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SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2022

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|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| 2nd | The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity—Green | | | |
| Llanglydwen | 9.30 am | Communion by Extension | SE | |
| Llanwinio | 9.30 am | Boreol Weddi | PH | |
| Llanfyrnach | 11.15 am | Communion by Extension | SE | |
| 4th | Tuesday | | | |
| Llanwinio | 7.00 pm | Licensing of Rvd. Carol Court | PM | |
| 5th | Wednesday | | | |
| Bro Preseli | 10.30 am | Home Communion | FM | |
| 9th | The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity—Green | | | |
| Llanwinio | 9.30 am | Harvest Eucharist | CC | |
| Clydey | 11.15 am | Holy Eucharist | CC | |
| Llanfyrnach | 11.15 am | Morning Prayer | EB | |
| 16th | The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity - Green | | | |
| Llanwinio | 9.30 am | Boreol Weddi | PH | |
| Mynachlog-ddu | 11.15 am | Harvest Eucharist | CC | |
| Friday 21st | | | | |
| Clydey | 7.00 pm | Harvest Service | | |
| 23rd | The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity/Bible Sunday-Green | | | |
| Llanwinio | 9.30 am | Holy Eucharist | CC | |
| Llanfyrnach | 11.15 am | Holy Eucharist | CC | |
| Clydey | 11.15 am | Morning Prayer | EL | |
| 30th | The First Sunday of Kingdom | | | |
| Mynachlog-ddu | 10.30 am | Holy Eucharist | CC/SE | |

EDITORIAL

Traditionally in publishing, the editorial is the last piece written for a periodical, so that it is fresh; and this month is a good example of why, despite it becoming stale by the time you read it.

Kathie gave me 12th September as the deadline and had I written a piece last Wednesday (the 7th) it would have been obsolete a day later.

The Grapevine has lost its June and July cover-girls in reverse order; Eve, on July's cover, passed in August and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – who featured on the cover in June, passed on the 8th September, to the Nation's shock.

The church authorities said our bells should be rung from noon to 1pm on Friday the 9th, so Dai Parcau and I turned up to do so. Ringing the bell for an hour was beyond just two of us, so we each tolled the bell ninety-six times, left it ten minutes and then repeated, getting five cycles into the hour and attracting one local resident who arrived too late to record our efforts.

Our Sunday service turned into a requiem morning prayer as archdeacon Paul's duties took him elsewhere. A special collect, bilingual prayers and the choice of lessons came down from the diocese for our service sheets. We chose our own illustrations and started a sympathy card. I was going to use stamps for the images as



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there's no copyright issues with them but researching stamps I came to that picture of the queen. It was a portrait posed for stamp designers to work off. We left souvenir editions in church, as attendance at the service was less than we had hoped for.

Funeral service booklets often include a photo of the deceased. Some mourners choose a recent one, while others reach back to the departed person's prime, which is what we did. We also put a king's crown on the back cover, having been irritated by an on

-line 'newspaper' producing a mock-up of the new royal cypher with a queen's crown on it. Charles was seen wearing the correct royal cypher as a tie-pin two days after becoming entitled to sport it. Everyone else wearing a queen's crown or queen's cypher has two years to change it – from all those fancy costumes we saw at proclamations to Royal Mail vans and policemen's helmets.

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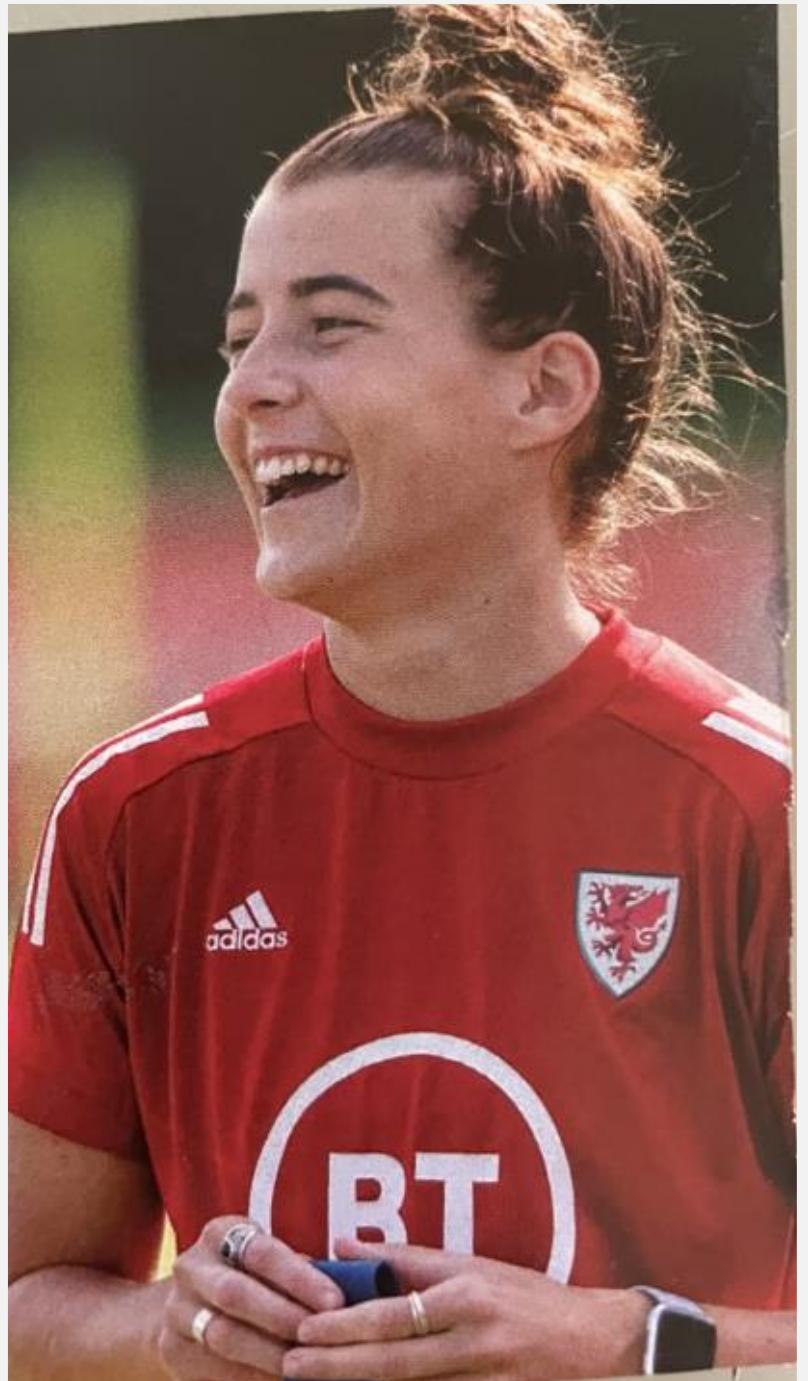
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*Left:
Tolling the bell at
St. Clydau to
honour the passing
of HM Queen
Elizabeth II*

*Right:
Angharad James,
Granddaughter of
David and Janet
Carter, Llanfyrnach,
who recently
gained her 100th
Welsh Cap*





We also included that Paddington Bear illustration – and so did everyone else! Floral tributes started arriving at Buckingham Palace soon after the announcement was made, just as they did after Princess Diana died in 1997 – filling the Mall that time. This time the authorities had a plan: tributes left outside the palace during the day were moved by night into next-door Green Park. After three nights of doing that, mourners were encouraged to take their tributes into Green Park themselves, and on Monday morning the park authorities said they now had enough Paddingtons and marmalade sandwiches, so could mourners please think of something else?! (Our suggestion is stamps) The tributes will later be moved to Hyde Park and composted. Doubtless we will hear of the plans for the compost in due course.

Her Majesty was a constant presence throughout our lives: to what extent depends on who you are. Being a Londoner by birth, her presence in my life began in the scout movement - making my promise to God and the Queen, singing the national anthem on church parade Sundays and annually at Remembrance Day events. Do king scouts become queen scouts the way Queen's Counsels have automatically become King's Counsels? We'll have to ask. Scouting didn't really catch on in Wales, as much to do with the logistics of taking children to after school activities as anything else.

Charles was also in my life quite early on, as he featured on the 2/6^d National Saving Stamps in the 1950s. So did Princess Anne, but she was cheaper. I could afford Charles, as 2/6^d was my fee for singing at a wedding, and everyone got married in church in the 1960s.



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The Royal Family seem to have less of a footprint in Wales: no official residence and more republican sentiment to cope with. Her Majesty visited New Zealand more than twice as often than she did St Davids Cathedral, so the impact of her death will pass some people by, as did our requiem service. Few people besides the regular congregation changed their plans to attend.

That's the way things are; mourning Queen Elizabeth's passing will be over by the time this Grapevine comes out and our focus will be on the Cylch Y Frenni Group of Churches moving forwards with Sharon Edge ordained, and Carol Court licensed. If we remember but one aspect of Queen Elizabeth's seventy years as head of our church it should be her faith in God.

Richard Law

Announcement

Statement sent to all clergy

We are sad to announce that Bishop Joanna is currently on sick leave. In her absence in order to ensure that the Diocese functions, she has made the three territorial archdeacons of St Davids, Carmarthen and Cardigan her Commissaries. In the first instance clergy are asked to contact their territorial archdeacon in any matter.

Please pray for Bishop Joanna at this time and for her recovery and clergy are asked to notify their congregations of this news. Please pray also for the three Bishop's Commissaries and the rest of the Senior Staff as they lead the Diocese during this period. The Bishop's Senior Team will continue to work together during this time. We will continue to provide updates on Bishop's recovery when we have them.

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**This poem was written by the Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage,
to honour her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.**

The first letters of each line spell out the name Elizabeth.

Evening will come, however determined the late afternoon,
Limes and oaks in their last green flush, pearled in September mist.
I have conjured a lily to light these hours, a token of thanks,
Zones and auras of soft glare framing the brilliant globes.
A promise made and kept for life – that was your gift –
Because of which, here is a gift in return, glovewort to some,
Each shining bonnet guarded by stern lance-like leaves.
The country loaded its whole self into your slender hands,
Hands that can rest, now, relieved of a century's weight.

Evening has come. Rain on the black lochs and dark Munros.
Lily of the Valley, a namesake almost, a favourite flower
Interlaced with your famous bouquets, the restrained
Zeal and forceful grace of its lanterns, each inflorescence
A silent bell disguising a singular voice. A blurred new day
Breaks uncrowned on remote peaks and public parks, and
Everything turns on these luminous petals and deep roots,
This lily that thrives between spire and tree, whose brightness
Holds and glows beyond the life and border of its bloom.

Simon Armitage, Poet Laureate

Christ the Mediator

The world is full of false ideas concerning the existence, the nature and the way one can have a relationship with God. The Atheist believes there is no God, the Deist that God is so far removed from the world he made there is no contact, the belief of the Pantheist is that God is everywhere and the only reason that human beings are not at one with Him is due simply to the lack of enlightenment and each one can know the presence of God, or that they themselves are part of God. Or, to use the words of the poet laureate Alfred, Lord Tennyson, that 'God is closer to you than your hand and feet and breath that you breathe.' It is true that God is omnipresent and even if one were to make their bed in hell, behold you are there, (Psalm 139.8).

Yet God is a stranger to most and the human heart feels its estrangement from Him. And no matter how many saints and angels and not forgetting the blessed Virgin Mother can bring us an inch closer to God. And those who believe in such mediators fail to understand of how much greater the essence and excellence of God's uncreated being one from His creation. Although we are made in His image, the very essence of His being is altogether other and higher, He is the one who is Holy, Holy, Holy and of which even the pure unfallen angels in heaven cover their faces and feet before Him. How much more is the distance of fallen human beings separated by sin from the Holy God?

The great question is, how can such creatures as ourselves even have contact with the Holy One? 1 Timothy 2.6, states, *There is one mediator between God and man the man Christ Jesus.* Who in His incarnation has joined together in Himself, in one person the two essential natures of God and man. *In the beginning was the word and the word became flesh and dwelt among us* that in Him the two perfect and distinct natures were inseparably joined together in one person without conversion, composition or confusion; which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the mediator between God and man.

It pleased God the Father to send His only begotten Son to be the mediator between God and man; to be the Christ, the Prophet, Priest and King; to be head and Saviour of the Church and the judge of the world. All of which was necessary in respect to our ignorance, we stand in need of His prophetic office, in respect of our alienation from God and imperfection of the best of our services, we need His priestly office to reconcile us and present us acceptable to God and we need a King to preserve us to His heavenly kingdom.



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But not only in His person does Christ Jesus have the claim for being the one mediator but in His coming and work of fulfilling God's law and willingly laying down His life enduring the most grievous sorrows in His soul and most painful suffering in His body He suffered the curse being made sin but, yet without corruption, He took away the Everest of the sin of His people, he Himself and no one else made a way and path through His death on the cross, with His outstretched arms He brought reconciliation spanning the great infinite divide that was between God and man.

*And on the third day He rose again and with the same body in which He suffered
He then ascended into Heaven and there sits at the right hand of His Father
making intercession.*

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathise with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly go to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4. 14-16)

Questions:

Do you believe there is a need for a mediator to come to God and if so why?

If a mediator is needed for fellowship with God why is Jesus Christ the one who is able to be so?

What are the benefits in your life that Jesus is the one mediator between God and man for you?

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*Hannah
and her niece*
Below right:
*The Bridal
Tractor*
Below left:
*Eileen trying to
dismount the
Bridal Tractor!*

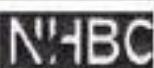


Llanfyrnach



Many readers will have been privileged to know Eve Brennan who sadly passed away on the 11th of August, and many will have attended her expertly planned funeral at St. Brynach's Church, Llanfyrnach on the 23rd of August. Steve Lewis, Eve's brother-in-law, gave a beautiful tribute to Eve and has given me permission to reproduce it here:

Evelyn Mary Brennan, born 4 Sep 1940 died 11 Aug 22 much loved partner, sister etc etc Such, or words to that effect, is what has appeared in the local papers this week. And it is all true - every single part of it. And yet it tells you absolutely nothing about Eve. Eve was quite simply the most bright, beautiful, effervescent character most of us will ever meet in a lifetime. She was a life-force. So much so that I think it is reasonable to say that today is a day that none of us thought we would ever see or have to face up to. Because none of us who knew her could ever really imagine a life without her in it.



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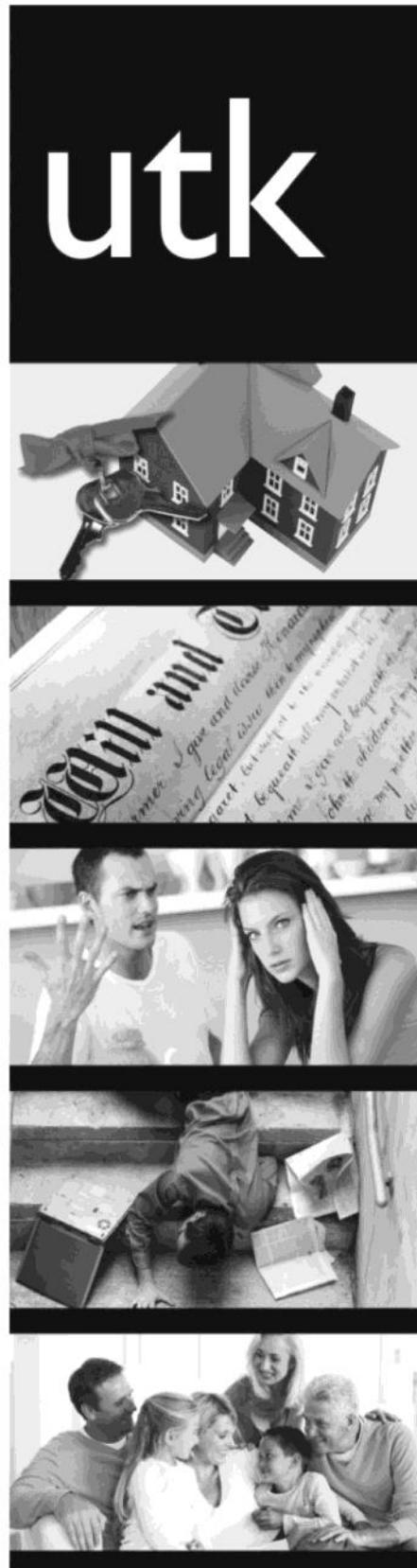
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Born in Ireland during the early part of the war, she was brought up by her mother because her father had had to come to England to work. Fortunately, as soon as the war was over the family was able to reunite in England and settled down in Sudbury, a pretty, rural market town in Suffolk where Eve thrived, enjoyed school, and quickly showed signs of the beautiful young woman she was to become. Indeed, by the time she was 15 or 16, she had entered the beauty pageant which was part of the town's summer festivities. Eve came second, much to the dismay of her family and friends who thought she was a nailed-on certainty to win. But not Eve, who was quite content with her place, already understanding that in the great scheme of things it really didn't matter very much.

Leaving school at 16, Eve started work as a trainee Dental Nurse in Sudbury before moving to London when she was 17 and started nurse training at Whipps Cross. Not finding it as rewarding as she had hoped, she embarked on a number of adventures: a bit of modelling and some small parts in TV advertising, all the while enjoying all the fun that London offered in the early 1960s. During this period she made many friends, many of whom shared her life right up to the present. Of course some have predeceased her and others have moved away and abroad, but in most cases she has managed to stay in touch, if not with them, at least with their families.

Above all, Eve was warm, friendly, funny, gregarious, and loyal to a fault. Most memorably, she had her 21st birthday in St Tropez, which sort of epitomised the fun and glamorous life-style that those youngsters of the 'swinging sixties' were able to enjoy.

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Despite the distractions of her glamorous lifestyle, she never lost touch with her roots and regularly and frequently came home to visit her family, having now been joined by a younger brother and two sisters. She was, of course, older, and they still talk of the awe in which they viewed her when she appeared at the door in furs, hats, gloves, and stockings! Despite the age difference, she remained hugely close to all three of her siblings to the present day.

Eve moved into the basement of a flat in Aragon Road, Twickenham in the mid '60s and ran the coffee shop in Campbell and Booker, a very posh, old-fashioned department Store in Richmond, with great success, and which became the centre of her world. She became life-long friends with Kairen, an artist who lived upstairs and whose daughter is here today. Once established, her brother Vince and both Barna and Tricia became frequent visitors. She later she provided huge support to both Vince when he left home (even putting him up for a while – you can ask him afterwards how well that went!), and then Barna too, who earned the money for her first set of contact lenses helping Eve in the coffee shop the summer after she left school.

And then came the transformation in Eve's life which, as so often happens, was a massive coincidence. Eve's hairdresser at the time was a lady called Trudi who also looked after another customer, a physiotherapist called Margaret, recently returned to the UK after working for some years in the Far East. She introduced them in 1970, and the rest, as they say, is history. They quickly formed a close bond, and before

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long they were a loving, established couple, living together in Wembley. Eve, by now was a senior administrator with Marks and Spencer's, and Margaret was working as a physiotherapist in London.

Whilst these were heady days, Margaret was starting to tire of the daily grind of London life and was becoming increasingly restless. She had a dream of a more rural way of life; although born and brought up in Essex, her father was originally a miner from Wales, and Margaret herself had been evacuated to Wales during the war, so her thoughts naturally turned to Wales. They spent most of 1977 looking for somewhere suitable to relocate, found Ty Newydd and moved down to Llanfyrnach in the spring of 1978.

This was a huge adventure and a significant gamble, having each given up important and significant careers in London, and for those of you with long memories, Ty Newydd was not really in great shape back then. Margaret started work in Carmarthen as a physiotherapist, and Eve put her social and hospitality skills to good use opening a B&B. They also between them started to build a menagerie of animals, a small dairy herd, goats, pigs, geese, and poultry, to supplement their incomes and to try and become more self-sufficient. They always had the most beautiful dogs

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throughout - Eve adored all of them and treated them like long-lost family members, talking to them like humans and feeding them to the hilt. And Eve somehow managed to preserve her glamorous entity in this damp soggy muddy environment – who doesn't have a vision of her striding up the field on a cold wet day in an old coat, woolly hat and wellies, but still looking a million dollars?!

The workload of course was immense, and Margaret quickly found that the long working day and the daily commute to Carmarthen was depriving her of time on the farm with Eve and the work which was needed to keep everything maintained and in order. So she resolved to start her own private practice at Ty Newydd, and once again Eve came into her own, combining her administrative skills; her cheerful determination to ensure everything was done correctly, and her bit of vague medical background to provide all the support that Margaret needed to concentrate on treating patients (of which, I have to say, there was a very large supply, given the number of broken rugby players and hard-working farmers in the area!)

And while all this was going on, they both worked tirelessly to improve and maintain the farm infrastructure, to make their home more comfortable, and to rear (and

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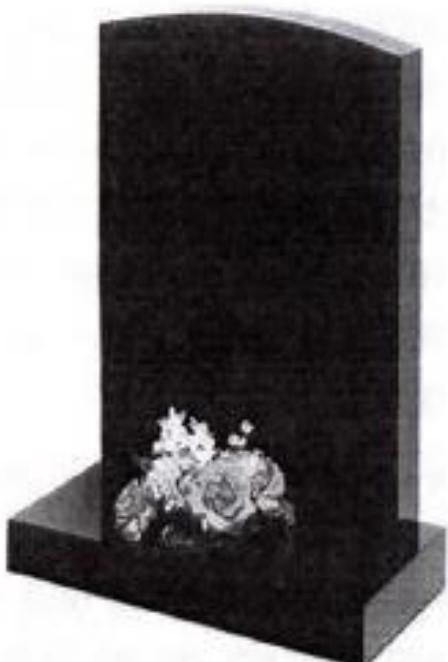
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breed) the animals they now had responsibility for. There was little or no let up. A constant stream of visitors to the B&B, regular visits from family and the large circle of friends that they had left behind in London, but neither of them ever flagged or complained.

But they were wonderfully supported by an ever-increasing circle of friends made locally in the village and beyond through physiotherapy, farming, and socialising. You all know who you are, and I do appreciate this opportunity to thank you all for everything you have done over the years to contribute to Eve's, and Margaret's happiness here in Llanfyrnach. I know that they both felt massively loved and supported throughout their nearly half a century here, and it wouldn't have been possible without your contribution. But I also think that what goes around comes around, and that one of the reasons you were all so supportive was because Eve and Margaret took their responsibilities to the community seriously and contributed in equal measure.

Astonishingly, despite the workload, there was always time in Eve's life for partying – it had been a theme thus far in her life and she certainly wasn't going to have any sense of rural isolation—or be ground down by hard work - to stop her mischievous sense of fun. There was also Margaret's passion for Gilbert and Sullivan which led to a lot of friends being made through singing, and of course the enthusiasm with which Eve threw into her International Country Dancing.

Above all though there was one place in particular that embodied Eve's sense of community, her love of people and her desire to contribute, and that was right here in this church. For many years she has been a stalwart here, flower arranging, organising readings, and generally helping out wherever she could. So it is entirely fitting that her life circle should bring her back to this place; having her service conducted by a vicar of whom she was deeply fond, and that she should be laid to rest here in this churchyard.

One last thing before I finish. There is a very large turnout today to say goodbye to Eve. Many of you will have been entertained at her dinner table, as I have been many times. She wanted very much to do it again one last time, so she has arranged for hospitality to be available to you all after the committal at Hermon Community Centre. Margaret, and all Eve's family are very keen that as many of you as can make it would join us there so that we can share some happy memories of Eve in a more social setting.

Our vicar, Jeni, talked frequently to Eve in her final days and mentioned more than a few times the banquet she would receive when she reached her destination. I just want you to know, Eve, how massively disappointed I am not to be able to be there, because I hear tell that you are a bit of a star turn at dinner parties! But rest

assured, that when the time comes for my banquet, you will be right up there amongst the guests of honour.

Steve Lewis (Eve's brother-in-law)

Angharad James, granddaughter of David and Janet Carter, was presented with her 100th Welsh Cap at the Cardiff Stadium on the 6th of September. Angharad is the youngest Welsh player to have achieved this! It was an excellent turn out—over 12,000 spectators including six sports teachers and also Mr. Davies, retired Headmaster of Ysgol Y Frenni, Crymych, which school Angharad attended.

Llanfyrnach Parish Heritage Group

On Wednesday 5th October there will be a visit to The National Library Wales, Aberystwyth, leaving at 10.00 am from Canolfan Hermon Car Park.

On Wednesday 2nd November Rev. Richard Davies will talk about Pembrokeshire's Relationship to Royalty at Caffi Bella, Canolfan Hermon, 7.30 pm.

For more information please contact Lynda on 07920 249194 or Brenda on 01239 831280.

Llanwinio

A special Eucharist service was held at Llanwinio Church on the 11th of September to mark the passing of Her Majesty the Queen. The service was well attended by members of Llanwinio and Llanfyrnach Churches.

Sadly the roof of the church above the west door has deteriorated over the past couple of years and now requires urgent attention. The cost is substantial and is likely to increase as more of the roof is uncovered. It is hoped to hold a **Gift Day** on Saturday the 12th of November when friends, parishioners, members of the congregation - past and present - will be able to make a donation towards the cost of the building work, and ultimately the very future of church building itself. Light refreshments will be provided. More details to be published in the Grapevine next month.

Clydau

Our service on the 11th September turned into a requiem morning prayer for Queen Elizabeth as the announcement of her death two days before called our Archdeacon,



Above:
Trophy Winners
at the 2022
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Show with
Deputy Mayor,
Len Shipton and
his wife Gail.

Right:
Beryl Gibbin
who won the
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most overall
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the Venerable Paul Mackness, to higher duties than our Holy Eucharist service. He was at County Hall in Haverfordwest to hear the formal announcement of the succession of King Charles III.

We also started a sympathy card, which we left in church for visitors to sign with the plan of collecting signatures through to the group's joint service on the 25th – so that will have happened by the time you read this and if you were not there it means you also missed Paul's final service in the group and the farewell party.

Clydau had another significant farming family wedding over the summer when Hannah Thomas, Drysgolgoch, and William Griffiths took their vows before the Revd. Eileen Davies at the chapel in Capel Iwan on the 11th of August, a year to the day after Sion and Alice married at St Clydai – where Sion and Hannah's great grandparents are buried. Their grandparents, Leslie and Megan, are buried at Capel Iwan, so family events are shared out.

Richard Law

Announcement

On Tuesday the 4th of October at 7.00 pm the Rvd. Carol Court will be licensed by the Bishop, or her representative, as Priest-in-Charge in the LMA of East Landsker with primary pastoral care for the Cylch-Y-Frenni Group of Churches: St. Clydai, Clydey; St. Cledwyn, Llanglydwen; St. Brynach, Llanfyrnach; St. Gwinio, Llanwinio and St. Dogmael, Mynachlog-du. The service will take place at Llanwinio Church. As a Group we look forward to welcoming Carol into our midst and hope that she will be very happy and fulfilled in her new role.



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Services in October

Sunday 2nd Trinity XVI

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| 11.00 am | Harvest Service | St Mary | KT |
| 11.00 am | Matins | St David | KT |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion | St Brynach | JP |
| 3.00 pm | Holy Communion | St Tysilio | SE |

Sunday 9th Trinity XVII

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| 11.00 am | Matins | St Mary | KT |
| 11.00 am | Morning Prayer | St David | NJ |
| 2.30 pm | Holy Communion | Cyffig | KT |

Sunday 16th Trinity XVIII

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| 9.00 am | Holy Communion | St Tysilio | KT |
| 11.00 am | Matins | St Mary | KT |
| 11.00 am | Morning Prayer | St David | NJ |
| 4.00 pm | Holy Communion | St Brynach | KT |

Sunday 23rd Trinity XIX

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| 11.00 am | Memorial Service | Tabernacle | |
| 11.00 am | Morning Prayer | St David | NJ |
| 2.30 pm | Evensong | Cyffig | KT |

Sunday 30th Trinity XX

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| 11.00 am | Matins | St Mary | KT |
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Memorial Service

On Sunday 23rd there will be a Memorial Service for all those who have lost loved ones during the pandemic, especially for those who were unable to hold a proper funeral at the time. This is a joint Memorial with all the denominations of Whitland.

Commemoration Service

On Sunday 11th September a special Commemoration Service was held for HM Queen Elizabeth II in St Mary's. This was a moving service. The Church in Wales had prepared a service to be used in the churches, and it was good to see so many people at the service considering it was short notice. The part I found the most difficult was when we sang "God save our gracious King" for the first time; it seemed wrong in a way, but it reminds us of the continuity of everything.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kelly Drewett and Kieran Marsden married in St Mary's in August, and Lucy Clarke and Barnaby George married in St Mary's in September. We wish both couples well for their futures together.

News from Llanboidy

Our local community was saddened by the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, for whom we have a great respect, particularly for her length of service to our nation and dedication in her role - our flag was flown at half mast at the village Cenotaph

I had the honour of shaking hands and speaking with Queen Elizabeth in 2005 at Buckingham Palace when she awarded me an M.B.E. for my 'Services to the Cheese Industry in Wales'. She was very interested in our Cheese-making activities in Wales and that I used the milk from Red Poll cattle - there used to be a herd them at Sandringham also.

St Brynachs Church is having a face-lift courtesy of our new warden, Philip Morgan and helpers – the beautiful cast iron entrance gates are looking very elegant with a new coat of paint and the wooden Church doors have been oiled along with painting of the ironwork. Inside the old wooden pews have been oiled and all looks lovely.

St Brynachs Church Yard is looking well kept due to the regular grass cutting undertaken as a result of the generous donations from members of the community to finance this work .

If any of you would like to make a donation, maybe in memory of a loved one buried there, or to commemorate an event such as a wedding or christening, please let me

know (my details at end of this news bulletin) and I can let you have details of how to make an annual payment or a one-off.

Wedding banns have been called for the wedding of Philip and Marie on 1st October and we wish them happiness together and look forward to more in next month's Grapevine.

We offer our congratulations to Rose Saer on her 80th birthday - also our best wishes to Rose and Elgar who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary soon.

Congratulations also to Dorian Phillips on his 70th birthday and also on his decision to semi-retire!

Dorian has handed the building side of the business over to Owain Williams, a well known local lad of Llanboidy, who has worked for Dorian since he left school 21 years ago, and who has a good knowledge of the business and all its customers. Dorian says all his employees have been transferred over and the same sub-contractors will be used as before. The company will be known as ORW Ltd, trading as Dorian Phillips Builders.

We wish Dorian a happy and active retirement, and to Owain—a successful and busy business.

Leisure Park – It is great to see the exercise equipment erected in our Leisure Park behind the Market hall – we should all be able to get fit now - thanks Dorian and helpers, this is a fantastic addition to our village activities.



This was courtesy of a grant to cover the exercise equipment , cycle track and picnic areas here.

Community Consultation – a community meeting was held recently to discuss what was wanted and needed in the village .

A small committee has been busy for the past few years looking at the best way to put forward a package to cover needs of the community and improve facilities in the Market Hall. This was unfortunately held up because of Covid and has now fallen out of the time period and needs to be re-applied for.

They are looking to put in grant applications to raise enough funding to cover refurbishment of the toilets in the Market Hall, ways of reducing heating costs there and play equipment in the Leisure Park for children.

A local businessman has offered to fund a year's worth of taster sessions in the Market Hall for children and adults and discussion is going on to find out exactly what we want, timing of sessions etc.

If you want to be involved or have any ideas these can be put on the Facebook page for **Llanboidy Group**, or let me know and I will forward to the Committee.

Our sympathies go to the family of the late Brenda Allen, formerly of Haulfryn, whose funeral was held at St Brynach's Church on September 14th. Brenda was a loyal supporter of St Brynach's when living locally with her late husband, Dr Allen, and she will be remembered for her involvement with the Church. I particularly remember the Pancake Day activities at Haulfryn, which were great fun!

We are sorry to learn that a few of our community have been unwell - Merle Evans has been in hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery – Merle has been our organist for many years and we are missing her music.

We also send good wishes to Mrs Lyn Kendall and hope she is enjoying being home again.

Church Services:

Sunday, October 2nd at 11.00 am with Jenni officiating - Holy Communion

Sunday, October 16th at 4.00 pm with Kingsley officiating - Holy Communion

Please, please, please let me, Sue Jones, have any Llanboidy news for the next edition of the Grapevine, and I will forward it to Kathie, our Editor.

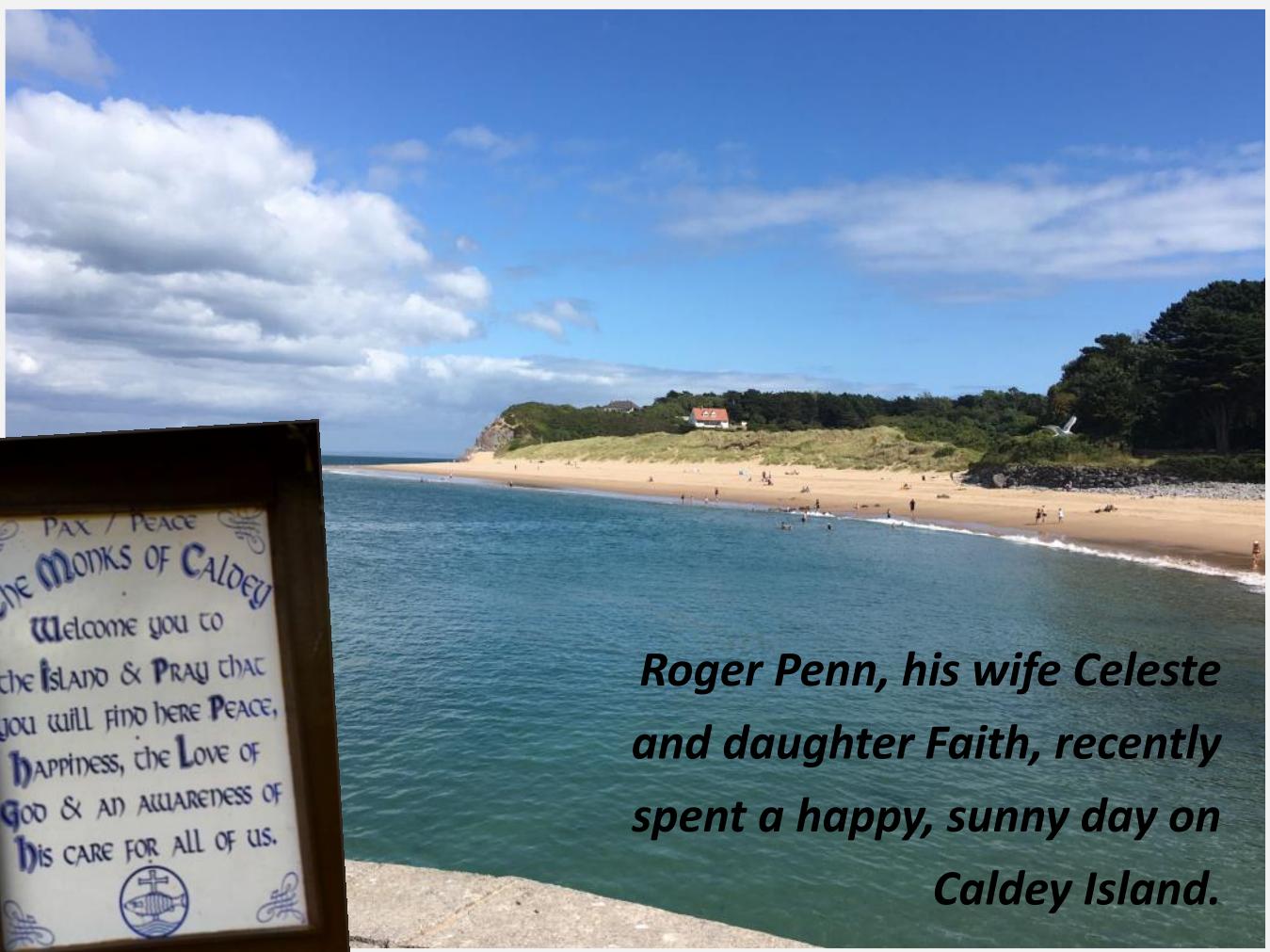
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Afon Taf Gardening Club

On the 4th of September Afon Taf Gardening Club held their annual show at Whitland Town Hall. One had not been held since 2019 because of Lockdown and



Roger Penn, his wife Celeste and daughter Faith, recently spent a happy, sunny day on Caldey Island.

members did not know what to expect, but it was a great success! It was an Open Show, which meant that non-members could enter, and we were very pleased to have some new people come along and take part.

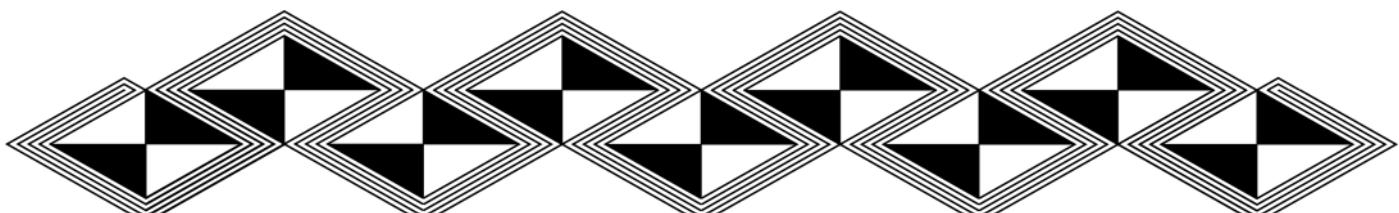
Trophy winners were:

| Cup or Trophy | Awarded for: | Winner |
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| Probus Cup | Winner of Flower Section | Beryl Gibbin |
| Mair Evans Cup | Best Pot Plant | Rosie & Hunter Graham |
| Lilian Wilby Cup | Winner of Vegetable Section | Beryl Gibbin |
| David Davies Memorial Cup | Runner Beans | Beryl Gibbin |
| Trophy | Best entry in Vegetable Section | Becca Arnold |
| Trophy | Winner of Produce Section | Beryl Gibbin |
| Trophy | Best entry in the Produce Section | Jan Griffiths |
| Plate | Exhibitor with the highest overall points | Beryl Gibbin |
| Ivy Webb cup | Best entry in flower section | Gail Shipton |

The Club usually meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Hywel Dda Centre, Whitland. The next meeting will take place on the 20th of October—this will be the Annual General Meeting.

A varied and interesting programme is being prepared for 2023.

New members will receive a warm welcome.



HM Queen Elizabeth II walking down Lammas Street on a visit to Carmarthen in 1978



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