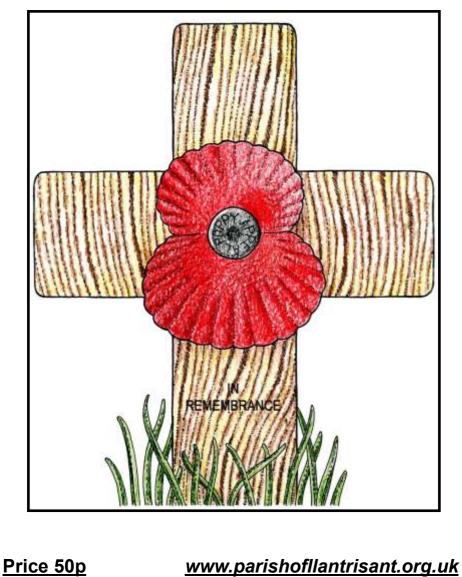
## Llantrisant Parish Monthly Magazine November 2020



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## **Rectorial Benefice of Llantrisant**

The churches of Llantrisant, Miskin, Beddau, Llantwit Fardre, Llanharan, Brynna, Pontyclun, Talygarn and Llanharry have now joined together and form The Rectorial Benefice of Llantrisant

Rector – Rev'd Vincent Gardner – Tel. No. -07709 589924 email – <u>Rector@llan.org.uk</u>

Vicar of Pontyclun, Talygarn & Llanharry - Rev'd Rosemary Hill email - <u>vicarptl@llan.org.uk</u>

Vicar of Llanwit Fardre - Rev'd Philip Gullidge Benefice Wardens –

Shirley Evans – Llantrisant Gareth Jones – Llantwit Fardre

We look forward to working with all our brothers and sisters in the 9 churches of our new Benefice. We pray that we will encourage each other, share resources and work together for the good of our communities and spread the good news of the Gospel.

#### Churches in the Rectorial Benefice of Llantrisant-

St. Illtyd, Gwynno & Dyfodwg, Llantrisant

St. David's, Miskin

St. Michael's Beddau

- St. Illtud's, Llanwit Fardre
- St. Paul's Pontyclun
- St. Anne's, Talygarn
- St. Illtyd's, Llanharry
- St. Julius & St. Aaron, Llanharan
- St. Peter's, Brynna

Please look out for announcements regarding services in the Benefice.

## Magazine advertisers

In these unprecedented times of the Corona-virus pandemic we will not be charging our advertisers for their adverts this year; we haven't actually printed any magazines since March.

Please continue to support local businesses and if you use any who advertise with us please remember to tell them where you found their details.

#### Please remember in your prayers :

Please remember in your prayers the families of all who have recently died including: Carole Powell, Leighton Holcombe, Anthony Maitland, Arthur Smith, Richard David, Betty Pine, Philip Williams, Eirwen Hardwick, Malcolm Doster, Chris Jones, Enid Ratliff, Jean Golding, Ray Pope, Ann Groves, Jackie Holmes, Joan Whitty, Neville Jones, Judy Davies, Paula Baylis, Jonathan Smart, Joan Phillips, Stan David, John Jones, Tony Cale, Margaret Manley and Nancy Mummery (formerly Willis).

#### Please Pray For:

Alex Morgan, Chris Clark, Linda Rigby, Peggy Utting, Pat Parkinson, Margaret Hocking, Ron Havard, Susan Saunders and Lindsey, Beverley Duddridge, Phillis Williams, Kitty Evans, Betty France, Christine Smith, Mary Evans, Tess Marchman, Rebecca and Steve Davis and family and Jeff and Anne Howells.



We also pray for those living with dementia and their carers, and all those suffering with coronavirus, those in isolation and all who are worried.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

We know it is still difficult for all those who normally give to the parish through their stewardship envelope or the yellow gift aid envelopes, however, we are able to take card payments over the phone.

If you would like to do this please ring Roger 208312 or Shirley 226006 – just have your bank card ready and you can tell us how much you want to give.

Cheques can be sent to Mrs Shirley Evans, 21 Clos Leland, Llantrisant. CF72 8QN. Please give your envelope number if you have one.

Thank you to all those who give by Standing Order, these will carry on as usual. If you would like to set up a Standing Order with your bank (you will probably need to do so online or over the phone at the moment) ring Roger for the Parish bank account number and sort code. These are difficult times for all

of us and reduced income for all the churches in the Benefice over this period has had a big impact.

Please pass the message on.



Many thanks.

## COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS RCT local lock down

If anyone needs any help please let us know. **Contacts-**Shirley Evans for Llantrisant Len Morris for Miskin Mary West for Beddau



## **Operation Christmas Child**

Unfortunately Operation Christmas Child will not be able to run at full strength this year. However you can still support this worthwhile cause if you have a shoe-box or "fillers" which can be used to replenish

boxes. If so please can you take them to the Bethel Baptist Church Centre in Pontyclun between the dates of Monday 9th November until Friday November 13th, from 9.00am - 1.00pm.

Unfortunately we also could not arrange the highly successful Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Church Hall this year. This has

been such a joy to organise and hold but after all these years we were beaten by Covid 19. Please pray that our scientists can find a vaccine or cure quickly so that hopefully we can arrange this for next year.



Anne Howells.



Are you internet savvy? Do you belong to Facebook? Are you 'friends' or 'followers' of Llantrisant Parish Church?

Get all the up to date information on this page on what is happening in the Parish, especially at this present time.

News and of course all the latest photos are also being published on our page too.





Latest message from Sibembe Church in Uganda our link church with PONT:

Hi Shirley and Huw

We send you greetings from our family and Sibembe church in the lord's name. We hope that you are fine. Thank you for the work of God in Llantrisant parish .Thank you for your prayers that I have recovered from malaria.

The government last Sunday declared the re-opening of churches and schools for candidate classes. Schools will open October 15th.

So today we resumed worshipping God in Sibembe Church. We kept social distance and wore masks. We had songs of praise and worship to God.

The message was taken from Isiah 45:9-22. The minister spoke about the greatness of God. He said that our God is sovereign, there is no other

verse18 and 22 we need to give him glory and honour through prayer, confession and studying his word. We were urged to obey God, appreciate his work as the creator of heaven and earth and creating us in his own image. It was a great message.

We look forward to hearing from you. Blessings.

James and Joyce.

## Word for Today

Following one of Vincent's New Thursday Evening Prayer theme of Laughter, the 'Word for Today' last month was called

#### LAUGH MORE!

*'We were filled with laughter and...sang for joy.' Psalm 126:2 NTL* 

God created every human emotion you feel. He designed you to cry when you are sad and laugh when you are happy: 'For everything there is a season...A time to cry and a time to laugh' (Ecclesiastes 3:1,4 NTL). Jesus said, 'These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full (John 15:11 KJV).

#### Question: how often do you laugh?

Doctors say laughter has incredible healing effects on your body. It also has incredible healing effects on your mind and soul. Stop and think about the days you laughed, even though you really didn't have anything to laugh about. You were far from God and bound by sinful habits, but He set you free, didn't He?

In the Old Testament we read: 'When the Lord brought back his exiles to Jerusalem, it was like a dream! We were filled with laughter...sang for joy...And other nations said, "What amazing things the Lord has done for them." Yes, the Lord has done amazing things for us! What joy!' Psalm 126:1-3 NTL ).

If God has set you free, then you truly have something to laugh about. Stop being so 'heavy' about everything! Expecting

perfection from yourself; your slow growth in God; your deficient prayer life; your failure to memorise more scripture verses; your fear of sharing your faith with others, etc. We carry around such heavy burdens.

If you're 'laughter impaired' you may have to work at it. It's easy to find plenty to worry about, but to be happy, we sometimes need to work at it a little.

#### So the word for today is - laugh more!

#### <u>St James the Least of All (second time around)</u> On the ferocity of the church's Bridge drive

The Rectory St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Your suggestion that we should hold a sponsored hymn-singing bicycle ride through the village as a way of raising money was well-meant, but I am not wholly convinced it would suit our clientele here at St James the Least of All.

You may have musical bike rides, but we have Bridge drives, although socially distanced at the moment, of course. But even at two metres apart, our Bridge games are generally as amiable and peaceful as bear baiting. Half of those attending will see the afternoon as an opportunity to catch up on local gossip and to exchange knitting patterns, the game of cards being a minor hindrance to these other activities. The other half arrive primed for a battle to the death, reluctantly conceding that eye-gouging is not allowed. They will demand total silence – which is wholly ignored by those at the tables discovering what Mrs Trumpington confided to Lady Driver halfway through 'Onward Christian Soldiers' at last Sunday's Mattins. The congregation is eternally grateful to Mrs Mitchell, who as a former mill worker is able to lip read.

Refreshments have been hit hard by Covid-19 of course, and the fact that everyone has to bring their own sandwich and drink has rather spoilt the fun. Usually half our players regard lunchtime as an opportunity to put jam on the cards, spill tea on the score cards and make sure that the other tables get the egg and cress sandwiches while they corner the boiled ham; the others usually see it as an unwelcome interruption to the serious business of slaughtering their opponents. It is so sad that Covid-19 has halted this merry comradery.

As for drawing the raffle, it is the adult equivalent of ringing the school bell at going-home time. Half the players will

immediately dash off to relay newly mined seams of gossip throughout the village, leaving the others holding reproachful post-mortems with their partners over their bidding mistakes. Reproaches are never too violent, however, since the chances are that they will all be meeting again the following afternoon round a socially distanced card table at another location, for yet another re-enactment of the slaughter at Agincourt. The

only difference will be that the French and English were not entertained with tea and sandwiches at half time.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



## PARISH HALL BOOKINGS At this present time, due to Covid 19, the Hall is unavailable for bookings. We are reviewing this periodically in line with Government advice. However for information for the future, at present: The cost is £10.50 per hour plus an additional £10.50 if use of the kitchen is required. Please could all enquiries be sent to Shirley using hall@parishofllantrisant.org.uk MANY THANKS

## Magazine Deadline

The deadline for articles for December's Magazine is

#### Friday November 20th 2020

#### Wordsearch (answers on page 16)

This month Scotland remembers one of the very first disciples of Jesus. St Andrew is honoured not for any mighty deeds of his own, but for his



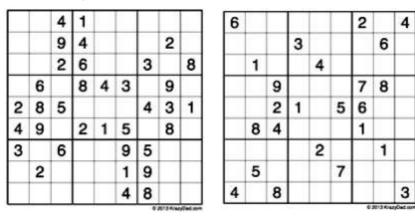
love of introducing people to Jesus. He went straight off and introduced his brother Peter to the Saviour, and followed that up by bringing Nathanael/Bartholomew to Jesus. 'Better Together' seems to have been his slogan, too! 'We have found the Messiah!', he told them, unable to keep the good news to himself. Andrew's connection with Scotland dates back to the claimed translation of his remains from Patras in Achaia to Scotland in the eighth century. The church in Fife where these remains were buried became a place of pilgrimage during the tenth century. All of this may be no more than pious legend, but that St Andrew was highly regarded in Scotland and became its patron saint is beyond doubt.

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Nathanael	SES	OASEE	ANNCESH
Bartholomew	VRN	DRASIC	DIOPECN
Messiah			EJRESAO
Saviour	and the second	MIOOII	
Patras			
Achaia		ARTHO	
eighth	GHH	ALTAAI	LWDRMHA
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Fife	MAI	NPIOUS	SFIHCSP
pilgrimage	INT	RODUC	INGHSAS
tenth	RHL	USUIFS	SIASTIA
pious		ULPRSI	
patron saint	LEC	ALPLEA	ANAHTAN
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#### <u>Suduko</u>

#### **Easy Grid**

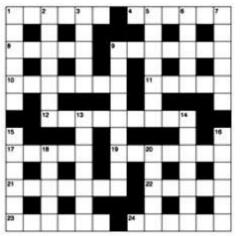


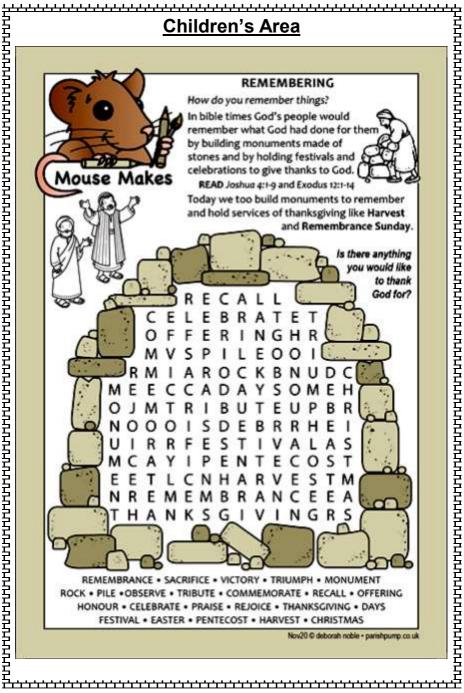


Crossword

Across: 1. 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when He had given — , he broke it' (1Corinthians 11:24) (6) **4.** 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and His — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6) **8.** Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5) **9.** Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7) **10.** Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7) **11.** A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5) **12.** A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9) **17.** 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5) **19.** Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7) **21.** Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7) **22.** 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5) **23.** 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John10:3) (6) **24.** Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6) **Down: 1.** Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6) **2.**'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of

evervone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7) 3. Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5) 5. Damascus disciple who, at God's command. restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7) 6. and 16. Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6) 7. A three (anag.) (6) 9. Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)13. Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7) **14.** Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7) 15. Force (Galatians 6:12) (6) 16. See 6 Down (6) 18. Paste (anag.) (5) 20. How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)





## **Bible Bites**



## Answers to this Month's Puzzles

#### Wordsearch



#### Crossword



#### Suduko Easy Grid

8	7	4	1		2		5	9
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9	1	7	5	2	4	8	6	3

#### **Medium Grid**

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9	7	6	4	2	3	5	1	8
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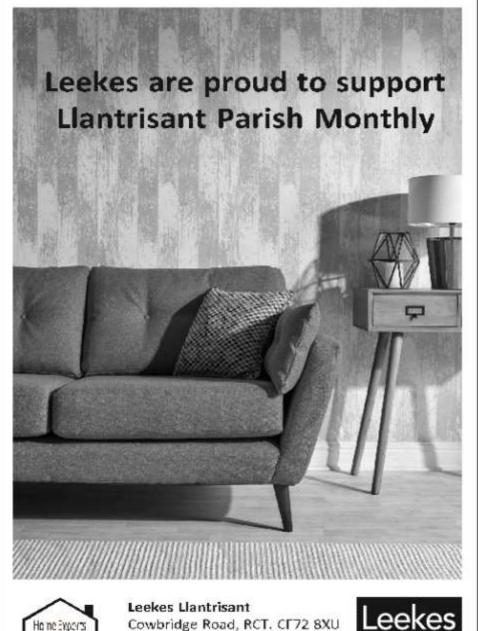
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