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From the Rector

November is traditionally thought of as the month of the dead, and it is easy to understand why that should be.

For centuries the Christian Church has begun the month thinking of those whose earthly lives have come to an end, and whom we believe to have found their eternal reward, by celebrating the Feast of All Saints on 1st November, and the very next day thinking of everyone who has died whose eternal state is known only to God alone, and therefore praying for their repose on All Souls' Day.

But the beginning of the Twentieth Century, with its two world wars within a period of thirty years, brought home the need to remember the dead as the nation learned to stop and pause for two minutes silence on Armistice Day and now Remembrance Sunday.

Over the years since 1945 there grew up in this nation a thought that Remembrance Sunday had become redundant. The emphasis on those who died before many of us were born seemed to be misplaced, and a growing demand was heard for a rethink of what was said and done on Remembrance Sunday.

Suddenly, those demands were heeded and a new order of service was eventually produced in the early 1980's to help parishes think more carefully about what was going on, and to reflect the very real understanding that many people no longer remembered the war, and so found it difficult to engage in remembering people they had never known.



Equally suddenly something else changed.

Violence in Northern Ireland escalated, Britain went to war with Argentina over the Falkland Islands, Iraq invaded Kuwait and Britain led the United Nations in forcing its return to sovereignty.

And then the scourge of international terrorism reached new heights and we found ourselves at war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Naturally, we started to see bodies of dead service personnel brought home, and this in turn made us think more carefully about the need for remembrance: not only of the dead but of the living.

Now, as the conflict in Afghanistan continues and the place of troops in Iraq seems almost inevitable (despite timetables for withdrawal)

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the real human cost of armed conflict touches countless numbers of people, family and friends, throughout the UK.

We pray for people to be safe: and our thoughts naturally turn to our own loved ones.

We pray for people to come home: and we think of those closest to us.

We think of the injured and the maimed whose lives will never be the same: and we primarily think of our own nation's wounded.

But armed conflict brings death, injury, disability and destruction to human beings on all sides of such conflicts, and we need to pray for them all, and we need to pray for peace.

People speak often of the "innocent" lives that are lost in war: but all life is precious.

Our God has made us all: we are formed in his image to reflect his glory and love. War, armed conflicts, terrorism, they do nothing to reflect the God of mercy, justice, compassion, love and creation. They undermine his saving love and the work of redemption he brought to fulfilment in the death and resurrection of Jesus. And we need to remember that too: and pray that those who bear responsibility

for placing us in situations where it seems the only way forward is to take up arms will have their hearts and minds turned from the futility of hatred and the ceaseless quest for power, to the ways of reconciliation and the acknowledgment that God does not belong to one part of the human race: we all belong to God, the ONE true living God who must despair at our failure to reflect his love to the world.

On this coming Remembrance Sunday let us call to mind all these things.

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen

With prayers and good wishes

Nigel Canice

Friends of St Mary's & St Paul's

An executive committee has been formed in both churches from those who showed an initial interest, and a constitution adopted.

Registers will be searched and advice taken from people at both churches as to whom we might contact to join the Friends.

The launch of the Friends of St Mary's will be on 6th May 2011 at St Mary's Church and the Friends of St Paul's on 25th June at St Paul's Church.

Brochures explaining what the work of The Friends' groups will be should be available at the beginning of December. Money raised by The Friends' groups will not be available for general church spending, and will be held in accordance with the Constitutions that have been adopted. The groups will not be under the control of the PCC but will work in co-operation with the PCC to maintain the fabric, furniture, fittings, fixtures, organ of each church, as well as some more general work of publicity.

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Congratulations

To Len and Ann Jones who celebrate their Sapphire Wedding Anniversary this month.

To Joan Williams who has recently celebrated her 65th birthday.

Thank You

Betty Samuels would like to thank everyone for the donations to the British Heart Foundation, flowers and sympathy cards sent for the sad loss of her beloved husband John.

200 Club St Mary's

The winner for October is number 13, Peggy Davies.

200 Club Holy

Trinity

The winner for September is Jean Morgan.

Baptism Team Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 8th November at 11am at the Parish Centre.

St Agnes' Manyfold

The winners for September are numbers 67 Margaret Perry £50, 137 Christine Matthews £40 and 47 Dorothy John £25.

Cymric Male Voice Choir Concert

A Concert by the Cymric Male Voice Choir with Guest Artists will take place on Friday 12th November at 7pm at St Mary's Church in aid of the Port Talbot Girl Guides Movement.

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Christmas cards

The idea of not giving Christmas cards to each other, because we see each other in church every week, but making a donation to the Church Army Hostel for young homeless people has certainly caught the imagination.

But a number of people have pointed out that in practice people just put a token £1 coin in the plate, and still hand out cards in church to all and sundry.

It has been suggested by St Mary's that we need to really embrace this, and actually stop handing cards to those we see all the time, and put a realistic £5 in the box, and ONE card on the board in each church.



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Brian argued that Origen slipped into heresy by saying that Plato was essentially Christian

BBC's Bible marathon

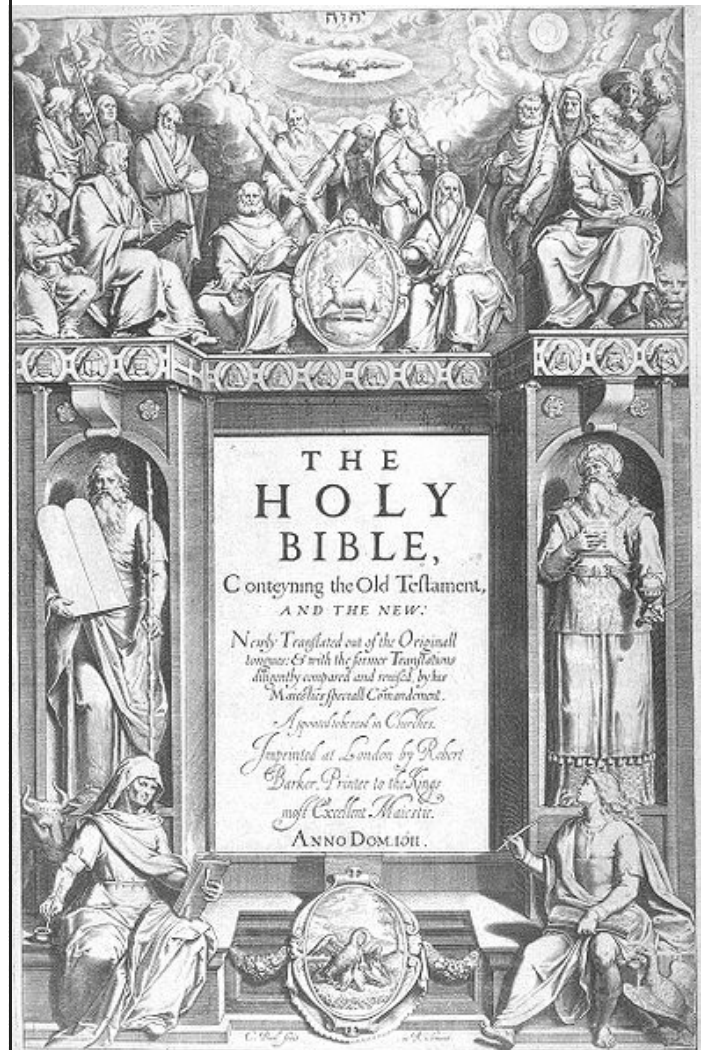
BBC Radio 4 plans to broadcast a day of readings from the Bible early next year to mark the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible.

The radio station will broadcast 28 readings of 15 minutes each, lasting a total of seven hours, during one Sunday in January.

The Biblefresh movement is encouraging churches to mark the anniversary of the King James Bible by increasing Bible reading among churchgoers.

Churches will be offered online resources such as Bible maps and study aids.

Although people often hanker after the lovely sounding phrases of the translation, its language is not that spoken by English speaking people today, and the translation was made using texts that are now not the best available. After all, four hundred years have passed: years in which archaeological digs have uncovered much better original documents from which to translate even more accurate versions of Scripture.



The picture above shows the title page to the 1611 first edition of the Authorized Version Bible by Cornelius Boel shows the Apostles Peter and Paul seated centrally above the central text, which is flanked by Moses and Aaron.

In the four corners sit Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, authors of the four gospels, with their symbolic animals. The rest of the Apostles stand around Peter and Paul.

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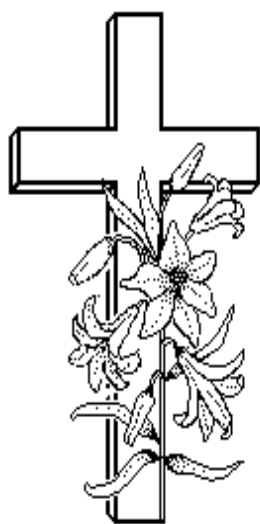
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Callum John Jenkins



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The Faithful Departed

The following have received a Christian funeral:

Olga Curran

Joyce Snook

Margaret Lewis

Richard Hathaway

Elizabeth Paskins

Michael Paul Minshall

We extend our sympathy to their families and friends.

Please pray for the departed and all who mourn their loss.

Important

Please remember that the names of those who have died are not automatically added to the list of persons to be prayed for on the anniversary of their death. You must telephone Denise and ask her to do this if it is something that you want done. You only have to do this once, and they will then be prayed for every year. It is your responsibility to give the correct date of death.

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Cockney Night was 'Robin Hood'

('good')

What to do on a Friday night in October?

How about joining the benefice of Aberavon for a 'hale and hearty' (party) in the parish centre. We enjoyed everything, from the traditional pie and chips to the traditional sing a long song with our very own Matthew Lewis at the piano.

There was an excellent turn out for a well thought out evening. There were people of all age's gathered together for the night, with St Mary's very own Freda taking the biscuit, dressing up as 'my old man's a dustman' and out dancing the young one's.

Good food and a good time was had by all. The evening started with a few 'tiddlywinks' (drinks) among friends, followed by well prepared (fish shop) chips and pie's - which went down very well indeed.

We then progressed to a bit of Irish bingo, and British bingo and to top off the evening Matthew tinkled the ivory key's to golden oldie song's like "Pack up your troubles" and "It's a long way to Tipperary!"

It was lovely to hear so much cheer in the centre and I for one thoroughly enjoyed myself!

I would like to thank everyone who arranged the night, and I will be keeping my diary free for the next evening out.

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Daily Readings from Scripture

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9 th November 2010	Titus 2: 1-8. 11-14	Luke 17: 7-10
10 th November 2010	Titus 3: 1-7	Luke 17: 11-19
11 th November 2010	Philemon 7-20	Luke 17: 20-25
12 th November 2010	2 John 4-9	Luke 17: 26-37
13 th November 2010	3 John 5-8	Luke 18: 1-8
15 th November 2010	Apocalypse 1: 1-4; 2: 1-5	Luke 18: 35-43
16 th November 2010	Apocalypse 3: 1-6. 14-22	Luke 19: 1-10
17 th November 2010	Apocalypse 4: 1-11	Luke 19: 11-28
18 th November 2010	Apocalypse 5: 1-10	Luke 19: 41-44
19 th November 2010	Apocalypse 10: 8-11	Luke 19: 45-48
20 th November 2010	Apocalypse 11: 4-12	Luke 20: 27-40
22 nd November 2010	Apocalypse 14: 1-5	Luke 21: 1-4
23 rd November 2010	Apocalypse 14: 14-19	Luke 21: 5-11
24 th November 2010	Apocalypse 15: 1-4	Luke 21: 12-19
25 th November 2010	Apocalypse 18: 1-2. 21-23; 19: 1-3. 9	Luke 21: 20-28
26 th November 2010	Apocalypse 20: 1-4. 11 – 21: 2	Luke 21: 29-33
27 th November	Apocalypse 22: 1-7	Luke 21 : 34-36
29 th November	Isaiah 2: 1-5	Matthew 8 : 5-11
30 th November	Isaiah 11 : 1-10	Luke 10 : 21-24
1 st December	Isaiah 25 : 6-10	Matthew 15 : 29-37
2 nd December	Isaiah 26 : 1-6	Matthew 7: 21 and 24-27
3 rd December	Isaiah 29 : 17-24	Matthew 9 : 27-31
4 th December	Isaiah 30: 19-21 and 23-26	Matthew 9 : 35 to 10 1 and 6-8

“Snow White’s Christmas Emporium”

“Snow White’s Christmas Emporium” will take place on Saturday 13th November at St Agnes Church at 11am with Christmas Gifts, Handmade Jewellery, Homemade Cakes and Preserves, Second Hand Books and Hot Turkey Rolls. All are welcome.



Remembrance Sunday Benefice Service

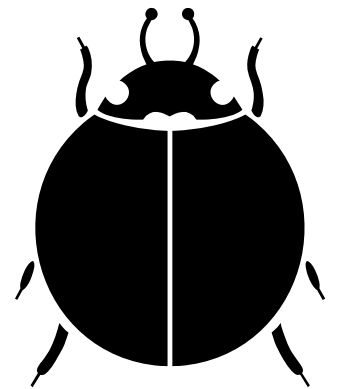
On Sunday 14th November at 10.30am there will be a Remembrance Sunday Benefice Service at St Mary’s Church. There will be no other services that morning.

Mass with Healing

A Mass with the ministry of Healing will take place at St Agnes Church on Monday 15th November at 6.30pm.

Beetle Drive with Buffet

All are invited to join the fun at our next event which is a Beetle Drive with Buffet on Friday 19th November at 7pm at the Parish Centre. Tickets £3.50, available from Church. Bring your own drinks.



PCC Meeting

Please note the next PCC Meeting has been moved from 1st December to Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm at St Paul’s Hall.

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Christmas Fair

Holy Trinity are holding their Christmas Fair on Saturday 20th November at 11am with Homemade Cakes, Christmas Gifts, Refreshments and a visit by Father Christmas. All are welcome.



Benefice Concert by Cor Serenata

The first Benefice fund raising event will take place on Friday 26th November at 7pm at St Agnes Church with a Concert by Cor Serenata. Tickets £5, available from each Church or pay at the door. Everyone is welcome.

Grease Sing-a-long

The Friends of St Agnes Church will be holding a 'Sing-a-long' with songs etc. from the musical 'Grease' on Wednesday 1st December, at the Church, commencing at 7.15pm. Tickets will be £3.50 and will include a 'buffet'. Bring your own wine.

Christmas Coffee Afternoon

All are warmly invited to join us for a Christmas Coffee Afternoon with Seasonal Stalls on Saturday 11th December at 3pm at the Parish Centre. Tickets £3, includes Turkey Roll and Mince Pie, available from Church.

Anyone willing to donate items for the stalls including bottles, tins, small gifts etc please bring to Church or give to Christine Morris.



Church leaders react to Government cuts

The Archbishop of York, Dr Sentamu, said it was "madness" to cut investment from public services and communities after the Government unveiled its cuts to public spending in the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) last month.

Writing in the *Yorkshire Post*, Dr Sentamu urged people to "stand up and call on the state to play its part by investing in Britain's recovery". "What many who may face redundancies will not understand is why the banks who caused the credit crunch and the downturn, and had to be bailed out, are giving themselves huge bonuses," he said. "When will the Government have the guts to tackle the huge bonus culture? This is a gravy train running out of control. Urgent action is needed."

The Bishop for Urban Life and Faith in the Church of England, the Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, who will be translated from Woolwich to Southwark early next year, said: "The cuts are accompanied by changes to the way welfare and housing are provided. This has implications not just for vulnerable individuals, but whole communities, where there has been little in terms

of social or economic regeneration in the decades since the major industries closed. We must stand witness to the biblical vision of a just restored community in which both the young and the old find fulfilment."

The Bishop of Blackburn, the Rt. Revd Nicolas Reade, expressed concern that the £7-billion cuts to the welfare budget announced in the CSR, in addition to the £11-billion cuts announced in June, would set the coalition Government on a "collision course with faith communities seeking to assist the most disadvantaged members of our society". He said that it was "hard to read initial details of the Chancellor's statement without detecting victimisation of the most vulnerable".

Bishop Reade said that Lancashire, where "incomes are already eight per cent below average", would be "hit hard". He called on parishes to "be vigilant to bring God's hope and healing to individuals and communities that will be devastated by the Chancellor's announcement".

The Bishop of Bristol, the Rt Revd Michael Hill, told *BBC News* it was

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"slightly chilling" that the Government had "targeted some five million benefit recipients, and is trying to knock down their benefits. . . Nobody thinks that's a bad thing for people who are clearly cheating the benefits system, but my understanding is that the majority aren't," he said.

The national co-ordinator of Church Action on Poverty, Niall Cooper, said the announcement of a further £7 billion cuts to the welfare budget "made a nonsense of the coalition's commitment to 'protect those on low incomes from the effects of spending constraints'".

The Methodist Church, the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and the United Reformed Church issued a joint statement accusing the Chancellor, George Osborne, of "inaccurate use of welfare fraud statistics in his spending-review speech". They referred to a report published by the Department for Work and Pensions last week, stating that welfare fraud and tax credit fraud account for a total of £1.6 billion, not the £5 billion stated by Mr Osborne.

"Exaggerating benefit fraud points the finger of blame at the poor," said the Revd Alison Tomlin, President of the Methodist Conference. "Let us be clear: this recession was not caused by the

poor, those on benefits, or even benefit cheats."

The chief executive of the Children's Society, Bob Reitemeier, questioned the Government's assurance "that there will be no measurable impact on child poverty over the next two years". He said that the Chancellor's intention to devolve power to local councils would result in "lack of accountability and a failure to provide adequate levels of support and protection for our disadvantaged children".

The Bishop of St Albans, Dr Alan Smith, warned that the 50% cut in capital investment for affordable homes "could leave nearly half a million rural households without housing in the next quarter of a century".

The Archbishop of Wales said "People who are unable to work need to be cared for properly and not be accused of being work-shy."

Dr Barry Morgan said the mark of a civilised society was the way it cared for its worst off members. He was speaking at a service to mark the 100th anniversary of the Tonypandy Riots.

He said, 'This Government talks about benefit frauds, as if the country is full of people who are out to milk the system. There are

people who genuinely cannot work and if the State cannot take care of them in a proper way, then the whole society is damaged and diminished. There are enough psychological effects of not going to work every day, of not being able to provide for your children, without being accused as well, of being people who are work-shy.'

Dr Morgan warned that the worst of the benefit cuts were yet to be seen and that job losses were inevitable. He said the 1910 strike reinforced the community spirit of the Rhondda and demonstrated the importance of standing together through difficult times.

He said, 'One of the great characteristics of the mining communities was that they did care for the less fortunate - they made sure that widows and orphans had enough to eat and coal to heat their homes. They knew what it meant to be members of one society. The Big Society concept would not have been strange to them - they implemented it long before this Government thought of it.'

Despite the widespread criticism of the spending review, some Churches and charities said it presented an opportunity to serve communities. The chief executive of Charity Bank, Malcolm Hayday, said: "The role churches and charities have to play in developing

solutions to societal problems is likely to increase."

The general director of the Evangelical Alliance, Steve Clifford, said: "The Church already is, and must continue to be, a place of shelter for those most in need. . . I hope that, in spite of all these cuts, the Government continues to support the incredible and cost saving community work by Christian groups and others across the country."

One announcement in the CSR which was broadly welcomed was the pledge to increase the overseas-aid budget to £11.5 billion by 2015, meeting the United Nations' commitment of 0.7 per cent of GDP by 2013.

Christian Aid's chief policy adviser, Alex Cobham, said that the money would "make the difference between life and death to some of the poorest people on earth". "It would have been easy to forget their plight amid the shock waves caused by the CSR. But, despite the difficulties the UK faces, it remains one of the richest countries in the world. It is therefore beholden on us to meet our moral responsibilities to men and women in countries less fortunate. The Government deserves credit for doing this."

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Government backtracks

The future of Wales' historic churches is more secure following the Government's decision not to cut a valuable grant scheme.

It was announced last month that the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, which enables historic churches to reclaim tax on repair and restoration work, will continue beyond March 2011. The scheme has been worth an estimated £5.3m to the Church in Wales over the past decade and is seen as vital to helping secure the future of its 1,000 listed buildings which face a collective bill of around £70m for repairs over the next five years. It gives a grant equivalent to the VAT rate on eligible repairs to Listed Places of Worship.

The Government's decision follows an extensive UK-wide campaign by church leaders, local volunteers and politicians to continue the scheme beyond March 2011.

Alex Glanville, Head of Property Services for the Church in Wales, said, "This is very good news for congregations struggling to care for listed places of worship. These buildings are maintained by local people who must plan and fund repairs through their own efforts – our parishes are perfect examples of the Big Society we hear so much about. This decision recognises the key role local volunteer congregations play in maintaining their local heritage."

However, he warned that the scheme was being reduced and, over the coming months, will not cover the repair of as many items as it does at the moment. He said, "If parishes are planning to make a claim under the scheme for repair works to clocks, pews, bells, organs or professional services they must submit their claim by the end of 2010 (providing they have incurred the expenditure) as they will become ineligible in January. "Until the end of 2010, it will be possible to claim the grant on a wide variety of repairs but after 4th January 2011, the items of eligible expenditure will be reduced. The grant will be payable, however, at the new rate of 20%.

"It is also understood that the grant will be subject to a reduced annual budget so it is possible that claims will not be paid if all of the budget has been spent in any one year. The importance of getting claims submitted as soon as possible cannot be over emphasised."

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Board for Social Responsibility

The annual services of thanksgiving for the work of the Board, which is the church's social work body, take place this month.

There is one at the Cathedral on Thursday 18th November at 7pm and one at St David's Neath on Wednesday 24th November at 2.30pm.

This is the body that your "red boxes" support, and if you still haven't brought yours back, please do so as a matter of urgency so that the money can be counted and sent off as this year's donation to the work amongst the most disadvantaged in society.

PCC reminder

Members of the PCC are reminded that at the last meeting in September they recommended to the clergy that they as lay people should speak to the individual congregations about increasing giving and the genuine and very real need to all pull together to tackle the financial problems of the Benefice.

As this was something that people came up with when the clergy were not present it would be good to think that this unanimous decision had been acted upon in all four churches.

It costs us £12 per person per week to keep going. Please remember that you agreed to suggest to your individual congregations that those who had not increased their giving should try and give at least £2 more each per week.

Planning

The clergy will be spending a day with the parish officers at the Dare Valley Country Park on Monday 29th November to plan out what we think needs to happen in the churches in the next twelve months.

The Parish Office will not be open on Monday 29th November.

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Thanks

On Sunday 24th October Fr Anthony returned to present Holy Trinity Church, on behalf of himself, Susan and their son Ben (in thanksgiving for the sponsorship of his marathon) with a pair of new cruets for the water and wine used at the mass, and a new missal stand for holding the book at the altar.

We are grateful to them all for their generosity.

Open church

Inspired by the annual open churches day in September, St Agnes' Church Committee decided to try and keep the church open every Saturday morning from 20th November, and to serve coffee, tea, etc to anyone who comes in.

Carol singing

Please remember the carol singing in Station Road in the afternoon of Thursday 23rd

December and in the streets around St Agnes' in the evening of the same day.



It won't work without a large crowd of us willing to sing and make a witness to the birth of Jesus. Following a suggestion of Joan Oxley we will be handing out sweets to passers by, but we won't be taking anything from them. The idea is that this will be an act of witness.

Next year we will move to another area of the Benefice to sing in the streets in the evening - though if we had enough people to divide into groups (and we need large groups to make it work) we could tackle more than one area.

Advanced notice

There will be only one mass on Sunday 26th December at 10.30am at St Agnes' and there will be no Evensong that night.

There will be only one mass on Sunday 23rd January 2011 at 10.30am at St Paul's. There will be Evensong at 6pm at St Paul's as usual.

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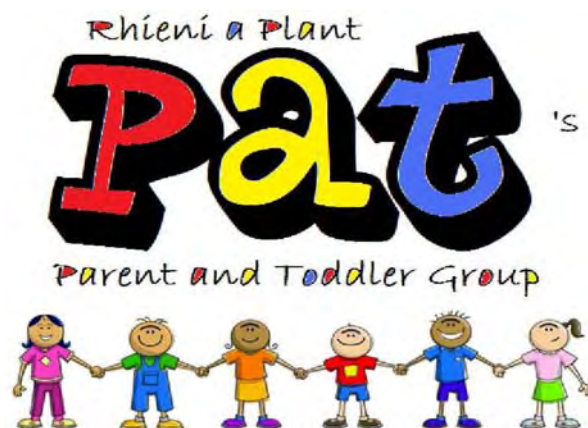
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Monthly Communicant figures for September

5th	141
12th	121
19th	147
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Please note:

Post cannot be received at the Parish Office, please use the Rectory address for any mail that you wish to send to the Benefice.

To arrange a wedding or a baptism please call at the Parish Office on Mondays or Thursdays between 12pm and 3pm

A priest can be available to hear your confession at any time.
Please telephone for an appointment.

**If you know someone has gone into hospital please telephone and let us know. There is a special number for contacting the Anglican chaplains at Neath Port Talbot Hospital
07917526761**

The Office is a place of business. It is essential that you come and go as quickly as possible so that Denise can get on with her work and other people can be seen in privacy.

If you have items for the magazine please let Denise have them by the 20th of every month. If you can email them this saves her time in re-typing.

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Monday 12pm to 3pm

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Parish Worship

On Sunday the Holy Eucharist is celebrated

<i>in St Agnes' Church, Forge Road</i>	at 9.15am
<i>in St Paul's Church, Pendarvis Terrace</i>	at 9.15am
<i>in Holy Trinity Church, Fairway</i>	at 11.00am
<i>in St Mary's Church</i>	at 11.00am

Evening Prayer is sung at St Paul's at 6pm each Sunday

Occasionally we hold a Benefice Mass in one church, so please consult the web site and look inside the magazine to check times.

www.parishofaberavon.org

On Weekdays the Holy Eucharist is celebrated

Monday	at 6.30pm	in St Agnes'
Tuesday	at 10am	in St Paul's
Wednesday	at 9.30am & at 11am	in Holy Trinity in St Mary's
Thursday	at 10am	in St Agnes'

Please look inside the Magazine for times of services on Holy Days.
Details may also be found on the parish website.

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