

Roath News



***REMEMBRANCE / ADVENT
2017***

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From the Vicar of Roath, the Reverend Canon Stewart Lisk

My dear Friends

I was told recently that a Radio Wales presenter suggested that ‘Halloween’ began around 40 years ago! We all know that the custom goes back much further, at least to medieval times. To give the presenter the benefit of the doubt, she might have been referring to the massive commercialisation of the event which has come in via the influence of the U.S.A. and its films and television, and other social media. Even in the U.K. Halloween is next to Christmas the second highest retail event.

Halloween, or All Hallows Eve is, of course, the night before All Saints Day. This was a festival introduced to ensure that some of the lesser Saints were not forgotten in the observances of the Church. The Apostles, Martyrs and Doctors of the Church all have their specific days, as do national, diocesan and parochial patron saints. We keep those with varying degrees of solemnity as to local customs. Here in Wales we also have the feast of All the Saints of Wales on 8th November. The month of November is in fact littered with recollections of the “Cloud of witnesses” as they are sometimes called. It is right that we should give thanks for all those Holy men and women who lived ordinary human lives yet were called to do extraordinary things in the service of God and his Church.

Next to All Saints on 1st November is the commemoration of All Souls on 2nd November. It has been our practice in this Parish to mark this event on the nearest Sunday with an evening Requiem Eucharist with Hymns. This service gives us an opportunity to give thanks for our own loved ones now departed. We can listen to their names mentioned in the prayers for the dead at the Eucharist. It allows us to recall members of our families or friends who have died recently or a long time ago, always knowing that they are safe in God’s keeping.

It is an accident of history that also during November we have our National time of Remembrance – when we remember all those who have died in the two World Wars and conflicts since. You have often heard me speak or write in these pages about my own activities

in local and national Remembrance Services in my role as Civic Chaplain, Chaplain to the Lord Mayor and to H.M. Lieutenancy. Every ensuing year a different aspect comes to the fore and there are new angles to these important commemorations.

Perhaps you have been watching on television or hearing on the radio some programmes which have been devoted to the Centenary of First World War battles. I know some of you have taken part at home and abroad in the events marking the Somme and Passchendaele. One of the things that always strikes me is the sheer scale of numbers of losses that were sustained. Millions were killed in both world wars. Such numbers are overwhelming. Just like the numbers of Saints who have served God down the centuries is great. We need to bring the numbers down to a manageable picture so that we can appreciate the devotion of Holy people as well as the sacrifice of men and women who died in War. For parishes we have our patron saints, for nations we have our patrons like Saint David, St Andrew, St Patrick and St George. When we think of the war dead, we see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Westminster Abbey or our great Cenotaphs but also we have our own local memorials.

This has a particular resonance for us this year in Roath. Since the closure of St Anne's Church for worship your wardens and clergy, together with others from the diocese and other parishes, have been finding ways to find proper homes for all that was there. Possibly one of the most satisfying outcomes has been the War Memorial panels from the pulpit in St Anne's. These are beautiful carvings showing scenes from the life of St Anne and her daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary. They also have inscribed the names of men from this parish, particularly from St Anne's who died in the 1914-1919 conflict. They have now been expertly removed from the pulpit and beautifully restored and newly mounted on the South Wall of St Edward's, our parish War memorial church. The work has been accomplished by the craftsmanship of Mr Robert Stogdon, Churchwarden of St John's and a master carpenter / joiner. We are enormously grateful to him. I am sure that everyone will agree it is a fitting location for these memorial panels.

There is also a wider significance for us as they remind us not only of the sacrifice of the past but also of the resolve of the present not to forget. The fact that much effort and commitment has been put into this project shows us that good things can come out of the tragedy and sadness of what has gone before. As our young people come again to our Remembrance Service at 7.00 pm on Remembrance Sunday, they will see something which is new to them and refreshed for us all.

Perhaps this year as we give out thanks for All Saints, All Souls and those who died in war we may remember with new resolution to work for peace and friendship between peoples and nations in the future.

The words of the Kohima Epitaph are always appropriate.

“When you go home tell them of us and say
‘For your tomorrow we gave our today’”

With every good wish and blessing,





THE MEMORIAL PANELS which used to form part of St Anne's pulpit are now displayed on the south wall of the chancel at St Edward's.

Remembrance (Cofio) – Waldo Williams

One fleeting moment as the sun is setting,
One gentle moment as the night falls fast,
To bring to mind the things that are forgotten,
Now scattered in the dust of ages past.

Like white-foamed waves that break on lonely beaches,
Like the wind's song where no one hears the wind,
They beckon us, I know, but to no purpose –
The old forgotten things of humankind.

The artistry and skills of early peoples,
Small dwelling-places and enormous halls,
Old well-told tales that have been lost for ages,
The gods that now no mortal could recall.

And little words of languages long-vanished,
Lithe words once lively on the lips of men,
And pretty in the prattle of small children,
No tongue will ever utter them again.

Oh, earth's innumerable generations,
Their sacred dreams and fragile sanctity,
Is the heart silent that was once acquainted
With sadness and with gladness and with glee ?

Often at close of day, when I am lonely,
I long to know you all, bring all to mind;
Is there a heart or memory still to cherish
The old forgotten things of humankind?

Translation by Alan Llwyd

Cofio

Un funud fach cyn elo'r haul o'r wybren,
Un funud fwyn cyn delo'r hwyr i'w hynt,
I gofio am y pethau anghofiedig
Ar goll yn awr yn llwch yr amser gynt.

Fel ewyn ton a dyr ar draethell unig,
Fel cân y gwynt lle nid oes glust a glyw,
Mi wn eu bod yn galw'n ofer arnom –
Hen bethau anghofiedig dynol ryw.

Camp a chelfyddyd y cenhedloedd cynnar,
Aneddau bychain a neuaddau mawr,
Y chwedlau cain a chwalwyd ers canrifoedd
Y duwiau na wŷyr neb amdanynt 'nawr.

A geiriau bach hen ieithoedd diflanedig,
Hoyw yng ngenau dynion oeddynt hwy,
A thlws i'r clust ym mharabl plant bychain,
Ond tafod neb ni eilw arnynt mwy.

O, genedlaethau dirifedi daear,
A'u breuddwyd dwyfol a'u dwyfoldeb brau,
A erys ond tawelwch i'r calonnau
Fu gynt yn llawenychu a thristáu?

Mynych ym mrig yr hwyr, a mi yn unig,
Daw hiraeth am eich 'nabod chwi bob un;
A oes a'ch deil o hyd mewn Cof a Chalon,
Hen bethau anghofiedig teulu dyn?

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NEWS FROM THE LYCHGATE



Our beautiful church is set off to its best advantage these autumn days with its screen of colourful trees. While our autumn proceeds in its majestic way. We have had the Heritage Weekend, the Harvest Festival, and now it is Half Term and then Bonfire Night. (not that one sees many bonfires these days!). Soon we will be in the Kingdom Season which leads into Advent and then we all know what comes next!

As usual we welcomed people into church for the Open Days in September. It is always a chance to see our church with fresh eyes and to learn something new. One of our parishioners, Geraint, noticed that in one of the displayed documents, that when sometime in the seventeenth century a vicar was appointed, there were complaints from the congregation that he wasn't Welsh speaking! The public interest was gratifying and a total of £551 was taken from sales and contributions.

Did you go to help solve the Murder Mystery? We hope you had a nice time because you deserved it. A whopping total of £831.12 was raised.

One of our choir members, Barbara Brett, recently recovered from her hip operation, sadly lost her husband, David, on 16th September. We do send her our sympathy and love. Barbara, who has been in the choir for ten years, is now leaving as she doesn't like going out in winter evenings. She can now augment the voices of the congregation.

We send congratulations to Sue Oxenham whose daughter Sally, has recently given birth to a little boy, Thomas James. Love to all the family.

As Remembrance Sunday approaches it's nice to report that the children from Sunday school are making the traditional poppy wreath, which will be displayed by our list of people remembered in St Margaret's. We all love to see the children come into church to tell us what they have been doing, and we admire our Vicar's kindly handling of this.

We hope you enjoyed reading about last month's list of favourite St Margaret's hymns. It has been decided to have a service of the hymns after Christmas now, as things get a bit busy before Christmas. Meanwhile Julia will be amongst you in November, for you to choose your favourite Christmas hymns and carols.

John and Betty Katchi who are regular members of the 9:30 congregation have moved to Barry to be near their daughter. We will be seeing them but not so often. Their new address is available. Meanwhile we send our good wishes for their future happiness.

Pat Woodward, newly married to our retired clergyman Canon John Woodward is presently in hospital after an operation. Get better soon Pat. We miss you. As indeed we miss others of you at present unable to be in church. We send all of you our love. (Any news that you would like to send us would be gladly received.)

Would you believe that some people are reluctant to publicize their birthdays in this column? So all we have to report is that Joan Brooks has turned 70. Happy Birthday, Joan, and to all you others too!

The retiring collection for the people migrating to Bangladesh from Myanmar raised £127.45. Thanks to Mal Rowson who organised this.

We have been trying not to mention Christmas but it is inevitable! The Ladies Circle would like to offer you the opportunity to contribute gifts for homeless teenagers in Cardiff, cared for by The Church Army. Gifts can be given to into the church, by the beginning of December. They should be unwrapped and suitable for girls and boys aged 13-19 years. Make-up, toiletries, notebooks, pens, socks, gloves and scarves, items for new flats such as mugs etc, bottles and sweets. Gift vouchers would also be very acceptable. Any questions? Gill Day on 2049 5496.

So to Christmas again! The cooking pot for your contributions of change will again be available in Advent, to go to the Huggard Foundation for the homeless. And don't forget the Christmas Fayre on November 18th.

Sally reports that Sue and Dave Jewell and the Grandparents raising Grandchildren held a skittle match on Tuesday 24th October 2017 at the Croft Pub which was poorly attended but however it was a fantastic night where £70 was raised for the charity.

On Friday 27th October a memorial concert for one of our devoted parishioners Mr Jeff Hall was held at St Margaret's with our accomplished organist and choirmaster Gary Mullins, and orchestra conducted by Benjamin Teague, It was well attended. The concert consisted of a celebration of music by Mozart. Our choirmaster Gary Mullins played Piano Concerto No. 21 on the grand piano which was donated by Pam Hall in remembrance of her late husband Jeff, who was a music fanatic. It was a fabulous concert and Gary and orchestra played exceptionally well. The programme for the memorial Concert was as follows: 1. Overture to 'the Marriage of Figaro', 2. Laudate Dominum from 'Vesperae solennes de confessore', 3. Piano Concerto No.21 in C major, 4. Symphony No.40 in G minor. Also the Soprano Alexandra Bork was thoroughly enjoyable. Jeff would have been so proud of the overwhelming support given to Pam and all the family. However at the time of publishing we are not sure of the final amount raised as yet for the British Heart Foundation. Hopefully I will be able to give the final amount raised in the next magazine. "so watch this space!".

Sally would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who gave their get well wishes to my fiancé Stephen after his injury with the cricket ball back in May (which happened 25 weeks ago) . He has made a magnificent recovery and is glad to be back to normality. We are also glad to be back in church and seeing all our friends and supporting various church events.

May God Bless you All
Julia & Sally



ST EDWARD'S NOTES – Remembrance/Advent 2017

SAYING GOODBYE in October we said goodbye in church to Margaret Payne, and Olivia Evans. Both occasions were notable for the tributes paid to them by their relatives, describing the rich and significant lives both Margaret and Olivia had enjoyed. Our condolences to the families of Heather and Charlotte. Karen Howard was a more recent member of our congregation, who also contributed greatly to church life, using her gifts of music and artistic ability. She had not enjoyed good health and died at the end of October after suffering from pneumonia. Her funeral took place at St Catwgs Pentyrch on Friday 3rd November.

May they rest in peace and rise in heaven in glory

FESTIVAL Thanks to all involved, performers, visitors, those who cleaned and tidied, opened the church each day and dealt with the many emails and texts to arrange the concerts. The music was much appreciated, with concerts by Voice Male, Women in Harmony and the Glen Manby Jazz Quartet; Cardiff & Vale Symphonic Brass; The Gentle Rain Ensemble and a special Coffee Concert given by Noru Hirano & Alison Dite from our own Orchestra.

The arts exhibition by Laurie Williams ARIBA attracted much interest and was beautifully displayed as always. Thanks to Janice for organising it and to Gareth as always for his skills in installing the paintings.

This year we welcomed two special installations, *The Last Straw*. In the Church grounds: An installation by Clive Ward highlighting the danger posed by plastic waste in our oceans ... incorporating the artwork of the Sunday School, and “*Offering*” by Sue Hunt & Susan Adams. What is art if not a gift? Few artists are economically sustained by their practice yet are compelled to continually make and offer their artworks to fellow creatures. Sue Hunt and Susan Adams explore offering through a collaboration involving silverpoint drawings and sculpture, with an opportunity to pass on the gift by offering to Mind Cymru.

Other firsts for the Festival, in collaboration with Made in Roath, were: A Book Reading & Signing. Nathan Munday read from his latest book, *Seven Days: a story of adventure and spirituality as father and son travel the “Rue du Bonjour”* across the pilgrim route of the high Pyrenees, followed by a Q&A session and book signing. Also, in the schoolroom, Widening Access Summer School Exhibition, Robert Blundell, Kathryn Murphy, Hannah Pickering, Gerri Blundell, Kerry Wallace, Keith Elwyn Evans, Anastasia Sidorenco, Claudia Carrillo. This is Cardiff Metropolitan University’s Widening Access Summer School’s first exhibition, with artists exhibiting for the first time. This mixed-media exhibition was either produced at the Summer School or inspired by what they learned.

And

Folded Books Drop-in Workshop. tatty old books were transformed into works of art with just a few simple folds. Doreen Barnaville from Cardiff Met’s School of Art & Design Library showed lots of visitors how to create a unique sculptural piece to take home.

The Gough Family

Emily Gough (Nee Gwillim) was the Matriarch of the family. She was part of a large family and was born and bred in Llanbradach. Her parents were caretakers of the local Anglican Church. They were very strict and the whole family regularly attended church! When she reached working age, she came to Cardiff with her sister Ivy Maidment and they became servants for a family living in Church Terrace.

At that time two services were held in St Margaret's Church, one for the gentry and the other for the servants! "Never the twain should meet" After attending the service they both walked to Llanbradach to visit their parents. Emily met and married Frederick Gough who worked for Neil & West Fisheries. They had three sons, Ronald, Alan and Ivor. Sadly Fred died at an early age and Emily was left with three very young sons to rear.

During the war, Emily worked for the Local Tramways and the boys were evacuated. In her church life, she was a member of the Mothers Union and St Anne's fellowship. Her best friend was Mrs Macey (the late June Harries mother).

After the war they all worshipped at St Anne's and Ivor attended St Anne's School. Later Ron married Hilda Alan married Jean and Ivor married Joan, in St Margaret's church.

Ivor, Joan and Jean were christened as babies in St Anne's by the famous Father Harold Reilly. In the Baptismal records Ivor and Joan's records are listed next to each other!

Actually, Joan and Jean are first cousins as well as sisters-in-law! They all took a very active part in St Anne's church life.

Alan was group Scoutmaster and he and his scouts were regular servers at the altar, he was MC and church sub-warden. When Alan died, Ivor became church sub-warden. As professionals in their working lives the Gough boys with others carried out many repairs in St Anne's when needed.

Joan and Hilda with other members of the family ran the Brownies. Jean was church secretary and treasurer and an active member of Cytun.

All three girls were active members of St Anne's wives helping to run events to raise money for local charities.

Jean and Joan from the age of eight sang in choirs. Their singing took them to Europe, Jersey, California and most Cathedrals in the U.K. They stopped singing when St Anne's closed.

As the family grew in numbers the Grandchildren were baptised and confirmed in the faith. Like most families they have experienced joy and sorrow but their faith has sustained them.

A very important tradition in the family is that all members meet and worship together at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Those who live away worship at the same time in their local church, so they are with us in spirit.

Since our much loved St Anne's closed our new spiritual home is St Edwards where we have been lovingly welcomed. We humbly thank our heavenly Father for loving and caring for us just as we are, warts and all.

Thanks to Jean Gough

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE IN EDUCATION

St Teilo's is a high achieving school where staff and students alike are enthusiastic about, and involved in their learning; where success is the expectation and the norm. A vibrant and exciting place to be, where areas of strength are developed to become areas of excellence, and all are encouraged to realise their potential. A caring and happy community that values the individual, and enables growth of the whole person in a Christian environment.

In the Mabinogion, Bendigeidfran, the brother of Branwen, is King of Britain. He is also a giant. In rescuing his sister from Matholwch, the King of Ireland, Bendigeidfran stretches out across the River Shannon to serve as a bridge for his troops, pronouncing the words, 'A fo ben, bid bont'. Whilst there is no direct translation, in essence it means, 'He who would be a leader, let him be a bridge'.

With almost one child in three living in poverty in Wales, a higher proportion than in any other home nation, that equates to almost 200,000 children in need. As a school, in aiming to minimise the impact of poverty on educational achievement, we must stretch out across a divide. Every teacher must be a bridge, not just a bridge-builder, and connect *personally* with children whose lives are chaotic, confused and fraught with challenge. Only serving as a bridge, sensitively and deliberately spanning the gap between what is and what could be, will we enable children in poverty to flourish. Teachers who are characterised by this type of *stretching out* might be more considered as 'servant-leaders'.

The servant-leader is someone who is 'servant first'; the desire to serve, the 'servant's heart', is at the core of all the servant-leader does. Our teachers must ask themselves, do pupils, in attending St Teilo's, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants?

The servant-leader espouses values of forgiveness and justice, humility and simplicity, integrity and compassion. Those

children who need our love the most will ask for it in the most unloving of ways. So we remind ourselves that the stories behind misbehaviour, disengagement or irreverence will not make us angry but break our hearts. Serving our most vulnerable children – being a bridge – is never easy but it is always worth it.

As teachers and Christians, we find ourselves not only in the midst of human suffering and confusion but, in faith, in the heart of the hope and love of God. And, as Rowan Williams describes, because Jesus has taken his stand in the middle of these two realities, that is where we take ours: ‘Where I am, there will my servant be also’ (John 12:26)

Psalm 46:10 encourages us to ‘Be still and know that I am God’. If we can help young people to learn to be still and trust in God, then we can hope that they will come to know that they are never alone, never unaided and never forgotten.

It is our ambition to deepen children’s understanding of God by getting to know Him personally, by what He says (in His Holy Word), by recognising the things He does in our lives, and by way of His Holy Spirit who comforts us.

Sometimes, all it takes to change the course of a child’s life is a simple, quiet moment of stillness in the midst of their chaotic living. When we take time as a school to practise stillness, we open ourselves to God’s loving presence and to His offer of strength, wisdom and peace. It is from a still, quiet place that we discover the depth of God’s commitment to us and His desire to heal and restore us.

Faithful teaches – servant-leaders – create more just, more peaceful, more caring schools and hence, one bridge at a time, they change the world. This is our mission. If you would like to be part of it, please contact us at:
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Where are the Sandies?

Where are the Sandies, Nanny,
Where you used to go and fish,
And paddle in the water,
Throwing pennies to make a wish?

You used to go to the Harlers*
For sports day with your school,
St German's just off Clifton Street,
Church on Thursday was the rule.

We all looked forward to fishing
With tiddlers in a jar,
Jam sandwiches and water,
A banquet no rain could mar.

Splashing under the little bridge,
Hearing our voices ringing,
Shouting out our loudest,
Much joy, those days were
bringing.

Lovely Waterloo Gardens,
Happy memory stays
With its pretty summerhouse,
Shelter on rainy days.

Over the wibbly-wobbly bridge,
Sitting on the grass,
Playing hide and seek and 'catch',
Sunny days to pass.

Tales of the river bank,
Water voles busy there,
Watching them for ages,
Such joy to stand and stare.

So many birds and butterflies,
The kingfisher sometimes to
glance,
Such beauty and serenity,
Dragonflies as they dance.

BUT, why did they chop the trees
down Nanny?
I know that they were old.
But they were tall and very strong,
Killing them – WAS WRONG.

So, where are the Sandies,
Nanny?
I searched, but they are gone,
Buried beneath metal and
boulders,
Ugliness, where once, the summer
sun shone.

Hazel Williams July 2017

** Harlers – Harlequins playing field*

**SUNDAY AND WEEK-DAY WORSHIP
IN THE PARISH OF ROATH**

(For Holy Day Celebrations see Weekly Newsletter)

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH WATERLOO ROAD

**Sun: 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
9.30 am Sung Eucharist
9.30 am Sunday School R.C. House
(each Sunday except 1st during school terms)
6.00 pm Sung Evensong
1st Sunday in month – Evensong/Holy Eucharist**

Wed: 9.30 am Holy Eucharist

ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH BLENHEIM ROAD

**Sun: 11.00 am Sung Eucharist & Sunday School
7.00 pm Choral Evensong
Wed: 10.15 am Holy Eucharist**

**Conventional District of Tremorfa
ST PHILIP'S COMMUNITY CHURCH
TWEEDSMUIR ROAD**

**Sun: 9.30 am Family Communion
Tues: 3.15 pm 'Messy Church' (in term-time)**

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