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# Parish Magazine

The Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area comprises the Parishes of:

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This magazine serves them all.

**Contributions to be in by 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month please.**

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Please don't forget to pass on this edition of the magazine to people who would otherwise not receive it.

## This Month's Cover

The image on the front cover is of Jesus Christ ascending to Heaven and the Holy Spirit descending on to the disciples. They could then speak in many foreign languages to the astonishment of onlookers. The Disciples were then enabled to go out and preach the Gospel to the many Gentile countries and spread the Word.

See also page 13

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*Common sense is the collection of prejudices acquired by age.*

## From the Editor

Dear Friends,

I was taken to task last month about something in the May Magazine. A much loved and respected member of the congregation came to me and said that they did not like the depiction of Jesus Christ which appeared on the front cover. They did not think that the image looked like Jesus had looked and was dreadfully wrong and upsetting. My first reaction was disappointment that the complainant had not looked at the image in the same way that I had, which was as was explained on page 1 of the magazine. So, I went home and told my wife expecting sympathy, only to find that she, to a large extent, agreed with the complainant! Her favourite portrayal of Jesus is the Leonardo da Vinci painting, 'Salvator Mundi' which radiates compassion. And this made me think.

Was I being unfair? I looked again at the image and, while I still had the opinion that that was what men looked like, in what is now Israel, 2000 years ago, I realised that the image almost certainly did not look like what Jesus looked like because the expression was wrong. The Bible does not contain any descriptions of Jesus' appearance but does tell us that people recognised Jesus as being 'special'. That is to say, He had the bearing as of a man of authority and allied with this, a face that radiated love and compassion.

We have been brought up to think of Jesus as being in God's image and of God as being a paternal figure. I suspect that most of us have a picture in our minds of a white, Anglo-Saxon figure in long robes and with a long beard, and that in many cases that is how artists have depicted Him. I have come to think that while they may not be true in terms of height, colouring and so forth, they have got it right in managing to portray the one attribute that Jesus had above all others, namely, love in His face.

This was what was missing from the image, which looked more like one of those identikit pictures used by the police and I apologise to the person who complained and agree that the portrayal was completely wrong in that respect. Sorry!

On the other hand, I am delighted that someone has come forward to express an opinion about the magazine and what is printed in it. Do you have any thoughts? I am tempted to write a piece which is so outrageous that, surely, someone would want to write in and put me straight. So, watch this space!

Yours sincerely, *Eric Sparks*

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*If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.*

# Opinion

I am putting pen to paper to write about my opinion on a matter. I want to emphasise from the outset, that this is my personal opinion and not necessarily supported by anyone else connected with the magazine.

I feel that the Church of England and the Church in Wales have missed a golden opportunity. At the start of the pandemic, when lockdown and other restrictions were announced, the Government announced that there would be monetary support for people who had difficulty with housing, food, clothing and such like. Here was an opportunity for the Church to show itself as a compassionate, caring organisation which wanted to reach out to the population at large.

I know that the edict specified various prohibitions and that this would have made things difficult. One alternative response was to close down all churches and put a halt to services, causing people who wanted the comfort of the church having to sit on a bench outside, because that was as close as they could get. Whereas, with an application of ingenuity, the churches could have been kept open and served the surrounding population. Having regard to difficulties with masks, spacing and other aspects of hygiene, services could have continued, the homeless could have been housed, the hungry fed, clothing distributed and those in need of spiritual or emotional support given this succour. Even if it was not very well done, the church would have been seen as an establishment which wanted to care for everyone, whether or not they were practising Christians. How better to counteract the steady and relentless drift towards the secularisation of our lives here in what is officially a Christian country?

We have tried to reach out via the Internet and great strides have been made in this respect with large numbers of viewers for the services. I also know that hindsight is 20/20 vision, but we should be looking at ways in which we can reach out to people in a benevolent and empathetic manner. How can we show the world that we are the loving people we claim to be? It is not enough to leave helping the less fortunate to government agencies with their bureaucratic procedures and apparently grudging applications of what is promised. Surely, we can do better. While we may have missed this opportunity, can we not put our minds to the situation now and come up with ideas as to how outreach can be achieved?

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*It is discouraging how many people are shocked by honesty and how few by deceit.*

# Father Edwin's Page



Dear Friends,

“Take care, I’ll see ya!” Someone said to me recently.

It’s become the face of the compassionate 21<sup>st</sup> century to tell people to ‘take care’ and everyone seems to be saying it. I suppose it’s a mixture of ‘Goodbye’ and ‘God bless you’, but shows that we’re more interested than just to say ‘goodbye’, and not so over the top as to ask God to bless someone else. And anyway, ‘goodbye’ and ‘God bless you’ just doesn’t seem as catchy as ‘take care’ which, after all, rolls off the tongue very nicely.

You can tell anyone to take care, regardless of their creed or nationality, and even if they don’t have any belief in anything at all, reminding someone of the importance of looking after themselves is always a good thing to do. It has an almost parental ring about it, like ‘eat your greens’ or ‘don’t forget to brush your teeth’ and shows that we’re genuine concerned about their wellbeing.

But if we tell someone to ‘take care’, we’re putting the onus very much on them. We’re certainly not indicating any willingness to help them out or shoulder life’s burdens for them and, quite simply, we’re letting ourselves off the hook: it’s up to the other person to do the caring.

So what else could we say at the end of a conversation, or when we’re taking our leave of someone? ‘Goodbye’ does seem very formal, as though we ought to be exchanging a good firm handshake. ‘Cheerio!’ is an alternative, but it has a rather dated sound to it. There’s always that good old South Wales expression, ‘T’raa’...enough said!

I suppose my job encourages me to say ‘God bless you’ to a lot of people. A blessing is a formal ending to a service in church and there are countless occasions when it’s just the right thing to say to people. It’s an acknowledgement of the presence of God, and it’s a reminder to me of the assurance that someone will be remembered in my prayers when I reflect on the day and the people I’ve met and spoken to.

But I don’t think saying ‘God bless you’ should be the sole preserve of the clergy and I long for the day when it’s something that we ought to feel comfortable saying to each other. It’s certainly something that can be overused and we may not choose to say it to everyone we know or meet. But when the time is right, don’t be afraid to say it to someone; it will console them and encourage them, and remind them that they mean something to you that goes beyond a meeting or a conversation. It’s an encouragement to someone to take care of themselves and to mind how they go, and a good deal more.

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*If the highest aim of a captain was to preserve his ship, he would keep it in port forever.*

Many people are starting to piece their lives back together after the despair of the pandemic, with visits to family and friends picking up, not to mention a Platinum Jubilee to celebrate. In all the things that you do in the next few weeks do, please, take care; and in everything you do, may God bless you!

*Edwin*

### **Welcome to the Reverend Jenny Tiebas**

Jenny Tiebas will be joining our Ministry Team when she is ordained as a Deacon at Llandaff Cathedral on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am. Parishioners will be very welcome at the Cathedral for this special occasion. Jenny will be living in the Rectory in St Athan, but she will be serving across all 12 of our churches, so you will all get to know her in your churches and communities. Jenny is moving from her current home in London, where she has been training for ordination and will be arriving with her husband, Angel.

There will be a service to welcome Jenny to our Ministry Area on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm. The service will inaugurate her ministry amongst us and there will be a chance to meet her afterwards over a cup of tea.

### **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

There are many events taking place over the long weekend of the Platinum Jubilee, as we celebrate the remarkable 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

All of the services in our churches on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June will include prayers of thanksgiving, and there will be numerous community events across our Ministry Area. Jubilee Beacons will be lit in Southerndown and Llantwit Major on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.00pm.

Specific church events include:

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Jubilee Tea and Cakes at St Illtud's Church in Llantwit Major 2.00pm – 4.30pm, with a video of the Coronation playing in the church.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June: Llanmaes Jubilee Festival of Flowers at St Cattwg's Church, 11.00am – 4.00pm each day

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June: A Community Service of Thanksgiving for all the Family, at St Cattwg's Church, Llanmaes at 11.00am

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Jubilee Songs of Praise at Holy Trinity Church, Marcross at 3.00pm

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June: A Celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, including a Cream Tea at St Tathan's Church, St Athan, from 3.00pm.

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*The two enemies of human happiness are pain and boredom.*

# From the Registers

## Baptisms

16 April. Archibald Anthony Diomano Wilson

01 May. Isaiah Garin Evans

## Marriages

19 April. Maxwell David Neilson Morgan & Daisy Amanda Cook

21 April. Kyle Michael Paylor & Rachael Dawn Privett

30 April. Gavin Carey Davies & Anna Louise Griffin

14 May. Adam John Surtees & Erica Hewitt

## Burials

26 April. Brian Watts Jones, aged 82 years, Llantwit Major

28 April. Joan Kinsbrook, aged 102 years, Southerndown

03 May. Michael Anthony Davies, aged 57 years, Bridgend

05 May. Jack Sharp, aged 89 years, Llantwit Major

09 May. John Edgar Langley, aged 86 years, Ogmores by Sea

12 May. Enid Bennion, aged 88 years, Llantwit Major

17 May. Jacqueline Haines, aged 73 years, St Athan

18 May. John Lee, aged 85 years, Llantwit Major.

## Funerals.1

Funerals are usually rather sombre affairs, with the mourners dressed in black and grieving at the loss of a loved one. This is all perfectly understandable, but what should be happening is the celebration of the life of the departed who has now gone to a far better place than this life on earth. One of the latter styles happened recently, that of Enid Bennion. Enid was well known to many people in Llantwit Major, by sight if not by name. She suffered from dementia but was lovingly cared for by her husband Phillip and was frequently seen on the back of a tandem, happily cycling with him. They had undertaken many adventures in their earlier days, including going to Santiago de la Compestela, and continued their rides after Enid began her difficulties. What about the funeral? The hearse was followed by Phillip riding the tandem with their daughter on the rear seat and accompanied by several bicycle riders, all on their way to the church. Wonderful!

## Funerals.2

it wasn't called a funeral! On the booklet it said, "IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF DR ROBERT LANGLEY SMITH MBE", and that is what it was, a celebration. Bob was a remarkable man who lived a truly Christian life and was so loved by so many across the world. A more complete obituary will appear in the July magazine.

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*Love is like an hourglass, with the heart filling up as the brain empties.*





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## Saint of the Month

### 16 June: Richard, Bishop of Chichester (1197-1253)

It was a phone call from the Bishop one evening: “Philip, I would like you to be the Archdeacon of Margam.” No advertisement, no job application, no interview. That’s how things were done in those days. No job description – it was almost a case of make it up as you go along.

But for the archdeacon in the diocese of Chichester in the time of this month’s saint, it was a different matter. The 13<sup>th</sup> century Bishop Richard gave him strict instructions: “You are to administer justice for their proper fees, not demanding more either for rushing or delaying the business. You are to visit the churches regularly, to see that the services are duly ministered, the vessels and vestments are in proper order, the canon of the mass correctly observed and distinctly read, as also the daily services. You are to suspend priests who clip or slur the words by rushing.” No wonder an archdeacon was called ‘the crook at the head of the bishop’s staff’ and there was a great debate as to whether an archdeacon could get to heaven.



Bishop Richard of Chichester was clear in his desire to reform the Church, and laid out his expectations of the behaviour and work of the clergy. He set a high standard, travelling around the diocese on foot, visiting and caring for his clergy and people. He made himself accessible to all who needed his ministry. Following his death at Dover, Richard was buried in Chichester Cathedral and a shrine erected, which became a major place of pilgrimage. Miracles of healing were reported, and Richard was canonised as a saint just nine years after his death.

It is for his prayer he said when dying that we most remember Richard:

*Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ  
For all the benefits Thou hast given me,  
For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me.  
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,  
May I know Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly,  
Follow Thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.*

*Philip Morris*

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*An Englishman even if he is alone, will form an orderly queue of one.*

# LLANDAFF AND GLAMORGAN DIOSCESAN FESTIVAL OF PRAYER 2022 GWYLWEDDI



**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022**  
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The Festival of Prayer began in 2016 and, until the pandemic, went from strength. The festival will be held in St Teilo's Church in Wales High School, Circle Way East Cardiff, CF23 9PD

The day begins with the Eucharist and address at 10.00 pm.

This will be followed by 3 sessions throughout the day.

The Llandaff and Glamorgan Festival of Prayer provides 'Easter' workshops in many different prayer techniques and spiritual traditions and sessions that go deeper. The depth of content will be delivered at a gentle pace with lots of renowned Welsh hospitality making the day suitable for beginners and the more experienced alike.

'Your Will be Done', 'God's Amazing Plan', 'To Hell's Mouth', 'Does God Love Sport?', Music and Faith', Julian of Norwich are some of the workshop titles and there many others to choose from. Each standing alone and lasting for one hour. For more detail [www.festivalofprayer.live](http://www.festivalofprayer.live)

There will also be an opportunity to experience personal time of prayer at lunchtime by either walking the Labyrinth or by walking in the school grounds.

The cost of the three workshops, tea, coffee and lunch is £25 per person or £20 per person for Group Bookings of 5 or more. St Teilo's School is wheelchair accessible and an excellent venue.

If you are unable to access the internet, please contact Rev Moira Spence 01656 881960 for further details, any queries and to book.

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*The possession of knowledge does not kill the sense of wonder and mystery. There is always more mystery.*

# Humour

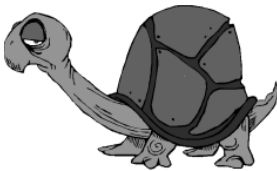
This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is 'UP.' It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v]. It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car. At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. . . . but now I think my time is UP, so I'll shut UP!

From a notice in the Woolacombe Bay Hotel in Devon, England: "Our three-night Christmas break includes a packed programme of family entertainment, a crèche, excellent cuisine, and a visit from Satan."

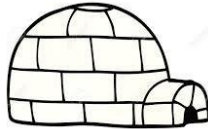
Spotted outside a church in Michigan: "Honk if you love Jesus. Keep on texting while you drive if you want to meet him."

A short-sighted man goes into a shop and asks the salesman if he can buy the TV in the corner. The clerk looks at him and says no he can't, so he goes back home and returns the next day. He asks the same thing, and again, the salesman said he doesn't serve dimwits! The man is astonished at the rudeness, goes away again but returns when a different salesman is there only to get the same sort of response. He asks, "Why can't I buy that TV in the corner?" The salesman looks at him disgustedly and says, "That's not a TV, it's a microwave!"

Two men are hiking through the woods when one of them cries out, "Snake! Run!" His companion laughs at him. "Oh, relax. It's only a baby," he says. "Don't you hear the rattle?"



I can't get them to give me housing benefit!



HOW many Ukrainians do you want to take in?



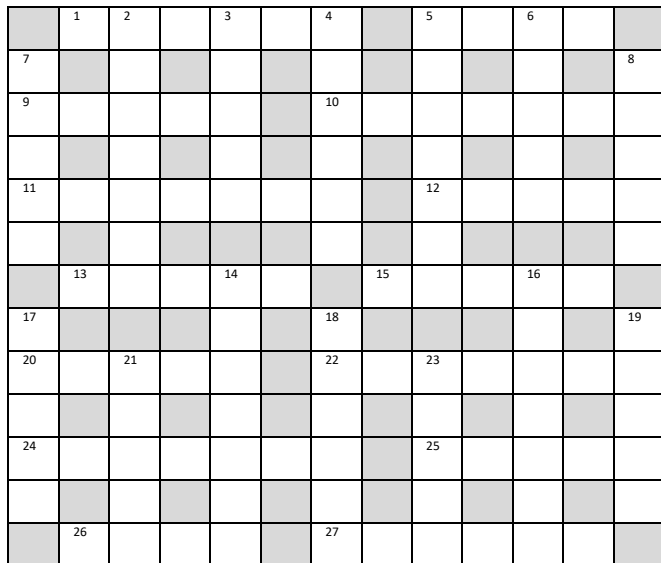
We're organising a street party for the Platinum Jubilee.

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*The most wasted of all days is 1 without laughter.*

# Puzzle Page

## Crossword No 115



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| <p><b>Across</b></p> <p>1 Select</p> <p>5 Adept</p> <p>9 Plant</p> <p>10 Brutal</p> <p>11 Songbird</p> <p>12 Alter</p> <p>13 Able</p> <p>15 Garment</p> <p>20 Loaf</p> <p>22 Fired at</p> <p>24 Circus act</p> <p>25 Replace</p> <p>26 Closed</p> <p>27</p> <p>Condiment</p> | <p><b>Down</b></p> <p>2 Ruled</p> <p>3 Do without</p> <p>4 Annul</p> <p>5 Praise</p> <p>6 Slack</p> <p>7 Dwell</p> <p>8 Reserved</p> <p>14 Scheme</p> <p>16 Conspire</p> <p>17 Sharp</p> <p>18 Dormant</p> <p>19 Alter</p> <p>21 Fish</p> <p>23 Kit out</p> |
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### Answers

*Across: 1 Prefer, 5 Able, 8 Briar, 10 Vicious, 11 Dunnock, 12 Amend, 13 Adept, 15 Smock, 20 Cargo, 22 Shelled, 24 Trapeze, 25 Usurp, 27 Pepper.*

*Down: 2 Reigned, 3 Forgo, 4 Revoke, 5 Acclaim, 6 Loose, 7 Abide, 8 Aside, 14 Project, 16 Collude, 17 Acute, 18 Asleep, 19 Amend, 22 Roach, 23 Equip.*

### Mini Quiz

- 1 The 400-mile Indira Canal is the longest canal in which country?
- 2 Which Prime Minister wrote *Marlborough: His Life and Times*, and *Painting as a Pastime*?
- 3 Magnetite and Haematite are the commonly mined ores of which metal?
- 4 What is the five letter word for the organ of a cow in which milk is produced?
- 5 Fred Perry wore which company's Green Flash plimsolls to win Wimbledon 3 times running?

### Answers

*1 India, 2 Winston Churchill, 3 Iron, 4 Udder, 5 Dunlop*

### Children's Word Ladder

Go from one word to the next by changing only one letter. The first three words are there to help you.

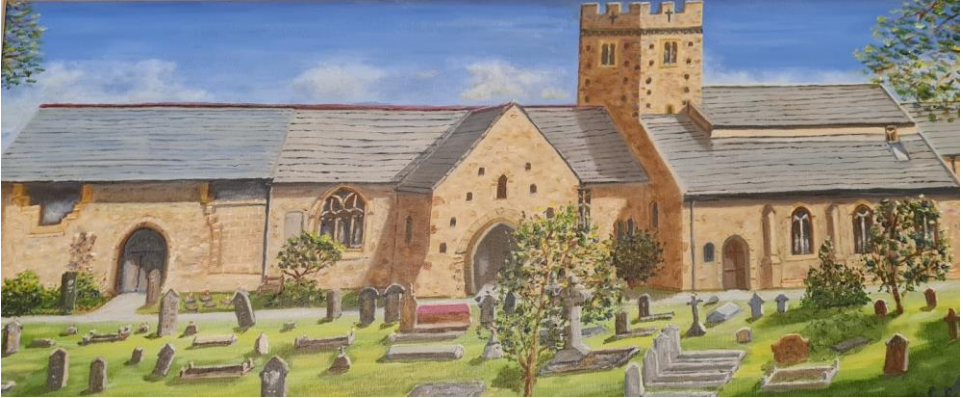
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SWEAR	PROMISE
SWEAT	PERSPIRE
	SUGARY
	BRUSH
	REPOSE
	ANIUMAL
	SOAK
	HORSE
	METAL
STEAL	THIEVE

*Spear, Swear, Sweat, Sweet, Steal, Steam, Sheep, Steep, Steel, Steep, Sweep, Steep*

*It's not wise to violate rules until you know how to observe them.*

# ART EXHIBITION

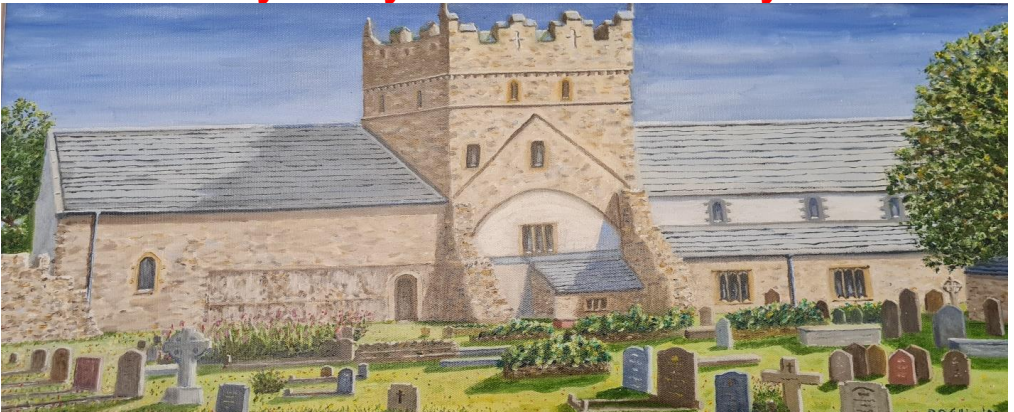
## ‘A PILGRIMAGE THROUGH THE 12 CHURCHES OF THE GLAMORGAN HERITAGE COAST PARISH’



**An exhibition of oil paintings by David Ellis of the 12  
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**St. Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major,  
from 13<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Ewenny Priory from 4<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022**



**All are very welcome**

**The exhibition is being held in aid of Church funds**

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*Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.*

## The Meaning of Whitsun

Jesus was crucified, He died and was buried and rose again from the dead after three days. These events are celebrated at Easter. After His Resurrection, Jesus continued to teach his eleven remaining Apostles for a further forty days and then ascended into Heaven. The Feast of the Ascension is on a Thursday and is followed ten days later by Pentecost which means "the Fiftieth Day". Pentecost was a prominent feast in the calendar of ancient Israel celebrating the giving of the Law on Sinai. It is now observed in the Christian Church to



commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. For this reason, Pentecost is sometimes described as the "Birthday of the Church."

People now, more often; call it Whitsun derived from "White Sunday" Whit was the occasion for varied forms of celebration. In the north west of England, church and chapel parades called Whit Walks still take place at this time. Typically, the parades include brass bands and choirs and the girls attending are dressed in white. The intention is to

have a demonstration of faith and witness to Christ. Traditionally, Whit fairs, sometimes called Whitsun Ales took place. Other customs such as Morris dancing are associated with Whit, although in many cases they have been transferred to the Spring Bank Holiday.

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*It can be done faster better or cheaper; Pick any two.*

## **Mother's Union – The Best Laid Plans.....**

Our plans for the Quiet Day were scuppered by Covid and a date for this will be arranged for later this year. Instead we had a meeting in St Illtud's, in the Galilee Chapel where we held worship. Afterwards a number of members shared their experiences of what their own MU membership, and often that of their mothers, has meant in their lives. It was a truly joyous occasion with a wonderful sense of fellowship. We were very happy too, to be introduced to the newest addition to our clergy team, Jenny, who will be joining us in the summer.

The MU Deanery Festival was held on Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> at St Bridget's, and it was good for members of the three branches to be able to get together again. Sadly, I was unable to attend but other members did and greatly enjoyed it.

### **June meeting – Platinum Jubilee Celebration**

Our June meeting is planned for Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup> after the long Platinum Jubilee Weekend. We will continue the Jubilee Celebrations with Eucharist, to be celebrated for us by Emma and by giving thanks for the long reign of our MU Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, by sharing our own Royal reminiscences and mementoes.

Sue Beetlestone – Llantwit Major Branch Leader

### **Rogation Sunday**

A delightful little service took place in St Mary's Monknash on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The day was Rogation Sunday and, after some readings, prayers and hymns in the church, the congregation moved outside, and further prayers said in relation to the fields, crops and livestock. Rogation extends over several days and God's blessing is sought for the work of agriculture and industry but, in this locality, the emphasis is on the former. Back to our roots!

### **Platinum Jubilee**

Are you ready to celebrate the unique event? No other British monarch has reigned for as long as Queen Elizabeth II and she thoroughly deserves all the nice things that are being said about her and her 70 years on the throne. On page 7 there are details of the services which are being held in the various churches. Take your pick, have a street party, invite friends round or just be yourself but monarchist or republican, celebrate!

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*You can't hold a man down without staying down with him.*



JUBILEE

# FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

LLANMAES

*Come and join us in our celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and help us to raise funds for our historic church, St Cattwg's.*

FRI 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE  
SAT 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

11 AM TO 4 PM

- Platinum Jubilee themed Festival of flowers in the church
- Many gardens open
- Children's trail
- Drinks, lunches and other refreshments at the Village Hall
- Church and Hall are accessible to all

Entry £5 per adult, children under eleven go free  
Tickets available in advance from Gail 07885 254436  
[gailtalks@hotmail.com](mailto:gailtalks@hotmail.com)

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*I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. That's when it's time for my nap.*

## In at the deep end

It happened to me when I was a curate here, when the Vicar sprained his ankle and I had to be in charge of the confirmation. But that was nothing compared with what happen to the Revd. Richard Evans while he was here, and in his first year as a deacon. The June 1974 Parish Magazine tells the story.

*The Vicar is in the "Heath" hospital receiving treatment for the deterioration of his eyesight. The absence of such a devoted and conscientious priest is quite a blow for the life and work of the parish, but, as he would be the first to say, that work has to go on and forward as best it may in the circumstances.*

So the curate had, not only to write, and put together the Magazine for publication, (no easy task without training!) but also to run the parish, one of the main tasks of which had been to hold the Easter Vestry, part of which was the election of Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councillors. He gave all their names in the May issue. But he had some extra help, of which he was very glad.

*You will have noticed that Mr. A.J. Lawrence has resumed his role as People's Warden, although he had originally decided to retire after his long years of official service. However, in the circumstances he kindly consented, with the unanimous approval of the meeting, to continue as warden for another year. Both the Vicar and Curate expressed their gratitude, commenting on the wisdom and generosity of this act.*

The annual report of "WEL-CARE LLANDAFF" was mentioned in the same issue, with a quotation on their work of "Rescue". *From the 1st April, a woman considering an abortion can know that by phoning Cardiff 35000 she can be sure of help and support if she decides to go through with her pregnancy, and will not be subjected to any pressure in making her decision.*

*500 OLD AGE PENSIONERS IN LLANTWIT MAJOR was the heading for an article by Dorothy Middleditch, the Secretary of the local association, when asked by a member where were they all? She reminded readers that they met twice a month in the Rugby Club and urged others to join them.*

In the June Welsh Churchman inset was the news that the Revd, John Webber, curate in Penarth, was beginning his training at Selly Oak for overseas work which would eventually take him to his beloved India.

A MARVELLOUS EXPERIENCE seemed a strange way to describe what happened to the Vicar, in the July issue, but he was describing, in a letter of thanks, the friendship and fellowship in the Spirit he'd experienced from the parish and beyond. At the same time, he said: *the sudden loss of vision that I experienced over Easter was alarming, and necessitated an urgent operation. Now we have to be patient and wait to see just how much sight I have,* adding that he could walk around but not write or read.

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*Never confuse a single defeat with a final defeat.*

*He wanted to thank the Chaplaincy staff at Cardiff University for their help with services, and Richard Evans, his curate, who, as a Deacon, was plunged in at the deep end, and has proved to be so remarkably buoyant, and Mr. Vivian Ginn, whose help as a Lay Reader has been so valuable. The Churchwardens have been a tower of strength and I deeply appreciate the way in which Mr. A.J. Lawrence generously stayed on as People's Warden and Treasurer as soon as he grasped the situation.*

What the curate had ahead of him, according to the June Magazine, was the changed date of the Confirmation to Sunday, 9th June at 6 pm, followed by the Diocesan Clergy School two days later, when the lecturer was to be the Warden of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury; and then his ordination as a priest on the 29th in the Cathedral. A coach had been arranged and he hoped that many parishioners would come. Unusually, he was going to celebrate the Eucharist for his first time at 6 pm that evening, when again he hoped that many would join him.

*A little note in the Calendar for June referred to new problems. We have had to change the name from the usual "Whit Sunday" to "Pentecost". With the introduction of the Spring Bank Holiday, the term "Whitsun" is causing great confusion (even to church people). Christians ought to insist that "Whitsun" is only applied to the religious feast and not to a purely secular holiday.*

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# Lateral Thinking

1 Len parked his car in the beach car park and went for a walk along the beach and cliffs. After an hour he returned to the car to find that he had lost his keys somewhere along his long walk. He gave up hope of finding them but remembered that he had a spare set of keys in the glove box of the car. Seconds later he was on his way, driving the car but without having broken any windows or damaged the car in any way. The windows were not open, and he had no assistance. How did he manage it?



2 Jim and his wife, Jane, are walking in the park with Bob and his wife, Lynn. Jim and Bob are brothers. They meet Lynn's older brother who is playing football with his little boy, Jack. Jane exclaims to the little boy "What a lovely surprise to see my little nephew." Explain.



3 Which month has 29 days in a leap year?



4 There are two tubs of water one at  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the other at  $20^{\circ}\text{F}$ . Which tub does George select in order to give his dog a good wash?



5 Mr and Mrs Jones have two boys who share the same birth date. When they go shopping for their children they always buy three of everything, three pairs of shoes 3 pairs of trousers 3 shirts all the same size. The children do not need lots of spare clothes so why do Mr and Mrs Jones buy three sets?



- 1 The car was a convertible with roof down.
- 2 Jane and Bob's wife are sisters.
- 3 They all have.
- 4 The one at  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  because the  $20^{\circ}\text{F}$  will be ice
- 5 The two boys are part of triplets.

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*In order to attain the impossible, one must attempt the absurd.*

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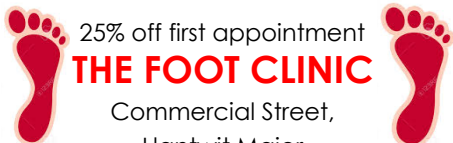
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*There is a legend that a lie can attain the dignity of age.*

<b>June 2022 Final</b>	<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	
St Illtud's 8.00am	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	
St James', Wick 8.15am	Online	Online	Online	Online	
St Tathan, 9.00am	Morning Prayer  Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration @ 3.00pm	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	
St Illtud's 9.30am	Online & in person	Online & in person	Online & in person	Online & in person	Service of Welcome @ 6pm
Ewenny Priory 9.30am	Morning Prayer	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	
St Giles, Gileston 9.30am	Eucharist		Morning Prayer		
St Michaels, Llanmihangel 9.30am	Eucharist		Morning Prayer		
St Cattwg's, Llanmaes 11.00am	Eucharist			Morning Prayer	
St Bridget's 11.00am	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	
St James', Wick 11.00am	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	
St Donats 11.15am	Eucharist	Morning Prayer	Prayer & Praise	Meet, Greet & Eat	
Holy Trinity, Marcross	Jubilee Songs of Praise @ 3.00pm				
St Mary's, Monknash			Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am Friday Fellowship		
St James', Wick 8.30am	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Morning Prayer on Zoom	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer on Zoom	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer on Zoom	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Morning Prayer on Zoom	Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer on Zoom
St Illtud's 10am	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Eucharist	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Eucharist	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Eucharist	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Eucharist
St Illtud's 12.15pm	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Eucharist & Soup lunch	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Eucharist & Soup lunch	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Eucharist & Soup lunch	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Eucharist & Soup lunch	
St Tathan 11am	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Eucharist	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Eucharist	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Eucharist	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Eucharist (Jenny's welcome service)
All Saint's, Southerndown 3pm	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Eucharist	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Eucharist	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Eucharist	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Evening Prayer
St Illtud's 7.00pm					Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Healing Service



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