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**They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.
And when you go home, tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow, we gave our today.**



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The Parson's Peace,

This last month has been incredible in so many ways for Carol, Ellen and myself as we have been preparing to leave the Benefice.

Ellen has followed the Lord's prompting and is now in Germany for the next ten months doing a Christian Leadership course with Awakening Europe. She is being truly blessed by the Lord in what she is doing and the Holy Spirit is working powerfully in her. The four wonderful, young Christian women that she is now living with are proving to be a great encouragement. A local Christian community here in Pembroke are sponsoring her, by paying for her accommodation this year, as part of their equipping and sending out workers into the fields for the Lord. A wonderful example of Christian generosity.

Carol and I have been to many Harvest services and suppers and everywhere we have gone we have been blessed and encouraged about the work we have done whilst amongst you all. We have received many generous gifts to help with the future, and we thank you all from the depths of our hearts. It has been overwhelming and deeply emotional at times. But if it was not so, then it would not speak of us having put down deep roots here, and of making strong bonds of friendship with so many. We thank the Lord that it is only for a little while that we will be separated, for those in Christ will be united once more in the New Heaven and the New Earth. It all seems to be change at the moment. The Diocese will have a very good new Bishop in Ven. Dorrien Davies, the Ven. Paul Mackness will oversee this area through the transition to new ministers coming to the area, and we will be exploring new ways to minister to family and friends in North Wales. We believe that the Lord has prepared new work for us in the future.

If our legacy amongst you has helped some to know a personal, and ongoing, and deepening encounter with the living Lord, and the sacrificial love of Jesus, and the inspiration of the Spirit of God, then Carol and I will be satisfied that our work has borne fruit. And from that, if you have a richer appreciation for the Lord's living Word through the scriptures, then we will be happy beyond words.

Thank you all for your rich blessings upon us and we will be praying for you all. I have a feeling that the Pembrokeshire elastic will draw us back here on occasions, and we will look forward to those encounters. If you wish to keep in touch, our new address will be:

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Yours in Christ,

Peter and Carol

The Lord of sea and sky” (Hymn 235) is leading the Rev’d Peter and Carol north; we, in Monkton, shall miss them greatly and shall hold them in our hearts. Fortunately, our Lord is also “the Lord of snow and rain” and so we can be assured that He will always be at their side when they relocate to North Wales.

It has been a joy and a privilege to have given thanks and praise together, aided by Rev’d Peter and Carol’s dulcet tones. Striving to make a joyful sound unto the Lord, whether it be in Monkton Priory, in the churchyard as during Covid, or in our community, our congregation’s worship has been inspired by their steadfast faith and obvious love of our Lord.

Rev’d Peter’s diligently prepared and shared homilies have stirred our hearts and strengthened our resolve to try to follow Christ’s example, and respond to His call to share our faith. There has always been much to contemplate, and we have appreciated those moments to focus on the message each week.

How hard to be a shepherd with a flock dispersed over such a wide area; when there are so many sheep without rather than within the fold; when the shepherd’s role is so diverse; when there are few labourers in the field; when even those of us within need frequent nudging! Nevertheless, we have felt the fellowship of the flock grow as Rev’d Peter and the team he has led have invested in taking care of many of the little things; not least, sharing the Grace face to face has brought us together and focused our relationship with God and with one another. Seeds of God’s love for us have been sown in Monkton, which we pray will bear fruit in time.

It is this, the power of prayer, which will stand out, for me, as a lasting legacy of Rev’d Peter’s ministry among us. Our prayers for their well-being, for their extended family, for the Lord to guide their future will continue long after our farewells.

I am sure we shall all have our own special memories of our time together here at Monkton. For me, the thread of humility has become a special part of my sewing kit, and it is with that, that on behalf of us all, I express our sincere gratitude for your persistence in sharing your joy and your faith with us, - as our shepherd, our friend, as a devoted couple and a loving family.

May “the Lord bless you and keep you” ... Sung!

May the Light of our Lord’s Love ever shine upon you!” ... inspired by one of your favourite hymns, “Lord the light of your love (Shine, Jesus, shine)!”

With love from the congregation at Monkton Priory and all within the Parish of Monkton.

Magazine

There is now a team in place for the magazine. Thank you to Sue Harris and Susan Rees for making time for printing and distribution. We would be delighted to hear of any new members of the congregation or newcomers to the area who would like to receive the Bridge magazine. If you know of anyone, please let us know. If you receive your magazine by email and you don’t already pay for it could you please send your money to Ann Mortenson address in front of magazine, this would help with the printing of the magazine for those who have a hard copy, and this would help cover the cost of the magazine to be fully in colour.

Thank you

Anne & Chris.

More Delights from Audrey

"God of the weeds and waste places, the winged and flighty things, and the balance of natural order on which we all depend. Help us to "grasp the nettle" and become caretakers of wild places, hedgerows, scraps of "wasteland" and even window boxes to make a difference locally and worldwide"

In Mothers Union we receive a yearly booklet with prayers for every day and recently the theme was " Peace with Creation" and this was just one of the lovely and meaningful prayers. The Rev Joan some time ago, told the story of the boy and the starfish and this is very much the message, that if we all " do our bit" it will make a difference.

As you know (all too well I hear you say!) I love my garden and the microcosm of wildlife it contains but it is lovely to get out and about and see nature on a bigger, grander scale, which I did recently.

For a long time I have loved Mid Wales especially the Rhayader area, where I camped for many years. Recently my daughter Myfanwy took me there for a holiday. The little town seemed unchanged, the Kites were still giving spectacular displays at Gigrin Farm feeding station (Happy memories, I used to camp there) the lakes were still lovely and bordered by woodland and the top dam was pouring over, the River Wye actually runs through the town and you can stand on the bridge virtually alongside the waterfall, or stroll along the river watching out for kingfishers, dippers and grey wagtails - but best of all for me was the majestic beauty of the surrounding hills, whose appearance changed hourly as the light and weather altered.

The Rhayader tourist board should employ me - shouldn't it !!

Where has the Summer gone ?? It is Michaelmas and the appropriate daisies are out in the gardens, the Fair is here again and in Church we re celebrating Harvest!! It's time to put the garden to bed, taking out the annuals from the flower bed and planters and clearing out the vegetable beds for re seeding next year. Time to look out for signs advertising (Hopefully free) bags of " muck " at farm and stable gates to cover the beds before winter sets in.

I have been pleasantly surprised this year when some "salad leaves" and radish "went to seed" and I left them in the ground and they both provided a mass of beautiful, pale pink flowers which would grace any flower bed!! The bees and butterflies love them so I will certainly try that again.

So may I end with another of the lovely and thought provoking prayers

God of the wild and fearsome things, face us with the loss of grazing and hunting land for endangered species. Challenge us to support re - wilding schemes, to reduce our wastefulness and take only what we need".

Audrey Rogers.



Lamphey Mother's Union

Our meeting on September 6th began with M.U Prayers led by Mrs Claire Rogers.

We were somewhat disconcerted to hear from our treasurer Mrs Caroline Llewellyn that Barclays Bank is no longer able to manager our account "because of the possibility of money laun-

dering!!!" She is pursuing the matter with the bank.

We were very happy to turn our attention from these matters to welcome our speaker Mrs Lorna Cecil and Bella, her dog. Bella, is one of a nationwide group of dogs, who go into school, with their owners and "listen to children read". Mrs Cecil explained how children's anxieties are soothed by the non-judgemental dog and so find reading easier and the added bonus is that the other children are quite envious which gives the slower readers status. Mrs Cecil is also a co-ordinator for Plant Dewy Baby Bundles which we support and she was able to explain how vital these are for so many families. The meeting ended as usual with tea, cake and chat.

We met for our October meeting on October 6th at Lamphey Church Hall. Mrs Margaret Phillips led our prayer time.

Preliminary arrangements were made for the Advent Carol Service which we will be hosting on Nov 25th. We were saddened to learn that the local representative for the Mission to Sea Farers can no longer collect the hats and mugs we donate but no doubt a local charity will welcome them.

Our speaker was Rev. Martin Cox, who, as usual kept us amused, entertained and also challenged. His subject this time was St Francis of Assisi, and we learnt that he was so much more than a nature lover although his love for God overflowed into love for all Mankind and Gods creatures. We were delighted to each receive a cross from Assisi, where Martin had been on pilgrimage. Delicious cake, tea and conversation followed.

Our next meeting will be November 1st when Freda and Cynthia will wow us with amazing food and flowers.

Audrey Rogers

A Personal Prayer of Mary Sumner

All this day, O Lord, let me touch
As many lives as possible for thee;
And every life I touch, do thou by
thy spirit quicken, whether through
the word I speak, the prayer I
breath, or the life I live. **Amen**

The perfect diet What is the best and most infallible way to reduce your waist-line? Just move your head slowly from right to left when asked to have a second helping.

Sleep "How is it that you are late again?" the choir master demanded of the little boy. "I overslept." "What? Do you sleep at home as well?"



**The Lectionary Readings
for the next month
for your Daily Office**

Sunday 5th November The First Sunday of The Kingdom (Red/Green)

Micah 3.5-12 Psalm 43 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13 Matthew 24.1-14

Monday 6th November

Romans 11.29-36. Psalm 69. 29-36.
Luke 14.12-14

Tuesday 7th November

Romans 12.1-16 Psalm 131
Luke 14. 15-24

Wednesday 8th November

Romans 13.8-10. Psalm 112
Luke 14. 25-33

Thursday 9th November

Romans 14.7-12. Psalm 27.1-4,13,14
Luke 15. 1-10

Friday 10th November

Romans 15 14-21. Psalm 98
Luke 16.1-8.

Saturday 11th November

Romans 16.3-9,16, 22-27
Psalm 145.1-7 .Luke 16.9-15.

Sunday 12th November The Second Sunday of The Kingdom (Red/Green)

Amos 5. 18.24 Psalm 70. 1 Thessalonians 4. 13-18 Matthew 25.1-13.

Monday 13th November

Wisdom 1.1-7 Psalm 139. 1-10.
Luke 17. 1-6

Tuesday 14th November

Wisdom 2.23—3.9 .Psalm 34.15-22.
Luke 17. 7-10

Wednesday 15th November

Wisdom 6. 1-11. Psalm 82
Luke 17. 11-19.

Thursday 16th November

Wisdom 7.21-8.1 Psalm 119.89-96
Luke 17, 20-25

Friday 17th November

Wisdom 13. 1-9. Psalm 19, 1-4
Luke 17. 26-37

Saturday 18th November

Wisdom 18. 14-16; 19.6-9
Psalm 105.1-6,37-45 .Luke 18.1-8

Sunday 19th November The Third Sunday of The Kingdom (Red/Green)

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18. Psalm 90.1-8. 1Thessalonians 5. 1-11. Matthew 25.14-30

Monday 20th November

1 Maccabees 1. 1-15,54-57,62-64
Psalm 79. Luke 18. 35-43

Tuesday 21st November

2 Maccabees 6.18-31 Psalm 3
Luke 19. 1-10

Wednesday 22nd November

2 Maccabees 7. 1,20-31, 39-42
Psalm 17. 1-8 . Luke 19. 11-28

Thursday 23rd November

1 Maccabees 2.15-29 . Psalm 129
Luke 19. 41-44

Friday 24th November

1 Maccabees 4. 36,37,52-59
Psalm 113 . Luke 19. 45-48

Saturday 25th November

1 Maccabees 6. 1-13 . Psalm 124
Luke 20. 27-40

Sunday 26th November. (Christ The King-White) The Fourth Sunday of The Kingdom

Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24. Psalm 95. 1-7. Ephesians 1.15-23. Matthew 25.31-46

Monday 27th November

Daniel 1. 1-20. Psalm 24. 1-6
Luke 21. 1-4

Tuesday 28th November

Daniel 2. 31-45. Psalm 96
Luke 21. 5-9

Wednesday 29th November

Daniel 5. 1-6,13-28. Psalm 98
Luke 21, 10-28.

Thursday 30th November

Andrew, Apostle Patron Saint of Scotland
(Red)
Isaiah 52. 7-10. Psalm 19. 1-4
Romans 10. 12-18. Matthew 4. 18-22

Friday 1st December

Daniel 7. 1-14. Psalm 93
Luke. 21. 29-33.

Saturday 2nd December

Daniel 7. 15-27. Psalm 95. 1-7
Luke 21. 34-36

St Mary's Church, Pembroke, Childrens' Seasonal Card Competition.

Keeping the Christ in Christmas Card Competition.

St Mary's Church, Pembroke are encouraging children to make a Christmas card where they will be displayed in the Church and visitors will be able to vote for the best card.

The different age groups are:- Below 4 years of age, 5 to 7 years of age, 8 to 11 years of age and a family category.

One submission per child and family

A5 size, one side picture. Half A4 paper dimension

On the back of the picture should be Name, age, which school you attend? or a way to contact you

Last submission date 30 November 2023

Presentation of prizes for the winning cards will be during December, the date to be finalized later.

Sue Harris.

November

Bible Study Group is moving from the start of November, meeting in St Mary's Church, café, Pembroke at 7.30pm. Dates for November 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th.

1st Monday	10.30-12.30	Cookery for Men with Adrian Cook Monkton Church Hall.
Every Tuesday	10.00-11 30	Coffee, Cake and Chat Monkton Church Hall
	12.15	School Lunch Time Club.
	3.30-5pm	Afternoon School Club Monkton Church Hall (term time only) .
	7.30	Bell Ringing Practice St Mary's Pembroke.
3rd Tuesday	7-9pm	Flower Arranging with Adrian Cook Monkton.
Every Wednesday	10am	Mid Week MP Service St Mary's Pembroke
Every Friday	10-11-30	Parents and Toddlers Monkton Church Hall.
1st Wednesday of the Month	2-3.30	Mothers Union Lamphey Church Hall
Monday 27th	2pm	Church Committee St Mary's

Lamphey

*We wish to hold our **Community Carol Service** at 4pm in church on **10th December** and not have a morning service on that day.*

*On Monday, **11th December** we'll meet outside the Village Hall at 6pm for **Carol Singing** around Lamphey Village, subject to the weather being kind.*

On Tuesday 12th December The Young Farmers Club is holding its Carol Service in Lamphey Church at 6pm (?). Revd. Geoffrey Gwyther will be attending.

*We aim to combine the Christmas Eve services on **Sunday 24th Dec.** and have a single service at 4pm in the form of an All Age Family Nativity, possibly with Holy Communion. Agreed with Geoffrey Gwyther.*

*Next month we have **Pembroke Male Voice Choir** in church for a fund-raising concert on **Tue 21st November** . We'll be placing posters around the villages but please spread the word. Help with the refreshments for the choir will be needed. Would Judith or Cynthia R. be able to co-ordinate that?*

Some of the above planning may change but I'll do my best to ensure that you are informed of any variations. Do let me know if you have any queries in the meantime.

*With best wishes. **Vicky.***

Stackpole

We are holding our Remembrance Service on 11th November at 6.30pm. We will be laying wreaths and The Last Post will be played.

November 29th at 7.30 is our Christmas Bingo and Buffett held at Stackpole Inn. Please come along and join the fun. **Anita**

Musings from St`David`s

As I write the sun is shining and it could be a summers day. Another look reveals the leaf strewn ground and confirms the season. This short warm spell will soon come to an end and we will have to bite the bullet and order more oil. Autumn is a wonderful time when the dying leaves give us an unparallel show of beauty. It is also the time when we celebrate the gift of God`s harvest. Every year without fail I spread a tray full of tomato seeds and don`t have the faith that they will all germinate and quickly grow into dozens of little plants. I`m the only one in our family who eats tomatoes I only need two or three plants! Luckily our farmers are more professional and we look on as year on year a bounteous harvest is produced in the field adjoining our home.

It was therefore gratifying to see several farming members of our congregation at our harvest service. This was sadly Peter`s last service at St. David`s. The church had been fabulously decorated by several members of the congregation. It was a day of celebration of Peter and Carol`s ministry tinged with the sadness we all feel at his departure. For the first time in many years we returned to the traditions of the past and followed the service with a parish lunch in our new hall. To say that a magnificent lunch was produced seems to be an understatement. The numerous contributors created a three course meal



which any television cookery competitor would have been proud of. Everyone seemed to pitch in with the washing up. It was a very memorable occasion that was greatly enjoyed by all. In common with many other churches a collection was made for our local charity PATCH. Despite difficulty finding them open and getting confused by the web site, we hope the goods will soon be in the right place and put to good use. It feels good that the church is working as a united Christian family after the troubles of the past. We look forward to the appointment of a new Bishop who we hope will be able to rectify the awful position where so many Christians and churches have no spiritual leader.



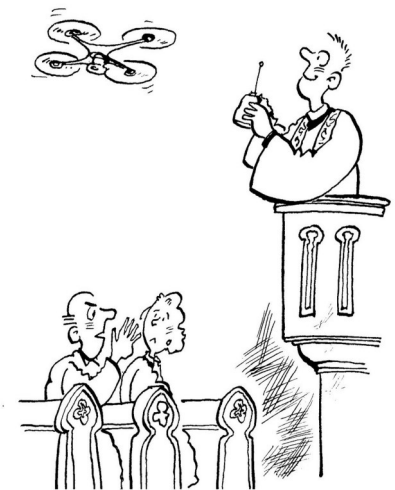
Roger



The vicar got a little carried away with the church's new state-of-the-art PA system



The treasurer still had a trick up his sleeve



...his constant droning from the pulpit is really getting on my nerves!

NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 5th November (4th before Advent)

9.15am	Morning Prayer (CH)	St Mary's Angle
9.30am	Holy Communion (JA)	Ss Nicholas & John, Monkton
11.00am	Morning Prayer (Ley led)	St Mary's Pembroke
11.00am	Morning Prayer (MM,VT)	Ss Faith & Tyfei, Lamphey
11.15am	Holy Communion (PM)	St Gwynog's St Twynnells

Sunday 12th November (3rd before Advent)

9.15am	Holy Communion (BC)	St Mary's Angle
9.30am	Morning Prayer (JC)	Ss Nicholas & John, Monkton
9.30am	Holy Communion (PM) & Rem	St Mary's Pembroke
11.00am	Holy Communion (GG)	Ss Faith & Tyfei, Lamphey
11.15am	Holy Communion (BC)	St David Hundleton

Sunday 19th November (2nd before Advent)

9.15am	Morning Prayer (CH)	St Mary's Angle
9.30am	Holy Communion (JA)	Ss Nicholas & John, Monkton
9.30am	Morning Prayer (KW/AM)	St Mary's Pembroke
11.00am	Morning Prayer (MM/VT)	Ss Faith & Tyfei, Lamphey
11.15am	Holy Communion (PM)	Ss James & Elidyr, Stackpole

Sunday 26th November (Christ the King)

9.15am	Morning Prayer (CH)	St Mary's Angle
9.30am	Morning Prayer (JC)	Ss Nicholas & John, Monkton
9.30am	Holy Communion (JA)	St Mary's Pembroke
11.00am	Holy Communion (BL)	Ss Faith & Tyfei, Lamphey
11.15am	Holy Communion (BC)	St Michael's Bosherton
11.15am	Morning Prayer (KW)	St David Hundleton

PM– Ven Paul Mackness
JA - Revd Joan Allen
JC– Jacqueline Crossman
GG -Revd Geoffrey Gwyther
BC-Revd Bob Capper
BL—Revd Bill Lewis
CH -Chris Hirst
KW - Keith Wheeler
RW - Roger Lewis
VT– Vicky Tomlinson
AM– Ann Mortenson

News from St Mary's Belfry, Pembroke

Two of our bellringers, Mike and Seren, are attending a course in November with other ringers from the St Davids Diocesan Guild of Bellringers. It's in Nevern, where they have 10 lovely, easy to ring bells. The aim of the course is to help ringers teach other ringers how to progress from ringing rounds (all the bells in descending order) to ringing called changes (or call changes) and plain hunt. Called changes are when a conductor swaps the order of the bells over, pairs at a time, by calling an instruction. Plain hunting is when each bell changes its position in the order of the ringing, one place at a time. It forms the basis of the more complicated methods. Having two people going from St Mary's Pembroke is great news for the future of bellringing in this area.

Iestyn and Gethin have mastered the ringing of the chiming bells at Monkton Priory. As well as technique, it requires stamina! Some maintenance to the ropes is needed after one broke when they rang for a recent wedding. We will give some time to fixing this as soon as we can.

It will be great to have Eldon back after his long holiday in Spain. He has been missed.

Our Bell Restoration Fund is now registered with the Charity Commission so we are able to claim an extra 25% in gift aid. If you donate £10, we will receive £12.50 (when our treasurer Mike has done all the paper work anyway!).

The Fund has now reached £35,000 (including promises of grant money to be paid when the work is complete).

The St Mary's Pembroke Bell Restoration Project Fund, Registered Charity Number 1205082

Bank Account = St Marys Belfry Fund, Sort code: 30-16-20, Account number: 07358466 (please ask for a gift aid form).

Listen out for our muffled ringing on Remembrance Sunday 12th November. This traditional ringing reminds the Church and the community of Pembroke to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

Anne Bunker, Tower Captain. 07977 541520

Died in the services

Little Alex was staring up at the large brass plaque that hung on the side wall of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and it seemed to fascinate the seven-year-old. "All those names," he said to the minister. "Who are they?"

"Well, they were people who used to go to this church," explained the minister. "This is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the services."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 9 o'clock, or the 11 o'clock?"

How to Deal with Enemies: *In the season of Remembrance, we consider those who have heroically given their lives in war. However, Jesus calls all of us to a radical heroism in our daily lives: 'You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.'* (Matt 5:43-45).

Love Your Enemies: Our 'enemies' are rarely life-threatening; they can simply be impatient, judgmental, self-righteous or just plain disagreeable! Whether the conflict is with a family or church member, work colleague or neighbour, our attitude toward them should be one of love. We will naturally want to retaliate, but Jesus commands us to love!

Pray for Your Persecutors: It's only when we are ready to pray for someone whom we find difficult, that God can soften our attitude towards them. Like us, they are those in need of God's forgiveness and grace. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor executed by the Nazis at the end of World War 2, wrote:

'This is the supreme demand. Through the medium of prayer, we go to our enemy, stand by his side, and plead for him to God. For if we pray for them, we are taking their distress and poverty, their guilt and perdition upon ourselves and pleading to God for them.'

Become More Like Jesus: When we start loving our enemies and praying for our persecutors, we become more like Jesus Himself. He willingly laid down His life for us, prayed for His persecutors and gives us the power to love our enemies as He did.

At a time when we recognise that we all need heroes; how will we respond to this call to radical heroism in our own life?

November Flag Days. St Mary's Pembroke.

- 1st All Saints Day Provincial Flag.
- 2nd All Souls Day Diocesan Flag.
- 11th Armistice Day Union Flag.
- 12th Remembrance Day Union Flag.
- 14th King's Birthday Union Flag.
- 30th St Andrew's Day Cross of St Andrew.

Flimston Services All on Sunday's at 6.00pm

November 12th	Remembrance
December 10th	Christmas

Pembroke and District Male Voice Choir Sing at St Twynells

On Friday evening, the 8th of October, Pembroke & District Male Voice Choir performed at St. Gwynog's Church, St. Twynells. Choir member, Edward Morris, who is also church warden at the church, invited the Choir to sing and help to raise funds for the repairs needed to the bell tower's conical roof.

The Choir was happy to attend and put on a rousing performance, making good use of the wonderful acoustics of the church, under direction of Juliet Rossiter. Their repertoire included songs in Welsh, African and of course English. The audience were treated to songs from the musicals such as Les Misérables. Flautist, Alison Griffiths performed a lovely rendition of Brighteyes from Watership Down.

The Choir enjoy performing for good causes so if your church would like to have them perform, they can be contacted through their Secretary David Brinn – email DVBR874@aol.com

The Choir's forthcoming events –

Friday 10th November – Remembrance Day Concert at Monkton Priory Church at 7pm

Tuesday 21st November – Performance at Lamphey Church at 7pm

The Choir will also be attending a Joint Concert Event at Folly Farm on the 1st March next year, where they will sing along with choirs from Whitland, Haverfordwest and Tenby.

A PRIVILEGE.

We all have been rather shocked at Peter and Carol leaving us at the end of the month. Whilst we understand we still mourn their leaving. For myself I'd like to add my own thanks. Thanks for accepting Anne and I when we appeared on the doorstep of Monkton Priory, thanks for encouraging me to carry on working even though I had officially retired, and thanks for allowing me to share Peter's ministry in South West Pembrokeshire and encouraging me to carry on my ministry after Peter and Carol have left.

It has been a privilege to serve you and continue to serve you.

May our Lord guide Peter and Carol's hearts and hands as they try to discern what He has in store for them. We all I am sure, send them off with our blessings.

Chris Lewis-Jenkins

Thine

A Yorkshireman wanted an inscription on his wife's grave to read: 'She was Thine'. The engraver mistakenly put 'She was Thin'. The man wrote to explain that they had left off the 'e'. The next attempt read: 'E', She was Thin.'

Help

A minister was asked to give the grace at a parish dinner. 'Thank you, Lord, for this food, and we pray for strength to eat it!'

Who are the Saints?

MARTIN OF TOURS—PIONEER OF WESTERN MONASTICISM

This winter, when you next see someone who looks both poor and cold, think of Martin of Tours. This monk bishop, born in Pannonia (now Hungary) became one of the most popular saints of the Middle Ages.

Martin's father was a pagan officer in the Roman Army, and Martin was intended for the army as well. But from an early age Martin wanted to be a Christian, and felt that as a Christian he could not serve the Roman Empire. Martin was imprisoned for this early 'conscientious objection', and not released until 357, when he was nearly 40.

One day Martin met a nearly naked beggar at Amiens. He took off his cloak, cut it in half and gave the half to the beggar. Soon after this, he had a dream in which Christ appeared to him, wearing the half of the cloak which Martin had given away.

Martin was the pioneer of western monasticism: he founded the first monastery in the whole of Gaul about 360. He was made bishop of Tours in 372 – by popular demand of both his clergy and his people.

As bishop, Martin continued his simple life as a monk, – and evangelist. Christianity had been largely confined to the urban centres of population, but Martin went further, and took Christianity to the *pagani* (country-men). For the next 25 years this greatly loved bishop travelled his diocese by donkey and by boat, preaching the good news of Jesus Christ, and helping his people to tear down their heathen temples and sacred trees. He was sought out for his healing prayers for the sick, and also his defence of the faith from heretics.

Martin's emblem in English art is often that of a goose, whose annual migration is about this time of year. 'St Martin's Summer' in England is a spell of fine weather that sometimes occurs around 11th November.

If you get the chance visit St Martin's church in Laugharne where there is a magnificent wood carving of St Martin which was donated by the carver in Oberammergau Bavaria, Germany. Every ten years they put on a passion play since 1634, in remembrance of God saving the village from a terrible outbreak of bubonic plague.

St Mary's Pembroke

Have you thought of joining your local church as a friend? The Friends of St Mary's Church, Pembroke, is having a 'revamp'. A yearly subscription of £15 continues to remain the same. However a more social aspect might be of interest to some people. By gaining your permission to contact you, we could organise group events to places that are of interest to the Friends. By completing the new membership form, this will allow us to see your hobbies and interests and have an outing or meeting that is specific to others in the group. However if you would just like to support the Friends of St Mary's Church, Pembroke and not take part or be contacted, that is also excellent. The choice is yours. The new forms may be found in the Church or by contacting me on sue.stmaryschurch@yahoo.com **Sue Harris**

News from St Mary's Church Pembroke

Our Tuesday Coffee Mornings have now come to an end the last one being on 26th September. It has been a great time meeting and greeting holiday makers and locals into the church and having such nice comments, although plenty of hard work baking and serving during this time. Sue Jones and myself alternate weeks with our band of helpers. I know Sue would wish to join with me in thanking everyone who contributed in running the coffee mornings in the last 5 month's your kind help has been invaluable and helped to raise much wanted funds.

In August our usual Art Group used the Coffee Vestry for a display of their paintings and for sales. We thank them for their kind donation and will be pleased to offer them space again next year. We would be pleased to accommodate any suitable group to utilise our Coffee Vestry area for selling or displays or for any small function such as catering for any christenings, funerals and small weddings. There is no charge other than a donation towards Church funds, whatever you can afford.

We were saddened to learn of the departure of Rev. Peter and family taking place at the end of October but understand their reason, with the recent death of Peter's mother and with his father needing care in Bangor. We shall miss your presence and the service you have given to our Parish over the past 6 years. We wish you well for whatever the future brings along with our love and best wishes and to say thank you for your dedication shown during your time with us.

Mary Richards has moved from Pembroke to a Nursing Home in Cardigan close to her niece. Welsh was Mary's first language so she has settled well in her residential home. Mary is well into her 90's and until the move managed to stay at home with some help. We wish you well Mary and are pleased to hear you are happy.

St Mary's Church 100 Club winners . September and October Draw

£50. Mrs J Thomas. £30. Mr M Jones. £20. Mr C Rees

£50 Mrs Val Randall £30 Mrs Gaynor Thomas £20 Mrs Angela Evans

Our grateful thanks to all our Church members and supporters for their kind Donations for our Gift Day held on the 16th September. Your kind contributions will help considerably in the day to day running costs of the church. Thank you all so very much. We celebrated our Harvest Festival Service on 1st October. Congregation members kindly brought in dried and tinned food items which was placed at the altar to be later given to Patch. Following the service we all enjoyed lunch together in our Coffee Bar Vestry being a very nice social gathering with a donation offering to go to Morocco and Libya. Thank you to all who contributed to this event which was enjoyed by all.

I am appealing for some new members for our 100 Club, having lost some members over the last couple of years mainly through natural causes. We have a monthly draw in church for £50 £30 £20 at the cost of £2 per month payable preferably by d/d or 6 monthly and 12 monthly paid in advance. An important fund raiser for the church, maybe you can persuade some family members or neighbours or friends to become members. Please contact myself if any interest is shown. (Tel 683372)

Marcia James (Warden)

ANGLICAN TRADITIONS.. 3.

The Sanctuary.

The third part of the Church is called the Sanctuary from the Latin word Sanctus, (Holy). It's the place where we can concentrate on as being where God resides, and feel safe. It normally has a rail enclosing the area, and this dates from the medieval times when churches didn't have any doors and animals were able to roam about the church and so the sanctuary was anything but holy. So it was decided to enclose the sanctuary with a rail to keep the animals out. Today though, the altar rail is mostly used by people to lean on during the receiving of Holy Communion, to bow before our Lord and God, and to assist them in getting to their feet again. The Sanctuary has also been used to protect people who are political refugees. In medieval times it was also used by criminals to escape the law. If you've ever visited Jersey, there still exists today sanctuary trails that lead from churches down to the sea where the person could escape. If the person was running down the trails, an officer of the law couldn't touch him or her. And if the person reached the sea, they would be granted safe passage, but were banished for life. Some Churches, even today have granted sanctuary to refugees and the families have stayed in the church for many months, sometimes even years, before escaping, or being allowed to go to another country to live.

MAYOR OF PEMBROKE - CLLR ADEN BRINN

REMEMBRANCE CONCERT & SERVICE

FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2023
MONKTON PRIORY CHURCH
at 7PM

WITH THE
**PEMBROKE & DISTRICT
MALE VOICE CHOIR**

TICKETS @ £5.00 EACH
FROM PEMBROKE TOWN HALL

ALL PROCEEDS TO GO TO THE
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL



SS Faith & Tyfei Church, Lamphey

The newly refurbished Church Hall is open for hire at £10 per hour (still no change at the moment as energy costs rise) anyone interested email: jubileehalllamphey@hotmail.com. The Hall can comfortably seat 50 and we now have a full catering kitchen.



Lamphey Craft group meet on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9pm with tea and coffee. We are a mixed ability group but all game for laughter and fun. Some people bring their own knitting, sewing or other craft projects whilst others work on topics as they come up. The new term started on Thursday, 12th January with the new topic: stitching on old hessian bags with wool for surprising results!. All are welcome, cost £4 a session - come when you can!

Judith Colley



Are there any Detectives out there that can identify the location of this postcard?

If you want to check your guess, then please contact Roger.

rogerwyndavies@btinternet.com 01646 685134

Last months answer was

I had a great response to last months picture/postcard which was Merrion Village, those who had it correct include

Roy and Sue, Jayne Smith, Muriel Blunsden , Margaret Sercombe ,Joan Thomas and Gloria Stenson, well done. I have had a number of telephone calls and been approached by several Church members as to how they like and look forward to the photos. **Roger**



Monkton Church Hall

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Craft Fayre

November 18th
11-3pm

Perfect for some early
Christmas shopping!

- Free entry
- Local stalls
- Kids activities
- Tea, coffee and cake!

Enquiries: rhiancowen@gmail.com

Dear All

As you will hopefully now be aware, the new Bishop has elected, the Venerable Dorrien Davies as the next Bishop of St Davids. The date of the Sacred Synod is 29th November in Cardiff and this will be the point at which he legally becomes Bishop of the See of St Davids and when I will cease to be a Commissary. He will be consecrated on Saturday 27th January 2024 which will take place in Bangor Cathedral. The Enthronement in St Davids will hopefully be in early February, a formal announcement will follow shortly.

I am sure like me you are delighted at this news and that we as an Archdeaconry commit ourselves to working closely with Bishop Elect Dorrien as we move forward into the future. Please pray for Bishop Elect Dorrien, his wife Rosie and sons Morgan and Lewis. Please pray for the new Bishop's ministry and for him as he prepares to take on this mantle.

Best wishes

Paul Mackness, Archdeacon of St Davids.