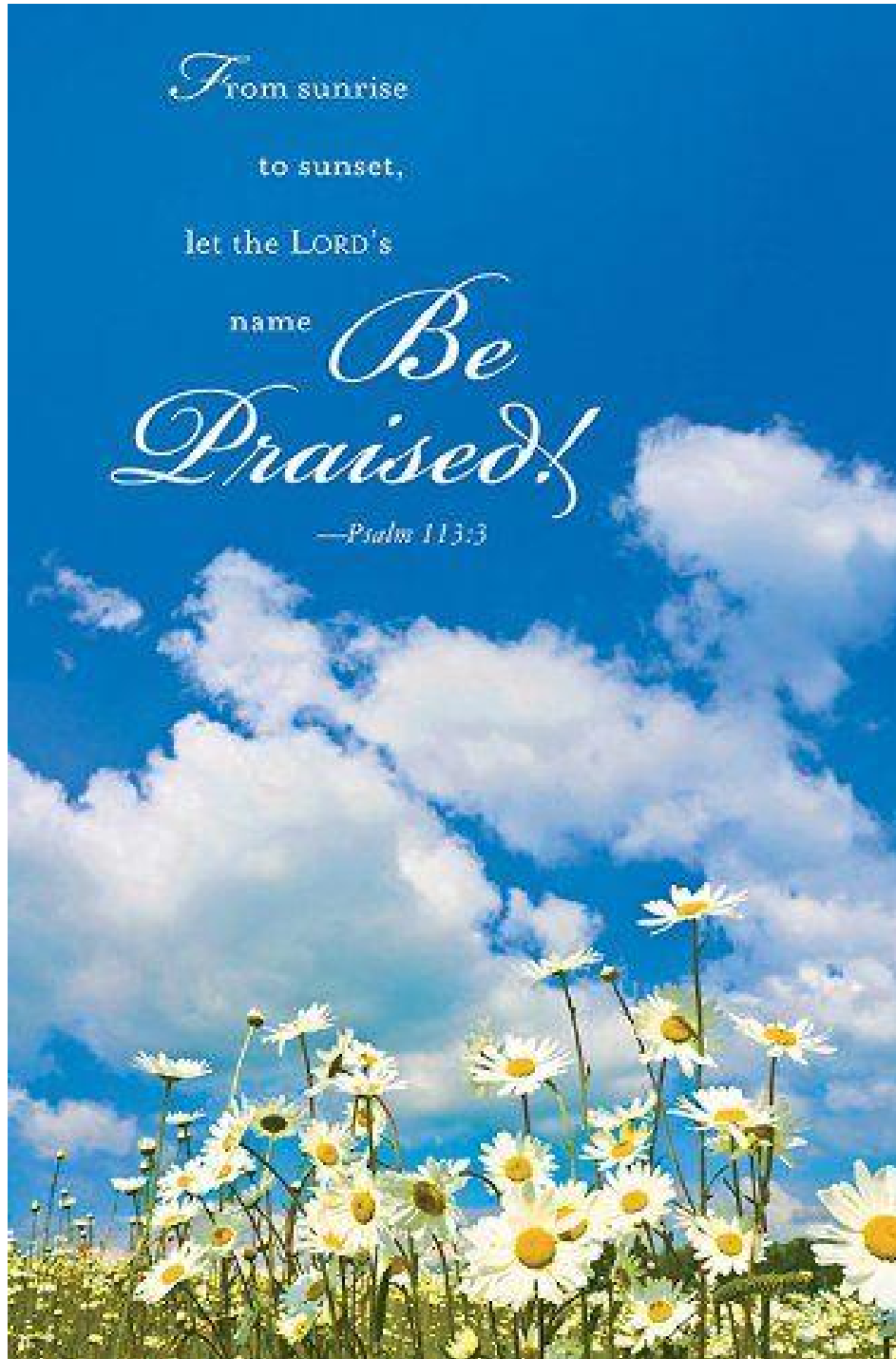


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*The Parish Surgery is open on Mondays (except Bank Holidays) between 6.00.p.m. and 7.00.p.m. in Roath Church House to arrange **Baptisms and Weddings**. (Contact no. 20487854).*

Confessions and the Sacrament of Healing by arrangement.

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From the Vicar of Roath, the Reverend Canon Stewart Lisk

My dear Friends,

At the time of writing, Summer has begun early and with an intense heat that is very unfamiliar to the residents of our city. We all keep wondering when the weather will break.

For the Vicarage family, it has been the backdrop to a very busy but also challenging few weeks. As most of you know we have moved out of Roath Vicarage whilst some major refurbishment work is being done, long standing damp and mould issues will be addressed, a new roof put on and replacement windows installed. We also look forward to a modern kitchen! This has entailed us moving every single possession to an empty Vicarage in Cathays where we are staying while the work is done.

We have had to unpack all we need for daily living but I can tell you that several thousand books will remain boxed until we return! Such an experience really makes you think about what you actually **need** for your personal, family and professional requirements, as it is very much business as usual for us all, with work, school and parochial and diocesan duties as busy as ever.

In the Gospel reading for Trinity 6, Jesus sends out the twelve disciples to cast out unclean spirits. He gives them specific instructions to go two by two and to travel light, just carry a staff and wear sandals but only have one tunic. They were not to have bread or money but rather they should rely on the generosity of the people whose houses they visit. The disciples did this and went out and cured many people.

Most of us could not survive without the many possessions that we accumulate but some people even today try to eschew worldly goods. I remember well an Anglican Franciscan Brother who regularly used to visit us at St Michael's College when I was training

for the Ordained Ministry. He only had what he carried from place to place in a small bag and depended on the welcome of those he came to minister to and received their hospitality. Such is a hard life but one where the Brother was unencumbered with the weight of goods that take up so much of our energy.

It is not possible for most of us to follow such a path but his and similar examples can make us think what is really important in our lives — all of us need to perform some life laundry from time to time. To assess the material things we have but also to value the spiritual, emotional and physical needs that make us the human beings that we seek to be. We can liberate ourselves to think on things heavenly rather than our earthly concerns and perhaps become better disciples as a result.

With every blessing for some rest and recreation.

Stuart



St Edwards Notes Summer 2018

SAYING GOODBYE — On Friday 25th May we said our final farewells to Mrs Megan Martin, who died at the age of 102. Those of us who were privileged to know Megan and worship alongside her at St Edward's over the years will remember a vibrant, energetic lady, who was an expert on everything to do with St Edward's and the Parish, an accomplished flower arranger, maker of delicious cakes, skilled at dress making and sewing, and so much more. She was central to church life through her hard work and dedication to the church, its people, and in support of her husband Father Ken. Her funeral was a fitting mark of respect to a wonderful lady whose memory will live on in the Parish. Donations in her memory have been received, as contributions towards the planned building project.

VICARS WARDEN — Nick Steele has accepted Canon Stewart's invitation to serve as his sub-warden at St Edwards, and attended his first committee meeting in June, along with other new members Hannah Way and Frances Gerrard. Thanks to them and everyone involved in giving time to make sure the church is ready and welcoming, both at our services and to the many community groups who use our buildings.

THANK YOU'S — We have a new cellar door thanks to Andy. Paul is now part of the grass-cutting team, sharing duties with Tony Mansell. If anyone is interested in being part of the garden team, please speak to Kathie Mayer. Age Cymru has awarded a grant of £1,000 to help get the Gardening Therapy project started; thanks to Kathie for negotiating the paperwork, and making the successful application.

CHRISTIAN AID — Once again a small band of determined volunteers pounded the streets, delivering envelopes and seeking donations for the annual Christian Aid collection week in May. Our total was over £800, and the Parish total including Gift Aid was nearly £1900. Well done everyone.

BEST WISHES — To everyone taking a holiday at this time. Travel well, come back safely, and bring news for the next edition of the magazine if you can.



NEWS FROM THE LYCHGATE



Greetings from St Margaret's Church that must lie in the most beautiful churchyard in Cardiff. No wonder people would like to be married here! Some of us were talking about the yew tree by the church door. It would be nice to know more about it, so if you have any information, please get in touch.

Our first news report comes from Gill Day, who, with her companion Barbara Beavis, and Pat and Bob Hyett were honoured to receive invitations to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. We too would like to thank all of them for their outstanding work for our parish over the years. This is Gill's report of the Day.

An Amazing Day Out

"Imagine my surprise when I received a letter from the Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan asking if I would like to receive an invitation to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. This honour was for community and voluntary work over the years. Of course I said yes! In due course an official invitation came from the Lord Chamberlain to attend on Thursday 31st May 2018. I invited Barbara Beavis as my guest – one of the founder members of the Ladies Circle alongside me over 40 years ago. Bob Hyett had been given a similar honour, so along with his wife Pat the four of us were to set off for London. This was after much agonising over what to wear – new outfits of course, and a HAT! Bob wore top hat and tails

and looked magnificent. We decided to stay overnight in London and travelled first class by train.

The weather forecast was not good, but the gods were looking down on us because it was a dry sunny day, all our prayers were answered. We set off in a luxury taxi which set us down at the end of a queue stretching around the side of the Palace! No ordinary queue, but one of ladies in a wonderful array of outfits and hats, men in morning dress, posh suits, uniforms and hats and some people in national costume. We attracted quite a lot of attention from people passing by. As usual the queue moved slowly forward, but soon the Palace gates were in sight. Passports, tickets and documents were checked and we entered the Palace forecourt, inching our way over the gravel and through the famous archway into the inner courtyard. We gave our tickets to an equerry who jokingly said the Queen would enjoy counting them tonight! Then we entered the Palace walking down a wide corridor lined with magnificent portraits and cabinets of fine china and on out into the sunshine onto the terrace overlooking the gardens. Scouts and Guides were on hand and kept busy taking photographs of us on our mobile phones before we descended the steps onto the lawn. A truly wonderful sight in glorious sunshine of around 4,000 people milling around with 2 military bands playing in the background. Incidentally there were lots of bishops many wearing their cassocks in various shades of purple which contrasted well with the flowing robes of eastern costume. I was told the Queen preferred the bishops to wear their cassocks to suits.

Everything seemed to proceed like clockwork, without us being told what to do and where to go. We joined one of the many queues in the refreshment tent and were quickly able to select sandwiches and cakes along with a choice of iced coffee, tea or apple juice to drink. Back in the sunshine we found a table to

sit and eat and watch the amazing sights before us. Then we noticed people beginning to line up on the lawn – we joined them. We had been told that maybe a Gentleman of the Household – identified by his morning suit, black top hat, buttonhole and rolled umbrella might approach us to line up to be introduced to the Queen, but no such luck for us! The buzz went around that the Queen was in attendance, along with the Duke of Cambridge, Princess Eugene and other royals. Fortunately for us the Queen was to come down the line we had joined. The Queen was wearing a dress and coat in two shades of blue with a matching hat with peacock feathers on the side. She stopped to talk to a small group opposite where we were standing so we had a really good view. Many people were remarking how tiny she was. As she passed by the line drifted away and we walked over towards where one of the bands was playing and began our tour of the gardens and lake. We were free to go whichever way we wanted. The rose garden was magnificent, there were beautiful trees and shrubs and a bank of hostas which I think had a royal decree which banned the invasion of slugs! We were able to stroll past the tennis court, past an enormous Grecian urn (must have been at least 10 feet high) and a pretty summer house. At the end of our tour of the gardens we skirted the other side of the lake and came back onto the lawn where we were offered refreshing glasses of lemon barley water and tubs of ice-cream. We saw the Yeomen Guard of Honour parade past the Royal Tea tent. By this time the crowds were beginning to disperse and we all began wending our way past the bands and back up the steps and into the Palace for one last glance out into the gardens and a final look at the decor and china displays before we walked through to the forecourt and out to the gates to look for a taxi back to our hotel.

All in all a wonderful honour and experience and thanks to modern technology we all had plenty of photographs on our

mobile phones to remind us of a magical afternoon, never to be repeated, but with so many memories and so much to tell our families and friends.



Gill Day
June 2018

I am sure that you will agree that this has given us a great idea of what it was like to be there. Thank you, Gill.

Back to more mundane matters. A very successful Spring Fayre raised £1500 for St Margaret's, with £180 raised later at the Book Sale.

"Gary's Concert", to celebrate the Queen's birthday was a great event in the calendar. There was lovely singing by several artists, as well as a solo by Gary on the piano. It was a great evening. People spilled out into the church yard in the interval and we all had a splendid time. £880 was raised. Half of this amount was for the charity "Believe" which was set up to facilitate human organ donation, both from the donor and those who receive donations. The other half went to St Margaret's. Thankyou Gary for putting this together and for the pleasure it created. We look forward to the next concert!

Sadly we report the death of one of our adult choristers, Stephen Harding, who died suddenly in June. He had joined the choir about 18 months ago, but had been ill since Christmas. May he rest in peace.

On a happier note, Harrison Kendall, one of our young choristers received his RSCM Certificate and Bronze Medal from the vicar on the 17th June. It is a long time since this has been achieved in our church and we're so pleased to congratulate Harrison, and to commend his contribution to the choir.

We had another 90th birthday to celebrate in the person of Fred Heal, who received flowers from the priest on June 17th. We all enjoy Fred's enthusiastic rendering of the hymns. Happy Birthday, Fred, and Many Returns.

Sally reports that on the 24th June one of our retired clergy The Revd Canon John Woodward celebrated 60 years of ordination with a special service at St Margaret's with beautiful hymns specifically chosen by Canon Woodward himself. It was lovely

to see the church almost full for this special occasion. There was a wonderful sermon by The Venerable Peter Woodman who said of when he and Canon Woodward were at school and throughout their journey into priesthood and how Canon Woodward has always had a love for cricket. Following the service there was a refreshment buffet at Roath Church House where Canon Woodward was presented with flowers and a card by the People's Warden Gill Day, here is a photo.



Also Canon Woodward was celebrating his first wedding anniversary to Pat. They were both extremely overwhelmed how so many people had come from far and wide to help them celebrate these special events. It was a truly unforgettable occasion that I was happy to be a part of and share my report

with you all. We extend our best wishes to Pat and John for the future.

If anyone has anything that they would like to be placed in the news from the lychgate, such as a special birthday/anniversary or occasion then please let myself or Julia Griffiths know or you can email me on sallyannatzei@hotmail.co.uk.

That is all from us both for now.

God Bless and enjoy this glorious weather
Julia & Sally



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CHURCH TURNS TO MEGHAN PREACHER
Letter to The TIMES 16TH JUNE 2018

Sir, The Church of England appears to think that more preaching in the style of Bishop Michael Curry at the royal wedding will revitalise our churches (“Hallelujah! Church turns to Harry and Meghan-style preachers” June 15). Has it not occurred to the bishops that such preaching is likely to drive away as many people as it attracts, and that gimmicks have a short shelf life?

The reasons for the decline in religious practice in our country are complex and will not be solved by the Church hooking its wagon to any passing star. This is something the bishops would know if they spent less time in the rarefied atmosphere of media studios, committees, synods and the House of Lords, and more time in the parishes and among the people about whose spiritual welfare they claim to be concerned.

Father Rodney Marshall SSC Barnsley, S Yorks

Notes from the North number 32

I think this missive may be a bit shorter than usual.

Selling a house is not easy, especially if you had not done down-sizing at the previous move, of which I am guilty!!!.

I have had wonderful help from Adrian and Lesley, plus Kath, who has been looking forward to the time when we share another house, tempered by sharing this experience of mine.

My belongings which are being retained are in a store. I visit it occasionally, as I did not plan how much might come in useful, and as our future residence may have limited space to hold our joint belongings, it has been a mind concentrating time!!

As my effects were not actually packed by me, I think it may take me some time to find anything that is in the several boxes and furniture in the store.

The exchange of contracts took place on June 22nd. It was quite a relief, even though I feel a bit like an orphan. Kath has taken pity on me and is looking after me

Plans for July 7th are continuing apace. Kath and I are trying to juggle cars and drivers so that we are all in church in the right order and in the right places. And also at the reception.

That slot before our service has still not been filled, and we would have been pleased to take it, but we cannot move in there now.

Trying to communicate without broadband is not easy. The solicitors, estate agents and all the contacts who have been using e-mail to reach me, have shown remarkable patience, but my mobile phone has given me some awkward moments while I have been driving. The lack of convenient places to stop have become almost legendary but the senders have all been very understanding!!!!

As July 7th, approaches, we are becoming aware that there are quite a lot of people who are 'interested' in the event. One lady who Kath has known for a long time, but had not been in contact for some years, was having a telephone conversation. In the course of a telephone conversation, the lady congratulated Kath!! Kath asked how she knew, and was shocked by the reply – "everybody knows" she said!!!!!!


It rather surprised Kath, so we are wondering just how many people may be in church!!

The sun has been shining rather brightly, and as I have now taken up residence at Priory Lane, I have taken on the gardener's role. The area to be serviced is rather larger than Manor Lane, I shall have to pace myself. *Spring* and *Chicken* do not actually spring to mind in any description of me. There is quite an area of grass, fortunately, a gardener with electric mowers regularly keeps it 'half-tidy like'.

That is it for now.

Thanks for all the good wishes which have been sent to us.

Love from My fiancée (Kath of course) and Me.



THE
Lord
IS MY LIGHT
AND MY SALVATION
PSALM 27:1

**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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