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To be one hundred years old is quite an achievement for anyone - even though our bodies do show significant signs of age if we ever reach that grand age!

When a church building is 100 years old it is also a great achievement, and a reminder of the witness that has taken place over the last one hundred years. But sadly the building also starts to show the ravages of time, just like our own bodies. That is why it will be good to launch The Friends of St Paul's Church in its Centenary Year, to help bring together people with an interest in and care for the fabric of the building that was dedicated on the 6th June 1911.

But a building, like our bodies, might outlive its usefulness. Designed, constructed and used to meet a particular need at a particular time in history the danger with buildings is to believe that they must be preserved without change for ever: and that causes problems.

In some places the centres of population move, and the buildings in that area are no longer needed. Over the years villages have often disappeared. Some have simply vanished completely and although mentioned in historical writings no one is really sure where precisely they once stood. Many places mentioned in the Anglo Saxon Chronicles of the 9th Century cannot be identified today, and people have to make guesses as to where they might have been. Other places become absorbed into larger urban areas, and whilst some place names remain the actual village itself is simply surrounded by and overtaken by the development of larger towns that become cities.

This has happened everywhere: in Cardiff people forget that places like Fairwater, Llandaff and Ely were not in Cardiff until well into the 20th Century. In the area we now call London many names survive, but the 'villages' are long gone. London was, and is technically even now, just one square mile. Westminster, Chelsea, Hammersmith, Fulham, Worlds End, Kensington, Paddington, all these were separated from each other at one time by open spaces and dirt track roads. Within our own community we have seen the growth of an area that is now generally known as Port Talbot, but which contains within it the remains of old settlements like Afan - Aberavon.

When communities change - when they grow or shrink - inevitable changes are found in the buildings that these communities comprise. Houses are built - or

knocked down: pubs are opened - or closed: shops grow in size - or go out of business. For century after century these changes have taken place. And as each century has passed the Church has to respond to these changes; often abandoning buildings where they are no longer needed and building new ones elsewhere.

But in recent years there has been a new move on the part of the Church at large to ask a more radical question about the use of buildings. Should we just close, knock down, abandon: or should we see how we might adapt our buildings to a different usage, where worship and other activity can take place side by side, thus remaining as a witness to the living God whilst also being a resource to the local community it was meant to serve.

In our own Diocese places like Cwmaman, in the Cynon Valley, have redesigned the interior of the church to include play facilities, a proper kitchen, a useable and necessary worship area complete with typical Anglican altar, font etc, and even a computer suite. The use of the building has grown, and it is no longer in danger of closing, nor in the dire state of repair it had endured since I was a child a few miles further up the valley. Nothing has been lost, and indeed a great deal has been gained as the community come to see once again that this place is *their* building. A renewed sense of ownership has brought huge advantages to both church and village.

This sort of change takes three things: vision, courage and commitment.

Vision

We must know *why* we think it is important to serve our communities and what part our buildings can play in that desire to serve.

Courage

We must be willing to face the criticism, the determined misunderstanding of our purpose and sometimes even the outright hostility of those who will object to what we think might be right.

Commitment

We must not back out once the project is in hand: we must be willing to see it through to the end.

Lots of places have embarked upon the sort of renewal of their church life and the regeneration of their buildings, and the Diocese is organising a trip to Bath on Thursday 16th June to visit four churches that have looked at the challenge of how to engage properly with what their communities need in the Twenty First Century.

I think this trip could be of great value to us, and I would encourage some of you to go along. It will cost £10 - but I am prepared to pay for those who wish to go but feel they cannot afford it.

The trip will visit:

- Holy Trinity, Combe Down
- St Luke's, Wellway
- St Michael's Without
- St Swithin's, Walcot

and promises to provide:

- How we find a vision for our local church and community
- Practical steps to project planning
- First-hand accounts of the experiences of parishes which have modernised and enhanced their churches

Denise has the details of how to book, but we obviously need to act quickly to get a place.

In all our churches we can either decide to sit back and do nothing, or we can pray, consult, think and act positively to see how best we can preserve the best of what we love and offer it to future generations for use in a manner that meets real need. We can allow ourselves to be intimidated, ridiculed and bullied into doing nothing by others who do little to make the building safe, secure and necessary, or we can ask God for the grace to accept the challenges of our age and move forward into his kingdom with the same zeal the apostles went forth after Pentecost.

Life need never be dull, boring or uninspiring in the Church: and life is filled with challenges.

With every good wish and with prayers

Nigel Canice

Fr Nigel.

200 Club St Mary's

The winner for May was number 9, Diane Jones.

The £10 annual subscription for the 200 Club is now due. Please pay to any of the following: Barbara Morris, Christine Morris or Marina Williams.

Congratulations

To Dorothy and Danny Bird who will be celebrating their Emerald Wedding this month.

Thank You

Dennis Fowler wishes to thank all his friends in the parish who sent him cards and gifts on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

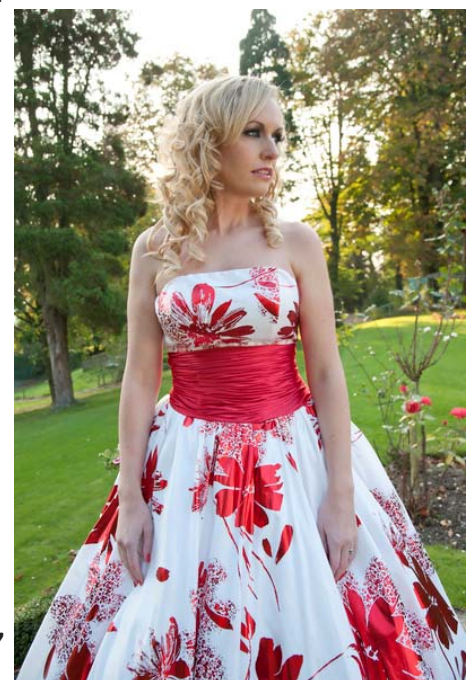
Men's Fellowship Group

Thank you to Susan Jones and Joan Oxley for catering for the Men's Fellowship group on 16th May.

Friends of St Agnes' Concert

On Monday 20th June the Friends of St Agnes' are proud to present a concert by Samantha Link.

Samantha is a professional singer who, since starting a family, with her husband Lee, has settled back in South Wales. Samantha works as cabaret artist all over the UK and abroad, from casinos, hotels to corporate events. In November 2009, her album 'Beginnings' was featured as album of the week on BBC radio Wales' Chris Needs show. Also, in 2009, Samantha was awarded Welsh female singer of the year from the Welsh Entertainment Federation. On St David's Day March 2010, she was honoured to be asked to entertain the Chelsea Pensioners at the Royal Hospital in London. In May 2010, she received the UK female singer award from the National Entertainment Federation.



A thank you from your treasurer.

As Benefice treasurer I feel you are all owed a great deal of thanks. Despite the current economic climate you have answered the request of your P.C.C. and increased your giving. The first four months of 2011 show an increase in your giving of around 10% which brings much needed relief to our financial situation.

You have also been extremely generous in your giving to those in greater need and we have been able to send healthy donations to the various charities and missions that we support. As I write the sum we have reached already for U.S.P.G. is in excess of £1,700 overtaking the £1,573 we were able to send in 2010.

Thank you.

As all treasurers do however, I urge you to continue with your generosity, as the future still holds many challenges if we are to see our mission as a Church to continue and grow.

Once again a big thank you to you all.

Mike Howe.

A warning from the Diocese

Changes that came into effect in 2011 by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his last Budget means that our Diocese will lose approximately £93,000 in Gift Aid claims, as the amount that can be reclaimed from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs has now gone down from 28p in the pound to 25p in the pound. (It started off at 33p in the pound!)

The Diocesan Resources Officer recently wrote to all parishes pointing out that whilst the drop might seem small on each individual amount given each week, it all adds up. So, for example, if you give £10 every week and Gift Aid your collection, then at the end of the year we can only claim back £130, whereas last year we would have had £145.60 back. If we lose £15.60 on 100 donations that's a drop in income for the Benefice of £1560.00 - one quarter of a month's Share.

If you give £40 a week - and some people do - we lose £62.40 every year.

The Diocese has asked whether or not we might be able to increase our giving to make up for this. So, if we Gift Aid £10 every week, would we be able to increase by 30p a week. to £10.30.

They ask us to think and pray for guidance as to what is right for each individual person.

From the Registers

The Faithful Departed

The following have received a Christian Funeral:

Eileen Evans
John Roberts
Vivian Haydn Bennett

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



Baptisms

Please pray for

Tia Amber Jade Thelwall
Lloyd Tarquin Taylor Thelwall
Sophie O'Sullivan
Martha Louise Fleming
Cameron Walsh



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

The Friends of St. Mary's

The Friends of St. Mary's would like to extend a warm thank you to all in the benefice who supported our first event, and helped to make it the success that it undoubtedly was. May we thank those that made contributed to the food, and those that added to the atmosphere of the evening by being present. Tonna Male Voice Choir was overwhelmed with the friendliness of the reception they received, and every chorister commented on the fantastic spread that was on offer. To this we owe you a debt of gratitude.

This was the first evening of many that the Friends are planning to arrange, and we hope that they will each grow in popularity, but we will always strive to maintain the quality set by this first event and by you.

Cerys Mills

Communicant figures for April 2011

3rd	150
10th	145
17th	162
25th	176

Weddings

We congratulate

Andrew William Robinson
and Emma Dawn Harwood

Dennis Terrance Angell
and Linda Rose Roach

who were married last month.



Age Cymru

Jennifer Lewis and Avril Williams recently attended a conference in Cardiff, hosted by Age Cymru. They had two main concerns in which you may be interested.

The first was regarding people over 65 and their reluctance to use computers and therefore the Internet.

Over the next few years, many organizations intend to conduct their business exclusively over the internet and thus many people will be excluded from their services.

Age Cymru, along with the Welsh Government are trying to encourage more of us to use computers and there are several ways we can do this. Neath Port Talbot College holds computer classes, Glanafan School holds Silver Surfer Groups (phone 01639 618334)and local libraries have computers which can be used for free, with staff on hand trained and willing to help. You can also ask your friends for help and advice. There are many benefits to using the internet. Bills can be paid, games played, shopping can be done and we can contact friends and relatives cheaply.

The second concern was that we are not aware of the services provided by our Community Pharmacies.

Our Pharmacists are well qualified to help us make decisions about the tablets we take, how they should be used and the effects they may have on us. Medicines which are prescribed and never used, cost the Welsh National Health Service almost £50 million pounds every year. The pharmacists advice is available seven days a week without appointments. They are also able to provide us with flu vaccinations, blood pressure and diabetes tests, advice on giving up smoking and guidance on healthy eating and exercise all of which could relieve pressure on our surgeries. We are also urged to return unused medicines and tablets to the pharmacies for disposal.

It was a very interesting, informative and thought provoking day and I hope this information will be found to be useful.

Avril Williams

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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

For July 2011 17th June

and for items sent by email directly to the Rector:

For July 2011 24th June

Thank you letters

We have received letters of thanks for charitable donations made, and this is what they have said:

From Traidcraft

Thank you for your recent generous donation of £136.40, on behalf of your Fair Trade Benefice to Traidcraft Exchange. Your gift is especially welcome in these challenging economic times.

As you know Traidcraft believes that it is trade not aid that will make a difference in the long term to the lives of poor people. People like Tom Lengotiek, a Kenyan beekeeper who has benefited from one of our projects:

“I can now say thank you... Even if we have not met we are now coming

together. The help and support has come through. You are very close to us...”

Your donation will help us to continue all our vital development work – helping more people like Tom gain confidence.

Yours sincerely

Kim Mayman,

Supporter Relations Team

From Let the Children Live

We most gratefully acknowledge receipt of your kind donation of £324.50 to support our work with the street children in Colombia. Life for these boys and girls – some of whom are only six years of age – is a constant struggle, and they are exposed to great dangers. Although the level of violence in Medellin has fallen considerably in recent years, the numbers of children who are at risk in the streets and shanty-towns are as great as ever. Some of these youngsters actually live in the street, and for them we provide food and medical care whilst trying to arrange for them to return home – if that is possible – or to enter residential care. Others are children who live in the shanty-towns but who work in the street. They survive by begging, by prostitution or by sorting through rubbish to find things that can be recycled. We try to resolve the family and economic problems that are forcing them to work, and then to make it possible for them to go to school and to leave the street and all its dangers behind. The effects of inflation and currency fluctuations have caused the

pound to lose 43% of its purchasing power in Colombia since 2006. Sadly, this has forced us to make drastic cutbacks. Our community programme which was helping to prevent 200 children in the shanty-towns from coming onto the street has had to be closed; and nine of our dedicated staff - a third of our workforce in Colombia - have had to be made redundant.

During 2010 the value of the pound has continued to fall and the recession has reduced our income, causing us to make yet more cutbacks. We are therefore especially grateful for your generous support at this difficult time; it will help us to continue to care for more than 600 children who rely on our help. Please keep the street-children and Fr Peter and his team in your prayers.

With many good wishes,
Pauline Allan, Administrator.

from the British Red Cross

Thank you for your kind donation of £413.60 in response to the Japanese Tsunami appeal.

Since the disaster began, the Japanese Red Cross has been providing people in need with first aid and emergency health care, as well as distributing essential relief items. The Japanese Red Cross is helping to fit out 70,000 temporary homes with an appliance package that comprises key domestic items such as rice cookers,

microwave ovens and kettles. 280,000 people in the three hardest hit areas will benefit from your help.

With best wishes
The British Red Cross.

Note: 280,000 is ten times as many people as live in our Benefice - twice the population of Neath Port Talbot County Borough.

When you read these thank you letters you begin to appreciate how very important it is to continue our giving to missionary societies and aid agencies. All four churches now donate their weekly coffee morning money to mission or charity work, and I am sure that this spirit of giving will really benefit us in the long term, as we constantly look beyond ourselves to the needs of others so very much worse off than we are.

Christian Aid Concert

The schools concert held on Tuesday 24th May as part of the Port Talbot Town Festival raised £500 for Christian Aid. It was a truly great evening, and Tywyn, Traethmelyn, Sandfields and Tir Morfa Primary excelled themselves. We are grateful to them for taking part with such enthusiasm, and to all who supported and made the event possible.

Just a thought

By Simon Burton



Phobias.

Before the election I had a leaflet through the door from the BNP and my first reaction was to bin it, but I thought I would have a look to see what they were saying. It was, sadly, as I expected: anti immigration and anti Islamic and it duly went in the recycling bin.

What saddened me even further, and indeed shocked me was when I was speaking to people about it later in the day. I began to realise just how homophobic, Islam-phobic and xenophobic so many people are. People I thought were tolerant and decent suddenly start spouting their hatred of gays, Muslims, and anyone who is not British, white, heterosexual, and on State benefits.

In my conversation I started to say that these people are human beings and deserved respect, but I just got the old reply that Enoch Powell was right and these people should be sent back to the land of their origin.

Jesus taught us to love our neighbours as ourselves, and He meant humankind, not just the folks next door. I have gay friends, Muslim friends and black friends, all of whom are decent human beings, hard working and who have respect for others even if they do not agree with their own ideals.

I find Many of the right wing views that I read and that were expressed to me to be similar to the sort of things Hitler stood for in the 1930`s.



My worry is that talking to a very small group of people who were agreeing with these views and were considering voting for the BNP, if this was multiplied throughout the country this abhorrent organization could get a real foothold on the political ladder.

As Christians we must remember our Lords teaching and treat others as we would want to be treated ourselves.

Letter from Australia

Dear Glenys and all members of Aberavon Mothers' Union

Hello everyone, I hope you are all very well, what a changeable world we live in, how terrible in Japan you must be glad the winter is finished, yes. We are getting a start of autumn with really beautiful colours in the leaves, the Dahlias are out around town, so many beautiful colours and sizes and the Tibochinas a glorious purple, neighbours across the street both have them out in bloom, do you have them over there? It may be too cold.



That is wonderful news about your girl so your town must be close to the sea is it? We are 11 km by road from the ocean. When the kids were small on the very hot summer days we would milk early then drive to the beach for them to have a swim then we always had fish and chips for tea. We have lots of memories of fun things done with the children like on Empire night in May, we used to build a big bonfire and let fireworks off (now we can't even by crackers) or have a picnic day with 3 legged races, egg and spoon races, and pin the tail on the donkey while being blindfolded.

We have 5 other churches in our town so each year we go to a different one, this year it was the Christian Life Centre, not many were there and the program was very inspirational, we are so lucky in our countries that women have every chance in life.

We said a prayer in church on Sunday 3rd for Marilyn and we are very grateful for the love our church gives when we have troubles in life. In 1974 Paul was 17 and in the Navy, he had an accident on a training course, we got word at 10pm and I had to get to Sydney next morning, we had an Order of St Luke Branch so they started a prayer chain immediately which really was powerful and Christ answered our prayers. He is a part quadriplegic, but looks after himself completely, in Brisbane this last year he has been making jam and chutneys with pie melons or jam melons, very good they are too.

I have been in the Mothers' Union since 1963 and I have made the Simnel Cake for quite a few years and this year I think it was the best one. I don't know whether we will have a Passover meal this year as our Rector has just had a hip replacement and we only have a part time minister for 3 days a week.

You have a big day coming up with the Royal Prince William and Kate, I hope they have a really fine day and a very happy life together.

Lots of love and God's Blessings to all from Heather, Doreen and Joan.

Archbishop praises St John Wales

The Archbishop of Wales praised the charity St John Wales for being “unashamedly Christian” at a service to install the charity’s new prior on Saturday 14th May. Dr Barry Morgan said the charity, while not restricted to Christians in its membership or in those it helped, refused to shy away from its Christian roots in, what some see, as a secular society.

He was speaking at a service at Llandaff Cathedral at which the Duke of Gloucester installed Dan Clayton-Jones as the new prior, as well as 40 new members of the Order of St John, including BBC broadcaster Roy Noble.



The Archbishop said, “St John was founded on Christian principles and it is not ashamed to say so at a time when there are people who believe that Christianity ought to have nothing to say about any public issue, but ought to be restricted to what individuals do in private.

“For them, Christian faith and practice ought not to impinge on any aspect of public life but be reserved for what a person does with his leisure time. They argue that we live in a totally secular state and that any form of religious belief is outmoded and ought not to influence any public policy. Thank God then that you are willing to stress your Christian roots and that you are not ashamed of your Christian principles. Secularists tend to forget that the cultural and social values of this country were and are shaped by the Christian Gospel and that Gospel does not seek to eliminate but tolerate difference.”

He added that real happiness is found when we help other people. He said, “Voluntary organisations such as St John remind us in a very tangible way that serving our fellow human beings is the way to true happiness and fulfilment.”

Please look at page 25 for the dates of all the Centenary celebrations at St Paul’s.

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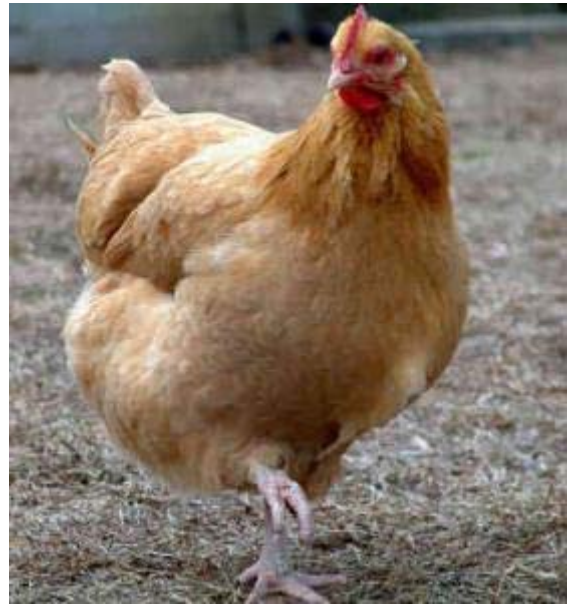
Daily Scripture Readings

6 th June 2011	Acts 19: 1-8	John 16: 29-33
7 th June 2011	Acts 20: 17-27	John 17: 1-11
8 th June 2011	Acts 20: 28-38	John 17: 11-19
9 th June 2011	Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11	John 17: 20-26
10 th June 2011	Acts 25: 13-21	John 21: 15-19
11 th June 2011	Acts 11: 21-26; 13: 1-3	Matthew 10: 7-13
13 th June 2011	2 Corinthians 6: 1-10	Matthew 5: 38-42
14 th June 2011	2 Corinthians 8: 1-9	Matthew 5: 43-48
15 th June 2011	2 Corinthians 9: 6-11	Matthew 6: 1-6. 16-18
16 th June 2011	2 Corinthians 11: 1-11	Matthew 6: 7-15
17 th June 2011	2 Corinthians 11: 18. 21-30	Matthew 6: 19-23
18 th June 2011	2 Corinthians 12: 1-10	Matthew 6: 24-34
20 th June 2011	2 Timothy 2: 8-13; 3: 10-12	John 12: 24-26
21 st June 2011	Genesis 13: 2. 5-18	Matthew 7: 26. 12-14
22 nd June 2011	Genesis 15: 1-12. 17-18	Matthew 7: 15-20
23 rd June 2011	Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16	John 6: 51-58
24 th June 2011	Jeremiah 1: 4-10	Luke 1: 5-17
25 th June 2011	Genesis 18: 1-5	Matthew 8: 5-17
27 th June 2011	Genesis 18: 16-33	Matthew 8: 18-22
28 th June 2011	Genesis 19: 15-29	Matthew 8: 23-27
29 th June 2011	Acts 12: 1-11	Matthew 16: 13-19
30 th June 2011	Genesis 22: 1-9	Matthew 9: 1-8
1 st July 2011	Genesis 23: 1-4. 19; 24: 1-8. 62-67	Matthew 9: 9-13
2 nd July 2011	Genesis 27: 1-5. 15-29	Matthew 9: 14-17

Cathedral helps set up chicken farm

Generous parishioners in Llandaff raised a record amount for this year's Cathedral Lent appeal. They donated more than £8,200 to set up a chicken farm at a school in Zambia.

The Dean of Llandaff, John Lewis, thanked all who contributed. He said, "I am really thrilled at the generosity of people this year, particularly because we are in a recession and are all feeling the pinch financially. We've raised at least £3,000 more than we usually do."



"This money will help set up a chicken farm at a school in Zambia to provide an income for the school and local community, as well as teach children about poultry and how to grow small crops using chicken manure in their gardens. The sale of the chickens will also cover children's school fees, enabling more children to go to school."

Llandaff Cathedral also achieved another record this year - for the number of people attending Easter services. Those taking Communion at the five services celebrating the festival totalled more than 1,000 for just the second time in 20 years. The Cathedral was full for its three main services – the Paschal Vigil with Confirmation on Easter Eve, the Parish family service at 9am and the Choral service at 10.45am, at which the Archbishop of Wales preached. The Dean said, "We were delighted so many people celebrated Easter with us. Holy Week generally was very successful and we were very grateful to Fr Nicolas Stebbing of the Community of the Resurrection who conducted services throughout the week."

Llandaff Festival 2011

The Cathedral's annual Festival runs this year from the 25th June to the 3rd July. The full programme of events is printed on pages 20 and 21, and it would be really good if some of you could make it to Llandaff at some time to offer support to the Mother Church of the Diocese.

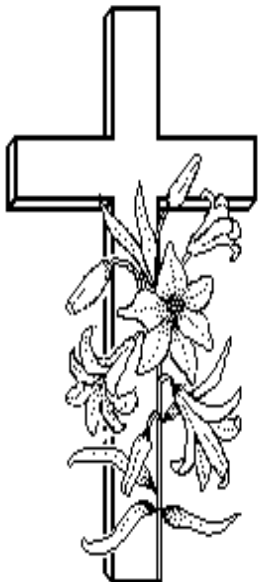
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Cathedral Festival Programme:

Afternoon teas and light suppers are available daily, except Wednesday, from 4pm.

Light lunches are available from 12 noon on Tuesday. There is a licensed bar from 6pm daily, except Wednesday, in the Festival Marquee and Terrace. Champagne and Canapés on Sunday 3 July, from 12 noon: Tickets (£15 adult, £7.50 child) are available at the Cathedral from one week before the Festival and during all events.

Saturday 25 June

17:15 Open Rehearsal – Llandaff Cathedral Choir

This is a unique opportunity to get an insight into how the Cathedral Choir rehearses 'behind the scenes' for the choral services of the Cathedral. Directed by Richard Moorhouse, Organist & Master of the Choristers, the Cathedral Choir will rehearse in the Chancel of the Cathedral in preparation for Festal Choral Evensong.

18:00 Festal Choral Evensong for Opening Day

Sunday 26 June

15:30 Choral Evensong

16:45 Organ Recital – James Norrey (Llandaff Cathedral): Programme to include works by Dietrich Buxtehude, Louis Vierne, Herbert Howells and Marcel Dupré performed on the new Nicholson of Malvern organ.

Monday 27 June

18:00 Choral Evensong

19:30 Dance! – RWCMD Symphonic Brass

J. S. Bach's magnificent and virtuosic Third Brandenburg Concerto is matched with repertoire which celebrates the spirit of dance across the ages, from 16th century Germany to modern day jazz-inspired settings of traditional Balkan music. Guaranteed to get your toes tapping!

Tuesday 28 June

13:15 Lunchtime Classics – RWCMD Chamber Winds. Refresh Body, Mind and Soul by joining us in the Festival Marquee and Terrace for lunch, followed by the glory of Haydn and Beethoven set in the splendour of Llandaff Cathedral.

18:00 Choral Evensong

19:30 Jazz Standards – Chris Gilligan and Friends

Outstanding young jazz pianist Chris Gilligan returns to the Festival this year with Chris Hyson (bass), Lloyd Haines (drums) and Stuart Power (guitar) in an evening of classic jazz standards. Reflect and relax in the cool calm of the Cathedral.

Wednesday 29 June

17:30 Choral Evensong

19:30 Piano Recital – Tianhong Tang (RWCMD)

Tianhong is from Wuhan, China. She became the RWCMD's first Steinway Scholar in 2009 and was joint winner of the RWCMD Concerto Competition during her first term of study at the College. Tianhong's debut in Llandaff Cathedral is not to be missed.

Thursday 30 June

18:00 Choral Evensong

19:30 WNO Instrumentalists

including Joanne Boag (soprano) and James Southall (piano)

Programme to include Poulenc's Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano, Poulenc Songs, Mozart Arias and Mozart's Quintet in E flat major for Piano and Winds.

Friday 1 July

18:00 Choral Evensong

19:30 Venetian Virtuosi – Badinerie and Royal Welsh Sackbuts

A showcase of the most glorious instrumental music from the 17th century European melting pot of musical ideas and development: Venice.

The programme for this concert comprises of works that were composed for wonderful acoustics such as Llandaff Cathedral. Venetian Virtuosi will show off not only this acoustic but also both the virtuosity of the players and the composers themselves.

Saturday 2 July

19:30 Music for Royal Occasions – Llandaff Cathedral Choir

Richard Moorhouse (conductor) and James Norrey (organist)

Llandaff Cathedral Choir performs a concert of Music for Royal Occasions, from Coronations to Weddings. The Choir will perform a magnificent collection of serene and uplifting music which has been composed for Royal Occasions and worship throughout the ages.

Sunday 3 July

10:45 Festival Service of Thanksgiving

Condon Funeral Service



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Friends AGM

The Friends of St Agnes' AGM will be held on Saturday 18th June.

There will be a Sung Mass at 12 noon followed by lunch and a meeting.

The preacher, and the speaker at the AGM, will be The Dean of Llandaff, the Very Reverend John Lewis.

Please look at page 25 for the dates of all the Centenary celebrations at St Paul's Church in June.

Congratulations

We send our good wishes and congratulations to Fr Ben Andrews who will celebrate the 10th anniversary of his ordination as priest on Friday 1st July with a Sung Mass at St Paul's Church, Grangetown, Cardiff. Those of you who know him might wish to join him for the occasion at 7pm.

Fr Colin Amos, Area Dean of Margam and Vicar of Port Talbot, St Theodore has been appointed Vicar of St Augustine's Kilburn in the Diocese of London. There is no date fixed for his move at present.

We wish Fr Colin well, and assure him of our prayers as he prepares to leave Port Talbot after fifteen years.

Our new deacon

Ben Rabjohns will be ordained deacon at Llandaff Cathedral on Friday 30th September at 7.00pm.

Please put the date in your diary now, so that you can be part of the congregation at the Cathedral that evening to pray for, witness and welcome our new member of the clergy team.

Condolences

We offer our deepest sympathy to our Archdeacon, the Venerable Philip Morris on death of his mother, Mary. May she rest in peace.

Penrhys 2011

Despite the high winds the 18 people from the Benefice who went to the Rhondda Valley celebrations in May to honour Our Lady of Penrhys had a very enjoyable day. The preacher was the administrator at Walsingham, Bishop Lyndsey Urwin.

At the Shrine, on top of the mountain between the two Rhondda Valleys, prayers were said, and there was an opportunity to receive the laying on of hands and anointing for healing. When the prayers were over some of the fitter pilgrims went to see the ancient well on the side of the mountain - and discovered on the walk back up that they were not as fit as they thought!

Flower Festival

on the theme

Chocolate



Friday to Sunday
10th - 12th June

St Paul's Church

Pendarvis Terrace Aberavon

Opening Buffet £5 Friday 10th June 7.00pm

**Free Admission on
Saturday & Sunday 11am to 5.00pm**

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St Paul's Church Centenary Programme 2011



The congregation warmly invites you to attend any or all of the events arranged to celebrate St Paul's Centenary.

Sunday 5th June

10.30am Benefice Eucharist at St Paul's

Friday 10th June to Sunday 12th June

Flower Festival on the theme Chocolate

Friday 10th	Opening Buffet 7.00pm	Tickets £5
Saturday 11th	11.00am to 5.00pm	Free Admission
Sunday 12th	11.00am to 5.00pm	Free Admission

Saturday 11th June

Summer Fete in the church grounds 11.00am to 5.00pm

Saturday 25th June 7.00pm

Cymric Choir Centenary Concert Tickets £5

Friday 22nd July

Launch of the Friends of St Paul's 7.00pm in church

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*Don't say you didn't know!
Put these dates in your diary now so that you can
join in the celebrations of one hundred years of
worship and witness at St Paul's*

Nativity Success

The Church Times has reported that the BBC TV drama *The Nativity* walked off with two top prizes at the Sandford St Martin Awards, last month. The four-part drama, written by the *EastEnders* scriptwriter Tony Jordan, was presented with the premier television award and the Radio Times readers' award at Lambeth Palace.

Receiving the award, Mr Jordan spoke of the two years of research that had gone into the programmes, screened at prime time on BBC1 last Christmas.

"The first people I saw were historians and theologians, and every one of them quite patronisingly looked at me over the lunch table and said to me: 'Of course, you know, it didn't really happen.' And then they gave me lots of reasons why the story never happened. . .

I went away, and I kind of accepted that, at the back of my mind, it was a kind of fairy story. Then I started to do the other sort of research I do, which is my day job: looking at characters and stories and trying to find the truth within characters.

And, as I wrote, as I momentarily - between the rum and the cigarettes, and everything else I do in my writing process - try and become Joseph, and try and be that character, and then, ridiculously, try and be Mary, and what do you say when you're faced with an angel? and what does the angel say? and spending those long evenings, two o'clock, three o'clock in the morning, just the four of us alone, I suddenly realised that, s**t, it's true! It was nothing to do with the research. All I can tell you is, you know a truth when you hear it, and I was brought up, and I know b*****t when I hear it, and I came out of that whole process crying and thinking it was true."

Mr Jordan revealed that he had been commissioned to produce a follow-up drama about Noah.

In and out

A number of parishioners have been in and out of hospital and some are receiving regular treatment. We send them the assurance of our prayers and our good wishes, especially remembering:

Elsie Short

Doug Gange

Maisie Davies

Anne Griffiths

Duncan Roberts

and Karen Bailey's grandson Ugo, injured in a motor bike accident in Italy.

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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
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Please contact the Parish Office

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