

Dear friends,

To the church of God which is in Colcot, to all who are called to be God's holy people, who belong to him in union with Christ Jesus, together with all people everywhere who worship our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours: May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. (1 Cor 1:2,3)

Did you spot the deliberate mistake? Look again! When Paul wrote this greeting at the start of his first letter to the Corinthians he, of course, wrote it *'To the church of God which is in Corinth!'*. But what a lovely way to start a letter, by recognising the things that we have in common and in offering a blessing.

We at St. David's are the church of God and we are called to be God's holy people. This is what a group of us have been thinking about as we have met twice over the last few weeks to consider the work, ministry and mission of our church. And we've had some good meetings considering the strengths and weaknesses of our fellowship and the opportunities and threats that are around us.

We've been thinking about the work of the church in the four areas of our calling to be God's holy people – Our Calling of the Methodist Church – in **Worship, Learning & Caring, Service and Evangelism**. We've been considering what God is calling us to do, to share, to change and to take up in each of these areas. We've had exciting conversations about the possibilities, thinking about trying new things in worship, like new hymns for example. If you have any comments to make on any of the above categories, please let me or the stewards know. Under the theme of **Learning & Caring**, we have commented on the love and care that St. David's offers through its members to the people of the church. But we have also been made aware that some may not have been offered membership to the church. It may be that you are one of these! Perhaps you have been a part of the fellowship at St. David's for quite a few years, but have never formally been welcomed into membership here. Or perhaps you're a quite recent 'transfer' from another church but have never had your membership transferred and the hand of fellowship extended to you during a church service. If you would like to explore further the meaning of membership and to be received into membership here then please contact me - we'll have a few meetings in preparation for it before organising a service later in the year.

It is an exciting time to be considering all these things; so I end the way Paul ended his letter to the Corinthians...

In Christian Love,

Rev Delyth

'Lite Bite N' Chat'

The 'Lite Bite N' Chat' luncheon, on the following dates during October 09:

1st October - 12.30p.m.
15th October - 12.30p.m.
29th October - 12.30p.m.

Also, the friends have donated yet another £300.00 for the work of the church and that is most welcome. Just think, out of good fellowship and most enjoyable food—the mission of St David's is enhanced, even further. Thank you for supporting this most worthwhile activity.

Sisterhood

Betty, continues to be one of the most supportive contributors to Snippets and always brings the latest news about the fellowship within the Sisterhood.

The AGM of the Sisterhood took place at their September meeting when the new officers were elected. Also, please note that their Christmas Lunch will be held on the 10th December within the 'Lite Bite N' Chat' Luncheon Club. Book early!

There is also to be a Multi Charity Event on the 17th October, from 2-4p.m., at St David's organised by Network with an emphasis on the Cameroon project. The Sisterhood will be responsible for organising the book stall and will be grateful for the gift of books or puzzles which may be sold via the stall in support of a most worthwhile cause.

Brownie News

Angela Ayres reminds us that on the 5th September Brown Owl (Sue) Barn Owl (Angela) and Flossie Owl (Sam) took eight of the Brownies to a Centenary Party at the Coed Hills, Rural Art Space at St Hilary. The first day was spent doing different activities , including making items for an Adventure Playground and listening to stories in the woods and then going off to make their own animal like habitats. Lunch included the visiting VIP's which was followed d by a walk in the woods to pick suitable fruits and adopt Willow wood into various designs. The resident staff made the day which was followed by a bonfire and quiz before returning to bed. The visit ended at 12,00noon on the second day and it is clear that everyone went home after thoroughly enjoying themselves in an outdoor and rural setting.



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Scriptural Reflections

True Happiness

"Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor: the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

*St Matthew, chapter 5, verses 3
Good News Bible*

Weekly Envelope Gift Scheme

If you would like to have gift envelopes for the 2009/10 period would you please contact Mrs Ann Wright.

Services in October 2009

4th October –9.45a.m., Morning Worship
Mrs June Pooley

United Service –6.30p.m.– St David's
Rev. John Atkinson

11th October –9.45a.m., Morning Worship
Rev. Delyth Liddell
Holy Communion

Adult Baptism-11.30
Pamela Ann Jones
Nicole Louise Cox-Schembri

United Service– 6.00p.m. Crossway
Rev. John Atkinson

18th October –9.45.a.m. Morning Worship
Mr Roy Wright

Baptism-11.30
Seren Hope Davies
Carys Megan McMullen

United Service St David's –6.30pm.
Deacon Michelle Legume

25th October —9.45a.m.-Morning Worship
Rev. Delyth Liddell

Combined Service—Crossway-6.00p.m.
Rev. Dr. Stephen Wigley
Chair of the Wales Synod

Pray without Ceasing!

Father, we bring before you all those families who meet within St David's for Christian fellowship; the baptism of their children; to join together in Holy Matrimony and , sadly, to say farewell to their loved ones, younger and older, folk alike.

May they always find here a truly Christian fellowship and an increasing awareness of your eternal love for them, as their journey through life, unfolds. We ask this humble prayer in the name of your Son , our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Geoff Peart



Geoff writes.....

I was born in Barry, educated in Romilly School from 1959 to 1965, then attended Barry College of Further Education till 1967. in 1971 I married my first wife in St.David's and had a son, Mark in 1974, and a daughter, Claire in 1978. Between them they have given me 4 grandchildren, with one on the way[Christmas] Between my wife Sue and her children, Alun and Ashley, we have a total of 9 Grandchildren. I first started worshipping at St.David's in 1969 when Rev. Roy Watson was the minister and formed a church Group with Sian Simpson [Williams] as lead singer. I drifted away after that and had no links with any Church until I joined PKR Music Group. I wasn't happy with the changes going on, but on 5th April this year I attended a family Christening at St. David's, with Roy Wright taking the service, and it was then that I had an overwhelming feeling of peace, and it was then that I knew I had come "home"

Welcome to St David's, Geoff—you are most welcome and we appreciate your becoming a member of this church.

District Network

Barbara Gibson advises that the Network Luncheon Club meets on the last Friday of the month in October, November, January, February and March of each year. The venue is the St Andrews Golf Club and the cost of the lunch is £ 11.00 per head. The luncheon is followed by a guest speaker and if you are interested in attending— please contact Barbara who will give you further details.

[Yale of Glamorgan Circuit Network](#)

Please be advised that there will be a Coffee Afternoon on Saturday the 17th of October at St David's between 2-4p.m. Please keep your eye on the Notice Board for further details!

[Amelia Trust Farm Harvest Festival](#)

It really was a fabulous weekend with lots of things to see and do in a most pleasant setting, culminating in the Harvest Festival Service in the newly rebuilt amphitheatre. What joy!

The net amount raised for the work of the Trust was £ 5,900.00 and the St David's Youth Team and Children's activities generated £ 98.35. Many thanks to all those who were able to attend , donate freely of their time and talents and make such a worthwhile contribution to the work of the Farm.

[Prayer Labyrinth—Amelia Trust](#)

To complete the Network Prayer Labyrinth, plants are required by way of gifts lovingly donated to a most imaginative concept within the farm complex.

The need is for Thyme; Rosemary and other herbs and perennials such as Phlox. The essential need is for plants which attract butterflies and bees e.g. Buddleia . hardy Geraniums, Sedum and Echinacea. There is also a need for Spring flowering bulbs such as Crocus , Daffodil , Snowdrop and Hyacinth.

The Planting day is the 14th October and you may wish to make a donation in memory of a loved one or someone special within your life?