

INFORM



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An Elder Writes

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, Lord Jesus, be forever blessed
Alleluia Alleluia

Some time ago Daily Devotions looked at some of the saints whose lives impacted on Christianity, changing the lives of many people. We learned that many of the saints were scholars, preachers, teachers, healers and travellers, some had been monks, some priests. All lived by their faith and determination to bring the word of God to the masses.

Through the centuries many men and women have become saints. Pope John Paul 11 alone canonised one hundred and ten men and women. To this day some of these saints are celebrated on their feast days, and by memorials such as churches being named for them.

To name a few, St Patrick is not only the patron saint of Ireland, but he is very popular in America, where people celebrate with parades and parties, There is our very own St. David, with his own special day, a city and a cathedral named for him. Let us not forget his mother, St, Non.

St. Cuthbert of Lindisfarne brought Christianity to the north of England.

Recently Songs of Praise featured Ireland. We were introduced to St. Brigid of Kildare, a special Irish saint. She is the patron of dairy maids, nuns, midwives and poetry. She was a pagan princess, born to a chieftain father and a Christian slave girl, in 451 AD. She embraced Christianity and became an abbess. Brigid was known as a great healer and for her desire to spread the Word of God. Her Saint Day is February 1st and is celebrated by making crosses out of rushes.

St Columba is another well known saint, who was born in Ireland in 597 AD. With his followers, he travelled to Scotland to spread the Christian gospel; He founded the important abbey on the island of Iona, still used as a place of pilgrimage for Christians today.

Sadly some saints have been demoted. The very popular St. Christopher, patron of travellers no longer has saintly status.

I have mentioned just a few of the saints who made a difference to many people right up to the present day. The strength of their faith and ability to serve God changed lives forever.

As Christians we want to serve God. Do we have enough faith? Do we have enough strength, both physical and mental, to serve Him? Our lives change with the passing of time. Our service may take different directions. We may not always, if ever, have the ability to be saints. However, we will do what we can in any way to serve our Lord with willing hearts and minds, and to the best of our ability.

Alleluia ! Alleluilia!

Margaret Craig



From the editor

At the Foodbank in Caerphilly, we sometimes get asked what kind of people come for help and how do people access the Foodbank?

It is tragic that 'in this day and age' people have to get help with feeding themselves and their families.

People of all ages come—singles, couples, families, those on or waiting for benefits, those unemployed for whatever reason, those working but their finances don't stretch far enough, the homeless.

Most people using the Foodbank have been referred by supporting agencies such as, 'Caerphilly Cares.' The request is emailed to the Foodbank with details of how many people need to be catered for. Sometimes people come without a referral and then we discuss with them their needs and often then provide them with an emergency parcel.

We have to try to accommodate people with allergies such as gluten and those in temporary accommodation and only have access to a kettle. Some might be 'sofa surfing' so have limited access to cooking facilities. Someone might be living in a tent etc.

Clients are provided with food (and often toiletries) that should last at least 3 days.

Most people coming through the door come with mixed emotions and are very grateful for the support. Yes we know that a minority are 'playing the system' but 'that's life' I'm afraid. We send everyone away with a smile, food and our prayers.

Diane



Dear Elders / Church Members,



I am writing to thank you all for holding your Harvest Supper in memory of Mum, Margaret Webb. It was such a lovely idea. Your generosity has allowed me to send a cheque for £150 to both the Stroke Association and Asthma and Lung UK, which I know will make a difference to both charities.

Thank you for looking after Mum while she was with you, Van Road meant a lot to her and in many ways was one of the reasons that she kept going at 94! I will also never forget the wonderful way you looked after us and those who attended on the day of the funeral. I will always be grateful.

Yours,
Judith Ryan.

ELECTRICAL FAILURE

As many know, on Sunday 13th October there was a major electrical failure resulting in significant damage to lighting and other electrical equipment in the Church. This was followed by a break in during the following week. This will take some time to resolve. Our thanks go to Chris and Rob Viggars who came immediately to assess the electrical failure and are working to resolve it, along with other Church members who have been supporting them.

THANK YOU!

Your donations to the Foodbank at the Harvest Service were much appreciated. It amounted to 61kg.

Young Wives

Mondays 7.30pm

All ladies, any age, welcome



November

4th Rev. Andrew Davies, Visit to Assisi

11th Lynda Jones-an evening of board games

18th Santa Drive

25th Advent Supper

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From A Rocha—Possible Easy Eco Tips for November Resources free to download -

Combat climate change and reduce heating costs by identifying and sealing drafts. (think keyholes, letterboxes, cracks around edges of windows and doors, loft hatches, floorboards etc.) Fix these gaps using correct materials and online tutorials or by seeking advice.

Additionally, place foil on the back of radiator panels to reflect heat into your room.

Pray for those forced to experience cold this winter.

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This is the Day of Light

This is the day of light:
Let there be light today!
O Dayspring, rise upon our night,
And chase its gloom away.

This is the day of rest:
Our failing strength renew;
On weary brain and troubled breast
Shed thou thy refreshing dew.

This is the day of peace:
Thy peace our spirits fill;
Bid thou the blasts of discord cease,
The waves of strife be still.

This is the day of prayer:
Let earth to heaven draw near;
Lift up our hearts to seek thee there,
Come down to meet us here.

This is the first of days:
Send forth thy quickening breath,
And wake dead souls to love and praise,
O vanquisher of death.

John Ellerton, 1826-1893

A New Member!



It was with great joy that we witnessed Malcolm welcoming Cath Lewis into membership of our church.

We pray that she will always feel welcome and valued.

From 'Prattle and Prayer' by Rev. Malcolm Shapland

Armistice Day

In Two minutes of silence our thoughts and prayers -
For the lives given

A remembrance of the cost of war in pain and suffering.

A prayer for Peace. A care for suffering still happening.

Pray for the work of the Royal British Legion.

Prayers that in the silence we remember and make a resolution to work for peace so that the sacrifice of those who gave their today for our tomorrow, may not be in vain.

May the Peace of God keep our hearts and minds in his love, so that his fatherhood may inspire his children to be Peace Lovers.



Worship



November

3rd, 10.30 am

Rev Malcolm Shapland
Communion

10th, 11 am

Mr Lewis Lewis Head
Remembrance Service
Seated by 10.50 am please

17th, 10.30 am

Rev David Salsbury (Moderator)

24th, 10.30 am

Rev Andrew Davies

Mid Week Communion

Wednesday 13th November

10.30am

Rev Malcolm Shapland



Lectionary Readings



November

- 3rd Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
- 10th Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
- 17th 1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8
- 24th 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37



Calendar of Regular Events in the Church

- Coffee Morning, 10.30am First Wednesday each month
 - Prayer Time, 5pm Every Tuesday
 - Communion service 2nd Wednesday each month, 10.30am
 - ‘Only Boys Aloud’ rehearse Every Monday, 6.30,
 - Caerphilly Chorus rehearse Every Friday, 7.30pm,
 - University of the Third Age (U3A) First Friday each month 1.30pm (usually)
 - ‘Young Wives’ (All ladies welcome) Every Monday 7.30pm
 - Bible Study , 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the month, 10.30am
- NB Some activities stop during school holidays. Please check for any changes to this list.



CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

WEDNESDAY 6th November

10.30am

ALL WELCOME!



Make Me a Channel of your Peace

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DARKNESS PEACE CHANNEL UNDERSTAND
 MASTER LOVED HATRED INJURY PARDON
 CONSOLE DOUBT FAITH GRANT LIGHT
 LIFE ETERNAL DESPAIR GIVING BORN
 SOUL JOY TRUE SEEK LOVE HOPE

We hold in our prayers -



John Wade Rev Malcolm Shapland

Carolyn and Dave Jenkins and family, Dorothy Lewis

Carol Booth Cathy Vernalls Martin Holdsworth

Hilary and Steve Akerman Veronica Moverley

Frank Frayling Wendy & Roy Angove

Barbara Stewart Diana Hibbert

Family, friends and congregations of Julie and Ian Kirby

Those in Gaza, Israel and the West Bank.

Those who have lost their employment and those fearful for their jobs and struggling with the rising cost of living.

Those countries facing hardships, particularly in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Somalia, Iran, Sudan and Yemen and all those desperate for their safety and future, particularly the people of Ukraine.

Those people helping to welcome and settle refugees.

Those affected by the recent riots.

Young people starting university or college or seeking work following the end of their school education.

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Any items for the next edition should be
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For the Lord God is our light and protector, he gives us grace and glory. No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who do what is right.

Psalm 84:11