to support our neighbours, wherever they live in the World, with prayers and practical support.

Audrey Rogers

Tea@No3
friendship, fellowship, praise & prayer

will meet at 2pm as follows in January:

- 1st April – 2-4 pm Cake Stall at St Mary's, Pembroke
– Raising money for Afghanistan (Tearfund) and
Ukraine (Samaritans Purse)
- 8th April – 2-4 pm 3 East Back – Showing a film clip of
“The Chosen” – A new film depicting the life of Jesus
- 29th April – 2-4 pm Social at the Cornstore Café

Please contact Carol (01646 682723) for further details

Tea@No3

CAKE STALL

at St Mary's Church, Pembroke

2pm - 4pm Friday, 1st April



*Raising funds for
Afghanistan (Tearfund)
and Ukraine (Samaritans Purse)*



Lamphay Mothers Union

What a joy it was to be able to be able to meet again as Lamphay Mothers Union.

Our meeting was held in Lamphay church where we were pleased to take our place in the worldwide "Wave of Prayer".

In our "slot" we prayed for fellow members in South Sudan, Nigeria, Myanmar, Rwanda and our own diocese of St David's.

Our Scripture reading from Matthew 25 reminded us that, as Christians, we must support our fellows whatever their need – which Mothers Union does all over the World.

We were regaled with coffee and Welsh cakes and able to do some "catching up" and chat before our AGM followed. This was led by our enrolling member, Mrs Freda Griffiths, who we are delighted to say is willing to continue in the role. Our treasurer, Mrs Margaret Phillips has stepped down, after many years of keeping our finances in order, for which we are very grateful. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Caroline Llewellyn as our new treasurer.

Freda then gave us a resume of the last two years activities, although we were unable to meet as a group, we were able to support Mission to Sea Farers with knitted hats and mugs filled with sweets or toiletries at Christmas. Freda along with Cynthia Richards, delivered homemade jam and cream scones to every member, so that we had a virtual afternoon tea meeting, which was much appreciated. Because of the pandemic we have been unable to fund raise and support other charities as is our usual practice, but hopefully we will be able to get back to some semblance of normality in the near future.

A new officer has been created in M.U, that of "Safeguarding Officer" which in our branch will be Mrs Judith Colley. A role that she mainly sees as assisting, perhaps older members who are confused and concerned about the ever-present evil scams.

Freda' s report ended with the lovely reminder that we can keep one another in our hearts and prayers whether or not we can meet!!

We were then able to meet again on Ash Wednesday when we attended The Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes at Lamphay Church.

We then joined other villagers and friends in the village hall, where the bi – weekly coffee morning was being held, so we were once again enjoying refreshments and fellowship

Audrey Rogers

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH WITH REGARD TO THE INTERNAL WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE RE-ORDERING WHICH STARTED IN JANUARY 2022?

I thought it was appropriate that I should update readers and St. Mary's Church members on the work which has been ongoing for the past 10 weeks and which should be finished by 18th March 2022. Readers will be aware that the Phase 2 work involved the creation of an internal toilet at the back of the North Aisle, a new Choir Vestry near to the font, the removal of remaining pews in the North Aisle to be replaced by new seating, the removal of two rows of pews at the front and rear of the church to allow for additional space near to the font and similar additional space at the front of the nave. At the rear of the Nave a storage cupboard has been created for tables, chairs etc.

This work was first mooted over 15 years ago and the Church Committee hope that now it has been completed the church building will become more community orientated and allow it to be used for other purposes including concerts, family events, displays etc. The upgrading of the South Porch last year (Phase 1 project) has similarly allowed the church to provide a coffee shop facility.

The Church Committee hope that these improvements will be welcomed by the congregation and the wider Pembroke Community. You will be aware that in 2019 we also renewed the Central Heating Boiler given that the old boiler had now come to the end of its natural lifespan as well as renewing the Boiler House roof which was in a poor condition.

As part of the internal re-ordering the Church Committee were required to employ a consultant Archaeologist as we were going to excavate parts of the floors to allow new central heating pipework etc. to be installed. The Church Committee has recently received a report from Dr George Nash, who is a former lecturer in Archaeology at Bristol University as well as being a Visiting Professor of Archaeology and Prehistoric / Contemporary Art at The University of Coimbra in Portugal, which sets out the findings following the excavation work within the church as well as giving some background to St Mary's, which as you may know is a Grade 1 Listed building. If anyone is interested in reading the report please let me know and I will loan them a copy.

Some of the interesting items which were identified are as follows:-

Trench 1 (near to the new storage area at the rear of the Main Aisle)

A number of items of pottery were discovered which were dated from the mid to late 19th century, probably associated with the work carried out during the major restoration in 1876 - 9. There was also evidence of an earlier stone floor.

Trench 2 (At the rear of the Nave)

The following items were discovered:-

Cultural artefacts, glass, roof tile, oyster shells together with some human bone

fragments from the 19th century. A top of a wall site was uncovered but its function is unknown but may form part of a burial vault.

Trench 3 (At rear of North Aisle)

This was located within the western section of the nave. Again the excavation showed some restoration projects from 1876 – 9 that included the replacement of the flooring. There was a small quantity of disturbed human remains found together with glazed ceramics and a single clay pipe.

Trench 4

This was excavated in the NW corner of the North aisle. Artefacts discovered included corroded coffin nails, fragmentation of wood (elm) – possible remains of disturbed coffins that exist below the base of the trench. No pottery or glass was located. It is conceivable that a large quantity of human bones may have been unceremoniously deposited during the restoration in 1876 – 9.

Trench 5

This was located outside church near to the western gable wall. Some glazed medieval floor tiles were discovered and it is possible that these tiles came from the original nave area and were “tipped” in and around the churchyard in 1876 – 9 where it was used as a “levelling deposit”.

Dr Nash stated that it is highly likely that the whole of the nave / north aisle floor was and is occupied with medieval burial plots and several maybe high status stone lined vaults.

The Church Committee and the contractors are very grateful for the advice and expertise offered by Dr Nash during the work within and outside the church. The human remains which were found were subsequently gathered and given a dignified Christian reburial in the churchyard.

The Church Committee are hoping that all the work within the church including new carpeting will be completed by Friday 18th March. A task force will then spend the following week cleaning and moving items into the new rooms. I am grateful for the assistance of many members of the congregation in these cleaning / tidying up tasks.

We also have some work to do on the stained glass windows which overlook the Courtyard overlooking the Clock Tower as well as work to tidy up the grassed area near the courtyard itself both of which will hopefully start in late April.

In due course the Church Committee hope to start the process of seeking a faculty for work on creating a disabled access to the church, repairs to the Church Tower and the Belfry, rehangings of the bells etc. together with restoration of the Church Organ. This work is likely to exceed £250,000 and we were hoping to put together an Appeal Committee to start work at Easter on fundraising, including grant aid from organisations such as the Heritage Lottery

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Board, for this final phase of the work. The current developments in Ukraine over the past few weeks is likely to mean that this fundraising work may be paused for the time being.

When our contractors were removing the pews from the North Aisle we came across a number of items of interest. Firstly we located a threepenny piece dated 1945. I am told that its worth is only 15p but should I have found a silver threepenny piece they are rare and consequently a much higher value! Then I found a service sheet for an event held in the late 1800s / early 1900hrs involving the North China and Shantung Mission. The leaflet was appealing for funds for medical work. It stated "China needs the Gospel of Love. Medical Missions show the love in the Gospel. Will you help?" It stated that a donation of £10 a year will maintain a bed, £30 a year for 5 or 6 years would enable a student to be trained as a doctor. My research showed that this mission was established by the Church of England in 1872 following receipt of an anonymous donation. The organisation remained in place until 1940. The first missionaries were Rev Charles Perry Scott and Rev M Greenwood. Rev Scott was made Bishop of North China in 1880. The Charity was affected by the Boxer uprisings of 1900 and in 1941 the missionaries were evacuated from North China following the invasion of the country from Japan during the Second World War. I have been unable to trace any connection between St Mary's and this mission but I did find that a Rev Timothy Richard (1845 – 1919) worked for the Baptist Missionary Society in the same area and that he was trained at Haverfordwest Baptist College so perhaps there was a connection there.

Another document I came across is a Harvest Service held in St Mary's in 1936. There is a hymn written by Arthur G G Mathias to the tune "Pembroke". Some research shows me that Mr Mathias was one of the churchwardens at St Mary's at that time and following his death in 1941 two Charitable Trusts were formed. One was known as the Mathias' Poor Charity and the other the Mathias Church Charity. The Poor Charity is no more but the Church Charity still exists with the object to assist in the promotion of the Christian Gospel at St. Mary's Pembroke. Over the years money from the Church Charity has been used to provide hymn books, music, etc. for St Mary's as well as providing a recent donation to the Pembroke Street Pastors. I have not been able to ascertain if Mr Mathias was a member of the church choir or had any musical attributes but the discovery of this hymn does perhaps indicate that he did appreciate music. If any reader knows something more about Mr Mathias I would be interested to know.

The hymn is as follows:-

Thankful hearts to Thee we raise,
God of our salvation,
Hear, O hear, our hymn of praise,
Maker of Creation!
Works of God, how wonderful!
Far beyond our reason;
What can be more beautiful,
Than the Harvest season?

Nature smiles on all around,
There is peace and plenty;
Everywhere do crops abound,
Garners are not empty.
He who rules the Sun's bright ray
Watches o'er us ever,
Knows our wants from day to day,
Is forgetful never.

Golden sheaves so proudly stand,
To mankind a treasure,
Multiplies by God's own hand,
Bountiful the measure.
Thou, O God, our food dost give,
On our heads bestowing
Mercies every day we live,
Times without our knowing.

Midst the labour of the day,
Hearts bowed down in sorrow,
Clouds of darkness pass away,
Brightness on the morrow.
We like grains are ripening fast,
Soon will come the reaping,
Gathered to our home at last,
Safe in Jesus' keeping.

I did wonder whether the tune Pembroke was composed by someone with Pembroke Connections, however, I discovered that the composer of the tune was Patrick A S Hadley who was born in Cambridge. He served in the First World War but was injured late in the war years which resulted in him having part of his right leg amputated. He subsequently became Professor of Music at Cambridge until he retired in 1962. He composed some church anthems as well as hymn tunes but it appears that the tune Pembroke has no connection with the town but with the college at Cambridge.

I hope that at Harvest this year the choir may be able to sing the hymn which was composed by Mr Arthur G O Mathias who lived at Marven House, Pembroke at the time of his death.

I hope that you found this article interesting. The Church Committee would like to have your views on the re-ordering work we have done so far and whether we have created a church which is "more in tune to the 21st century".

IAN JONES
Hon Treasurer

News from St Mary's Church, Pembroke

It was with much sadness we learned of the passing of John Wilcocks. John's health had not been good for some time and since Christmas had caused some concern. The funeral service took place on March 10th at St John's Church, Pembroke Dock and was well represented by family and friends. John was a 'Dock boy' and attended St John's in his younger days. Our deepest sympathy goes to June and her family in their loss. Although June is not a regular attendee at St Mary's she is a great friend to our church always willing to help out as required especially with our fund raising and charitable activities. Thank you June, so much.

Due to a technicality with the ground it will be placed on the unveiling of the William Marshall Statue has been cancelled on the 2nd April and will now hopefully take place on Saturday 7th May. Our Tower Bell Ringers will mark the occasion.

It is pleasing to say that we have delivered 32 knitted blankets to the charity Hope and Peace in Ross on Wye and eventually these will be transported by container ship to the Philippines and distributed to the needy. Thanks must go to June Willcocks who is at the helm of organising and of course thanks to all our wonderful knitters. We had hoped to put the blankets on display in the church but due to Covid and the reordering this was not possible.

By the time this issue goes to press our reordering works in the church will be completed giving us much more room along with other facilities for a greater usages in the future. We have a big clean up with many hands (we hope) on 21st March. With Covid restrictions continuing to ease we can now sing our hymns without mask wearing if you so wish. It would be nice to see the church opened daily and we can all hope that this will not be to long.

We have an offering plate on going for Lent in support of Ukraine and pray that this unnecessary war will soon end.

Marcia James (sub warden)

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St Mary's Church, Pembroke

100 Club February Draw Winners

£50 Miss Mary Richards

£30 Mrs M. Noakes

£20 Mrs June Willcocks

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W.I. GROUP REPORTS FROM AROUND THE BENEFICE

LAMPHEY and DISTRICT W.I.

1st March 2022 at Lamphey Village Hall

President Pat Parkhurst welcomed members, particularly Julie, a new member.

Apologies had been received from: Marjorie, Laureen, Cath, Trish, Alicia, Dilys and Cynthia.

Jerusalem was sung.

Birthday wishes were extended to Carol, Alicia, Mary and Liz.

The minutes were read, agreed and signed.

Correspondence: a poster had been received announcing a Spring Fair on 10th April. Carol has details. Carol also has the list of the Board of trustees. The National raffle tickets have been received. There is now a list of all Pembrokeshire W.I.s. A letter has been received thanking the W.I for their letter of support of the Church Garden Grant. The grant has been received and a bench will be installed in the new garden.

The Treasurers report has been sent to all members by Gill. Payment is due tonight for the trip to Gareth Richards on 13th April. A reminder that subs are due at the April meeting.

Newsletter. It is hoped that PWF1 will at last put some of our activities in the Newsletter. Any photos of our events over the past 2 years to Pat or Carol. International Women's day is on Zoom on 8th March with 4 speakers from the UK and abroad. The next Wild Life Short will be on Zoom on Monday, 4th April at 7pm. Details in Blue Book. 11th May there will be a Gardeners Question Time at St. Ishmaels Garden Centre. Details in the Blue Book. Volunteers are wanted for the garden at WI House. A reminder that the date for entries for the calendar competition of "Flora and Fauna of Pembrokeshire" has been extended to 31st March. Wednesday, 11th May there will be a Walk and Talk guided tour of Pembroke Castle.

The coach to Lampeter will be £320 and places are still available. Pat explained the trip to new members. Kate gave a briefing on the trip to Evita in Narberth on 27th, 28th and 29th April. The cost was £16 but due to our numbers it is now £12. Claire's daughter is the stage manager and Claire is making the costumes. Tick the list for which date and time you would like to attend.

Lamphey is holding a celebration for the Platinum Jubilee on Friday, 3rd June from 2pm to 5pm. The WI has been asked to provide the refreshments. There will be a fancy dress for children of Kings and Queens. In the evening there will be a pig roast and music.

Book Club: Marilyn reported that they are currently reading "A Man called Ove" by Frederik Backman.

There were no Welfare Reports. The Knitting Group is continuing to work at home for premature babies and Dementure patients. Station Garden volunteers will meet on Monday weather permitting. There will be a Spring Plant sale in the Village hall on 7th March and a Farmers Club Breakfast on 14th April.

There have been suggestions put forward from new members for additional activities eg. A second Book Club, a Gardening Club, a Knit and Natter, a Ladies Lunch Club, a restart of the Theatre Group, a Flower Arranging Class and a restart of the Walking Group. Names in Blue Book if interested.

Refreshments were served and members then settled down for a talk on glass making by Vicky Wilson followed by a workshop where members made their own sunseekers.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm. the next meeting on 5th April will be Flower arrangements for Easter. Members to wear their Easter Bonnets.

Tess Griffiths

HUNDLETON WI

The monthly meeting was held in Gilead School Room on Tuesday, 1st February.

The guest speaker for the evening was Vicky Tomlinson who talked about "The History of Caldey Island". Vicky showed members film slides and explained the different areas of the Island.

The winners of the monthly competition "A sea Collage" were: 1st: Margaret Luff; 2nd Carolyn Monk and 3rd: Jayne Smith.

On Monday, 21st March Hundleton WI members will meet for lunch at Lamphay Hall Hotel.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 1st March when Mr Lewis Creese will give a talk on "Angle Lifeboat".

Jayne Smith (Press Secretary)

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Find the Link no 18

Each list of 3 words has a further word in common – the fourth word can be put before or after the given words (eg with a list of cabbage; work; damp; the answer would be PATCH).

The number of letters in the missing word is given in brackets – can you find them all?

1. Portland; cold; baking; _____ (5)
2. Sleep; shut; rope; _____ (5)
3. Labrador; hot; bar; _____ (9)
4. Pillow; cold; closed; _____ (4)
5. Start; full; bus; _____ (4)
6. Peg; bed; brush; _____ (7)
7. In; horn; horse; _____ (4)
8. Rain; tie; long; _____ (3)
9. Down; up; forth; _____ (5)
10. Bald; mince; dish; _____ (3)
11. Village; light; putting; _____ (5)
12. Abdominal; plug; dividing; _____ (4)
13. Loss; brush; cut; _____ (4)
14. Mountain; rifle; long; _____ (5)
15. Potting; fly; rim; _____ (5)
16. Rest; table; caddy; _____ (5)
17. Souper; dried; sweet; _____ (3)
18. Root; head; Cupid's; _____ (5)
19. Plaster; sweet; flake; _____ (4)
20. Boiled; ware; soap; _____ (4)
21. Drain; power; storming; _____ (5)
22. Water; reader; fool; _____ (5)
23. Good; white; on _____ (3)
24. Bully; up; cattle; _____ (4)
25. Tinted; dog; gold; _____ (4)

. . . answers next month

Solution to Crossword No 20:

Across: 1. Serengeti 6. Cha 8. Beluga 9. Incur 10. Joseph
11. Iceberg 13. Mortice 16. Canaan 18. Urban 19. Louise
21. Aga 22. Haematoma

Down: 1. See 2. Touge 3. Noachic 4. Eunice 5. Icicle
7. Arrogance 8. Bujumbura 12. Cecilia 14. Rabbah 15. Ignite
17. Neuro 20. Spa

FIND THE LINK 17 — the answers

1. coal 2. leaf 3. dry 4. saints 5. through 6. bog 7. sheep
8. ship 9. marsh 10. old 11. yellow 12. feather 13. drum
14. bone 15. sea 16. part 17. time 18. police 19. mail
20. tape 21. double 22. gun 23. court 24. shoulder 25. note

WHAT'S THE SPORT? — the answers

1. American football 2. Cricket 3. Hockey 4. Curling 5. Swimming
6. Netball 7. Badminton 8. Snooker 9. Sailing 10. Skiing
11. Fishing 12. Horse racing 13. Football 14. Ice Hockey
15. Aussie rules football 16. F1 motor racing 17. Golf 18. Darts
19. Tennis 20. Rugby union 21. Cycling 22. Shooting 23. Triathlon
24. Bowling 25. Ice Skating