

Taff Wenallt Ministry Area September 2025 Newsletter 'Pursuing Peace . . . '



'Blessèd are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.' (St Matthew chapter 5, verse 9)

'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.

Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.' (St John chapter 14, verse 27)

'Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.' (St John chapter 17, verse 17)





I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, His might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need.
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, His shield to ward,
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.





I bind unto myself today
The strong name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One, and One in Three:
Of whom all nature hath creation —
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation;
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

St. Patrick's Breastplate is one of the great hymns of the church, an ancient invocation of the Trinity that is relevant in every age. The hymn began as an Old Irish prayer of protection called a lorica, and the text is attributed to St. Patrick or his followers in early Celtic monasticism. 'Lorica' is the Latin term for body armour – hence the title 'St. Patrick's Breastplate.'



St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland, was that country's second Bishop. Very little is known with any certaintly about his life — his birthplace is variously identified as Dumbarton and Boulogne-sur-Mer! His dates are stated in the *Complete Anglican* hymnbook as 373? — 463? He was said to be the child of Roman Britons. Most accounts agree that he was captured at the age of sixteen, and brought to Ireland as a slave. During that time he worked as an animal husbandman and learned to speak and write the language. He escaped after six years and returned to spend

some years with his parents. While still a youth he was 'stirred up' to devote himself to the evangelisation of Ireland, and he returned there as a missionary. Authorities agree that Patrick was fundamental to the conversion of Ireland.



We owe our English translation of *St Patrick's Breastplate* to a Dublin-born Irishwoman, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818 – 1895), the writer of '*Once in Royal David's City*', '*All Things Bright and Beautiful*', and many children's songs. She was the wife of an Anglican priest who eventually became Bishop of Derry and Archbishop of Armagh. The Dean at the Chapel Royal of Dublin Castle asked her to write a metrical version of the Lorica for congregational singing on St. Patrick's Day, 1889 – no easy task: the hymn has three sections using different metres, so it needed at least two tunes, and a chant in the middle!

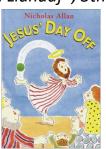
Finally the composer Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924), also born in Ireland, set the words to ancient Irish folk melodies.

I have loved this hymn ever since singing it as a schoolgirl in the 1950s. It was printed in our school hymnbook, *Songs of Praise*, whose editors included Ralph Vaughan Williams and Martin Shaw. Their genius inspired them to include hymns which had originated as folk melodies from many parts of the British Isles, searched out and painstakingly notated by musicians aware that such gems, existing only in the aural memories of senior citizens, were in danger of being lost with the passage of time. Vaughan Williams was a lifelong admirer of the English folk music tradition and a member of the first English Folk Song revival. Between 1903 and 1914 he collected over eight hundred folk songs, mainly from East Anglia, and used many of the tunes in his longer works like the *English Folk Song Suite* and *Fantasia on Greensleeves*.

For me the words are reminiscent of a Celtic blessing with the mesmeric power of an incantation, a sort of talisman for good, a spiritual amulet assuring Christians of a source of comfort and protection against the powers of evil, reminding us that in Christ we are 'more than conquerors' whatever the evils of this present time. St Patrick's Breastplate, or 'lorica', reminds us of St Paul's letter to the young church at Ephesus, urging them to 'take the whole armour of God so that they may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.'

Prayer for the Week by Archdeacon Mark.

[from 'Materion Llandaf', 5th August 2025]



The arrival of August means, 'school is out', and holidays are presumably 'in'. Exam results are still a few weeks off and there is an air of rest and relaxation all over the place. In Church life, August can bring holiday clubs, and this week there's a Diocesan young people's pilgrimage to Walshingham. The month usually means fewer meetings, however, sometimes fewer services, and many of our clergy taking a well-earned rest. Bishop Mary is amongst them, and as she rests from her relentless schedule, we give thanks for her ministry in the Diocese and pray that she will return from her holiday rested, relaxed and ready for the business and 'busy-ness' of what comes next.

In the frenzy that is daily life at the end of the first quarter of the 21st Century, having a rest and taking a break from work sadly becomes something that induces anxiety and guilt, and gives rise to the very opposite of the feelings that a holiday is supposed to cultivate. The truth, however, is that God has things to show us and lessons to teach us, in our time off as much as in our work. It is certainly true that in ministry, rest brings refreshment and is time well spent.

Many years ago, my move to a new rôle coincided with summer holidays, and as a leaving gift, someone gave me a copy of a book I have returned to often. It is in a way a work of profound teaching and theology, and it has much to teach us. You may be surprised to learn, though, that it is a children's book: 'Jesus' Day Off' by Nicholas Allan. Published originally by Hutchinson, it is a story we would all benefit from reading. It picks up on a theme alluded to in three of the Gospels, but only St Mark, in chapter 3, verse 20 gives us the context. Our Lord's mother and family were concerned about Him and about the pressure of work He was experiencing. They felt He needed a rest. We know that Jesus did take times of rest. He often left His disciples and took time out on His own before, after, and even during, momentous times. Jesus knew the value of rest.

This children's story begins with Jesus feeling exhausted! He takes a day off. He rests, relaxes, swims, does cartwheels in the desert, and takes a donkey ride. Being human, like us, at the end of the day, He feels guilty. As the story puts it, 'He felt sad, the day had been wasted, He had helped no-one. So He tells His Dad about it. The Father says,

'Don't worry....' As they recount the events of the day, God says to Him, 'Where you rested, trees have begun to grow; where you did cartwheels in the desert, springs of water have emerged; where you swam, there are now shoals of fish; and where you took a donkey ride, people saw you, and they laughed and felt happy.'

The story ends with Jesus being told that 'when you're feeling better yourself, you can only make others feel better, too'... Jesus ends His day saying His prayers, getting a good night's sleep, and waking the following morning. He concludes that 'He was glad He had taken a rest. He had this funny feeling that there was a lot more good work to be done.'

It may be a children's story but it has so much good to teach us on reflection. Sometimes the most unlikely people and circumstances can bring God to us and show us God's love, love that meets us in the low points as well as the high points. In ministry and in life, rest and refreshment is time well spent. When we are rested and refreshed we can better turn to the 'lot of good work that needs to be done'. We will all feel better for a time of rest.

I pray that these weeks of August may bring times and moments of rest and relaxation for you all. May you feel an easing of pressure, a lifting of burdens and a sense of refreshment.

A prayer attributed to St Augustine:

Almighty God, in Whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for Yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in You; grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing Your will, no weakness from doing it; but that in Your light may we see light, and in Your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



WORD-ASSOCIATION QUIZ QUESTIONS

All answers contain the element 'EP'

| | Philosophy of life focused on pleasure. (12) | |
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| 2 | Lukewarm, like the Laodicæans. (5) | |
| 3 | Store like Debenhams. (10) | |
| 4 | 1571 Christian alliance defeated the Ottoman Empire. (7) | |
| 5 | Kipling's large 'child'. (9) | |
| 6 | Capital of Syria. (6) | |
| 7 | Pinocchio's father. (8) | |
| 8 | Good at. (5) | |
| 9 | A, b, or c – a disease of the liver. (9) | |
| 10 | Naaman had it. (7) | |
| 11 | Roman, Corinthians, Galatians, Colossians, etc. (8) | |
| 12 | Faustus's evil genius. (14) | |
| 13 | Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible. (10) | |
| 14 | He won the war but sacrificed his daughter! (8) | |
| 15 | Thought transference. (9) | |
| 16 | Protective outer part of a flower. (5) | |
| 17 | Cain questioned whether he was his brother's. (6) | |
| 18 | Safe. (7) | |
| 19 | Indian soldier. (5) | |
| 20 | Fry. (7) | |
| 21 | Himmalayan country with triangular flag. (5) | |
| 22 | Call. (9) | |
| 23 | Diana's ancient city, centre for silversmiths. (7) | |
| 24 | Races to add flavour? (5,5) | |
| 25 | Uncontrollable urge to steal. (11) | |
| 26 | Joseph's second son. (7) | |
| 27 | Crossing between the nave and chancel. (8) | |
| 28 | Virginia. (7) | |
| 29 | If you're nimble, they can keep your feet dry! (8, 6) | |
| 30 | Full. (7) | |
| 31 | Ukrainian river flowing into the Black Sea. (7) | |
| 32 | Move into position. (6) | |
| 33 | Active at dawn and dusk. (11) | |
| 34 | Lasting one day. (9) | |
| 35 | John waited outside, but Peter ran in. (9) | |
| 36 | A close copy not intended as a fake. (7) | |
| 37 | Inflammation of the brain tissue. (12) | |
| 38 | David. (8) | |
| 39 | It 'knits up the ravelled sleeve of care.' (5) | |
| 40 | Not 8. (5) | |

'Lord, Thy word abideth'



- 1. Lord, Thy Word abideth,
 And our footsteps guideth;
 Who its truth believeth,
 Light and joy receiveth.
- 2. When our foes are near us, Then Thy Word doth cheer us, Word of consolation, Message of salvation.
- 3. When the storms are o'er us, And dark clouds before us, Then its light directeth, And our way protecteth.

- 4. Who can tell the pleasure, Who recount the treasure By Thy Word imparted To the simple-hearted?
- 5. Word of mercy, giving Succour to the living; Word of life, supplying Comfort to the dying.
- 6. O, that we, discerning
 Its most holy learning,
 Lord, may love and fear Thee,
 Evermore be near Thee.

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Words

(Epistle General of St James – chapter 3)

Not many of us should become teachers, brothers and sisters, for you know that all of us who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all make many mistakes, but anyone who makes no mistakes when speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check as if with a bridle.



We put bits in horses' mouths so that they obey us, and so we guide their whole bodies.





Ships, too: they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them .

. . . yet their course is set by a very small rudder to the destination chosen by the helmsman.



The tongue is like that: it is only a small part of the body, yet it can be responsible for massive consequences!



Just think how a huge forest can be set alight by a small fire!



And the tongue is a fire, a part of our bodies, and a world of iniquity: it contaminates the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and itself is set on fire by hell.



Every species of beast and bird, of reptiles and sea creatures, can be, and has been, tamed by humans.



But no-one can tame the tongue – it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.



With it we bless the Lord and Father; and with it we curse human beings made in the likeness of God.

The same mouths utter blessing and cursing. Brothers and sisters, this should not be!

All Saints' Llandaff North



in aid of All Saints' Church Hall

Saturday 6th September 12 noon – 3.00pm



Faith

(Archbishop Emeritus Dr Barry Morgan. 10th August 2025. All Saints' Llandaff North)

The letter to the Hebrews has a great deal to say about faith in God, and about living by faith, and, as you've heard, it gives endless examples of those who lived by faith, from Abraham and Moses to Jesus Himself.

Faith, as someone said, is 'the willingness to trust our lives and our future to God, even when God does not appear to be as reliable as other, more immediate, forms of support.' Faith is the willingness to trust the promises of God, as Abraham did, or Moses, or Jesus, without knowing what the outcome might be. So Moses did not see the outcome of the settlement of the people of Israel in the land of Canaan, but he had faith in God's promise that it would happen.

Jesus put His faith in God even though He realised that it might cost Him His life. Faith always looks forward to the future – to what God might have in store. Church buildings were acts of faith in God and His future – that the communities in which they were built needed to be claimed for God, not just for now, but for the future – faith that there would always be a need for worship to be offered.

As the Epistle to the Hebrews gives us endless examples of people who had faith, 'they did not spend their time thinking of the land they had left behind. They desired a better country whose architect and builder was God.' Faith does not look backwards, but forward to things that cannot yet be seen: 'It is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.' People of faith, then, do not spend their time being nostalgic. The question they ask is not 'What did God do in the past?', but 'What is next on God's agenda?'

People of faith are willing to take risks – as opposed to those who have Safety First as a policy – and we think of those people who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel: monks and nuns, kings and paupers, willing to face the future trusting in God; for God is, to quote the priest/poet R.S.Thomas: 'Such a fast God, always before us, and leaving just as we arrive.' Faith trusts in this 'fast God', the God of the future where He is waiting to meet us. It is a kind of journey – a journey of exploration, of venturing out.

But for many people believing in God, having a faith, is impossibly difficult. They want proof or tangible signs of His existence. Yet, when you think about it, most things that we do in life have an element of trust, of faith. Crossing the road, catching a plane, falling in love, all assume faith and trust. Love cannot be proved, but we each know what it is, how it makes us feel. Scientists affirm that the greatest leaps forward in scientific breakthroughs have relied, in the end, on an element of faith and risk, and they've happened almost by accident.

So when John Humphries, former presenter of Radio 4's 'Today' programme in a book entitled 'In God we Doubt', says that he has spent his life trying to believe in God but has come to the conclusion that for him such a belief is impossible because it is unprovable,

I felt he was missing the point. Humphries wants provable certainty – a knockdown argument that can persuade him without a shadow of doubt of God's existence. 'The trouble is,' Humphries writes, 'that is you say that there is order, beauty, and love in the universe pointing to a Creator, but there are also such things as hatred, destruction and violence which mitigate against a belief in God. That means,' he says, 'that you have to decide on whether to believe on the balance of probabilities. You cannot have absolute certainty.' For him, that is not enough. But of course, in deciding **not** to believe, he has made his decision on the balance of probabilities – just as people of faith do.

It reminded me of a play called 'On Religion' by the atheist philosopher A.C.Grayling. In that play one character says that, 'the night before he got married, his brother sat him down in an Indian restaurant and, after too many beers, got him to make a list on a table napkin of why this girl was the right person for him to marry. One side of the napkin listed all the pros and the other side listed the cons.' The playwright goes on: 'What was fascinating about the list was that nothing I could write down – kind, beautiful, warm, sexy, – could ever add up to 'I love her.'

Why? Because this character realised that you could *never* rationally and provably move from a list of strong attributes to saying, without a leap of faith, that you loved somebody. And that's because there would always be negative things to be said about the person; and that argument could also be advanced for love being a fiction: a function of human need, a function of biology and selfish genes, a kind of chemistry of the brain. There is no hard evidence you can produce to prove that you love another person. It is, in the end, a matter of the heart as well as the head.

Love entails an element of risk. That does not make it irrational or unreasonable, but it is an act of faith that is at the same time more profound than reason and simpler than reason. It is about the engagement of the heart. Without a degree of faith and trust, no-one would fall in love, neither would any of us catch a bus, or have an operation, or allow our children to walk to school. All these are undertaken in trust and contain an element of risk. Belief in God – faith – is very similar. So let's not think it's ever odd.

The writer and novelist A.N.Wilson once trained for the ordained ministry of the Anglican Church. He then lost his faith completely, so much so that he wrote articles railing against Christianity and a book about Jesus attempting to show that He was no more than a failed prophet. And yet, Wilson says that, gradually over the last few years, he has moved from being a totally anti-religious mocker of the faith to being a believer again. 'His reconversion,' he says, 'has surpised no-one more than himself', and he goes on to say that he ought not to have been surprised because, as he puts it, 'We human beings are more than the sum of our parts – we are spiritual beings.'

So, he says 'every inner prompting of conscience, every glimmering sense of beauty, every response we make to music, every experience we have of love, be it pysical, sexual, family or love of friend, reminds us of this fact. We are not just a collection of chemicals. How are we capable of love, heroism or poetry if we are simply animated pieces of meat? There is more to life than we can see or prove. Faith, like love, is to make more of a commitment than one can rationally explain.' In the end, all of us have to get off the fence, one way or another!

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Treorchy Male Choir
7.00pm*
Saturday 11th October
All Saints' Church, Rhiwbina
Tickets £25

http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ taff-wenallt-ministry-area

or from

ASR Committee Members *doors open 6.30pm

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Henry's running a half-marathon

5th October 2025 in aid of

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a local mental health charity.

Target: £1,000

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Rev'd Henry is currently on paternity leave. We send him, his wife, Amber, and the imminent addition to the family our love, very best wishes, blessings and prayers. God bless.

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Sine Nomine Singers

Conductor: Oliver Till

In Concert

7.00pm

Saturday 1st November
All Saints' Church, Llandaff North

Collection in aid of ASLN
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Join us in St Thomas's Church at

5.00pm on Sunday 31st August for a

' mini ' service of blessings &

prayers for the new school year.

BRING THE FAMILY





'City Ringers'
Taster Session

3pm – 4pm

Sunday 7th September

All Saints' Rhiwbina Church Hall

Come & try your hand

on our new chimes!

All welcome



Samaritan's Purse

National Shoebox Collection Week 10th - 17th November 2025

Come, Ye Thankful People, come!



in TWMA Churches SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER



Dates for your Diaries

| Date: | Time: | Venue: | Event: |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday 31.8.25 | | Eleventh Sunday | after Trinity |
| Sunday 31.8.25 | 5.00 pm | St Thomas's | ' Back to School ' Service |
| Wednesday 3.9.25 | 10.00 am | All Saints' LN | Eucharist |
| Wednesday 3.9.25 | 10.00 am | All Saints' Rhiwbina | Eucharist & Coffee Morning |
| Wednesday 3.9.25 | 7.00 pm | St Thomas's | Healing Service |
| Thursday 4.9.25 | 10.00 am | St Mary's | Eucharist & Coffee Morning |
| Thursday 4.9.25 | 2.00 pm | All Saints' Rhiwbina | Ladies' Circle Eucharist |
| Thursday 4.9.25 | 6.00 pm | All Saints' Rhiwbina | Church Committee Meeting |
| Thursday 4.9.25 | 6.30 pm | St Mary's | TWMA Youth Group |
| Friday 5.9.25 | 7.00 pm | All Saints' LN | Chandrinos Concert cancelled |
| Saturday 6.9.25 | 12 noon | All Saints' LN | Gift Day Event for Church Hall |
| Sunday 7.9.25 | | Twelfth Sunday | after Trinity |
| Sunday 7.9.25 | 8.00 am | St Mary's | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 7.9.25 | 8.00 am | All Saints' Rhiwbina | Matins |
| Sunday 7.9.25 | 10.00 am | All Saints' LN | Matins |
| Sunday 7.9.25 | 10.00 am | All Saints' Rhiwbina | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 7.9.25 | 10.00 am | St Mary's | Matins |
| Sunday 7.9.25 | 10.00 am | St Thomas's | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 7.9.25 | 3.00 pm | All Saints' Rhiwbina | City Ringers – Taster Session |
| Monday 8.9.25 | 2.00 pm | St Mary's | Mothers' Union |
| Monday 8.9.25 | 3.15 pm | St Mary's Hall | Whitchurch Youth Club |
| Tuesday 9.9.25 | 6.00 pm | All Saints' Rhiwbina | Evening Eucharist |
| Wednesday 9.9.25 | 10.00 am | All Saints' LN | Eucharist |
| Wednesday 9.9.25 | 10.00 am | All Saints' Rhiwbina | Eucharist & Coffee Morning |
| Thursday 11.9.25 | 10.00 am | St Mary's | Eucharist & Coffee Morning |
| Thursday 11.9.25 | 6.30 pm | St Mary's Hall | TWMA Youth Group |
| Saturday 13.9.25 | 10.00 am | All Saints' Rhiwbina | WorkingParty |
| Sunday 14.9.25 | Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity | | |
| Sunday 14.9.25 | 10.00 am | St Mary's | TWMA Combined Eucharist |
| Monday 15.9.25 | 3.15 pm | St Mary's Hall | Whitchurch Youth Group |
| Tuesday 16.9.25 | 2.00 pm | St Mary's Hall | BINGO! |
| Wednesday 17.9.25 | 10.00 am | All Saints' LN | Eucharist |
| Wednesday 17.9.25 | 10.00 am | All Saints' Rhiwbina | Eucharist & Coffee Morning |
| Thursday 18.9.25 | 10.00 am | St Mary's | Eucharist & Coffee Morning |
| Thursday 18.9.25 | 6.30 pm | St Mary's Hall | TWMA Youth Group |
| Sunday 21.9.25 | Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity | | |
| Sunday 21.9.25 | 3.00 pm | Llandaff Cathedral | Taizé |
| Sunday 21.9.25 | 5.00 pm | St Mary's | Evensong |
| Monday 22.9.25 | 3.15 pm | St Mary's Hall | Whitchurch Youth Group |
| Wednesday 24.9.25 | 10.00 am | All Saints' LN | Eucharist |
| Wednesday 24.9.25 | 10.00 am | All Saints' Rhiwbina | Eucharist & Coffee Morning |

| Date: | Time: | Venue: | Event: |
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| Thursday 25.9.25 | 10.00 am | St Mary's | Eucharist & Coffee Morning |
| Thursday 25.9.25 | 2.00 pm | All Saints' Rhiwbina | Ladies' Circle |
| Thursday 25.9.25 | 6.00 pm | Online | Diocesan Conference |
| Thursday 25.9.25 | 6.30 pm | St Mary's Hall | TWMA Youth Group |
| Saturday 27.9.25 | 9.30 am | B of Llandaff School | Diocesan Conference |
| Sunday 28.9.25 | Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity | | |
| Monday 29.9.25 | 3.15 pm | St Mary's Hall | Whitchurch Youth Group |
| Wednesday 1.10.25 | 10.00 am | All Saints' LN | Eucharist |
| Wednesday 1.10.25 | 10.00 am | All Saints' Rhiwbina | Eucharist & Coffee Morning |
| Wednesday 1.10.25 | 7.00 pm | St Thomas's | HealingService |
| Thursday 2.10.25 | 10.00 pm | St Mary's | Eucharist & Coffee Morning |
| Thursday 2.10.25 | 6.30 pm | St Mary's Hall | TWMA Youth |
| Sunday 5.10.25 | Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity | | |
| Sunday 5.10.25 | 10.00 am | All TWMA Churches | HARVEST THANKSGIVING |
| Sunday 5.10.25 | 2.00 pm | All Saints' LN | Sine Nomine rehearsal |

Advance Notices:

| Sunday 5.10.25 | Henry's Half Marathon for bigmoose – local Mental Health Charity | | | |
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| Juliuay 3.10.23 | Target £1,000 SPONSORS NEEDED! www.tinyurl.com/2pc49tze | | | |
| Saturday 11.10.25 | 7.00 pm | All Saints' Rhiwbina | Treorchi Male Choir Concert | |
| Saturday 11.10.25 | ticketsource.co.uk/taff-wenallt-ministry-area or ASR Committee | | | |
| Sunday 12.10.25 | 2.00 pm | All Saints' LN | Sine Nomine rehearsal | |
| Sunday 26.10.25 | 2.00 pm | All Saints' LN | Sine Nomine rehearsal | |
| Saturday 1.11.25 | 3.00 pm | All Saints' LN Hall | Sine Nomine rehearsal | |
| Saturday 1.11.25 | 7.00 pm All Saints' LN Church | Sine Nomine Concert in aid of | | |
| Saturday 1.11.25 | | All Saints LN Church | ASLN/TWMA Funds | |

Editor: I have scrutinised all available sources, notably the TWMA website, to collate these 'Dates for your Diaries' pages'. I know readers will understand that, in these initial weeks of our Ministry Area interregnum, some unavoidable alterations to the established pattern of church services are likely to occur. I apologise for any inaccuracies which may arise in these pages and for any inconvenience caused by them.

And a final thought for children about to start a new school, and for anyone else embarking on the next phase of their life's journey: here's God's promise to Joshua as he stood with the people of Israel on the heights surveying the country of Canaan stretched out before them and prepared to cross the River Jordan to take possession of the Promised Land:

'As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not fail you or forsake you. Only be strong and of a good courage; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

[Joshua, chapter 1]

Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory. Amen.