

# Llantrisant Parish Monthly Magazine October 2020



*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.—Numbers 6:24–26*

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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

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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 and Margaret Manley.



### **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. 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.





**Saying Goodbye**, (part of the Mariposa Trust) are coming back to Llandaff in October ,with a new format Baby loss support remembrance and support service (this being part of a Nationwide chain of events).

The Mariposa Trust's core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy. It was founded in 2012, by Zoe and Andy Clark-Coates, who saw a critical lack of support for people like them, who had gone through baby loss. With over 258,000 babies being lost yearly in the UK alone, the charity needed to be able to offer not only a comprehensive package of befriending and support but also national baby loss remembrance services (called Saying Goodbye Services), for people to join together and remember the children they had lost. 5 years on over 120 services have taken place at Cathedrals and Minsters across the UK, US and France, and 2020 will see services across England, Wales and Scotland, Covid-19 permitting.

On the **3rd October at 2.30 pm in Llandaff Cathedral** we will be holding a Saying Goodbye service.

Places are free but should be booked online via <https://www.sayinggoodbye.org/sglcc20-booking-page/> to guarantee a space, as services are strictly 40 maximum, per service.

### **So who is the service for?**

Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in early years, or who has been affected by a family members or friends loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We

have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their family, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all.

We know that as 1 in 4 women suffer miscarriage and baby loss, whilst this may not be impactful for you, you may have contact with someone who has either personally suffered baby loss, or who has a partner or family member that has, and if so please feel free to promote the service.

To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: [www.sayinggoodbye.org](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org)

### **Honey Honey!**

If your grannie gave you honey when you had a cold, she was right.

Research published in The British Medical Journal has found that honey is especially good for treating upper respiratory tract infections (URTIs) such as the common cold.

Honey has anti-microbial and anti-inflammatory properties. These do better at soothing your cough and sniffles than any of the over-the-counter remedies. In fact, URTI sufferers who were given honey suffered their symptoms for up to two days LESS than those who did not use honey.

All good news, especially as honey is cheap, readily available, and has virtually no side effects.





*Dear Friends in Christ*

*As you are probably aware the Rainbow of Hope is a Christian charity that has been serving the homeless and disadvantaged for over 25 years. During lockdown over the last few months, we have managed to continue this service with the provision of food and supplies. The Drop In Centre has now reopened, although with a changed capacity. COVID safety precautions are in place.*

*We are currently in need of volunteers to help with some of the following, particularly on Wednesday and Fridays from 11am-1pm:*

*Help serve teas and coffees*

*To pack up food parcels*

*To work in the charity shop (which is on the premises)*

*To chat to people*

*To pray with them*

*If anyone is able to help or would like to know more, if they contact me on this email address initially with their contact details, someone will get back to them.*

*Thank you*

*Blessings*

*Margaret*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE RED CROSS

### **Local Lockdown support**

In light of tightened lockdown restrictions across Rhondda Cynon Taff at the moment, the Red Cross is getting in touch with local groups, churches and other community organisations to advertise their support line which may be of any use to you.

British Red Cross Covid-19 Support Line – **0808 196 3651** – open 10am – 6pm daily providing both practical support, and a listening ear for those who may be feeling anxious or isolated due to the pandemic.

Whether for yourself or if you are calling on behalf of someone you know, you can get free and confidential help with:

**Mental health:** coping with self-isolation and loneliness, and a listening ear if you need it.

**Access to food or medication:** collecting prescriptions if you can't get to the doctors and arranging food deliveries at home. **Guidance and advice:** we can give you details of where to turn for financial help with rent, bills, benefits and homelessness.

All calls to our support line are free and confidential.



## **St James the Least of All (second time around)**

### **Beware what lurks in the church vestry!**

*My dear Nephew Darren*

*I am unsurprised that the cleaning lady took exception to you dismantling your motorbike in the church vestry. Clergy vestries are the final repositories of rotting hymn books, ancient cassocks with a certain aroma, buckets with holes in, which are kept "just in case" and dead animals in various states of decomposition; but they are no place for bike chains, disc brakes and inner tubes.*

*I will concede that vestries seem to attract all those objects no one quite knows what to do with, but which parishioners can't bear to throw away. Flower arrangers creep into my vestry, looking for space for boxes of twine. Decorators arrive with cribs and Easter gardens they are hoping to store. And even the choirmaster occasionally sidles in, trying to slip some anthems past me. I repel them all with vigour, and a firm broom.*

*One thing I can't keep out of the vestry are the portraits of all my predecessors, who stare down at me reproachfully. The most recent, in colour, stare smugly, knowing that I am still being compared to them, and falling short. Earlier incumbents, in black and white, look mildly reproachful, reminding me that they all held doctorates from Oxford. The hand-drawn portraits from pre-1870 are the worst – they all look as if they drank vinegar for breakfast and argued Pelagianism over lunch, just for fun. I am already rehearsing my own look of pained forgiveness for my leaving photo that will stare down on my own successor, and perpetually irritate him.*

*It also seems to be a tradition that retiring clergy donate their robes for their successors, probably because it spares them a walk to the dustbin. So, a five-foot, 18 stone incumbent will*

*leave a cassock for his six-foot, ten stone successor. There will also be a spare 1960s nylon surplice hanging on the back of the vestry door, to remind you that should you ever forget your own, then this is the horror you will be obliged to wear throughout Evensong.*

*Notices on the walls will tell you that marriage fees in the 1920s were seven shillings and sixpence, that Communion wine can be obtained from a shop that closed down a generation ago and there will be a copy of the prayer of thanksgiving to be used on the Relief of Mafeking.*

*My only advice is to remove your bike before it gets bundled up with the Scouts' tents – and lost forever in the churchwarden's shed.*

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](mailto:hall@parishofllantrisant.org.uk)

MANY THANKS





**Please continue to pray for our PONT link church - Sibembe Church in Uganda.**

We had this letter from Pastor James recently.

*Hi Shirley and Huw*

*We send you greetings in the name of our lord and saviour Jesus Christ. We hope that you are fine. I want to tell you that I have been struggling with strong malaria for two weeks. I was put on treatment and I am still weak. I thank God I am not feeling much pain in joints as I was at first, but still feeling headache and releasing mucus from the nose. Thank you for loving us and remembering us in your prayers and all the Christians of Sibembe church. I believe that I will find full recovery. The government is planning to open churches next month, pray for us that this may happen. Say hello to all the members of your family and all the Christians of Llantrisant parish church. We look forward to hearing from you.*

*Blessings.*

*James and Joyce.*

### **Magazine Deadline**

The deadline for articles for November's Magazine is

**Friday October 23rd 2020**

## UCB Word for Today

This made me stop and think about my thoughts and feelings during these times, which are so far from what we know!

### **Find your place in the body of Christ**

*'God has placed the parts in the body.....just as he wanted them to be.'* 1 Corinthians 12:18 NIV

Do you feel like joining a church where people are 'more like you'?

A team of missionaries to Kenya were being driven across the plains to their destination by a Masai tribal escort. En-route their attention became riveted on the herds of wildebeests and zebras migrating together. Their escort explained why two massive herds of such different species would travel together. He said that while wildebeests have poor eyesight, they have a keen sense of smell, whereas zebras have good eyesight and a poor sense of smell. So together they were less vulnerable to attack because their differences compensated for their weaknesses.

Paul writes, *'If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?'* ( v.17 NIV )

This reminds us of the zebras and wildebeests. When we join a club, we usually choose to be with people who are more or less like us. But membership in Christ's body throws us together with people who are as different from us as a hand is from a nose. While those differences can rub you up the wrong way at times, they are differences God designed to benefit you. Zebras and wildebeests survival and success depend on getting along together. Our spiritual growth doesn't depend on agreeing with everybody, but it does depend on loving them enough to live together agreeably!

**Wordsearch** *(answers on page 20)*



**All Hallows Eve – or Holy Evening**

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots in pre-Christian times. In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Druid priests celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or ‘Summer’s End’. They lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off the dark supernatural powers of oncoming winter. Today, Christians turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows’ Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

<b>All</b>	<b>Hallows</b>	<b>Halloween</b>	<b>Druid</b>	<b>Priests</b>
<b>Festival</b>	<b>Samhain</b>	<b>Bonfires</b>	<b>Magic</b>	<b>Dark</b>
<b>Supernatural</b>		<b>Powers</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Christians</b>
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Charms</b>	<b>Deeper</b>	<b>True</b>	<b>Eve</b>

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# Sudoku

## Easy Grid

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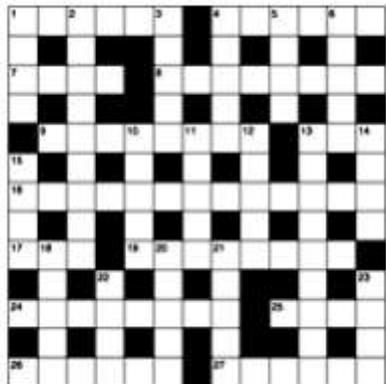
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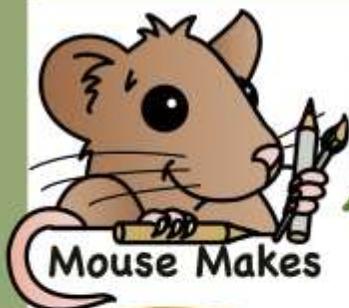
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## Crossword

**Across:** 1. He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6) 4. 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6) 7. 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4) 8. See 19 Across 9. It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8) 13. Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3) 16. 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7) 17. Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3) 19. and 8. ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8) 24. Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8) 25. Comes between Luke and Acts (4) 26. Empower (Acts 4:29) (6) 27. 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6) **Down:** 1. Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4) 2. The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9) 3. He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5) 4. 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born \_\_\_' (John 3:3) (5) 5. Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4) 6. 'He encouraged them — —

remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2) 10. Ruses (anag.) (5) 11. Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5) 12. Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5) 13. This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9) 14. 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4) 15. One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4) 18. Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5) 20. Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5) 21. Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5) 22. Bats (anag.) (4) 23. 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)





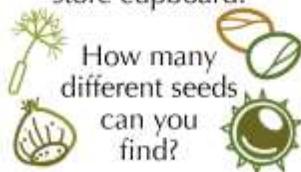
## Mouse Makes



"GOD is the **one** who gives seed to those who **plant**, and He gives **bread** for **food**. And GOD will give you spiritual seed and make that seed grow. He will **produce** a great **harvest** from your goodness."

2 Corinthians 9:10

Look out for seeds in the park and garden and in your kitchen store cupboard.



How many different seeds can you find?

Jesus said:  
"The kingdom of heaven is like a \_\_\_\_\_ **seed** that a man took and sowed in his **field**. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all the seeds, but when it has grown it becomes a tree, so that the wild \_\_\_\_\_ come and nest in its branches."

Read  
Matthew  
13:31-32

Jesus said:  
"You do not need more **faith**. There is no 'more' or 'less' in faith. If you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore

tree "Go jump into the lake" and it would do it."  
Luke 17:6

So the one who plants is not important, and the one who **waters** is not important. Only **GOD** is important because He is the one who makes things grow."

1 Corinthians 3:7

Find the words in **bold** on this page in the word search

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# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Matthew 24:44-51, Luke 12:40-46

Jesus warned his disciples to be always ready for his return at the end of time by telling the story of two servants

The good servant



My master could be away a long time; I will work as if he was here.



When the servants came for their food, he had it ready



He made sure everyone got their full amount every day



Then his master came back



I am putting you in charge of everything I have



The bad servant



My master could be away a long time; I can do what I want!



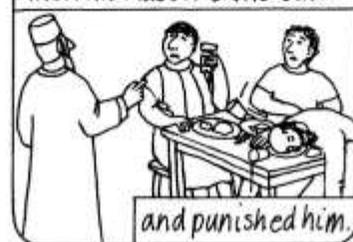
When the servants came for their food, he chased them away!



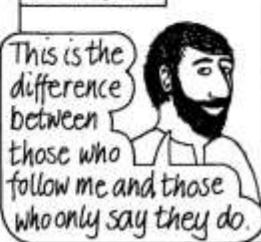
He had friends come round, and they ate and drank as much as they liked.



Then his master came back



Jesus said



# Answers to this Month's Puzzles

## Wordsearch



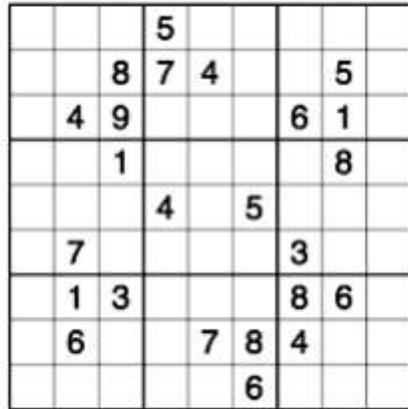
## Crossword



## Sudoku Easy Grid



## Medium Grid



How did you do? More next month!

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