

Penterry Post



HARVEST CELEBRATIONS AT PENTERRY

December 2013



We were blessed with glorious weather for this year's harvest service and picnic. Regulars and newcomers alike enjoyed basking in the September sunshine and eating sausages from the barbecue, washed down with fine ale (or other beverages...).



Thanks to the generosity and efforts of Euan Kelway-Bamber, visitors were able to use for the first time a most welcome addition to the local architecture, already known as "The Penterry Potty".



St. Mary's Church

Penterry

Services:

Sun 5th Jan 11:15

Sun 2nd Feb 11:15

Sun 2nd March

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The annual Carol Service will take place at Penterry Church on Christmas Eve at 4:30 PM. This is always a popular event, so please plan to arrive in good time, wear stout shoes and join us for a warming glass of mulled wine after the service.

Regular services in 2014 on the first Sunday of every month will start on January 5th at 11:15 AM.



ST ARVANS BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Since reopening in the Summer, the group has been thriving. We have a whole new cohort of little faces: two special welcomes to Grace Wallwork (3/8/2013) and Eleri Hockey (6/10/2013) our newest tiny members from Penterry!

Our cupboards have had a sort and we are ready for the chilly winter months ahead, planning lots of fun activities. We are always appreciative of any ideas/toys/craft supplies etc you may have going spare.

For any children who would like to join in the Christmas fun, we will be having our annual Christmas Party on the Wednesday 18th of December- Father Christmas will be making a special trip down from the North Pole to see us!

LOCALS STAR IN MURDER MYSTERY



New drama group Cast Adrift, which includes a number of amateur actors from Penterry, staged its first production "Dead Lucky" in November, inviting audiences in St Arvans and Portskewett to apply their detective skills to find the killer of lottery winner Lorna Gregory. Further performances are planned in the Spring, and a new production for the Autumn.

To learn more about Cast Adrift, e-mail info@castadrift.org or call Nick Brewin on 01291 689711.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Congratulations to Rosie and Matt on their engagement!

The wedding is planned for August 2014 and we all wish them the best of luck.



IN PRAISE OF BOB

Unashamedly, we do get to rely on people. This is especially easy to do when someone gives freely of their time and talents for the greater good. And so we are lucky at St Mary's to have the benefit of Bob Osborne's clarinet leading our often barely adequate (Ros and Lyn excepted!) singing. The basic nature of the little building does not allow for a resident organ or keyboard, and so the appearance of Bob and his trusty knapsack on the horizon always means that the rafters will be ringing during the proceedings.

Even more fortunately, Bob is multi-skilled. At our October service, whilst Father Michael faced his personal challenge of stepping out on the rugged pilgrim path to Santiago de Compostela, Bob undertook his own challenge, stepping into the priestly roll, as a licensed chalice assistant, in order to distribute the Eucharist. In any parish, it's a blessing to be able to rely on people like Bob.

FAREWELL TO THE WELLINGTONIA



Photo by permission of Reuben Howes

With some sadness we report that the enormous tree which dominated the entrance to St Mary's churchyard for many years is no more. This giant American redwood was probably planted around 1854 when the church was undergoing a Victorian restoration, and once had a twin which fell in a storm on 24th March 1986 causing minor damage to the church. The remaining tree had itself become a serious risk to the fabric of the church and to our many visitors. At the time of writing, the trunk is being lowered ring by ring, and by the time you read this the stump will have been carved to provide a bench for visitors to enjoy the peace and quiet of the churchyard. Reuben Howes' beautiful photograph, left, is one of the last to feature the tree. We hope that you will send us photographs of the new view to the church which we can feature in the Post and on our website.

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New members are invited. We are small in number and would welcome additional help with events, planning and new ideas.

Penterry Online

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www.penterry.org.uk

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