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# Parish Magazine

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This magazine serves them all.

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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

It won't take much to work out why there is a Union Flag on the cover of the magazine this month. Our celebration of the 70 years which Queen Elizabeth has been monarch of the United Kingdom and remaining Commonwealth nations took place in June. Even the most ardent republican must acknowledge the dedication to duty displayed by this remarkable lady.

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*Growing up is losing some illusions, in order to acquire others.*

## From the Editor

Dear Friends,

Some people, over a certain age, describe a defining moment in their lives as follows: Everyone remembers where they were and what they were doing when they heard the news that President Kennedy had been assassinated." I don't! But I do remember these details with regard to another event. I was sitting on my bed in my billet on RAF Hillingdon, on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1952, when the announcement came over the Tannoy. "The King has died."

This then, was the moment that our Queen, Elizabeth the Second, came to the throne. When she was 21, she had made a solemn promise to the nation and the world as a whole. "I declare before you all, that my whole life whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong." I believe, along with many others, that she has fulfilled and even gone beyond this promise and thoroughly deserves all the praise and compliments which have been heaped upon her during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Did you watch all the functions broadcast on television? We saw the first, the Trooping of the Colour. It is the opportunity for the army to show off to the population at large the precision and discipline which the armed forces seek to instil into their ranks. It makes a truly great spectacle watched by crowds each year. An excellent start.

Then came the service in St Paul's Cathedral which was the usual sort of solemn ceremony to be expected on an occasion such as this. It was a great pity that the Queen could not attend this and other events due to health considerations.

Third on the programme was the variety show. There was something there for all ages and clearly entertained the enormous audience gathered in front of Buckingham Palace and most of the way down the Mall. However, I wonder how many others, like me, wondered why the organisers couldn't have found a British performer to take the star spot!

But then they saved the best until the last. The procession which proceeded down the Mall to the Palace was so diverse in representing the many countries in the Commonwealth and imaginative in the wonderful costumes and pageantry as to be beyond my description. You must see it for yourself!

This was all what we would expect for a monarch who has broken records but who, at the centre of her being, has held firm to her sound and strongly held Christian beliefs. She has been, and still is, an example to us all.

Yours sincerely, *Eric Sparks*

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

## Whom do You Admire?

I was in a little reverie the other day when an intriguing thought came to my mind; why do we admire some people and not others? What is the attribute which excites your esteem? Is it because the person is handsome or beautiful? Because they can act? Good at sport? Been brave? What is the telling feature? I didn't get very far because, of course, I didn't get any answers, so I had to content myself with thinking of the people that I thought a lot of and why I feel that way.

Thinking back to teenage days, I had the usual pin-up pictures of film stars and if I tell you the names you will know their vintage! Betty Grable and Ava Gardner! A few years later came a very different kind of respect for merit. Knowing of my interest in Astronomy, an uncle had given me a book which was a biography of Sir James Jeans. I already had a book on astronomy written by Sir James, but the biography was unusual. The first part chronicled his life, but the second half gave details of his work particular in his mathematics. What he had worked out astonished me. I won't give details of it here, suffice it to say the mathematics went way beyond my 'A' level achievements and caused me to marvel at what could be accomplished in this field.

I suppose my next object of admiration were sportsmen. Being a staunch Lancastrian, my loyalties went to Cyril Washbrook in the Hutton and Washbrook opening partnership for England, Billy Boston from the world of rugby and Stirling Moss and Lewis Hamilton from motor racing. At this point, I have to say that while I can admire what a person has done I don't find it necessary like the person as an individual! Another person in this category is William Bligh who was the object of the mutiny on HMS Bounty. The manner in which he led an overloaded open boat on a 3,000 mile voyage to safety beggars the imagination while not requiring the same regard for the person.

One person for whom I have few reservations, if any, is Ernest Shackleton who led another open boat voyage after his ship, the Endurance, became stuck in the Antarctic ice and sank. The way he managed this 700-mile feat of endurance is well worth a read or a view of the film.

To finish up with, I repeat the sentiments expressed on the previous page, I truly admire the Queen and what she has done.

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*If you don't know where you are going, you will probably end up somewhere else.*

## From Fr Edwin...



Dear Friends,

I spent a long day at Llandaff Cathedral at the end of June, attending the 2 ordination services as 8 Deacons and 5 Priests were ordained to serve in our Diocese. The ordination of Deacons was particularly important for us in the Heritage Coast churches as one of the candidates was Revd Jenny Tiebas, and the service marked the beginning of her ordained ministry in this Ministry Area. It was a real privilege to be part of a glorious act of worship, and to see members of Jenny's family, along with friends and many people who have been part of her journey of faith.

I also attended the ordination of Priests later in the day, when Fr Rick Gratton (who spent more than 2 years on placement in our churches) was one of those ordained. Rick became well known in our churches before the pandemic and remained part of our work through the difficult times of 2020 and 2021, before taking up his current post in the Llantrisant Ministry Area last Summer.

The journey of faith is different for everyone, just as the journey of a young person in school, or someone in a particular career will vary, with from one to another. Ordained ministry is no different, with a variety of skills and learning that need to be established in preparation, alongside specific gifts and talents that each person brings to the role. Sitting in Llandaff Cathedral for this year's ordinations took me right back to my own ordination as a Deacon in 1988, then, a year later, when I became a Priest, and I still remember the Bishop's hand weighing heavily on my head, and my heart beating like a drum!

Our scriptures tell of countless people who were called to a task of faith. Jesus called the 12 disciples from being fishermen and tax collectors, although 'debt collectors' would be a better description, and the call of God turned the lives of every one of these people upside down just look up the stories of Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus, or Zacchaeus who climbed up a tree just to get a glimpse of Jesus as he passed by. The call of God can be to a specific role or ministry within the church that can become a job and a lifetime of work; it can also be a call to a particular task, or even an invitation to find peace and healing at a difficult time in life. The common factor is that God's call requires a response and can't simply be ignored.

If you feel that God is calling in your life, then stop, pause, listen and pray. You can talk to any member of our Ministry Team in complete confidence, and we can help you discern what that call of God might mean. It might be something as simple as a 'call' to pray for a friend or someone you know who is going through a rough time or it might be the start of a journey that will change your life.

With every blessing, Edwin

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*I didn't come this far, to only come this far.*

## Welcome Service for Revd Jenny Tiebas

There was a Welcome Service for Revd Jenny on her first Sunday in our Ministry Area. Jenny has moved into the Rectory in St Athan with her husband Angel, and her work as an Assistant Curate will take her to all 12 of our Heritage Coast churches on a regular basis. Look out for Jenny over the coming weeks and make sure you introduce yourself!



*Revd Jenny Tiebas with some of the Ministry Team as we welcome her to the Heritage Coast*

### Some July events at St Illtud's Church in Llantwit Major

'Name That Tune': We are holding a monthly 'Name That Tune' session at St Illtud's Church. Led by the very talented Lizzie Lifton, it's a chance to wander down Memory Lane and try to remember some of those songs from the past. There's tea and coffee, cake and prizes, and the next session is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am.

Art Journaling Workshop: Also on 19<sup>th</sup> July is an Art Journaling Workshop led by local artist and writer Gilli-ann Prevett. This will be held upstairs in the Galilee Chapel and offers a chance to explore your inner world with paint and words... and have great fun in the process! The workshop runs from 11am – 1pm and is highly recommended.

Chair Yoga: don't forget Chair Yoga with Leanne runs every Tuesday morning at St Illtud's at 10am. This is an ideal opportunity to stretch and breath out the tension of our lives from the comfort of a chair!

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*Don't ever take a fence down until you know why it was put there.*

## Dr Robert Langley Smith MBE (Bob)

Bob Smith's ashes were laid to rest in St Donat's churchyard on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May. The service in the little church was a celebration of the life of a remarkable man, loved and respected by many people, young and old, all round the world.

Born in 1939 in South-east London into an unhappy household, Bob managed to rise above these circumstances and probably the first step along this path was to pass the 11+ exam which gave him a place in the Grammar School. He attended and did well but was forced to leave at age 16. Encouraged by his grandparents, he went to Teacher Training College and embarked on a career in education.



In 1966, after having met and married Sheila and produced two children, the family sailed to South Africa, travelled 1500 miles to the David Livingstone College and spent 15 years guiding young people along the road to being teachers themselves. Bob spent his entire career specialising in education in developing countries. In 1993 he was awarded his Doctorate by the University of Bristol and in 2004 he was made an MBE for his services to education in developing countries.

In Llantwit Major, Bob widened his interest in young people by adopting the students at Atlantic College. He and Sheila became guide, mentor, comforter and friend to countless young people both at St Donat's and in their own home. He was well known for his jokes (see page11) and his ukulele band named The Ukelastics.

Bob will be greatly missed by many people in many countries.

Today a small box of ashes.

Yet still the chapel burst with your spirit and love.

It spilled out to the carpark, keeping everyone warm,

I breathed it. Took it home on the train.

Coursing through my life force like blood, inside vessels, circulates.

Thank you; I'll treasure this always.

Miriam

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*I eat cake every day because somewhere out there it's someone's birthday  
and I like to celebrate.*





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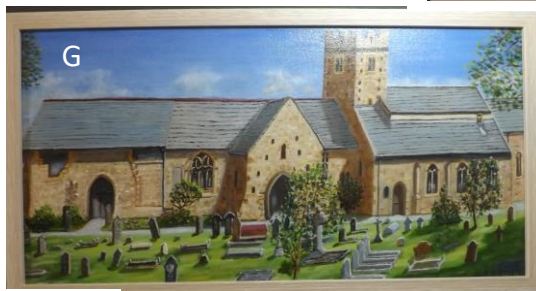
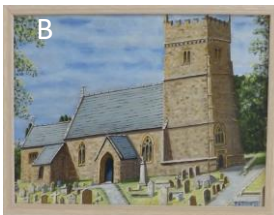
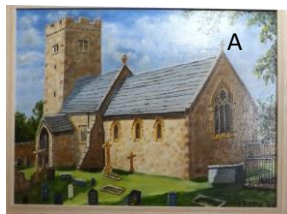
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# The 12 Churches of the Ministry Area



A Llanmaes, B St Bride's, C Llanmihangel, D St Athan, E St Gileston, F Marcross.  
G St Illtud's, H Monknash, I Ewenny. J Southerndown. K St Donat's, L Wick

*Most of the confidence which I appear to feel, especially when influenced by noon wine, is only a pretence.*

# Art Exhibition of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Parish Churches

The exhibition of oil paintings by Dr David Ellis, entitled 'A Pilgrimage through the 12 Churches of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Parish', was officially opened by the Mayor of Llantwit Major, Councillor Gerwyn Thomas, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June in St. Illtud's Church. Around 70 invited guests were in attendance, representing many of the Churches in the recently formed Heritage Coast Ministry Area.

The Canon Edwin Counsell extended a warm welcome to everyone present, and thanks were expressed by David Ellis to all those who had helped organise and set up the exhibition. The paintings were on show in St. Illtud's between 13<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, after which they were taken 'on tour' to Llanmihangel Church until June 27<sup>th</sup> for the 'Churches Unlocked' festival. The exhibition will then be moved to Ewenny Priory Church from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July with another official opening on the first evening.

Each painting is accompanied by a summary of the history and main features of each Church with a QR code to enable visitors with a Smart phone to access further details about each Church, compiled by the Canon Phillip Morris. The paintings are for sale; a price list is available at the exhibition. All donations will go to Church funds to help maintain the magnificent Churches along the beautiful Glamorgan Heritage Coast.

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*The photos on the previous page show the twelve paintings in the exhibition. .*

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

29th May. Louise Rachel Moorcraft

### Marriages

21<sup>st</sup> May. James Fraser Winterborn & Anna Louise Evans

28<sup>th</sup> May. Allan John Morgan & Jeannine Coates

30<sup>th</sup> May. Nicholas Lang & Louise Rachel Moorcraft

04<sup>th</sup> June. Michael Robert Ireton & Isla Elizabeth Hayden

11<sup>th</sup> June. Gerald Martin Miller & Kelly Louise Barnett

18<sup>th</sup> June. David Geoffrey Mark Dranfield & Sarah Ann Lewis

### Burials

24<sup>th</sup> May. Patricia Anne Walker, aged 86 years, Llantwit Major

27<sup>th</sup> May. John Aryes, aged 88 years, Penarth

27<sup>th</sup> May. Eileen May Herring, aged 88 years, St. Athan

28<sup>th</sup> May. Robert Langley Smith, aged 82 years, Llantwit Major

21<sup>st</sup> June. Neil Gordon, Llantwit Major

22<sup>nd</sup> June. Maureen Ann Bourner aged 72 years, Llantwit Major

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*Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.*

# Humour

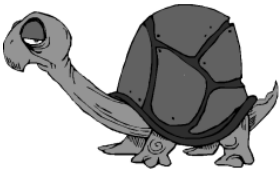
A man falls in love with a woman called Deirdre but he's already going out with another woman called Lorraine. So, he went walking with Lorraine and pushed her over a cliff. He then left the scene singing the 90s song, "I can see Deirdre now, Lorraine has gone."

A young American tourist went on a guided tour of a creepy old castle in England. "How did you enjoy it?" the guide asked when it was over. "It was great," the tourist replied, "but I was afraid I was going to see a ghost in some of those dark passageways." "No need to worry," said the guide "I've never seen a ghost in all the time I've been here." "How long is that?" the tourist asked. "Oh, about 300 years."

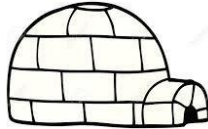
The surgery rang to let Mr Evans know that the results from his blood tests came back and he was just fine. That didn't suit Mr Evans. "What's my cholesterol level?" he asked. "Mr Evans, you are just fine," insisted the nurse. "Still, I'd like you to send me the results." A few days later, he received a postcard from the surgery. It read, "Mr Evans, you are just fine!"

Ladies don't forget the Church Jumble Sale. This is your opportunity to get rid of all the unwanted things which have been lying around the house for ages. Bring your husbands.

- Traditionally, most of Australia's imports come from overseas.  
Australian Cabinet Minister.
- Things are more like they are now than they ever were before.  
Dwight D Eisenhower.
- I never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body.  
Prominent US Basketball player.



I went to Llanmaes Flower Festival, but they caught me eating the displays!



How do you take part in a procession when you are in a kayak?



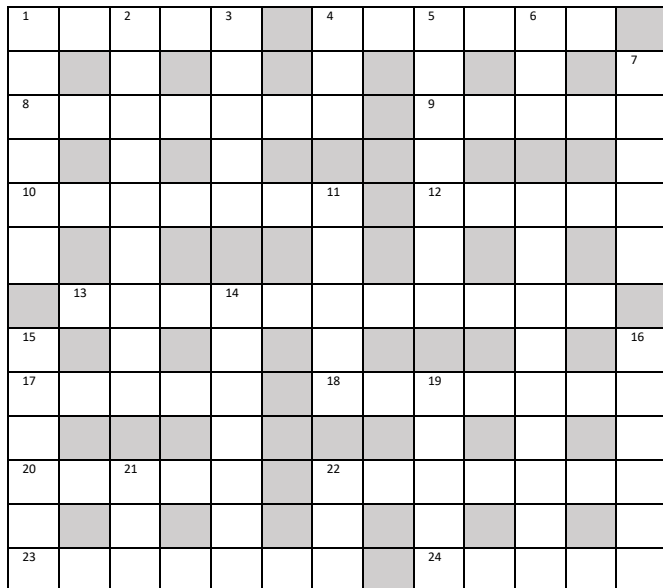
Of course I'll come to your street party.

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*If we shouldn't eat at night, why is there a light in the fridge?*

# Puzzle Page

## Crossword No 116



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| <p>Across</p> <p>1 Skilled</p> <p>4 Fee</p> <p>8 Poise</p> <p>9 Accept</p> <p>10 Native</p> <p>12 Relative</p> <p>13 Rivalry</p> <p>17 Finished</p> <p>18 Attack</p> <p>20 Permit</p> <p>22 Hairstyle</p> <p>23 cricketer</p> <p>24 Yonder</p> | <p>Down</p> <p>1 Summing</p> <p>2 Times 8</p> <p>3 Stayer</p> <p>4 Weep</p> <p>5 Contrary</p> <p>6 Adhesive</p> <p>7 Metal</p> <p>11 Flower</p> <p>14 Furnished</p> <p>15 For</p> <p>16 Courage</p> <p>21 Untruth</p> <p>22 Hill</p> |
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### Answers

*Across: 1 Adept, 4 Charge, 8 Dignity, 9 Admit, 10 Natural, 12 Niece, 13 Competition, 17 Ended, 18 Seizure, 20 Allow, 22 topknot, 23 Fielder, 24 There.*  
*Down: 1 Adding, 2 Eightfold, 3 Trier, 4 Cry, 5 Against, 6 Gum, 7 Steel, 11 Lotus, 14 Endowed, 15 Behalf, 16 Mettle, 21 Lie, 22 Tor.*

### Mini Quiz

- 1 What are the only big cats that live in groups?
- 2 In 1994, the Channel Tunnel was officially opened by the Queen and which French President?
- 3 Each year, the Austrian company Bosendorf produces about 300 what?
- 4 Octane has 8 carbon atoms in a string with 18 atoms of Which element?
- 5 Which 1904 Puccini opera features the 'Humming Chorus'?

### Answers

1 Lions – prides, 2 Francois Mitterand, 3 Pianos, 4 Hydrogen, 5 Madam Butterfly.

### 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.

BREAK	FISH
BREAD	LOAF
BREED	VARIETY
	BELIEF
	WEPT
	COOKED
	NOT WET
	LESS WET
	PLANT
	SHORT
GRIEF	SORROW

*BREAK, BREAD, BREED, CRIED, DRIED, DRIER, BRIER, BRIEF, GRIEF.*

*The scientific study of fingerprints is called dermataglyphics.*

# Llanmaes Flower Festival

Llanmaes Ladies decided that the village would celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in style with a Jubilee themed flower festival and what a wonderful job they did. There was so much to be seen that these pages cannot do justice to all the displays, so please forgive any omissions. If you want a more complete account, refer to the excellent pamphlet which was produced for the event. The following page shows photos of a selection of the lovely arrangements.

The Northern Entrance to the Church, had a display of hydrangeas in cream and purple, the colours of the Jubilee, to bid your welcome. The accession to the throne came about when George VI died while Elizabeth was in Kenya at the Treetops hotel. The display in the Bell Tower represented this with its surrounding savanna, trees, grasses and the watering hole.

Moving into the church, there were the pew-ends in the Jubilee colours, sponsored by friends and villagers in Llanmaes and with a card bearing a loving message. Opposite the door was the display commemorating the Coronation. This was a striking arrangement including Crown, Orb and Sceptre. To the right of this was the representation of the investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales in Caernarfon Castle with Coronet, Ring and Gold Rod. Further on, you came to a display which included the many flags of the Commonwealth Nations. The flowers and foliage reflect the diversity, vibrancy and individuality of those countries and the many colours to be found in their flags.

Moving on into the Chancel, you would find displays representing the Silver and Gold Jubilees. Pew-ends denoted the Silver, in white and silver on the left and the Gold in yellow and gold on the right. Also expressed were the four countries of the United Kingdom, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, each in appropriate colours.

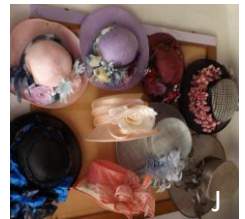
Returning to the nave, the Diamond Jubilee was commemorated in a display by the organ and the window next to it in white and silver. Prince Phillip had his lace on the font with the Greek flag, polo mallet, riding whip, hat, gloves and sugar lumps showing his love for polo, carriage racing and horses. The Royal Family display was based round the regal colour of purple, accentuated with eucalyptus foliage with a platinum hue. Hats were available for those wanting to make use of the photo booth, another nice touch.

As part of the celebration, the Sunday Service was a rollicking account of the Queen's life acted out by a number of local children and narrated by a parent. With signs saying "CHEER" and "APPLAUSE" being held up at regular intervals it was greatly enjoyed by the congregation which filled the church to bursting point. Well done, Llanmaes!

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*I never make the same mistake twice. I make it three or four times just to be sure.*



A The Coronation, B The Chancel, C The Commonwealth, D A Pew End, E Diamond Jubilee, F General View, G Accession (Tree House), H Scotland, I Wales, J Hats.

*The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference.*

# The burdens and joys of the Christian life

This was how, in the July 1974 Magazine, the Curate described what lay ahead for the twenty-five newly confirmed church members after the confirmation in St. Illtud's Church in June. It could also apply to his first year as a Curate in the parish, as he looked back over it in his leading article: *I have inevitably made many mistakes and blunders, on the other hand there may have been times when I have been some help and support.*

## Unusual events

In writing about the Town Carnival, due to begin on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, he refers to the "Carnival Service" at 10 am on the Sunday, which was still a Eucharist, saying that all would receive a warm welcome, and he would try not to be surprised if he saw Mickey Mouse or other strange characters in the congregation.

## St. Donat's Notes

The Curate commented on the difference it made to church life when the students were on holiday: *Some have gone for good, having reached the end of their two-year course, though it is surprising how many come back to pay the college and the church a visit.* In the August issue he added: *I always think that their presence, coming as they do from all parts of the world, helps to remind us of the universal nature of Christ's Church in the world.*

In the **Welsh Churchman** July inset was the appointment of the Revd. Philip Morris as Curate of Aberdare, while in the August issue was an article by the Dean of Llandaff celebrating the centenary of the birth of Timothy Rees – Bishop of Llandaff 1931-1939.

He became Bishop at a time of unemployment, great hardship and poverty, and after much visiting in the Diocese, took a leading part in formulating plans for improving the situation, as he felt that the Church should be seen taking a leading part in the fight for better conditions. Many churches were built in the new housing estates growing up in the Diocese during his episcopate.

In the August issue the Vicar wrote about his dynamic positive preaching and his clear exposition of the Church's teaching, adding, *his counsel was always valued and sought by many in high places, and we do well to remember his immense spiritual and social contribution to the life of South Wales on the 100th anniversary of his birth.* There is a very fine brass of the Bishop inlaid in the floor of Llandaff Cathedral Lady Chapel.

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*You will never find time for anything. If you want time, you must make it.*



The main article in the August magazine by the Vicar was about **the Reserved Sacrament** in the Lady Chapel. Clarke's of Llandaff had inserted the aumbry into the piscina niche: *Since the actual basin had been broken the niche was of no practical use – except as an interesting architectural feature, with the lovely shape of the niche itself remaining intact. It is into this undamaged shape that the aumbry safe has now been inserted, so that the Blessed Sacrament – the consecrated bread and wine from the Holy Eucharist – can now be perpetually reserved in the church.*

*The other privilege that we all now possess is to see the small candle burning continually in the Chapel – a light to remind us that Our Lord is Himself sacramentally and really present in that place making a tremendous difference to our beautiful church.*

The Vicar also wrote about new bookshelves on the backs of the last pews in the north and south aisles of the church, at the suggestion of Mr. A. J. Lawrence, thus clearing the baptistry of odd books.

Finally, he paid tribute to Mrs. Florence Deere who had died in hospital, describing her as a person who was loved by all who knew her: *for she always loved to join in as many activities as she could possibly manage. She will be greatly missed by the Church choir and the congregation in general.* [I remember her well when I was the Curate in the 50s, although in those days the women members sat in the front pews, not the choir stalls.]

David G. Brunning

## **Mother's Union – Smarties Appeal**

Huge thanks to all of you who have contributed to our Smarties appeal in aid of the MU Caravan at Porthcawl. We have collected over £400 for this extremely valuable cause which allows families in desperate need of a break to get away for a short period. Special thanks to Anne Sparks for the Smarties!

MU members are arranging to visit the caravan and learn more about it in the second week in July. By the time this comes out we will have booked our allotted time.

### **July Meeting Walk and Quiz July 5<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm at St Illtud's**

Our Summer meeting will take the form of a walk and a quiz (or both) based on a pilgrimage theme, depending on how energetic you are feeling. We will be based at St Illtud's for both of these activities. We look forward to being able to spend time outdoors together.

Sue Beetlestone – Llantwit Major Branch Leader

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*Men are rather reasoning than reasonable animals the most part governed by the impulse of passion.*

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was very interested in the magazine item about the face of Jesus and feel it was a good talking point for everyone.

We have been given the impression over the years of a white, kindly, Jesus in paintings and Bible stories which give us comfort. As his parents were from the Middle East it is natural that his features would be as pictured. He was a young man and took up a very difficult path so it would have shown in his features; I feel that the eyes showed the life he was leading. Thank you for the chance to examine it from a different angle.

I am glad that you have shared with us some opinions that you have received. As Edwin reminds us, everything in the Bible is one person's opinion and sometimes written much later than the actual event. We all have our ideas; we need to keep an open mind about much of what we have been taught. I thoroughly enjoy the magazine every month and share it with as many people as possible. Believers and non-believers alike.

Best wishes. Diane



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*When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them*

## Miscellany

The Jubilee was marked in St Illtud's by a showing of the Coronation Ceremony back in 1953. It was very nostalgic to see all the glittering carriages with their high-profile passengers. There is no equal to the Gold State Coach with the Queen as its passenger but who can forget Queen Salote of Tonga who insisted on having the carriage roof down, in spite of the rain, so that people could see her?

We were excited to learn that Sunday Worship at 8.10am on BBC Radio 4, on Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> June) was to come from St Illtud's Church, featuring our own Father Edwin Counsell and Rev'd Emma Street! This was another feather in our, collective, cap.

St Michael and All Angels at Llanmihangel organised a harp recital on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. The seven people who turned up for it were met by a Marie Celeste situation with crockery glasses and even strawberry jam in the porch but no sign of any human beings! Evidently the event had been postponed.

The Reverend Jenny Tiebus was ordained as a Deacon by Bishop June in Llandaff Cathedral on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. This moving ceremony was attended by supporters from Llantwit. The next day saw a 'welcome' service in St Illtud's as Jenny's first service in the Ministry Area. This was followed by a warm welcome with refreshments in the West Church. We look forward to having another fresh face on our Ministry team.

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00 pm in St Michael and All Angels Church, Llanmihangel, a re-enactment of a 17C service of Evening Prayer from the Welsh Prayer Book published in 1621 with metrical psalms, as would have been conducted by Archdeacon Edmond Prys, the 'Psalmist of Wales'.

The "Thingumajigs" played at a Ceilidh held in the CF61 Community Centre on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. The event was held to raise money for relief in Ukraine and provided an evening of lively music and dancing which was enjoyed by all, including the Ukrainian refugee who gave a little speech of thanks in a language which he clearly found difficult. All very heart-warming.

### **Please note:**

I am very aware of the fact that this magazine is written for twelve churches in Wales and for the last five or six years there has not been a word of Welsh in any of the issues. This is very sad, and I am anxious to remedy the omission. Is there anyone who reads this magazine who could write a short piece in Welsh each month? If you could, please contact me. What you write could be what you think or we could let you have the content to be translated.

## Saint of the Month

### 16 June: Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop (1825-1901)

When I retired I gave many of my books to St Michael's Theological College, Llandaff, just keeping the ones I thought I would read again. However I still seem to be acquiring books, and recently bought another bookcase from Ikea.

Three I didn't give to the College were first editions of books by Bishop Westcott, this month's 'saint', who was Regius Professor of Divinity at the



University of Cambridge before being consecrated Bishop of Durham. The three books are *The Revelation of the Risen Christ*, *The Victory of the Cross*, and *The Gospel of the Resurrection*. And you may be thinking – so what? Those are the sort of books you would expect of Professor of Divinity and a bishop to write. Well, yes, but not in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Not books where the Resurrection is the main subject. The Passion, the Cross, yes, but not the Resurrection. This was reflected in the life and worship of the Church at the time – no mention of the Resurrection in the Book of Common Prayer Communion, except in the Preface for Easter Day. Very few Easter hymns written in the Victorian period, but many for Passiontide and Good Friday.

Westcott pointed to the fact that in Christianity the Resurrection of Christ is of central importance. He pointed to the fact that the apostles made the Resurrection the central focus of their message. But it was something more than preaching on an isolated fact. Westcott writes: “The Resurrection was not an article of their creed, but the life of it.” He shows that “So thoroughly was the faith in the resurrection of Christ wrought into the minds of the first Christians that the very entrance into the society of Christians was apprehended under the form of a resurrection.” Baptism – walking into the water and rising from it. We have lost that imagery through the sprinkling of water on the head.

Westcott's emphasis in those three books redressed the balance in Christian teaching and worship and has shaped the Church for the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century so that we can proclaim “We are an Easter people – we live in the life of the Risen Christ – Alleluia.”

*Philip Morris*

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*If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded*

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*Books and friends should be new but good.*

<b>July 2022 Final</b>	<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>
St Illtud's 8.00am	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist
St James', Wick, 8.00am	Online	Online	Online	Online	Online
St Tathan, 9.00am	Morning Prayer	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Morning Prayer
St Illtud's 9.30am	Online & in person	Online & in person	Online & in person	Online & in person	Online & in person
Ewenny Priory 9.30am	Morning Prayer	Eucharist	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	Morning Prayer	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist
St James', Wick 11.00am	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist
St Donats 11.15am	Eucharist	Eucharist	Prayer & Praise	Prayer & Praise	Meet, Greet & Eat
Holy Trinity, Marcross	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30am</b> Fri. Fellowship	Eucharist @ 3pm			
St Mary's, Monknash			<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am</b> Fri. Fellowship	Patronal Festival @ 3pm	
St James', Wick 8.30am	<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer/Zoom</b>	<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer /Zoom</b>	<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Morning Prayer/Zoom</b>	<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer/Zoom</b>	
St Illtud's 10am	<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Eucharist</b>	<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Eucharist</b>	<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Eucharist</b>	<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer</b>	
St Illtud's 12.15pm	<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist &amp; Soup lunch</b>	<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Eucharist &amp; Soup lunch</b>	<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Eucharist &amp; Soup lunch</b>	<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Eucharist &amp; Soup lunch</b>	<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Eucharist &amp; Soup lunch</b>
St Tathan 11am	<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Eucharist</b>	<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Eucharist</b>	<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Eucharist</b>	<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer</b>	
All Saint's, S'down 3pm	<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Eucharist</b>	<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Eucharist</b>	<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Eucharist</b>	<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Evening Prayer</b>	
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