

The Parish of Pentyrch with Capel Llanilltern



St Catwg's Church, Pentyrch
St David's Church, Groesfaen
St Elteyrn's Church, Capel Llanilltern

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SUNDAY SERVICES

St. Catwg's Church, Pentyrch

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (4 th Sunday only)
9.00 a.m.	Parish Eucharist (4 th Sunday Family Eucharist)
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Sundays)

St. David's Church Groesfaen

8.00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (1 st Sunday only)
11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
6.00 p.m.	Evensong (1 st and 3 rd Sundays)

St Elteyrn's Church Capel Llanilltern

10.30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
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WEEKDAYS

St. Catwg's Holy Eucharist Wednesday 10.00 a.m.
St. David's Holy Eucharist Tuesday 10.00 a.m.
Other services as announced

Sunday School

St. Catwg's 10.15 am every Sunday in Church (except 4th Sunday)

Junior Church

St. David's 9.45 am on 2nd and 3rd Sundays in Creigiau Church Hall

Baptism, Holy Matrimony, Banns of Marriage

By arrangement with the vicar

From the Vicarage Window

Dear Friends,

At the September 2003 Diocesan Conference, Archbishop Barry asked every parish to covenant with the diocese to put God's mission and the growth of the church first. He commends Mission Action Planning as a way of doing that.

He has committed the diocese to turn ideas into action by producing a Diocesan Mission Action Plan and acting right away. The Archdeacons are co-ordinating the preparation of a Diocesan Plan so that it will be in place and acted upon by the next Diocesan Conference.

Archbishop Barry asks every parish to draw one up and to be acting upon it by the next Diocesan Conference.

What is Mission Action Planning? Mission Action Planning is listening – planning – doing – reviewing, so that parishes, deaneries, the diocese are seen to be doing what they believe. It is a kind of spiritual discipline – so that we listen more closely to God and the communities and people God calls us to serve.

1. Listen – Find God's priorities – if we are agents of Christ's mission to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives ..etc! What does that mean for us set in these communities? How do we already bring good news? Who today needs releasing from what – loneliness, bitterness, fear, poverty etc? What are the possibilities, what could we do? Just what is the special part this church can play in bringing the Kingdom of God in this community to meet its needs, hopes, joys and concerns. What do we need to give up? What do we need to start? What do we need to do differently? We listen to God together and share the hopes for the sort of world we want for our children and their children, picturing what the world could be like in the Kingdom of God as painted in the Bible.

2. Plan

a. Resources – We can find out what we have – the faith of the disciples already lived out in daily life – our buildings, lay and ordained ministry serving the work of the church. Our giving, unnoticed gifts and talents among us, what

we can share with other churches and community groups for their benefit and ours, developing the gifts given to us as a church.

b. Pray and decide – We can not do everything – where will we focus our attention this year, next year

2. What has to be done? – Realistically work out ‘who’, what, how, by when for this and the coming five years. For ideas to turn into practical reality they need regular attention to move them forward. People encouraged to use their gifts and live their faith in their daily lives, praying for their work and witness and encouraging more people to see the difference that God’s love can make to the whole of life, to families, to business, to schools, to society etc.

3: Do ‘Get stuck in’ – The proof of the pudding is in the eating.

4. Review – The PCC has a vital role in making policy and monitoring progress and developments. The Diocesan Covenant for Mission and Ministry reads, ‘We affirm our faith in God the Holy Trinity, the Father who is the Creator, Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and the Holy Spirit who continues God’s work in the world today. We commit ourselves today in this Covenant to –

1. Make the Mission of our Lord Jesus Christ our explicit priority at all levels of our work so that we may touch the people of Wales with the Good News of Christ.
2. Serve God’s people in our communities by working for peace and justice.
3. Develop the ministry and discipleship of the baptised so that, transformed ourselves, we may play our part in transforming God’s world.

We can offer this covenant to the parishes and people of the Diocese so that they can –

- (a) Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit
- (b) Work actively for the formation of local covenants to give expression to the ministry of all God’s people in each parish.
- (c) Commit themselves to realistic Christian financial giving
- (d) Share in the opportunities for teaching, nurture and formation as disciples of Christ.
- (e) Work together with other Christians as much as possible.

This Covenant will be reviewed and renewed annually .

Let us pray that our churches may move forward in our work and witness for our Lord and, guided by His Holy Spirit, supported also by our diocese we may play our part in reaching more and more people with the message of God’s love and seeing that love in action as we aim to serve each other in his name – guided by the support of our diocese in our planning.

John Binny Vicar

For Our Thoughts

Caring friendship and fellowship are important features of our life together in our churches and it is something which has impressed me greatly in my first six months here. As we come together it is good to share our news, thoughts, ideas and experiences etc. This, indeed, is just as true when we assemble for services.

It has, however, been brought to my attention that some people are finding it difficult to prepare for worship in church as they pray or read the appointed collect, psalm and readings before the service begins because of the volume of conversation around them. On reflection, I must hold my hands up to this as much as anyone because sometimes there are things that need to be checked to discussed prior to the service or I engage in general chit-chat forgetting that not everyone around me wants to hear me conversing at ordinary speech level, rather than in a whisper or low voice.

May I share the following quotation with you which I have received.

‘Before the service we talk to God
During the service God talks to us
After the service we talk to each other’

Please be assured that no fingers are being pointed at any individual. If you have any observations please share them with me.

I hope this will be helpful to us all.

John Binny

St. David's Church Groesfaen

Please note that from Sunday 2nd November the main Sunday morning service will begin at 10.30 a.m. – half an hour earlier than at present.

This will enable any potential congestion in the Dynevor Arms Car Park to be avoided at a very busy time for people arriving for meals. Worshippers with cars in the car park will not have to rush off to move their vehicles if they are delayed leaving church.

We are very grateful to Paul and Pauline Williams of the Dynevor Arms for allowing us to use this facility and would repeat the request in the previous magazine that people using the church for baptisms, weddings, funerals and other events park on the Peterstone Road or behind the church, especially near meal-times and in the evenings.

Growing Healthy Churches

Further to the Llandaff Deanery conference held in June, all members of the Parochial Church Councils received a copy of the Springboard Resource Paper 2 'Growing Healthy Churches, expressing the life of Christ through the local Church'

- 1) Energised by faith rather than just keeping things going or trying to survive.
- 2) Outward looking focus with a 'whole life' rather than a 'church life' concern.
- 3) Seeks to find out what God wants rather than letting our own preferences set the Church Agenda.
- 4) Faces the cost of change and growth rather than resisting change and avoiding failure.
- 5) Builds community rather than functioning as a club or religious organisation.
- 6) Makes room for others, being inclusive rather than exclusive.
- 7) Does a few things – and does them well – focused rather than frenetic.

Parochial church Council members were asked to complete a healthy church action list using the seven marks of a healthy church as shown above and in the booklet.

A discussion took place, examining each of the marks with reference to the parish.

1. It was felt that copies of the booklet 'Journeying Together' (a short course for small groups in parishes in the Diocese of Llandaff) should be obtained for PCC Member to consider its possible use during the coming year. These are now available.

2. It was pointed out that as a parish we ought always to be aware of the danger of being inward looking more so than outward looking but there was a desire to take on a new way of doing things.

3. There was a need to take the church to the people and continue to be inclusive rather than exclusive by welcoming everyone into the life of the church. All the comments and scorings have been read, tabulated and valued and the responses will be kept for future reference and use.

Many thanks to everyone who has taken the time and trouble to complete the returns and to Mr Andrew Dodd, who is a Parochial Church Councillor and a member of the Deanery Conference for bringing the responses together and providing the above summary for the magazine prior to feedback to the Deanery Conference and Parochial Church Council for further discussion.

Lay Participation in Worship

It is good that a number of people, including some families, have joined the list of those carrying the bread, wine and water to the altar and offering them on behalf of the congregation.

We also have people reading the intercessions at the Eucharist very thoughtfully and meaningfully. Many thanks to all who are taking part in these new innovations in our worship at the Eucharist. Many favourable comments have been received. We would welcome the participation of more families and individuals in our churches.

Please see Mr Andrew Dodd at St. Catwg's and Mr Harry Mason at St. David's if you would like to take part or contact the Vicar.

We are grateful to Andrew and Harry for overseeing the rota for these duties

Worship in Creigiau Church Hall

The action group set up to consider the format of the new services to be held in Creigiau Church Hall met in the Church Room at St. Catwg's Church on Tuesday 23rd September.

After a long and thoughtful discussion it was decided that the service would be known as a Family Communion Service and that a new service rite (used by the Vicar at the clergy school in July) would be used.

The pattern of the services would be set with the services on 7th December and 4th January being Family Communion Services and that on 1st February (Candlemas 2nd February) being a Christingle Service. It was also suggested that perhaps every third month the service would be non liturgical.

The advertising for this new service would be very important and it was hoped that as well as notices being posted up and placed in the magazine individual church members would try and invite or bring along people that they feel may be interested in worshipping in this service.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th November at the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. to discuss appropriate music for the services.

There is also a need for a further member to join this group to help with the publicity (anyone who may be interested in helping with this please contact the Vicar).

Harvest 2003

A very happy period in the calendar of our churches began in St. Catwg's Church Pentyrch on Sunday 28th September with the first of our Harvest Thanksgiving Sundays.

Following the 8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, a large congregation assembles for the Family Eucharist at 9.00 a.m. which blended traditional parts and structure of the service which special prayers and a Harvest song led and sung respectively by members of the Sunday School, who were also responsible for offering the bread, wine and water at the altar on behalf of the congregation.

The young people, together with members of the Parochial Church Council presented gifts of Harvest produce at the altar at the beginning of the service which were blessed by the Vicar.

The address on how the humble cup of tea can remind us of different aspects of the Harvest and our commitment as Christians, always thankful to God, was given by the Vicar, though he didn't have time to drink the finished product! Refreshments for all, however, were available after the service to continue the fellowship already enjoyed in church.

The choir began the service with an introit and, as usual led the hymns, psalm and other Eucharist music. Our choir featured prominently in Choral Evensong which provided a splendid ending to the day. The music included a Harvest Introit by Eric Thiman, a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Hylton Stewart and the Anthem, 'They shall dwell in the land by John Stainer, closing the service with a four fold Amen by Austin Thomas. The preacher with a thoughtful and stimulating sermon was Canon David Lewis, Vicar of Baglan, Port Talbot.

A week later on the first Sunday in October St. David's Groesfaen, the early Eucharist was celebrated at 8.00 a.m. and then families and other members of the congregation gathered for Family Eucharist at 11.00 a.m. Young people, including Junior Church led the prayers and carried the bread, wine and water to the altar on behalf of the congregation. Young people presented Harvest gifts at the altar, which were blessed by the Vicar.

Tea-making again featured during the Vicar's address with Canon Jack Buttimore, who led the service and Mr Gordon Longmore on the organ that morning having a cup each – with the Vicar again going without!

The choir of St. Catwg's, Pentyrch, led the singing in Choral Evensong with the Introit and settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Demittis and the anthem 'Fairest Lord Jesus' by Martin How closing the service with the very fine and reflective four fold 'Amen' The preacher with a very meaningful sermon was the Rev. Geraldine Blyth, Priest in charge of Llanharry and Chaplain of the Royal Glamorgan Hospital

The preachers in both churches remarked on the warmth of the welcome, the atmosphere in church, the splendid appearance of the churches, decorated so beautifully and colourfully which represented many hours of hard work. Our thanks to all who gave up so much time for the preparation of both churches which looked so magnificent on the day. We would like to express our thanks to Mrs Betty Nixon St Catwg's and Mrs Sue Hall St. David's who co-ordinated the decoration arrangements.

Many thanks also to our Sunday School/Junior Church Leaders – Mesdames Ros James and Norma Moses for preparing the young people to take part so well and meaningfully in the services. We are grateful to St. Catwg's Church Choir and particularly Organist and Choirmaster Mr John Gough for all their time and hard work beforehand and at the services to reach such a high standard and to Mr Gordon Longmore for playing in St. David's Family Eucharist.



Last but not least many thanks to all who took part in the services, especially Canon Jack Buttimore for his continued support.

A report on Capel Llanilltern Harvest on the 19th of October will appear

Donation

We acknowledge with gratitude an anonymous donation of £550 to pay for a new CD/Cassette recorder for use in St. Catwg's Sunday School and for work to be undertaken in St. Catwg's Churchyard following the recent Health and Safety Survey. If there are any families affected by the grave-stones that are in a dangerous condition, would you please contact the Vicar.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday in 2003 falls on 9th November and Pentyrch Community Council is holding a short Remembrance Service at Horeb Chapel, Pentyrch at 3.00 p.m. This is open to all members of the community and will be followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial next to Horeb.

With conflicts very much in our minds in recent years, let us hope that this service will be well supported by all of us who give thanks for the courage and sacrifice of all who fought and gave their lives in two World Wars but also in other campaigns since, including 2003.

Autumn Fayres

St. David's Church Groesfaen Autumn Fayre will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday 8th November in the Church Hall, Creigiau. Admission is 50p with children and Senior Citizens admitted free. As usual there will be a great number of stalls, refreshments etc. and proceeds will be for Church Hall Funds.

We hope this event will be well supported by the whole parish and all from our local communities. Please come along yourself and encourage family, neighbours and friends etc. to join you.

The hall will be open from 10 – 12 noon to set up stalls and donations of gifts, cakes, bottles, raffle prizes etc will be gratefully received.

St Catwg's Pentyrch Autumn Fayre 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday 15th November in Pentyrch Village Hall with a good variety of stalls etc. along with a raffle.

The highlight this year will be a visit from Father Christmas as he continues to plan his visiting list for Christmas 2003. There will an opportunity for the young and young at heart and anyone else who wants to, to have their photograph taken with him.

The hall will open at 9.00 a.m. for last minute preparations and all offers of help and contributions for the event would be most welcome.

St Catwg's Church Choir

St. Catwg's Church Choir is singing Evensong in St. Saviour's Church, Bath on Sunday 9th November and invites members of our churches to come along as well and share the day and worship, leaving the parish after morning services.

If there are sufficient numbers a coach will run, so please let St. Catwg's Organist and Choirmaster, Mr John Gough, or the Vicar know by 26th October at the latest if you would like to come.



Let us hope this will be a great parish occasion. There will be no Evensong that day in St. David's Groesfaen

Sunday School/Junior Church

Everyone was delighted to see the way that the young people participated in the Harvest Thanksgiving Services in St. Catwg's and St. David's and we are extremely grateful to all who prepared them for the services and who work so faithfully with such great commitment and dedication, especially Mrs Ros James of St. Catwg's and Mrs Norma Moses of St. David's.

We are, however, in need of people to help in this very important aspect of our churches work with children. Every assistance will be given to volunteers, so if you feel you can help or would like to know more, please contact Mrs James or Mrs Moses (details on the back cover) or the Vicar

Please give this your careful and prayerful thought.

Smartie Tubes Update

For the Autumn Fayre I shall be giving out Smartie tubes again. We have made about £600 so far this year. There are about 9 tubes outstanding so please dig them out of your cupboard and let me have them. It doesn't matter if they are not full, every little helps. Last year we made £760. Can we top this? As you all know this money goes into the pot to help towards the every-day running of the Church.

Thank you for your continuing support

Margaret and David Pendlebury

St Catwg in Brittany

Was our church started as a “cell” by one of Catwg’s missionaries? It is thought that a cell was established in the fifth century.



John Gough’s article in the last magazine about St Catwg and his churches reminded me of a holiday Margaret and I had in Brittany a few years ago. We were staying near Quimper in Southern Brittany and were aware that St Catwg had left Llancarfan and had set up a monastery in a village now called St Cado after him, Cado being the Breton equivalent of Catwg or Cadoc. As John says the Celtic saints were well travelled men and seemed to move freely between Wales, Cornwall, Ireland and Brittany. I suppose all these places were linked by an almost common language. Another example is St Ives from Cornwall. We discovered that he is a very much venerated saint in Brittany.

St Cado is some 15km south east of Lorient situated on the southern side of a large estuary. The church of St Cado is located on an island in the estuary linked to the quayside by a causeway. There is quite a large community on the island surrounding the church, which occupies the highest point. It is all very picturesque, especially at high tide when the island is completely surrounded. Inside the church the first thing we saw was a picture of St Catwg’s Gelligaer, presented by their congregation. (Thought for the future - what about a Parish trip to St Cado?). The most interesting feature is St Cado’s bed, a stone slab with steps leading up. In Brittany St Cado is renowned for helping the deaf and the church has for many centuries been a place of pilgrimage for the deaf. Pilgrims kneel on the steps and place their ears on the stone slab. As a consequence the stone of the steps and the “bed” is worn and highly polished. The monastery was eventually forced to close because of frequent Viking raids and it is understood that St Catwg returned to Wales.

At the time of our visit a wedding was taking place. The happy couple walked across the causeway to the church, followed by all the wedding party and back again after the service. In the meantime a car pulled up on the quayside, towing a trailer. We

were amazed to see the trailer unfold to form a mini grandstand, with tiers of steps on which the whole wedding party stood later on for the pictures! We rounded off our visit with very nice “moules et frites” and a bottle of wine in the restaurant on the quayside.

Very near where we were staying, about halfway between Quimper and Bénodet, we found another church dedicated to St Cadou (another spelling!), situated on the Anse (creek or inlet) St Cado. Unfortunately we never found this church open and could get no information about this church or why the sea inlet is named after the Saint.

I am sure John is right and that there are a lot more churches dedicated to “our” Saint out there to be discovered.



David Pendlebury.
(*Any more St Catwg's Churches? - Editor*)

Grand Raffle in aid of the Creigiau Church Hall

The Church Hall Committee has obtained a licence to hold a grand raffle in aid of the restoration fund. This enables us to print raffle tickets and sell them to the general public and we envisage that this could be a major fund raising event. However, the committee is currently working flat out on grant application/lottery funding/meeting architects etc and we desperately need someone or a group of people who would be willing to drive this project forward and make the raffle a success. The first challenge would be to secure a star prize (any offers?, we have several good smaller prizes already donated) and then to organise the distribution and selling of tickets through the parish.

Can you rise to this challenge?

If so, please contact:-Alison Woodley 20891800 or Helen Mais 20891765

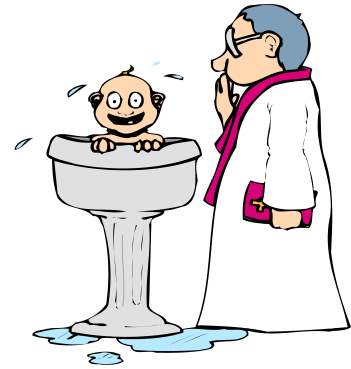
From the Registers

Holy Baptism: “Grafted into the Body of Christ”.

St Catwg’s Church

14 September—Kathryn-Leigh Calland-Williams

21 September—Ellie Christine Cooper



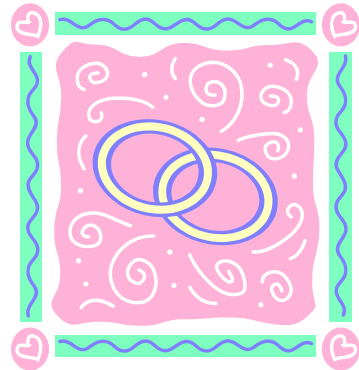
Holy Matrimony: “That they may be one”.

St Catwg’s Church

20 September—David Tudor Thomas

and

Rebecca Loiuise Phillips



Confirmation—by the Archbishop of Wales

21 September in St Matthew’s Church, Pontypridd:

William Geoffrey Maddocks



Burial of Ashes: “May she rest in Peace”.

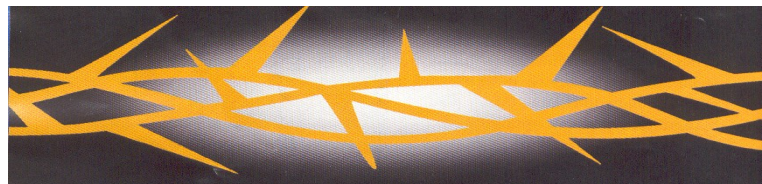
20 September—Ruth Mary Pritchard

Jesus Christ Superstar

The bookings have now been made for the trip to see Jesus Christ Superstar at the New Theatre, Cardiff at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday

1st November

with a number of people looking forward to enjoying an afternoon out together at the show.



Please listen out in church for final arrangements or contact Francis or Robin Simpson.



During the summer 2003, Katie Cragg, aged 11, played her bassoon in the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain, so emulating her sister, Jenny who played with the orchestra in 2002. What follows is Katie's account of her experiences.

SUMMER EXPERIENCE IN THE NCO

In September 2002, I auditioned for the National Children's Orchestra playing the bassoon. In December, to my great delight, I received a letter telling me that I had gained a place in the under 11's orchestra.

I went on a week's course starting on the 26th July. The course took place in a boarding school in Yorkshire. An average day contained about 5 ½ hours of playing, an hour of choir practice, 2 ½ hours of recreation in the afternoon and ½ an hour's break in the morning. The music was quite hard but I thoroughly enjoyed it. We played a range of different pieces including Farandole from L'Arlesienne by Bizet, Meditation from Thais by Massenet and March from Little Suite No 1 by Malcolm Arnold. At the end of the course we did a concert for our parents playing and singing all the pieces we had practised on the course.

This year was the National Orchestra's 25th anniversary and to celebrate this there was a concert in the Birmingham Symphony Hall on August 31st in which I participated. The concert had all five NCO orchestras playing in it – the training orchestra (under 10's strings only), under 11's, under 12's and under 13's and the main orchestra. Each orchestra played about 3 pieces. The concert ended with a finale in which the main orchestra played and the other four orchestras sang "Land of Hope and Glory". It was an amazing experience

I am auditioning again this year and hope to get in for 2004.

Katie Cragg

Katie's elder sister, Jenny, who is in year 9 at the Bishop of Llandaf High School, will spend her October half term playing with the Cardiff and Vale School's orchestra in Austria.

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