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From the Rectory



Each year we pause either on or around the 11th November to remember those who have died in war.

As the living memories of the 1914-1918 war come to an end (you must be at least 91 years old to remember WWI) we rely on history books, memoirs, biographies and photographs to help us understand what took place, when and why.

Those over 70 years of age will remember the effects of the 1939-1945 war on their childhood and young adult life. We can still learn from them in a very personal way about the deprivation, the heartache, the comradeship, the rationing, the horror and the exuberance that overflowed when it came to an end.

Anyone over 59 years of age could have first hand experiences of the Korean War that raged in the 1950's and has never been officially ended by treaty.

Sadly, anyone over 8 years of age will have heard of the Iraq war that began in 1993 and the war in Afghanistan that began in 2001. And many, many people will have had their lives affected by the loss of life in these conflicts that scar

the beginning of the twenty first century, and bring home to us almost weekly the reality of the death of young men and women in the armed forces.

But there are others in this country affected by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Falklands, Kuwait, Northern Ireland, WWII, Korea and so many other conflicts where our troops have been deployed, whose time in the armed forces did not see them killed - but did see them badly maimed and injured, often with the loss of limbs or sight, and frequently damaged psychologically by the terror that unfolded before their eyes.

And it is these people, not just those who have died and their relatives, who need to be in our thoughts and prayers too.

It is so easy to concentrate on those who did not return: so easy to forget those who have come home, but whose lives will never be the same.

This is where the work of the British Legion can be so important, for they seek to care for and help ex service personnel - and to do this they need a regular supply of

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income. The most visible and well known of all their fund raising events is the annual sale of poppies and wreaths in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday.

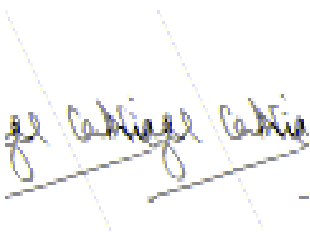
All four of our churches have a box of poppies and a collecting tin somewhere near the door.

I am asking you to do two things:

1. Please think about giving something to assist the work of caring for the living as we approach the remembering of the dead.
2. Please pray for those who have been injured when you think about the conflicts that are taking place; pray for their families and friends, and for all who have the care of them.

It is only right that we do not forget those who died: but it would also be quite wrong to forget those who live.

With prayers and good wishes



Father Nigel

A big leak!

Work to replace the 30 year old oil fired boiler at St Agnes' uncovered a leaking pipe underneath the dais on which the nave altar is mounted.

To reveal the full extent of the problem the dais has had to be removed, to show a very rusty and very long and complicated piece of pipe work with more than one joint leaking.

These pipes were put in when building work started in 1909, so we can hardly complain that they have not given good service, but it has added to the financial burden of repair and renovation.

The cost of replacing the pipe will be £4025 (£3500 plus VAT) and in addition there is the cost of replacing the floor at approximately £4,250.

This work is, of course, essential, but it does mean that there will be no surplus funds in the account, and the building fund will be almost wiped out.

Thankfully, we have the money to do the work, and we just start again in replenishing the building account.

Healing Services

A Healing Service will take place during the 6.30 pm Mass at St Agnes' on Monday 16th November, which will be the start of a quarterly series of healing masses that will take place in the Benefice each year.

During the celebration of the eucharist those who wish to take advantage of the offer of the ministry of healing will be offered the opportunity to receive the laying on of hands and anointing.

It is important that at these services we have people who do not need healing as well as those who do, for we need people to come and pray for our brothers and sisters in their need.

The ministry of the prayer of the faithful is as important as the laying on of hands.

Coffee Morning with Festive Stalls

Everyone is invited to come along for a cuppa and a chat at the Coffee Morning with Festive Stalls on Saturday 5th December at 11am in St Mary's Centre.

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St Mary's 200 Club

The winner for October is number 2, Mrs. Mary McCarthy.

Retirement Service

Canon John Parkin is retiring next month, and his final service will take place on Sunday 8th November at 6 pm at Christ Church, Merthyr Tydfil.

His retirement party will take place on Thursday 12th November at 7 pm at the same venue.

Everyone is welcome to attend either or both events.

Autumn Fair

All are welcome at the Autumn Fair at St Paul's Church Hall on Friday 6th November at 7 pm. Tickets £2 each and includes Tea/Coffee and a Mince Pie.



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- ✓ Or use the NHS Wales Direct website www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk
- ✓ If you are advised to, or if you still have concerns call your GP

IDENTIFY AT LEAST ONE "FLU FRIEND" NOW

('Flu Friends' can be ...relatives, neighbours or friends who agree to support you if you get flu e.g. collect medicines or shop for you, so that you do not have to leave home).

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2. Name:..... Tel:.....

3. Name:..... Tel:.....

My GP

Name:..... Tel:.....

- You could consider becoming a 'flu friend' to someone else e.g. a neighbour who may live alone.
- And you might want to volunteer to be a 'flu friend' for groups set up by local organisations, such as churches or parish/community councils in your area.

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Murder Mystery

A Murder Mystery will take place on Wednesday 18th November at 7pm in St Agnes'. Tickets £3.50, includes buffet, available from Church. Bring your own drink. All are welcome.



Christmas Fair at Holy Trinity



A Christmas Fair will take place at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 21st November from 12 noon to 4 pm with an array of stalls including Cake stall, Craft stall, Christmas Gifts, Tombola and various other stalls. Light refreshments will be available including Hot Dogs, Homemade Pasty and Mince Pies. You can also try your luck with the Raffle, and Santa Claus will be making a visit. All are welcome.

Advent Lunch at St Paul's

Advent Lunch will take place on Friday 4th December at 1 pm in St Paul's Hall. Cost £9 each. If you wish to come please contact Val Rees on 896584, Ann Rees on 898537 or Margaret Williams on 776503.



Evening of Entertainment at St Mary's

All are welcome at the Evening of Entertainment with Food on Friday 13th November at 7 pm in St Mary's Centre. Tickets £3, available from Church. Bring your own drinks.



The Church in Wales: A small guide to a big picture

Places to live

Sites for affordable housing have been created and are being investigated Homelessness initiatives to offer help and support



Partnership

we work closely with others on housing issues

We are concerned about the need for more affordable housing in Wales.

We have a number of successful schemes already built on our land with more planned.

We work to alleviate homelessness

through outreach projects in urban and rural areas such as flats for single parents, shelters and street support.

We work closely with Local Authorities, Welsh Assembly Government, Shelter Cymru and Community Housing Cymru to develop strategies to address housing issues.

696 houses for parish priests

Our parish priests are provided with houses so they can live within the communities they serve. We let a number of houses and seek to ensure proper standards of accommodation.



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Financial problems at St Mary's

It would not be unfair to say that most people were shocked at the beginning of October when St Mary's Church ran out of money, and found themselves £350 overdrawn at the bank.

This has been a long time coming - but it was inevitable, as year on year money has been borrowed to help with a cash flow crisis and then been repaid later. Even with all the hard work of the "Funraisers" we simply do not have a large enough income each month.

However, it would also be unfair to say that no-one was aware of the situation: I have seen Annual Reports from the years just before I arrived as Rector in which the financial situation was clearly spelled out by wardens and treasurers alike. Last year the report showed clearly that we were running at a loss because we had to close the Post Office account (which had £5000) to help pay our way and keep us from just this financial crisis that we now experience.

No-one wanted to believe that we could actually run out of money. But we did, and perhaps in some strange way we had to get to this point in order to face the truth: we are not receiving enough to pay the monthly bills.

I want to thank everyone at St Mary's who has taken this matter seriously: those who have made immediate donations to help repay a loan of £1500 from St Agnes' and the many who have pledged to increase their weekly giving to take account of the fact that we have been doing nothing more than trying to pay our bills each month. It is only from the committed who come week by week to church that we will find the resources we need to survive. Churches that rely on income from those who do not attend all come to one and the same end: they close. For only those who love God and his Church will really make the sacrifices necessary to maintain a place of worship and engage in His work in the world.

Thank you all very much indeed for your very positive and helpful responses. There is a long way to go in making sure that the finances are on a solid foundation, but we have made an excellent start.

Fr Nigel

The Faithful Departed

The following have received a Christian funeral:

Doreen Jones
Frances Mary Davies
William Henry Jones
Florence Lewis
John James Williams
Delyth Nott



We extend our sympathy to their families and friends. Please pray for the departed and all who mourn their loss.

Come and enjoy our
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home made cakes, toiletries etc.



Holy Trinity *50th Anniversary*

After the Service at 11am at Holy Trinity on Sunday 22nd November there will be a lunch to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the church at The Four Winds.

Anyone interested in going for lunch please contact Mrs. Joan Oxley on 774366 or Mrs. Gill Davison on 870528. All are welcome.

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Harriet said she was a Medium,
but Geoff had his doubts... ©

PCC Meeting

At the meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on Sunday 18th October it was agreed that:

- ♦ A quorum for meetings be 50% plus one
- ♦ The request to deviate from the terms of a bequest to St Paul's Church made by the step-daughter of the dead man be refused.

Faculties for the work at St Agnes' and the windows at Holy Trinity had been received.

Work was needed to correct cracking in the exterior walls of Holy Trinity Church, and discussions were underway between the architect and the builder. We await further advice from the architect.

Prayer Days through Advent

A series of Prayer Days will be held throughout Advent.

The churches of the Benefice will be open for you to go along and pray for the right keeping of the coming festival of Christmas, for peace, for healing, for our communities, for family life - for whatever you think you need to pray for at this time.

One church will be open on one day each week in Advent

Holy Trinity Church
Monday 30th November

St Mary's, Tuesday
8th December

St Paul's
Wednesday 16th December

St Agnes'
Wednesday 23rd December

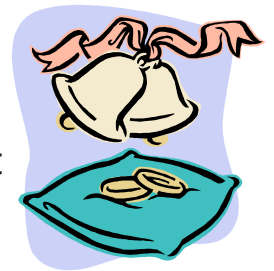
The Churches will be open from 9.30am to 5pm starting with Morning Prayer at 9.30 am.

There will be Mid Day Prayer starting at 12 noon, and the day will end with Evening Prayer at 5pm.



Newly wed

The following couples were married last month, and we wish them well in this latest phase of their relationship together.



Please pray for them.

Thomas Eric Bernard Gage and
Dawn Marie Williams

Holy Baptism



The following were baptised last month:

Dylan Fred Westacott
Tia Lakeisha Westacott

Please pray for them,
and for their parents
and godparents.

Happy Birthday

Another two parishioner reached their half century in October:
Christine Morris and Anne Griffiths.

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Letter from Australia to the Aberavon Mothers' Union

18th June 2009

Dear Marilyn and all members of Mothers' Union.

I guess you are all in good health but I hope that the flooding I read about last week in Wales was not near your valley. We are so sick of rain here we have had 3 floods in 3 months. One very big one on the 31st March and 1st April, it caused terrible damage, hundreds of houses had up to 6ft of water in them and thousands of cars ruined. The rain came down so heavy and quickly the rivers rose through the night, many farmers had cattle washed out to sea, their farms were covered with mud and were so wet they had the seed and fertilizers put on by plane, then another flood came the 2nd week in May and ruined everything again. We had to cancel our local show too. We had been supporting Manila Parish which was drought stricken and we were having them visit that weekend, now we hope that they can come the 1st weekend in July.

22nd June 2009

We have had 245mls the last 4 days, the bridge in town here almost went under, the farms everywhere are just waterways and sporting fields are closed. Our town, I don't know whether I told you, is divided by the bridge luckily the other side does have a cafe grocery store. We have markets every 3rd Saturday of the month, very rarely have they been cancelled, but this time they had too.

Our grandson Scott and Renae were married on the 14th February. The night before I pulled a ligament in my right knee so a daughter each side had to help me in to the wedding reception and Maurice had a bad back, sons were helping him in so it was quite laughable and teeming with rain all day. Scott and Renae had their baby Layla baptised during the marriage service, 3 months old she was, she is now a very beautiful smiley little girl at 7 months with 2 teeth top and bottom and saying Dad Dad. It has turned pretty cold now. Maurice has had a few falls lately so I've had to call the ambulance twice, the second time he was out cold for 45 minutes, Rita the lady across the street ran to help me and we prayed over him. I rang 000 they said get him on the floor so I ran out and stopped a school bus driver to help us, then our Minister showed up outside also to pray over him then 2 ambulances arrived. He had 4 ½ hours in hospital that night, he's much better now.

I have to have a total knee replacement on 21st September, I'll go to the private hospital in Coffs Harbour. Troubles are sent to try us aren't they?

Did I tell you before about the little 2 year old boy Alex next door, on 21st December they discovered he had leukaemia and had to fly to Sydney with him, Mum went with him in the Air Ambulance and his father flew down later after missing the first flight. His 2 older sisters 8 and 11 years were staying with different ladies 2 and 3 nights a week but now they are down at the hospital with mum and dad. There is a school at the hospital. Alex is still having chemo and now his father had a lump removed from his nose and needs radiotherapy in the hospital too.

Another lady and I started a fundraising for them and that has kept them going with expenses, the towns folk have been marvellous. We are enjoying Families First magazine, great to read about the wonderful work of Mothers' Union throughout the world.

16th August 2009

Well I don't know what happened but this letter seems to be stretching out several months. Church, visitors, appointments, meetings, Bible studies, street stalls, etc.

For 20 years the 3rd weekend of August has been the Bellingen Jazz

Festival with bands from everywhere playing everywhere throughout the town's halls and parks and we have an Orchard Show at the Uniting Church Hall, people come hundreds of kilometres to the Jazz and the Flower Show. Well our granddaughter Fiona has left on a 4 year scholarship at Flagstaff University in Arizona U.S.A., she will find it very different so far from home.

We send our love to all members and hope all is well with you and yours.

God's Blessing,
Heather Connell and members of St Margaret's Mothers' Union.

As you know, Marilyn Dunn is ill, and at the moment in hospital recovering from surgery. Glenys John wrote back to St Margaret's MU in Australia, and received a note from Heather, and then a letter from Joan Sambrook, saying that Heather was awaiting knee surgery: Joan is 87 years old and lives with her 90 year old husband. She has been a life member of the Mothers Union.

This correspondence between people who have never met, together with the prayers that flow from being in touch with each other, is an indication of what it means to be part of a world wide church. Joan's letter is on page 18.

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Daily Readings from Scripture

9th November 2009	Wisdom 1: 1-7	Luke 17: 1-6
10th November 2009	Wisdom 2: 23 – 3: 9	Luke 17: 7-10
11th November 2009	Wisdom 6: 1-11	Luke 17: 11-19
12th November 2009	Wisdom 7: 22 – 8: 1	Luke 17: 20-25
13th November 2009	Wisdom 13: 1-9	Luke 17: 26-37
14th November 2009	Wisdom 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9	Luke 18: 1-8
16th November 2009	1 Maccabees 1: 10-15. 41-43. 54-57. 62-64	Luke 18: 35-43
17th November 2009	2 Maccabees 6: 18-31	Luke 19: 1-10
18th November 2009	2 Maccabees 7: 1. 20-31	Luke 19: 11-28
19th November 2009	1 Maccabees 2: 15-29	Luke 19: 41-44

Daily Readings from Scripture

20th November 2009	1 Maccabees 4: 36-37. 52-59	Luke 19: 45-48
21st November 2009	1 Maccabees 6: 1-13	Luke 20: 27-40
23rd November 2009	Daniel 1: 1-6. 8-20	Luke 21: 1-4
24th November 2009	Daniel 2: 31-45	Luke 21: 5-11
25th November 2009	Daniel 5: 1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28	Luke 21: 12-19
26th November 2009	Daniel 6: 12-28	Luke 21: 20-28
27th November 2009	Daniel 7: 2-14	Luke 21: 29-33
28th November 2009	Daniel 7: 15-27	Luke 21: 34-36
30th November 2009	Isaiah 52: 7-10	Matthew 4 : 18-22
1st December 2009	Isaiah 11: 1-10	Luke 10: 21-24
2nd December 2009	Isaiah 25: 6-10a	Matthew 15 : 29-37
3rd December 2009	Isaiah 26: 1-6	Matthew 7 : 21 & 24-27
4th December 2009	Isaiah 29 : 17-end	Matthew 9 : 27-31
5th December 2009	Isaiah 30 : 19-21 & 23-26	Matthew 9 : 35 to 10: 1 & 6-8

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Letter from Australia

Dear Glenys,

What a lovely letter from you, and so much news.

Our thoughts and prayers are with your group as your members struggle with illness. Into God's healing hands we gently lay them knowing whatever happens He is with us.

Our Heather prepares for knee surgery next week, we will miss her for a few weeks, she is one of our Busy people, always involved in all aspects of church life, as well as Red Cross R.S.L. Auxiliary etc.

I am a Mothers' Union member, a lone member now, 87 years old, living with my 90 ½ year old husband Bob, in our own home, doing for ourselves, been married 68 years on 24th December 2009. Yes married on Christmas Eve – during the war, no fuss, no partying as we (Aust) were also in drought and Bob was responsible for many thousands of sheep and 100's of cattle.

But how gracious and faithful God has been. We had 2 boys – one now passed to glory and have 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Such Blessings!! We are, of course retired and live in town, our interest is our family and our garden. We can pick Rainbow Chard, Peas, Carrots, Onions, Lettuce and have Beans and Tomatoes coming. Lovely sweet peas, orchids, Azalias, Freesias etc. to keep me happy! Also a collection of Kalanchois. I like to make my own jam, Orange, Grapefruit and lots of Paw Paws.

I went to the church Flower Show and bought a packet of these cards. It was lovely – I had lunch and met old friends.

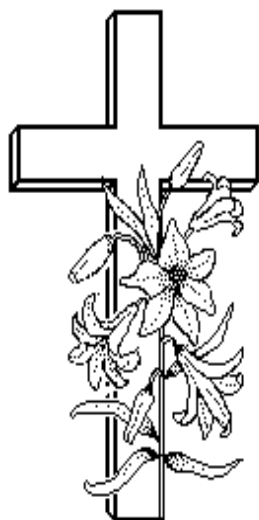
I do hope you are all enjoying your weather. It's dry here but glorious spring.

Blessings to you all and healing to any still not well.

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Sincerely in friendship,

Joan Sambrook.



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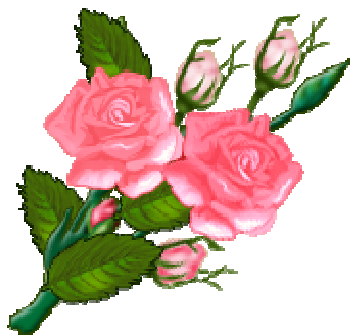
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Jane to visit

Uppsala

A partnership has been developed over the past few years between the diocese of Llandaff and the diocese of Uppsala in Sweden.

The parishes of Coity with Nolton (Bridgend), Abercynon and Canton have all recently formed links with parishes in Uppsala. The parishes of St. Brides Major and Ovansjo have been twinned since 2007 and it is anticipated that more parishes will develop links soon. Work is also being done to explore ways of adapting church buildings although the resources available in Llandaff are substantially different to those in Uppsala.

Uppsala Diocese has an established Baptism Project Group which was formed to look at the changing trends around baptism and Christian initiation. A parallel group has been brought together in our diocese and a number of training events have been arranged as a result of the group's work. An aspect of the partnership between the dioceses involves faith development. The concept of Godly Play was introduced to Uppsala and five primary school teachers have since visited Llandaff to undertake Godly Play training. The Swedish Pearls of Life prayer beads are gradually being used in various

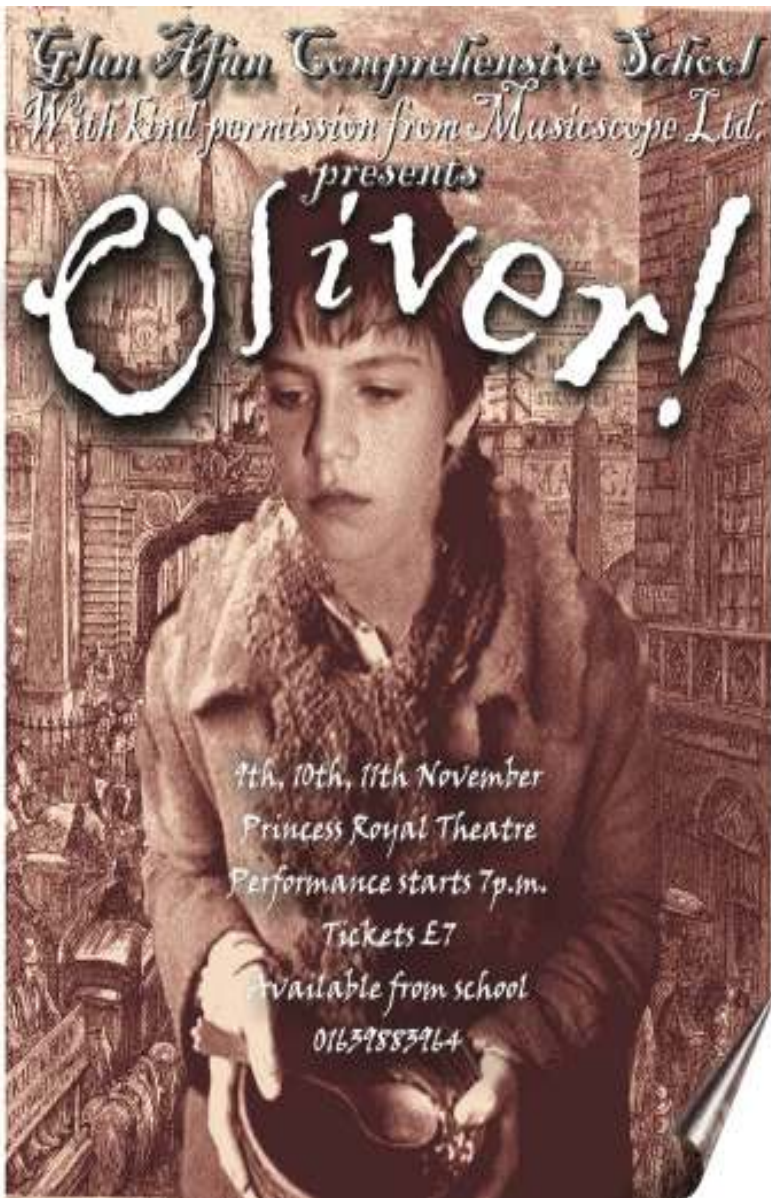
settings across this diocese.

It is in respect of the development of the ministry of deacons that I am involved in this partnership. Conferences were held in Uppsala (2007) and Llandaff (2008) involving clergy and laity from both dioceses looking at the different ways ministry is organized. Visits were made to various parishes and projects in both countries, you might remember Rose-Marie Ronnblom visiting the benefice last Autumn.

The collaborative approach of clergy and laity here contrasts with that of Uppsala where a much more formalized approach to diaconal ministry exists. Dawn Tilt, who is a prison chaplain and I have been invited to spend a week in the Uppsala diocese at the end of November.

We are travelling together to Sweden but will then spend our time in different parts of the diocese experiencing various aspects of diaconal ministry as undertaken by the exclusive order of permanent deacons within Uppsala.

It is hoped that the visit will potentially help with the development of diaconal ministry here in Llandaff.



New Director of Music at St Therese's RC Church

Matthew Lewis has a new job. He is to be employed as Director of Music at St Therese's School and Church, from the 1st Sunday of Advent.

The post involves developing music within the school on weekdays and developing the choir and music tradition of the church on Sundays.

We congratulate Matthew on his new job and wish him well. He will still be able to play the organ at St Paul's, but not at St Mary's.

Red Boxes

If you have not yet brought back your Responsibility Llandaff box please do so as soon as you can, as we need to send the cheque in to the Diocesan Office.

The Annual service of Thanksgiving for the work of the Board for Social Responsibility is being held at the Cathedral on Thursday 12th November at 7pm. It would be good to see people from the Benefice there to take part in the prayers that are offered for the work of the Board as well as sending in money from the boxes. Each year the Mothers Union also makes a donation to the work of the Board for Social Responsibility.

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Bible Lands: Healing & Hope

This year we have sent £186.61 from St Agnes' Church towards our project with the Bible Lands Society.

In addition to this, money has been given by Tywyn & Sandfields Primary School, which has yet to be counted.

The money sent this year will help The Sheepfold, a day care centre in Bethlehem with residential facilities for children with very special needs. Most of these children have been turned away from other institutions because of their disabilities are so severe, but at The Sheepfold they find a place where they are loved and cared for as individuals.

The Sheepfold has moved to a larger house, and needed extra funds to pay for equipment etc.

The Bible Lands society has sent a letter thanking us for their support, and so allowing them to continue funding projects that would otherwise not take place. So many people in the lands of the Bible have their lives improved by the gifts of those from the UK.

So far this year The Sheepfold has been able to provide

- ♦ a gazebo for shade in the garden,
- ♦ a wheelchair lift for children to reach the 1st floor and
- ♦ a teacher for the project for one year.

All this costs £8340.

Jayne O'Brien

Christmas Cards

On Sunday 13th December you are invited to bring one Christmas card to your usual place of worship and place it on a special notice board, making a donation to the work of the Church Army Hostel for young single homeless people in Cardiff at the same time.



This is a very worthwhile project, and we can use the money we save from sending cards to people we see at least once a week to help those who are not fortunate enough to know security and love.

Last year this was very successful in the Benefice, and it would be good to repeat its success in 2009.

Christian Aid cuts jobs

Christian Aid is to cut at least 50 jobs as a result of the financial downturn. Meetings are taking place between staff and union representatives to determine where the losses will be made.

The charity took measures to minimise expenditure earlier this year, in expectation of a down-turn in funding. But that action has proved unsustainable. Christian Aid Week returns were down by £3 million, an outcome described by a senior spokesman as disappointing".

"Giving from regular supporters has held up well, and we're deeply grateful to the many people who turned out to collect," John Davison said. "Return of envelopes was fairly consistent with what we were hoping for, but people clearly weren't giving as much."

Large-scale staff redundancies are now said to be inevitable. They will come from the 760 UK posts paid from the charity's general fund.

"Christian Aid is facing a difficult situation," Mr Davison said. "It is one we all hoped to avoid, but the seriousness of the situation requires urgent action. We are confident that Christian Aid will emerge from the

recession stronger, if a little smaller, and will continue to make a contribution to ending poverty and social injustice."

The news comes as the charity embarks on one of its biggest demonstrations against injustice. The Great Persuasion, organised in conjunction with Tearfund, Oxfam, CAFOD, and others, took place over three days in October. Millions of people worldwide will be contacting politicians to demand action on poverty and climate change.

Good wishes

We send our good wishes to

Avril Stevens, who has had an eye operation;

Marilyn Dunn, recovering from surgery;

Haydn John, experiencing problems with his heart;

all who are sick and housebound at home and in nursing homes in the area.

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From the Registers

Communicant figures for September

	St Mary's	St. Agnes'	St. Paul's	Holy Trinity	
6th	35	53	23	40	
13th	40	52	25	36	
20th	36	42	28	41	
27th	35	66	32	42	
30th	36	52	20	41	

Congratulations

To Mrs. Lily Garvey who celebrated her 100th birthday on 29th October;

to Mrs. Marina Williams who celebrated her 75th birthday in October;

to Kenneth and Margaret Pullen who celebrated their Golden Wedding at the end of October.

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appointment.

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

When visiting the parish office

Please remember that the Office is a place of work. Everyone is welcome when they have some business to attend to: but it must not be used as a place to chat and while away the hours. If you have finished your business there, please leave - especially if other people arrive to conduct business. Don't just sit there listening to other people's business.

Parish Worship

On Sunday the Holy Eucharist is celebrated

<i>in St Agnes' Church, Forge Road</i>	at 8am and 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'
Saturday	at 10.30am	in the hospital chapel.

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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