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St Agnes' Centenary Year



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Harvest Thanksgiving
& Back to Church Sunday

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From the Rector

I have just returned from an excellent break in Cornwall, where I stayed in a cottage just outside Truro. It was a lovely rest, though the weather was mixed.



Having not been to Truro for many years, I enjoyed getting to know this Cathedral city, and I especially enjoyed the worship at the Cathedral and the food in local restaurants.

Now, back "in harness" as they say, I am beginning to plan ahead. Fr Matthew has laid the plans for *Back to Church Sunday* which coincides with our Harvest Thanksgiving on 26th September, and he wrote about this in last month's magazine, and preached about it at the Benefice Mass in August. There are now available at the back of each church invitations that you can take to give to people in order to help you invite them to church with you on the 26th.

My plans now focus on four things: Advent, Christmas, Lent and St Paul's Centenary Year.

Denise already has booklets for use at mass in Advent to send out to each church from the Office, and I am organising the Christmas carol service. Fr Matthew and I briefly discussed Lent 2011 at our last staff meeting before his holiday, and the Bishops have already sent an invitation to all churches to attend a Lent course at St Theodore's Church every Wednesday night at 7.30pm in Lent, when the Archbishop and Bp David will take it in turns to preach. It will be for the PCC to decide at its next meeting whether or not to accept this invitation, or to carry on with our own Lenten observance. In the last letter the Archbishop sent the clergy he said that this year's Lent talks were "very well supported in each of the three archdeaconries" in spite of the fact that at the time clergy were being emailed by Bp David complaining that the support was not good!

I now have to arrange a meeting with the St Paul's Church committee to organise the Centenary Year for them in 2011, which will incorporate the Benefice Festival.

And so life goes on. It is a ceaseless round of things that move from one to the other each year, and which gives us a focus for our attention in our

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discipleship. The 'Church Year' is as necessary as the seasons of the year of nature in order to help us develop a deepening awareness of what Jesus has done for us.

But as in the 'ordinary' year so in the Church's year plans have to be laid in advance. Those of you who are gardeners know how important it is to organise the jobs so that in each season certain essential work is undertaken that benefits the whole garden and adds to its beauty and its vitality.

In the Church, to help us concentrate the mind, we change the colour of the vestments and altar frontals: at advent and lent we remove flowers from the church, and we increase or decrease the amount of singing at different times to emphasise the things that need our attention in that particular season.

In all of our churches the things that are necessary are carried out, and most of us don't give a second thought to it. But they don't happen by magic, and they are not done by me.

Each church has dedicated people who spend literally hours a week seeing to the many things that need to be done.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Len & Ann Jones, Mike Isaac, Jeff & Dorothy John, Val Mears, Margaret Williams, Anne Rees, Matthew Lewis and Anne Griffiths in particular for all that they do to prepare for worship and in caring for the vestments and linen.

I also want to thank those who offered their services as a team at St Agnes' to wash the altar cloths, and to the very many people who see to flower arranging in all our churches, who are too numerous to mention individually, but without whom things would not be the same.

Please remember that these people ensure that our churches are as they should be when we arrive, and give thanks to God for the work they undertake, which perhaps we have rather taken for granted week in and week out.

Nothing happens by chance!

With prayers and good wishes

Nigel Canive

Fr Nigel

Joined in marriage



We extend our congratulations to

Alyn Paul Surridge and Hayley Joanne Branch

and

Paul Justin Evans and Kate Taylor who were married last month.

200 Club St Mary's

The winner for August was number 100, Mr. Dennis Fowler.

PAT's

The Parent and Toddler Group which takes place on Mondays at 1.15pm – 2.45pm and Thursdays at 9.30am – 11am starts back on Monday 6th September at the Parish Centre. A warm welcome awaits any parent and child and the cost is only £1 per session per child.

Quiz with Buffet

On Tuesday 14th September at 7pm there will be a Quiz with Buffet at Holy Trinity. Tickets £3, available from Church. All are welcome.

PCC Meeting

The next PCC Meeting will take place on Thursday 16th September at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church.

Harvest

Communion

On Tuesday 28th September at 3pm at the Parish Centre there will be Harvest Communion for the Sick and Housebound followed by Tea.

Free Electric

Blanket Testing

On Wednesday 29th September between 9am – 4pm Neath Port Talbot Trading Standards will be doing free electric blanket testing at the Parish Centre.

People news

Len Jones had an accident in church just after the August magazine was printed, and knocked himself out in a fall. We were all deeply sorry and shocked, and hope that he is truly in the mend now. He and Billy had been preparing to clean and paint the St Mary's porch, a job which they have now completed.

We are very fortunate to have two such willing workers at St Mary's and are hugely grateful to them for the hours they have spent in church there this year on many different jobs.

Ralph Jones is out of hospital and we are pleased to hear that he is making excellent progress since his operation.

Don and Beryl Wood are delighted to announce the birth of a new grandson, Harrison Lloyd Davies, son of Kelly & Matthew. Davies.

Jean Patterson has been quite unwell and we send her our good wishes and are pleased that she is beginning to feel better.

Jessie Davies has been ill, and we have missed her at Holy Trinity, and hope that she will soon be feeling much better.

Vi Davies, formerly of Pentyla, who died last month, will have her ashes buried with those of her late husband in the grounds of St Mary's at 11.45am on Wednesday 8th September.

Ann John is quite unwell and presently a patient in Neath Port Talbot Hospital. Please remember her in your prayers.

We send our good wishes to **Ken Bragger** who has been unwell recently.

It has been good to see **Jean Morgan** back at church after a period of ill health.

We regret to report the death of **Charlotte Bailey** who had been a member of Holy Trinity for many years.

Pakistan floods

Millions of people in Pakistan are now at serious risk of an epidemic of diseases such as cholera because of contaminated water and a lack of sanitation, the country's Prime Minister, Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, has said.

Mr Gilani said that his country was experiencing "the worst natural calamity of its history". Aid agencies are increasingly worried that the disaster could worsen dramatically if epidemics strike.

The UN estimates that about 1600 people have died, and 20 million have been affected, with eight million people made homeless by the torrential monsoon rains.



An estimated 8000 are still cut off by the flood water.

North-eastern regions of India are also suffering from flash flooding which has caused landslides. Hundreds are reported to have died in and around the Leh region, in Ladakh.

In Britain, the Disasters Emergency Committee's appeal has raised £33 million so far. It is the first appeal to record a rise in donations in the second week, suggesting that awareness of the scale of the disaster — the floods cover an area the size of England — has overcome any traces of compassion fatigue.

The diocese of Peshawar, which includes some of the worst affected regions, has set up four relief camps. They are serving the region's 100,000 Christian minority, as well as many Hindu families.

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Pakistan floods continued.....

The President of the National Council of Churches of Pakistan, the Rt Revd Azad Marshall, has appealed for funds to bring relief to flood victims; and Archbishop Desmond Tutu was joined by Nelson Mandela as he urged the world to give generously to the appeal.

"Let us not for a moment allow ourselves to feel that some are less deserving of our help than others. It is time for us to stand in solidarity with the people of Pakistan. Please give generously and help to share their enormous burden."

The statement came in response to expressed fears that money might fall into the hands of extremist and terrorist groups in Pakistan. The Barnabas Fund said that, in some areas, extremists had already stepped in to fill the aid gap left by a slow international response to the crisis.

The charity Church World Service, which is part of the ACT alliance of Churches and church-based organisations, described the international response as "far from adequate".

The "Church Times" said

'The unfortunate concurrence of the floods with a row about the alleged support for terrorism in Pakistan might have been a factor in staying the hand of potential donors; but the main factor is an inability to grasp the scale of the disaster. Most of the victims, though poor, are used to being self sufficient, and may need only relatively little assistance over the next year or so to restore their fortunes. It requires a stable, united, and efficient government to cope with such a long-term disaster, and the government of Pakistan is none of these things.

Giving, in such circumstances, is more of an act of faith than it ought to be, but not giving is an unacceptable alternative for those who believe in a compassionate God. Donors must accept that an element of organisational chaos accompanies every disaster, even in a developed country such as the United States.'

The Benefice sent £100 to the relief fund a few weeks back, and our continued support of WaterAid also helps, as you will read on the next page.

How is WaterAid responding to the flooding crisis in Pakistan?

In an effort to help the displaced affected by the recent floods in Pakistan, WaterAid has already released funds to assist the efforts of our local partner organisations. Through their partners, they are focusing on the worst affected areas and reaching out to the most vulnerable people. The first phase of WaterAid's response will be primarily to provide relief to the displaced communities focusing on drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services. The second phase will be to continue efforts towards the rehabilitation of drinking water sources, hygiene and sanitation facilities.

WaterAid will support their local partners in the following activities:

Hygiene kits:

Hygiene kits will be distributed to help alleviate the immediate impact of the flood. Kits will consist of soaps, tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs, nail cutters, towels, sanitary cloth, cloth for filtering water, water purification tablets and a water vessel.

Health and hygiene sessions:

Scabies, eye infection and diarrhoea are increasing day by day in the flood affected areas. Health and hygiene sessions will be carried out to reduce the ratio of wide spreading diseases like respiratory tract infection, skin infections, diarrhoea and malaria. The importance of hand-washing with soap and latrine use will be highlighted and personal hygiene will be discussed. Hygiene Messages will be broadcasted on the local FM Radio. In the rehabilitation phase, families will be assisted in building temporary latrines.

Dissemination of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material:

IEC material with hygiene messages will be disseminated among the affected people who will be asked to adopt and deliver these messages to others.

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WaterAid's response to the Pakistan crisis.....

Drinking water tankering:

Clean drinking water will be provided through tankers as an interim measure. This water will be tested before supplying to the affected families.

Drinking water quality testing:

In the flood affected areas, drinking water quality needs to be addressed immediately. The government schemes and communal sources are badly damaged resulting in contamination. The quality of tankers providing water is also questionable. Water quality testing will be carried out to identify the problem and to ensure clean drinking water.

Emergency water purification and hydration:

Thousands of water purification tablets and oral rehydration sachets will be distributed.

WaterAid has said that:

“Our Pakistan country programme is monitoring the situation on the ground and is in discussion with partners regarding the possibility of further interventions. We are in close touch with our staff and partners in Pakistan and they will be continuously assessing what contribution WaterAid can usefully make to the relief effort, through supporting the work of the national authorities and international disaster relief agencies in the area.”



WaterAid workers help to make temporary latrines

You can see how our support of WaterAid on a regular basis as a Benefice helps them to have money to help in emergencies as well as in the regular round of work to provide clean water throughout the world. Thank you for your continued support of this important work.



The umpire had thought that as a Church team they would behave like gentlemen

St Agnes Church Committee Meeting

The next Church Committee meeting will take place on Monday 20th September after Mass in Church.

Mothers' Union

The next Mothers' Union meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th September at 2.30pm at the Parish Centre.

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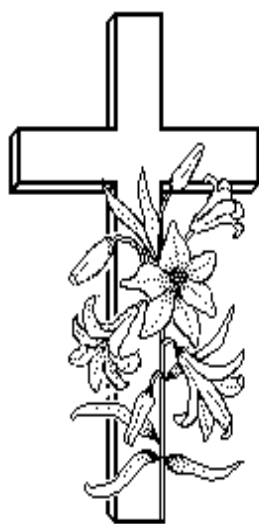
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Baptisms

Please pray for the newly baptised, and especially those who have been baptised in our parish recently, amongst them

Alfie Tomas Henry Paul Perry

Megan Vivienne Broad-Jones



Please pray too for the parents and godparents.

The Faithful Departed

The following have received a Christian funeral:

Sylvia Rose Hughes

Harland Glyn Leyshon

Barbara Helen Phelps

Mary McKechnie

Fred Evans

Vincent John Williams

Gwyn Williams



We extend our sympathy to their families and friends.

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

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A Visit to the Flower Festival at Llandaff Cathedral

My mother and I, together with my friend Pam, went to the Flower Festival at the cathedral.

The theme was Golden Anniversary and celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Three Counties and South Wales area of NAFAS.

The cathedral looked stunning and the flowers were fantastic. There were a hundred different flower arrangements in so many different styles it was quite spectacular. As you walked around the scent from the flowers was in the air, but not overpowering.

Many of the arrangements followed the 'Golden' theme while others were a mix of colours and the most perfect blooms. We sat for a while in one of the pews so that we could look around and absorb the atmosphere and the arrangements that were all around.

Flower clubs from Tenby, Brecon, Herefordshire, Cheltenham and many other places took part, it must have taken months to organise.

We then went to the Plymouth Arms at St Fagan's for a meal. It was very nice and a most enjoyable day out.

Jayne O' Brien

Congratulations

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Joseph Devrize on his GCSE results.



Holy Days in September

Wednesday 8th

Birth of the Virgin Mary

9.30am Holy Trinity

11.00am St Mary's

Tuesday 14th

Holy Cross Day

10.00am St Paul's

Tuesday 21st

St Matthew, Apostle

10.00am St Paul's

Wednesday 29th

St Michael and All Angels

9.30am Holy Trinity

11.00am St Mary's

We will keep Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 26th September, with the usual Sunday times.

We will keep the Dedication Festival of Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 3rd October at the 9.30am Mass. (Transferred from Tuesday 28th September)

Holy Trinity Congregational Meeting

The meeting for the Congregation at Holy Trinity that was to be held on Saturday 11th September at 11am has had to be postponed and will be re-arranged at a later date.

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Daily Readings from Scripture

6 th September 2010	1 Corinthians 5: 1-8	Luke 6: 6-11
7 th September 2010	1 Corinthians 6: 1-11	Luke 6: 12-19
8 th September 2010	Micah 5: 1-4	Matthew 1: 1-16. 18-23
9 th September 2010	1 Corinthians 8: 1-7. 11-13	Luke 6: 27-38
10 th September 2010	1 Corinthians 9: 16-19. 22-27	Luke 6: 39-42
11 th September 2010	1 Corinthians 10: 14-22	Luke 6: 43-49
13 th September 2010	1 Corinthians 11: 17-26. 33	Luke 7: 1-10
14 th September 2010	Numbers 21: 4-9	John 3: 13-17
15 th September 2010	1 Corinthians 12: 31 – 13: 13	Luke 7: 31-35
16 th September 2010	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	Luke 7: 36-50
17 th September 2010	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20	Luke 8: 1-3
18 th September 2010	1 Corinthians 15: 35-37. 42-49	Luke 8: 4-15
20 th September 2010	Proverbs 3: 27-34	Luke 8: 16-18
21 st September 2010	Ephesians 4: 1-7. 11-13	Matthew 9: 9-13
22 nd September 2010	Proverbs 30: 5-9	Luke 9: 1-6
23 rd September 2010	Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11	Luke 9: 7-9
24 th September 2010	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11	Luke 9: 18-22
25 th September 2010	Ecclesiastes 11: 9 – 12: 8	Luke 9: 43-45
27 th September 2010	1 Corinthians 1: 26-31	Matthew 9: 35-37
28 th September 2010	Job 3: 1-3. 11-17. 20-23	Luke 9: 51-56
29 th September 2010	Daniel 7: 9-10. 13-14	John 1: 47-51
30 th September 2010	Job 19: 21-27	Luke 10: 1-12
1 st October 2010	Job 38: 1. 12-21; 40: 3-5	Luke 10: 13-16

Holy Cross Day

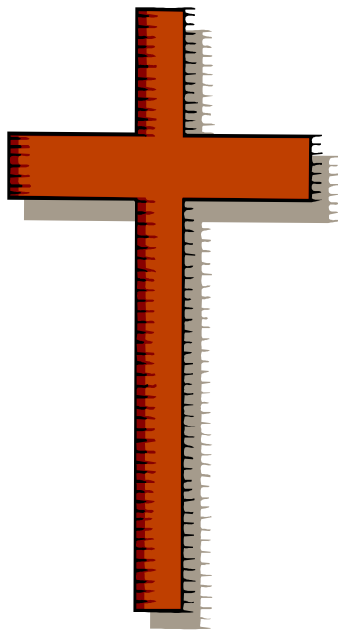
14th September

In 335 a basilica built by the Emperor Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre became linked with the idea that his mother, St Helena, had found the Cross of Jesus. It is said that the basilica was dedicated on the anniversary of the finding of the Cross. This story was brought to the West by the nun Egeria, but she does not mention the actual date.

By the 5th Century the date 14th September had become a settled day on which to commemorate the Cross of Jesus, as a powerful reminder that in the anguish of pain and death the key to eternal life lies hidden; in the suffering of our Lord lies the means of our transformation. For the cross, which aimed to destroy, revealed the love which made the earth. Seeing it lifted high, we pray that we may be led to be true disciples in the light of its glory.

The awfulness of the crucifixion and its paradoxically divine power to heal a suffering humanity may have been what influenced a search to locate the cross itself. Helena, on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land

instructed her servants to excavate an area traditionally held to be the site of Calvary. According to St Ambrose she did find a wooden cross, part of which was kept in Jerusalem and revered by pilgrims; many other pieces of it were dispersed to churches and religious communities around the world.



Whether it was the cross of Christ himself we cannot know, but its discovery was first celebrated by the Greek Church on this day, which we now keep as "Holy Cross Day" and eventually the tradition spread to the West and into Gaul and the northern kingdoms, like Britain.

It is a tantalising story: even today we long for physical evidence of this shocking story at the heart of our faith. Yet it was probably not morbid curiosity, such as may be seen in those who are all agape at the scene of accidents, which inspired Helena's quest. It was probably a desire to preserve that precious and hideous object which symbolised the Lord's patience with and compassion for his stubborn, foolish creatures.

We are, of course, physical as well as spiritual beings and often find

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Holy Cross Day

material objects greatly aid our contemplation of holy mysteries.

Nonetheless, we no longer have that ancient cross, but the symbolic crosses we use in our worship aid us in our understanding.



The crucifix with its figure of the tortured figure of a dying Christ, and the empty cross, as a sign of the resurrection both have their value: the first reminds us of our own sinful disposition and the costly means of treating our sickness; the second reminds us of the Christian hope. For if we can believe that Jesus, raised on a cross, became Jesus, raised to new life and restored to God, then perhaps we shall also find that we need but to look on him in faith to be assured we will not perish.

In the words of one famous hymn:

“The cross he bore
is life and health,
though pain and death to him,
his people’s hope,
his people’s wealth,
their everlasting theme.”

Snow White’s Christmas

Emporium

is to the theme of St Agnes’ Christmas Fair this year, to be held on Saturday 13th November from 11am.

We are hoping that we can persuade seven children to dress up as dwarves, and that others will come as Disney characters.

Holy Trinity Christmas Fair

will be held in church on Saturday 20th December.

Clergy Meeting

St Agnes’ will be used on Friday 10th September from 2pm to 4.30pm for the local clergy Chapter Meeting.

Study Group

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Congratulations this month

To Val Rees who celebrates her 70th birthday this month.

To Margaret Morgan who has recently celebrated her 80th birthday.

Thank You

To everyone for their cards, gifts and best wishes on the occasion of my 80th birthday.

Raymond Preece.

To all my friends at St Mary's for their cards and presents on the occasion of my 75th birthday.

Dorothy Bird.

On behalf of our mother, Phyllis Adams, we would like to extend her sincere thanks to all family and friends who sent cards, gifts, and visited on the occasion of her 90th birthday. A visit from the Mayor Cllr Lella James and her consort added something special to what was a truly memorable day.

John, Jeffrey and Alun Adams

PAT's

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	St Mary's	St. Agnes'	St. Paul's	Holy Trinity
4th	37	58	23	27
11th	34	48	25	31
28th	26	53	22	30
25th	38	51	22	36

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St Mary's Church Committee

The next meeting of the St Mary's Church committee will be on Tuesday 21st September.

Diocesan Conference

There is a meeting on Saturday 25th September at 9.30am at the Cathedral.

New appointment

Mr Rhun Roberts from Butetown has been appointed as Welsh Language Officer of the Diocese.

Walsingham Cell

The cell does not just exist as a private club for those who go to Walsingham, and anyone is welcome to attend the services that are held on a Tuesday once a month.

On 7th September there is Evensong and Benediction at 7pm at St Agnes' and everyone is welcome to attend.

Friends of St Mary's

When members of the congregation at St Mary's last met there was a general consensus that it would be worth while trying to see what could be done to launch a '*Friends*' group.

A constitution was approved, and it was agreed that people would consider who might make a suitable secretary, treasurer and committee members.

It was decided to hold another meeting on Wednesday 29th September in church at 7.00pm.

Friends of St Paul's

Only five people came to the meeting that was held to discuss the possibility of having a '*Friends*' group at St Paul's. Nonetheless, those present agreed a constitution, and decided to hold another meeting after mass on Tuesday 5th October, to see if the whole issue is worth pursuing.

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August Family Day

The event held on 15th August for young families at St Paul's was a great success, and every one had a really good time.

There were 26 children present with their parents, and it was so good to see people from all four of our congregations at the five o'clock service.

This work, pioneered by the Baptism Group, has consistently grown since the first event last year on Christmas Eve, and the members of the team are to be congratulated for all that they do to help us keep in touch with young families.

Carol Singing

The St Agnes' Church Committee thought it would be a good act of witness to sing carols in Station Road just before Christmas, and wondered if members of all the churches would like to join in. The date suggested was the 23rd December - time to be confirmed. It was also suggested that we invite people to sing in the streets around St Agnes' later that day - early part of the evening.

Co-options

The following have been co-opted to their church committees:

At St Mary's

Loran Beckett and Monica Selway

At St Agnes'

Dilys Hanford, Gerald Thomas and Sharon Burton

At Holy Trinity

Joan Richards

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Condolences

We offer our sincere sympathy to Vi Evans and the family on the death of her husband, Fred. May he rest in peace.

Good wishes

Val Rees is unwell and we send her our good wishes and hope that she will soon be on the road to recovery.

New Prayer Book

The Church in Wales is publishing its new Daily Prayer Book at the September Governing Body meeting. As they will cost £25 each we will continue to print Evening Prayer each week for the time being.

Financial Report for the month of June 2010

St Mary's July 2010

Receipts		Payments	
Direct Giving	£ 894.95	Money raising	£ 100.00
Other Giving	£ 291.15	Sexton fees	£ 32.00
Donations	£ 378.07	Microphone repair	£ 52.88
Hall Rent	£ 402.00	Diocesan share ,	£ 3,834.81
Money raising	£ 505.00	Utilities etc	
Beach collection	£ 14.98	Total	£ 4,019.69
Tax rebate	£ 2.26		
Surplice Fees	£ 221.00		
Magazine	£ 0.60		
Cemetery rates rebate	£ 544.86		
	£ 3,254.87		
		July deficit	-£ 764.82
		Deficit b/f	-£ 3,416.26
		Total deficit	-£ 4,181.08

The ever increasing debt

There seems to be no solution to the ever mounting deficit that we face each month at St Mary's.

The idea of a Gift Day to try and help relieve some of the debt is a good one, and we will keep the church open on Wednesday 2nd September from 10am to 5pm (Beginning with the Eucharist and ending with Evening Prayer) to see if we can encourage donations to be brought in by parishioners.

This really is a very serious problem.

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Financial Report for the month of July 2010

St Paul's July 2010					
Receipts			Payments		
Direct Giving	£	797.95	Microphone repair	£	52.87
Other Giving	£	87.53	Share	£	2,561.06
Missions/Charities	£	31.57		£	2,613.93
Money Raising	£	147.47			
Donations	£	73.39			
Hall Rental	£	240.00			
Votive Candles	£	67.25			
	£	1,445.16			
			July deficit	-£	1,168.77
			Deficit b/f	-£	164.69
			Overall deficit	-£	1,333.46

The ever increasing debt

St Mary's is not alone, of course, in facing a financial crisis.

Holy Trinity's deficit is now over £4,800. St Paul's will work to clear their deficit of £1333, and even St Agnes' has to be careful as the balance in hand does not cover one month's expenses and in July there was a serious drop in giving.

I suggested after my holiday that we ask ourselves whether we give enough to the Church. I know some people genuinely cannot afford any more: but 50p a week? £1 a week? Most of us can afford more than £1 a week. After all we spend more than that on a daily paper which we recycle at the end of the week! If we are spending £3.50 and more on newspapers, surely we can put £3 in the collection plate? Some of us can afford much more - and many give sacrificially over and above what they can really afford. If we want the church to survive we have got to take this seriously or accept that it was actually our fault that the church in this place ground to a halt.

Harsh words - but true.

Fr Nigel

St Agnes' July 2010

Receipts		Payments	
Direct Giving	£ 2,136.35	Missions	£ 45.00
Other Giving	£ 94.07	Flowers	£ 40.00
Money Raising	£ 453.50	*Share	£ 3,769.06
Missions/Charities	£ 145.00		£ 3,854.06
Donations	£ 187.45		
Flowers	£ 5.00		
	£ 3,021.37		

Currently using savings to get through each month. About £500 a month short of our payments

July deficit	-£	832.69
Surplus b/f	£	4,176.67
Overall surplus	£	3,343.98

Holy Trinity July 2010

Receipts		Payments	
Direct Giving	£ 679.10	200 club	£ 100.00
Other Giving	£ 206.55	Share	£ 2,359.81
Money Raising	£ 904.70		£ 2,459.81
	£ 1,790.35		

July deficit	-£	669.46
Deficit b/f	-£	4,224.34
Overall deficit	-£	4,893.80

October devotions to Our Lady of Walsingham

There will be a service at St Saviour's Church, Splott, (Cardiff) on Saturday 16th October.

It would be good if we could try and be present to show our support, even if we no longer go to Walsingham ourselves.

Retirement

We send good wishes to the Vicar of Baglan, the Reverend David Lewis, who retires at the end of this month.

Ordained priest in 1964 the Reverend David Lewis has served his whole ministry in this Diocese and has been a faithful parish priest at Baglan since 1983. In 2000 he was appointed a Canon of Llandaff Cathedral.

May he have a happy and well deserved retirement.

Congratulations

Arthur and Margaret Roberts celebrate their Emerald Wedding Anniversary this month.

Please note:

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

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

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

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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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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