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## From the Rector

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In *The Church Times* there is a diary page written by a nun. The Revd Sr Rosemary CHN is a nun at the Convent of the Holy Name in Derby. In one of the August editions she wrote this:

“I am writing this not long after the Fifth Sunday after Trinity. In this week, we have been praying the collect that begins “Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth. . .”



This is derived from a BCP collect; it is used in Embertide, but, obviously, it has a relevance beyond ordained ministry. Before *Common Worship*, it read: “that each in his vocation and ministry may serve you”. Some time in the '90s, a number of our Sisters were finding this exclusive language intolerable, and so we began to say, “that each in his or her vocation and ministry”.

A well-meaning priest decided to point out to us dim-witted women that “in their vocation and ministry each may serve you” would provide a neater form of words. I decided to bite my tongue, but I would have liked to explain that, while he had all his life heard “his vocation and ministry”, we had never before heard “her vocation and ministry”. Language had suddenly opened to us a whole new world of possibility.

Then came *Common Worship*, and, as usual, it went for the bland, genderless plural. At least we were no longer specifically excluded, but we were not specifically included either. This version went further, and abolished “each”. The collect no longer provides its sharp personal challenge: “What is my vocation and ministry? How am I to discern what it is? Am I fulfilling it?”

Language is powerful. We need to continue to work to express what we really mean, and to discover deeper meanings we never even suspected.”

I have no intention here of writing a piece about the ordination of women, but I do want to say something about two of the matters Sr Rosemary has raised.

**The first is that we must say what we mean, and in two ways.**

1. So often we use language that is quite unintelligible to people. I realise that we all fall into this trap and I am sure I do it myself from time to time. There are people in our communities who have no knowledge of the Faith or of the Bible. When we make public statements we must be clear about the type of words we use. I realise, of course, that there will always be an argument that says people should learn more words: but until they do we have to speak to them in way they can understand. Most people in this country read newspapers that use language an eight year old can understand. Please don't think I want our prayers and our liturgy to be written in this way - I do not! But I do want the statements we as a church make, and the brochures and leaflets we publish to be clear so that people can truly know what we are saying.
2. We must not be afraid to say what we mean truthfully. In other words, we should have the courage to speak up for our Faith and for our Church and make it clear what is and is not acceptable. We should not want to keep silent just to keep people happy: being a Christian is in part about challenging people to change - and we can't do that if we are afraid of offending people.

**The second is that we must recognise that the Reverend Sister is speaking to us.**

When Sr Rosemary says

“The collect no longer provides its sharp personal challenge: “What is my vocation and ministry? How am I to discern what it is? Am I fulfilling it?”.”

we need to remind ourselves that God does indeed challenge each and every one of us to consider how we fulfil our role within the life of the Church, and to ask ourselves what we bring to the life of the worshipping community as a gift or talent that can be used.

In last month's magazine you will have read that members of the PCC are reading a book about marriage as mission. In that book there is an example of how a church needed advice about its building and a faculty application ( in plain language getting permission from the church authorities to carry out work). The priest made an announcement in church and there in the congregation was a young woman who had come for the reading of her banns. At the end of the service she went on to the parish

priest and said she had the skills and knowledge that were needed. That young woman is now a member of the PCC and her husband has also started to go to church. It is amazing how much talent and knowledge is out there - both amongst the existing members of the congregation and amongst people we already know who might not yet be regular church members.

Not all of us will have building and engineering knowledge. But we can all do something. Some of us can sew; some of us can cook; some of us can clean; some of us can type; some of us are good at listening and befriending. All of us can pray.

Every one of us is invited by God regularly to share the whole of our lives with him and with his Church. God calls us to **be** Christians, and he calls us to be Christians who **do** things as well.

Whenever we hear the word *vocation* our minds turn to the ordained ministry, and how we need more priests. We will have more priests when we have bigger congregations, and when we all realise that God is calling us all to be his people and offer ourselves to his service in a thousand different ways. It is not just about ordination: it is about service.

Living lives of service helps to build the kingdom of God in our midst. Allowing God to speak to us and work through us is our own individual response to what he wants from us - and he wants something from us all.

Remember the words of the Collect Sr Rosemary quoted:

*Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit **the whole body** of the Church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer which we offer **for all your faithful people**.*

Never think you are not good enough; never think you are not wanted; never think you have nothing to offer. You are good enough for God; he wants you and he knows what you can do better than you do yourselves. And he gives you His Spirit to work in you and encourage you to say to him and to the Church: Here I am !

With prayers and good wishes

*Nigel Canine*

## *Friends of St Mary's AGM*

The first AGM of The Friends of St Mary's was held on Wednesday 10th August.

Many apologies were received, and noted.

The accounts were accepted by all present, and Fr Nigel congratulated the Executive Committee on all that they had achieved since people first came together in July 2010 to discuss setting up such a group.

It was proposed and unanimously accepted that the Executive be re-elected for another year *en bloc*. It was also proposed and accepted by everyone that in future the AGM would be held on or about the 15th October each year - which is the date of the dedication festival of the Church building.

The first donation towards church work will be £1000 for the new notice boards and signage at the Church.

## *Thanks*

Many thanks to all who gave up their time on the evening of Tuesday 9th August to help with the weeding and tidying up of the grounds of St Mary's. There was at least one person there from every church in the Benefice, which is a tremendous tribute to the way in which we are working together.

## *Vandalism and theft*

St Mary's was targeted by lead thieves in the summer, and St Agnes had windows smashed by stone throwers. We do need to keep vigilant and must not hesitate to phone the police if we see something we think is suspicious.

## *St Mary's 200 Club*

The winner for August is number 57 Avril Stevens



## *News of the clergy*

Fr Matthew Gibbon, following the grouping of Llanfabon with Treharris, Trelewis & Bedlinog, is to be the Priest in Charge of the new grouping which will be known as Treharris, Trelewis & Bedlinog with Llanfabon. The Reverend Julie Barrell is to be Associate Priest (half-time) in the new grouping of Treharris, Trelewis & Bedlinog with Llanfabon with effect from 1st September 2011. Fr Matthew will be licensed at 6pm on Sunday 11th September at St John's Church, Nelson.

Fr Michael Gable, following the grouping of Glyntaff with Rhydyfelin and Graig St. John is to be Priest in Charge of the new grouping of Glyntaff, Rhydyfelin and the Graig. He will continue as Area Dean of Pontypridd.

Fr Wayne David is to continue as NSM Curate in the new grouping of Glyntaff, Rhydyfelin and the Graig.



## *Congratulations*

Hannah Evans, granddaughter of Marian and Raymond Preece, has been awarded a degree in nursing (2.1). We offer our hearty congratulations.

**Other exams:** we know that others have had results but as at Tuesday 30th August we have not been given any news about exam successes, so we were unable to print any.

## *New music*

At a meeting of all the parish clergy with Matthew Lewis and Anne Griffiths in August it was agreed that we would begin to introduce new music into our services from Advent this year. Taking our cue from that well known Anglican hymnal "*Ancient & Modern*" the idea is that we should mix traditional with more contemporary music both for the setting of the Eucharist and in our hymn singing. Congregations at St Mary's, St Paul's and St Agnes' will be offered the opportunity to come and learn the new music and any new hymns so that they will be familiar when we come to sing them. Our idea at this stage is that we should use different music for the Eucharist at each Season of the Church year. We realise that, without an organist at Holy Trinity, it will only be possible to use the music that is on the CD collection in the short term.

## *The Faithful Departed*

The following have received a Christian Funeral:

Linda John  
Irene Morgan  
Gilbert John Howie  
Vivian Radmore  
Cliff Jones  
Joyce Wea  
Rita Rees Berryman

Please pray for them, and for their families and friends who mourn their loss.

## *Condolences*

We offer our sympathy to Linda Perry on the death of her brother, Cliff, and to Gerald Jenkins on the death of his mother Nancy.

## *Weddings*

We offer our congratulations to



Charlotte Moloney & Steve Shand

Daniel Francis and Cherie Moy

## *Fr Matthew away*

Fr Matthew will not be available from the 21st to the 25th September inclusive.

## *Baptisms*

Please pray for

Jake Latham  
Joe Latham



Remember also, in your prayers, all parents and godparents.

## *Communicant figures for July 2011*

3rd	136
10th	127
17th	137
24th	146
31st	144

## *Happy Birthday*

Lewis Thelwall will be 18 on the 10th September.

Helena Lewis will be 65 on 14th September.

Mary McCarthy will be 60 on the 18th September.

Alison Murray was 50 on the 6th August.



## *Aberavon Benefice Men's Society*

The Benefice Men's Society met at the Bar Galois on Monday 8th August. It was an opportunity to share fellowship and a meal together. It was a very well attended meeting with representation from each of the churches of the benefice, and a number of new faces, which was very pleasing indeed. The Chairman, Tony Llewellyn, asked the meeting to confirm the proposed format for future meetings and their venue, he also thanked Ralph Jones for arranging the evening for us. Everyone present commented on the success of the evening and are looking forward to the next meeting.

The venue of the next meeting will be at Cwmavon. We have been invited by the Men's Society of St. Michael's Church to a cheese and wine evening at their Church Hall on Tuesday the 20th of September. If you are able to attend please let me know so we can inform the Cwmavon Men's Society of the number of who are likely to attend the meeting.

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### *Charitable giving*

The following amounts have recently been sent away from the Benefice on your behalf

Bishops Mission Fund	£221.31	(The collection at Fr Matthew's Licensing)
Biblelands	£43.68	
Water Aid	£600.00	
Christian Aid	£1176.09	
Air Ambulance	£157.10	
Save the Children	£115.00	

### *Items for the magazine*

Please note the deadlines for news for the magazine. It is really important that you ensure your news and articles are sent in so that we all know what's going on.

**Magazine deadline for items to be handed to Denise that need to be typed**

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16th September

**and for items sent by email directly to the Rector:**

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## ***Thank You***

My mother, Beti White, wishes to thank everyone who sent her cards and best wishes on her 90th birthday. She thoroughly enjoyed her birthday with friends and relatives and a visit from the Mayor of Neath Port Talbot who presented her with a beautiful plate. I would also like to thank everyone who sent me cards for my 65th birthday on the same day.

Alison Hancock.

## ***Messy Church***

The Baptism group are launching a monthly event for children, young people and their families this October. If you would like to get involved please contact Fr. Matthew or Jane. There is a training day arranged for the 12th September. To reserve a place on the training day please see Fr. Matthew.

## ***PCC Meeting***

The next meeting will take place on Monday 19th September at St Agnes after 6.30pm Mass.

## ***The Nativity of the Blessèd Virgin Mary***

There will be a Mass with hymns on Thursday 8th September at 10am at St Agnes' to celebrate the birthday of the Mother of Our Lord.

## ***Holy Cross Day***

There will be a Sung Mass at St Mary's at 11am on 14th September to celebrate the Triumph of the Cross. There will also be a low mass at Holy Trinity at 9.15am

## ***Côr Serenata***

The Annual Concert by Côr Serenata will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm at St Mary's Church. Guest artists include young soloist, and Cor Meibion Aberavon. Tickets £7 each available from Kerry Joshua 07904084888 or Marie Williams on 770833 or pay at the door. Alternatively, as Côr Serenata meet at Blancos every Monday and Wednesday evenings for practice, people can call to Blancos to collect tickets if they wish.

## ***Evensong & Benediction***

Tuesday 6th September at 7pm at St Agnes' Church. All welcome. Refreshments and socialising afterwards.

## ***Mothers' Union***

Another session starts again on Tuesday 6th September at 2.30pm at the Parish Centre. New members always welcome.

## *Harvest Thanksgiving*

The Benefice will gather together at St Mary's Church on the evening of **Wednesday 28th September at 7.00pm** for a harvest celebration service which will be followed by a *Bring and Share* supper in the parish centre. We hope that all of you will make a big effort to be there and celebrate as one people. This service will not include a celebration of the Eucharist, but will reflect the harvest themes of thanksgiving and joy.

We would like volunteers for a singing group to take part in the event, so please let Matthew Lewis know if you are interested.

During the harvest supper in the hall we will play games and enjoy some entertainment.

**This is an event to which you can ( and should) invite your friends, and tell them they are guests so they do not have to bring anything with them.**

Let's party as a family as we thank God for his blessings and remember those in need.



## *Responsibility Llandaff Faith in Action*

The next collection of "red boxes" and donations will commence on Sunday the 25th September for year ending the 30th September. This is a well established Benefice initiative with the individual church representatives being Christine Howe at St Agnes', Mary McCarthy at St Mary's, Joan Richards at Holy Trinity and Tony Llewellyn at St Paul's. If you would like to support this Benefice initiative, then please contact your Church representative. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

***Tony Llewellyn, Benefice Co-ordinator.***



They led the congregation in “Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

## *Prayers and aid still needed*

The population in the Dadaab refugee camp in eastern Kenya is estimated to have swelled to about 450,000. About 1000 refugees continue to arrive each day at the camp, which is the world's biggest, as the drought in the Horn of Africa goes on. The associate director of World Vision in Kenya, Tobias Oloo, visited the camp last month. It opened in 1991 and was intended to hold 90,000 people. He said that a stream of weak and malnourished refugees were still flooding into the camp, mainly from Somalia.

World Vision, in partnership with Shelter-Box, has donated 5000 tents. Mr Oloo said that they were also providing new arrivals with kits containing cooking utensils and mosquito nets. "No one knows the exact number [of refugees], but it's more than 400,000. People keep coming in. There are many women and children who are sick and tired and malnourished. Some have TB.

"There are a number of 'push' and 'pull' factors. One 'push' factor is the conflict in Somalia, while the 'pull' factor is the security and food on offer in Kenya." He said it was vital that the root causes of the disaster be addressed by aid agencies and world governments. A political solution to the conflict in Somalia needed to be a priority, and food-security programmes needed to be improved in the region, so that "we do not find ourselves in this situation again."

One of the recipients of a tent was Baaf Guled, aged 50, his wife, Mimino, and their six children, who had endured a 12-day trek from Mogadishu to get to Dadaab. He said that he had left Somalia because of the violence and hunger, and was relieved to receive shelter, having feared for his family because of mosquitoes and the threat of malaria.

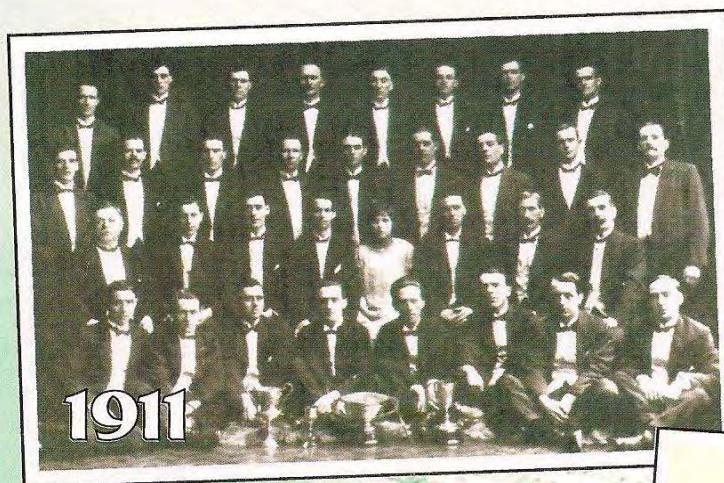
Mike Pattison, World Vision's shelter expert, said that 5000 of the tents would protect people not only from the elements but from snakes and insects. They would, however, constitute only 12 per cent of the 40,000 needed to meet the present demand at the camp.

The International Development Secretary, Andrew Mitchell, was in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, for a brief visit recently. He said that 400,000 children were at risk of starvation in the country. He pledged a further £29 million in aid from the UK. Aid distribution is still being hampered by the Islamic militant group al-Shabaab, which controls many parts of the country outside Mogadishu.

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## *Study Group*

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The need to read the Bible and work out what it says to us in each generation is really important, as is the discussion of issues that affect every day life.

This is one of the Seven Sacred Spaces, and this meeting held once every month is open to every one, whether or not they actually go to church. It could just be that they want to learn more about the Christian Faith.

In September we will be starting to look at the basics of the Faith just as we do in confirmation classes.

Using a book all about Anglican beliefs we will use the Bible to help us relate to what we know; why we believe and what we believe. This will be a follow on from the giving out of and teaching on the Catechism last Lent.

Why not think about coming along? It isn't frightening, and it is always the case that there is something we once knew but have forgotten of which we can be reminded.

If we don't know our faith we can't share it. Why not bring a friend with you too? That can only be a good thing.

## *Prayer Group*

Our monthly prayer group resumes on Tuesday 20th September after a summer break.

When we meet together we use a variety of types of prayer and bring before God not just the needs of the world and people we know, but ourselves. We open our hearts to God in silence: no one else knows what we are thinking.

The prayer group meets most months on the third Tuesday of the month at St Agnes at 7.00pm.

This is also one of the things that links into the Seven Sacred Spaces.

## *St Paul's Church Hall*

Fr Matthew is currently engaging in a discussion with the congregation at St Paul's to see how the now defunct hall might be redeveloped, enlarged and put to better use.

It is hoped that as a result of these discussions there will be some plan to put to the PCC at its next meeting on the 19th September.

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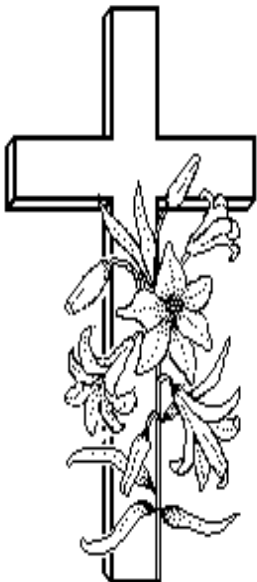
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6th September 2011	Colossians 2: 6-15	Luke 6: 12-19
7th September 2011	Colossians 3: 1-11	Luke 6: 20-26
8th September 2011	Micah 5: 1-4	Matthew 1: 1-16. 18-23
9th September 2011	1 Timothy 1: 1-2. 12-14	Luke 6: 39-42
10th September 2011	1 Timothy 1: 15-17	Luke 6: 43-49
12th September 2011	1 Timothy 2: 1-8	Luke 7: 1-10
13th September 2011	1 Timothy 3: 1-13	Luke 7: 11-17
14th September 2011	Numbers 21: 4-9	John 3: 13-17
15th September 2011	1 Timothy 4: 12-16	Luke 7: 36-50
16th September 2011	1 Timothy 6: 2-12	Luke 8: 1-3
17th September 2011	1 Timothy 6: 13-16	Luke 8: 4-15
19th September 2011	Ezra 1: 1-6	Luke 8: 16-18
20th September 2011	Ezra 6: 7-8. 12. 14-20	Luke 8: 19-21
21st September 2011	Ephesians 4: 1-7. 11-13	Matthew 9: 9-13
22nd September 2011	Haggai 1: 1-8	Luke 9: 7-9
23rd September 2011	Haggai 1: 15 – 2: 9	Luke 9: 18-22
24th September 2011	Zechariah 2: 5-9. 14-15	Luke 9: 43-45
26th September 2011	Zechariah 8: 1-8	Luke 9: 46-50
27th September 2011	Zechariah 8: 20-23	Luke 9: 51-56
28th September 2011	Nehemiah 2: 1-8	Luke 9: 57-62
29th September 2011	Daniel 7: 9-10. 13-14	John 1: 47-51
30th September 2011	Baruch 1: 15-22	Luke 10: 13-16
1st October 2011	Baruch 4: 5-12. 27-29	Luke 10: 17-24

## *NHS Wales*

I have received a leaflet recently from NHS Wales regarding a new system which is being introduced in our Health system, called an Individual Health Record.

Here is a summary from the leaflet:

" Information about your health is valuable to doctors looking after you when you are unwell. It helps them to make decisions about your care. In time, every GP practice in Wales will be invited to take part in the new service called The Individual Health Record. This will mean that your information can be shared with local doctors, nurses pharmacists and other medical staff who are going to look after you if you are ill and need advice or assistance outside normal GP surgery hours, or in an emergency.

The new record will contain a summary of important information from your GP medical record including:

- Your name, address and contact details
- Current medication
- Allergies or other adverse reactions
- Current problems or diagnosis

Only doctors and nurses working for the 'Out of hours Service' will be able to look at your record on computer if they need to treat you when your surgery is closed. They must also ask if you agree to this before they look at your information.

If you are unconscious NHS Wales staff may look at your record.

There are strict controls to ensure that your personal information is protected and you can refuse permission to look at details. You can also tell your GP that you do not want your information to be available outside your GP surgery.

Your GP practice will have more information if you have any queries."

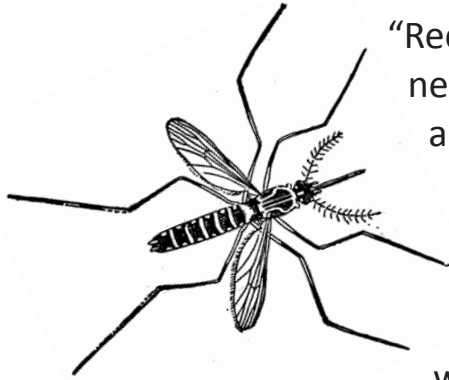
You can see this information is important to all of us and why I wish to share it with you.



## *Singing the message*

Anglican church choirs in Mozambique have been leading a campaign against malaria by appearing on television and singing about the disease in talent-shows.

The Bishop of Lebombo, the Rt Revd Dinis Sengulane, said: "Young people are very involved in the church, and there has been a wonderful growth of choirs. They compete on TV, and often come first or second.



"Recently, they were singing about malaria. Malaria is a killer; we need to educate people and explain the implications. Anglicans are at the forefront of this campaign, with other religious groups."

He blamed medical research companies in the West for focusing their attention on diseases of the developed world. "Malaria is a disease of poor nations, and remains with us after generations."

In Mozambique, more children die of malaria than of any other disease. It accounts for more than 60 per cent of all paediatric admissions, and is responsible for 30 per cent of all deaths registered in hospitals.

**Christian Aid** has an on-going campaign to provide nets to protect children against the mosquito at night. Their adverts are to be found everywhere - even in public toilets - urging people to use their mobile phones to text £3 to their funds - that is all it needs to buy a tent. Your money, sent earlier this year, helps such work as this.



Through our giving and our commitment to other people we are part of the work that takes place throughout the world to help the poorest and most deprived. We cannot even begin to consider cutting back on our mission and charitable work: without it people die.

Thank you all for your continued generosity.

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## Fund raising Quiz

A quiz to raise money for the Benefice funds will be held at St Agnes' Church on Wednesday 5th October 2011 7pm for 7.15pm.

## Evensong and Benediction

Tuesday 4th October at St Agnes' at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments and a chat afterwards.

## Meet the new Curate

Our new assistant curate will be at St Agnes' on Saturday 1st October from 10am to 12pm when the regular Saturday coffee morning takes place, so that you can all come along and meet him informally before the Sunday services, when obviously he can't be in two places at once, and there is not the same amount of time to chat with everyone. For every person who comes to meet Ben the first cuppa is on the Rector!

## Conkers? Bonkers? or just plain safe?

A cordon was placed around a large horse-chestnut tree on Cathedral Green, in Exeter, last month, so that people cannot sit beneath it. One visitor to Exeter said: "We thought the cordon had been erected for bonkers health and safety reasons, to stop conkers landing on people's heads."

But no - it's more serious than that:

Tree experts have said that the tree, which is the responsibility of Exeter Cathedral, is lacking moisture. A spokesman for the Cathedral, Paul Snell, said that the ground beneath the tree was being compacted. When the conkers fall, in the autumn, "they will be gathered up, so they cannot be used as missiles," he said.



## *St Agnes' Friends present*

**Clueless? - a 'guess who did it' evening**

in the church on 19th October at 7pm Tickets £5 including refreshments.

## *St Mary's Friends present*

**A night of comedy and fun**

on Wednesday 12th October at 7pm at Dylan's Bar, Cwmavon. Tickets £6 including buffet.

## *Benefice fundraiser*

**A night of music and singing with**

The Porthcawl Ukulele Band (Roger Slennett and his gang) who have performed on the BBC will be with us on 25th November at St Agnes' Church. All proceeds to the Benefice funds.



## *Stone work delay*

The delay in finishing the work at St Agnes' has been caused by a failure of the quarry to supply the stone for the work that has to be completed. The builder hopes to be back on site on the 12th September.

# *October Devotions to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham*



St Thomas' Church, Clydach Vale is the venue for this year's October devotions. Clydach Vale is in the Rhondda Valley, and Fr Nigel was vicar there for ten years.

**This is an ideal opportunity for all who were unable to get to Walsingham this year to make a short journey to honour Jesus and Mary and see old friends.**

**Saturday October 8th, 12 noon Sung Mass.  
Sprinkling, Procession and Benediction at 2.30p.m.**

**A packed lunch will be required.**

Names for the bus to Linda Lewis as soon as possible, please.

telephone 01639 892661

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## *Ordination*

Ben Rabjohns will be ordained deacon at Llandaff Cathedral on Friday 30th September at 7.00pm. It would be good if a number of us could be there to witness the ordination and bid him welcome to the Benefice. Please put your name on the lists at the back of each church if you wish to come on the bus. It is intended that Ben will live at Ynys Y Gored.

**God our Father, Lord of all the world, through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church: hear our prayer for your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love, and give to your servant Ben now preparing for his ordination as a deacon the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.**

**Amen**

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## *Sunday Worship*

9.15am	Holy Eucharist St Agnes' Church Forge Road
9.15am	Holy Eucharist St Paul's Church Pendarvis Terrace
11.00am	Holy Eucharist St Mary's Church St Mary's Place
11.00am	Holy Eucharist Holy Trinity Church Fairway
6.00pm	Evening Prayer St Paul's Church Pendarvis Terrace

## *Weekday Worship*

### **Monday**

6.30pm	Holy Eucharist St Agnes' Church Forge Road
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*(10am on Bank Holidays)*

### **Tuesday**

10.00am	Holy Eucharist St Paul's Church Pendarvis Terrace
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### **Wednesday**

9.30am	Holy Eucharist Holy Trinity Church Fairway
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11.00am	Holy Eucharist St Mary's Church St Mary's Place
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### **Thursday**

10.00am	Holy Eucharist St Agnes' Church Forge Road
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For times of services on Holy Days please  
consult the parish website  
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