

# St. Barnabas Church Waunarlwydd

(Discovering the love of *God* in *Jesus Christ*)



## Parish Report 2013



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## Introduction

Welcome to the report of yet another busy year as a Christian family here in Waunarlwydd. What you will read here reflects just a little of the overall activity and commitment of a dedicated body of people who want to see a very much wider constituency of people discover the love of God. As we renew our mission as a diocese and parish to transform lives and communities in the name of Jesus Christ, this necessarily entails that significant move from simply maintaining things that are familiar (to some at least) to reaching out with the good news of the gospel in ways that are creative and relevant, - and not just in words, but through lives in which God is making a difference!

May we be encouraged that God, by his grace, continuously works amongst and through his people here, as we seek to deepen our relationship with him and with one another.

*Ian - Vicar*

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# Discovering the love of God in Jesus Christ



**A family, rooted in Christ, committed to transforming lives by:**

- 1. Gathering as God's people;**
- 2. Growing more like Jesus;**
- 3. Going out in the power of the Spirit.**

The challenge of the vision is twofold:

- 1. To transform our own understanding of what it is to be the church and our life as the church; and**
- 2. With that renewed understanding, to work as disciples to transform the lives of others.**

***The principal function of the PCC is "promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical."***

Well here we are at the end of February again as the sun tries to make its presence felt. A few recent dry and sunny days (cold though they've been) remind us that Lent - meaning springtime - may not be such a misnomer after all! And while we wait patiently in anticipation, it is wonderful to be able to reflect with thankfulness on another year when we have again seen God's gracious faithfulness and love amongst us.

*What are we for?* It's a question that focuses all our activity and relationships; how we use our time and abilities; how we care for and encourage one another. And it's a question that has been the basis of all the prayer and thought that has gone into the launch of the Diocesan Vision. Hopefully by now the logo that has been appearing each week on the church notices (reproduced above) and the Diocesan prayer with which we close our weekly intercessions has begun to take root in our hearts as we join in God's desire to renew, heal and bless his world and bring people into that relationship of love he's always intended for us to enjoy together.

Our beautifully presented, warm, dry and welcoming church and church hall (the result of hard work and sacrificial giving) is merely the basis for inviting people to discover God's love in Jesus Christ. This isn't about 'having' a church, it's about *being* church; it's not just about attending services for an hour a week, but about every one of us who belongs to Christ *servicing* our Lord who has given us everything, and with incredible generosity.

It's difficult to put into words how grateful I am for the wonderful Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and for all on the PCC members who've helped us grow together in this calling to express God's love in this community - because this honours those who struggled up the hill carrying bricks and building materials some 125 years ago to establish St. Barnabas as a place of worship.

No doubt the pace of change will continue - and needs to if the Christian message is to be proclaimed in relevant and creative ways. But this can be scary. Gerard Hughes observes in his Lent book 'Oh God Why?':

*"We all fear change, long for security, but a church which offers us unchanging stability has ceased to be Church and is no longer a sign of the transcendent God"... (and then there's the good news)... God is also immanent, present in all things.*

As we try and maintain continuity and also seek to be faithful to the call to mission - to bring and *be* good news within our community there are hard choices to be made if new people are going to be brought into the Christian faith. Our life together in Christ is a public commitment which needs to be lived out in the real world - which can appear quite hostile at times. As in Jesus' time the public statements and actions of the Church can be in conflict with the values of the culture within which we're placed. So when Christians proclaimed Jesus as 'Lord' in the early church this was *not* a airy-fairy statement about a privately held belief. No, if Jesus was/is Lord, then Caesar (or whatever power happens to be reigning) wasn't - isn't!

We're in the middle of the 6 Nations rugby tournament and after 8 losses on the trot the Welsh national rugby team needed to dig deep to beat France and Italy. They needed to take their faith that previous progress wasn't a flash in the pan and to take this self-confidence onto the pitch. Too often we can get into the mentality of watching silently from the stands (or nervously on the substitute's bench) waiting for someone else to call on us. Our worries about offending others can easily be stronger than our commitment to getting involved and sharing our faith. (See this year's challenging report from our Churchwardens).

As Christians we need courage to put our faith where it matters and where it will make a difference. I used a quote in last year's report from an Episcopal priest, Robert Farrar-Capon which still deeply challenges me:

*What's happened to radical Christianity, the un-nice brand of Christianity that turned the world upside-down? What's happened to the category-smashing, life-threatening, anti-institutional gospel that spread through the first century like wildfire and was considered (by those in power) dangerous? What's happened to the kind of Christians whose hearts were on fire, who had no fear, who spoke the truth no matter what the consequence, who made the world uncomfortable, who were willing to follow Jesus wherever He went?..... I'm ready for a Christianity that "ruins" my life, that captures my heart and makes me uncomfortable. . . . I want a faith that is considered 'dangerous' by our predictable and monotonous culture."*

Yes life is busier than ever, unpredictable, challenging and tiring - but we have the immense privilege of joining together in sharing a message about Someone who can transform life, existence, purpose, relationships. Everything!

So thank you for all your support and patience this last year as I've tried (and often failed) to do the 'multi-tasking' thing of being vicar and Director of Ministry for the diocese. But there's additional help on the horizon with Julie (Wagstaff) coming to serve here in the parish after being ordained in June. (Mind you she's already been making her mark during the past few months while on placement with us!).

If we take time to look carefully we're able to discern signs of the Kingdom coming amongst us as we allow God to move us by the Holy Spirit into the delight of serving him - happy, courageous and confident, rather than guilty or fearful. *God is always on the move - and he makes all things new!*

Once again my original hopes when I began my ministry here back in July 2006 seem to retain some kind of relevance in terms of 'measures' of the faithfulness of the Trinity in moving us forward.

1. **To encourage those on the 'periphery' to more committed involvement/membership** *Later this year we will be asking the Bishop to come and confirm new people. The last time was in 2009 with Bishop Anthony.*
2. **Encouraging lay ministry - amongst everybody -- and ensuring that the 'load' is shared by more than just the tired few** *It's still a challenge to expand our small team beyond those who quietly and tirelessly get on with sustaining our life here: visiting people; helping with the children's work; making St Bs such a beautiful worship space; cleaning and maintaining the church and grounds, and generally volunteering for our special events. Of course we appreciate our licensed pastoral lay visitors and worship leaders, but are always open to new voices being heard and people pitching in to help wherever they feel able or interested - just say!*
3. **Encouraging the PCC to take a lead in its mission responsibilities** *In April these newly elected PCC will going away to think about mission as its and our raison d'être. Monthly meetings are increasingly bound up with ensuring that mission predominates in discussions - and that whatever else we do flows from this.*

4. **Establishing healing prayer ministry as part of the warp and weft of church life** *The monthly evening worship and healing services continue come rain or shine - often with just a few people present - but with such a palpable sense of God's presence - do give the quietness a go! And let's take the Apostle Paul's encouragement to pray for one another seriously.*
5. **Establishing additional opportunities for people to experience 'fresh expressions' of church** *God continues to bless Messy Church - which does what it says on the tin! Put the word around.*
6. **Attracting new faces/families** *March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our third 'new' Family Service - and we are seeing the possibility of a whole new constituency that seems to be enjoying the opportunity to worship in a relaxed and welcoming environment - and please continue to pray and support those involved because this is taking us way beyond our comfort zones. As Canon Douglas Davies said when we launched the first non-Eucharistic Family Service on Advent Sunday last year " I don't like the new arrangements..." (and then with a beaming smile)..." but this is what has to happen if people are going to hear the good news..." What wisdom!*

So yes we still need helpers with the children's work; people to help clean and maintain the church and grounds; and to volunteer for our special events, *and* be members of the PCC. But I'll say it again, an authentic living faith in the Lord Jesus affects every part of the disciple's life. God's heart is for *all* the people in this wonderful community to come to know Jesus. It is (after all) his mission, what he's about, and it is our privilege to be part of this.

So may I thank you again, from the bottom of my heart, for all you do that helps make this place 'God's meadow'. If I started singling people out I'd be bound to miss someone (or we'd have to be here a very, very long time!) but all your contributions in all sorts of ways (and often completely unsung) whether that be running organizations, arranging events, keeping the church fragrant and clean, warm safe and welcoming, giving financial support, making food or just being here to put the kettle on and encourage others are valued highly 'in the Lord'.

*Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power and authority before all time and now and forever.*

*Amen (Jude 25).*

*With love in Christ*

*Ian*

*Vicar*

*23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2013*

**P.S.** Since writing this we have been coping with the desperate news of losing Jen (Wittey) so unexpectedly. Perhaps Jen's unstintingly hard work, generosity and love for Jesus and everyone around her has been a precious gift that will inspire us to do 'our utmost for his highest'.

*Rest in peace special lady - we miss you!*

# Churchwardens

*'Metanoia'... a change of mind and heart*

Listening to the sermon on the first Sunday of Lent, Ian reminded us that the early Church described itself as a 'pilgrim church', a developing church always on the move, a Church on a journey out of the slavery of Egypt and into the Promised Land. The first Christians prepared to make great changes and sacrifices. They allowed themselves to be led by God's love and his spirit. And they placed their complete trust in Him.

*It wasn't an easy life.*

The trouble is that we all long for an easy life - usually on our terms. We struggle with commitment and there is often disharmony within our church family. We convince ourselves that *someone else* will always volunteer to help or take office or to clean or to donate or fundraise. But *the truth is very different.*

As wardens we would like to take this opportunity to thank a small band of people who work behind the scenes at St. Barnabas . From the beautiful altar linens and the gleaming brassware to the floral decorations and the polished pews. To the clearing of the clutter and graveyard grass cutting to the tidying of the church hall and refreshments at the ready in the kitchen. These people are our unsung heroes without doubt. No fuss, no flag waving, just honest, quiet service to God.

We urge you to *consider being more active* in our church as we can take nothing for granted in the future. You will not be stepping on anyone's toes. But you will get to know and understand how God works through others. It is inevitable that there must be and will be changes to the way we 'do' church.

We long for security and fear change more than we like to admit. Particularly when it comes to worship. We are creatures of habit. The 8.30s and the 10 o'clockers...

The said Eucharist and the sung...the alternative, healing and the contemplative and the *Vicar on the guitar*, Junior and Messy Church - we have them all! Each with their own fan club and seating arrangements!

And last but not least, we celebrate our attempt to bring together our church family at the much maligned 9.30 combined service ...how radical is that?!

For some time now we have been trying to *encourage growth in our congregation* through a variety of means and we are starting to see some young families and new faces attending services. A big thank you to Julie, Debbie and Mary for all their hard work with the format of the new family service (albeit still at the 'tweaking' stage). It is *designed to embrace change and reflect a changing society*. What seems very familiar to us as 'church' is very alien to others! To the willing volunteers who help out with Messy church and Junior Church...what would we do without you! Your help is much appreciated.

We would like to ask for feedback on all our services because they do have to be relevant and fit for purpose. *We have to get God's message across without compromise*. That isn't to say we believe in changing things just for change sake, but rather to encourage a *variety of worship opportunities* which nourish and sustain us.

Our thanks must go once again to Canon Douglas Davies and Pat for their encouragement, prayers and love. You are an integral part of our family at St. Barnabas and we are blessed with your warmth and generosity of spirit. Canon Douglas often standing in when Ian is unavailable to take services.

Congratulations to Joel (Ian & Sue's son) on gaining his degree. Well done! Something to cheer about after a year filled with illness and trying times for Sue and Renée. We keep you all in our prayers for a healthier year ahead.

Ian continues to look at new ways to encourage and develop our understanding of faith and our relationship with God. We are delighted that the Bishop intends to licence Julie Wagstaff to our parish. This will be a huge help for Ian as his Director of Ministry duties take him out of the parish on a regular basis. We look forward to working with Julie as she is ordained and begins her ministry with us in June.

Keeping tradition and continuity while trying to move with the times is a challenge. But it is one that we must meet as the congregation's age increases and numbers dwindle. We must take the message into the wider community; make contact with those who are unable to come to services; and offer fellowship and support to one another. *Be inclusive not exclusive.* From cleaning and weeding to welcoming and worshipping. *Your church needs you.*

'Whatever I do, I do by His spirit, with Him, for Him and through Him.'

We ask you to pray for a change of heart and attitude towards all things 'church'.

*A true 'metanoia'.*

**Church Wardens**

**Anne and Mary**

PS. I know you would all like me to say a big thank you to Anne as she steps down as our People's Warden. She has worked so hard over the last few years, which has allowed our church services to run so smoothly. Her commitment love and care for us all is so appreciated. No more envelopes and money to tally - what a relief!!! From me personally I would like to say thank you so much for all your care and understanding over these past years, because without you I couldn't have done my job, We communicated and worked so well together as a team. Thank you for all your support during the highs and the lows.

**Every blessing**

***Mary***

# Mothers' Union

## Theme for 2012 Celebrating God's Gifts

We are first and foremost a Christian Charity promoting family life; a multi-faceted group who have been blessed with many gifts and talents and when we work as one body we are capable of achieving great things. This year our membership was made up of 24 Branch members, 4 I.M.P.C (indoor) members and 1 Diocesan member. We welcomed Mrs Sheila Kelleher as a new member and we would like to encourage our congregation who do not wish to attend meetings to consider becoming Diocesan, or I.M.P.C. members as their membership would help so many both home and abroad.

We celebrate all of the gifts we have been given, especially the priceless gift of life and the beauty of the natural world that surrounds us. The M.U. has many projects where they share their skills and have training programmes to make life better for communities. They train birthing assistants, operate a literacy programme to empower women, run parenting courses, train H.I.V. workers, work within prisons, work with unmarried mothers; they teach animal husbandry, skills for communities to grow their own food, the importance of hygiene, making jewellery to sell in order to buy food, to name but a few.

Our year began with our A.G.M. as always and reports read and accounts accepted.

Speakers were; - Rev. Tim Ardouin who gave us a very meditative afternoon with his poetry, music and prayers.

Mrs Ruby Hayden gave a talk about her work in the M.U: a truly inspirational lady who's energy enthuses us all.

Mr Martin Price gave a vivid account of a true tragedy that took place in the Second World War, a huge explosion which no one had ever heard of. His storytelling transported us to the scene. We are looking forward to his return in 2013.

Mrs Glenys Phillips gave a moving talk of a wartime tragedy which ended with her father walking away unscathed and able to tell of his experience.

Chancellor Rev. Brian Jones was unable to be with us due to duties at the Cathedral but will be with us in 2013 talking on 'Sacred Space'.

## **Celebrations and Events**

Marriage for U took place at the Waterside Museum Swansea on the 8<sup>th</sup> of Feb. This was a culmination of the work of the diocese's southern deaneries and every Branch played its part in producing an excellent exhibition, which coincided with National Marriage Week. We were responsible for something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue and a sixpence in your shoe. Thanks to six of our members who staffed the display and also sold raffle tickets at Swansea Market to raise awareness and promote the work we do. That was quite an experience.

We celebrated Lady Day at St. Catherine's Gorseinon and all the members of the Deanery had tea together at the New Lodge.

We were sad that we were unable to attend the Diocesan Festival at Brecon partly due to cost and because it would have been too long a day for some.

We were delighted with the news that Rev. Dr. Ian was to become an Honorary Canon and congratulate him.

June 12<sup>th</sup> St. Catherine's Gorseinon hosted the Deanery Festival. Rev. Denz Dempsey was the Speaker. We shared in the Eucharist and we followed with a wonderful tea and fellowship

On 21<sup>st</sup> of June Vivian Kiyto visited from Uganda. We had a wonderful talk and slide show about the reality of living in Uganda and the sad way that unmarried mums are treated. Vivian started a project working with these ladies, training them to make jewellery in order provide for their children. The parents of these girls usually throw them out of the home and onto the streets with no money or skills. At present we are knitting 6" squares to send to Uganda for the mothers to make blankets for their babies and for this to be therapeutic while coming to terms with having their babies and supporting each other. Eight members attended and we experienced an excellent bring and shared lunch. I was so moved by her when she said that not a day goes by that she doesn't pray for the members in the U.K., for without us there would be no money to fund the projects she is involved in. There is widespread squalor, poor transport, education and sanitation and with our help she has witnessed a huge change to people's lives. By educating mothers they would take the knowledge back to their families.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of July we held a belated Jubilee trip to Rhossili. The weather was fantastic. We had the only sunshine of the month and sat outside enjoying the wonderful view and good company. Later we had a homemade tea at Parkmill School House.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of Aug. 'Mothers' Union on the Move' took place with a journey from Land's End to John O'Groats by public bus - endeavouring to raise awareness and to promote the Mothers' Union. Sadly the bus never came to Swansea but the good news was that money was raised on the way for our Projects.

Also on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Aug. Ian took a peaceful service to celebrate the life and work of Mary Sumner

The Worldwide Wave of Prayer took place on 21<sup>st</sup> of Aug and our time was 1-2pm. Ian led the service and candles were lit for our Links Diocese. As always this is a peaceful service during which we learn what has been happening to our sisters around the world. Afterwards Liz Meredith gave an excellent account of her visit to our links Diocese of Bunbury in Australia. There was a photographic exhibition and she told us of the warm welcome that she had received with Jean Brenen the Branch leader in Bunbury, (who Jen has corresponded with for many years) and of her similar experience in Boniface Cathedral.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Sept. we hosted the Deanery Quiet hour for the first time in many years. It was fairly well supported but it would have been nice to have had the support from our congregation who were invited. I fear that the word 'quiet' may put some people off. It was not all that quiet, however, and Rev. Hugh Lervy left quite an impression on us.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of Sept the Penllergaer Branch celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Rev Canon A.J. Meats was the speaker. There was a meaningful service in the Church followed by a wonderful tea and fellowship in the church hall.

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> we held our Carol Service and Ian played guitar for us. We reached out to the village groups and care homes. We were around 45 and as always everyone enjoyed it immensely. It is so important for those who are unable to attend church regularly to be part of the advent service as well as the fellowship and party food that followed.

Some of our ladies helped on the St Nicholas Fair and went to sing carols at the care homes at Christmas.

We have enjoyed great news from our Links correspondence from Jean in Bunbury to Jen. All this information is passed to Mrs Cynthia Coldrick who relays information to the Diocese when we meet for our Council Meetings at Brecon. We have been to two meetings this year.

## Retreats

Spring Retreat was taken by Rev. Canon Janet Russell, the Director of Mission

Advent Retreat was taken by Rev. D Dempsey.

Both were excellent days at Nicholaston House. Those who attended found them really rewarding, because they allow ourselves to focus on being in the presence of God. We came home refreshed and feeling blessed having been with and shared experiences with like-minded friends.

The monthly Eucharist at St. Mary's Swansea takes place at 11a.m. on the first Friday of the month. We have a small band who attend regularly but it would be great if more would attend. The service is very short (!) and there are refreshments after.

## Fundraising

We supported all fundraising within the church this year as usual and a few of our ladies organised The Boy from the 'ill with Mr Colin Hammacott and a Cream Tea, proceeds of which went to the church.

I wish to thank everyone who donated or bought from our monthly table top sale which enabled us to reach out to the village groups and care homes at Christmas.

We held a Mini Auction in Sept. which raised £105.20. Our Project Boxes raised £138.61 and in Oct. the produce on our harvest window went to Teen Challenge. We raised £43.71 for the Christmas Famine Appeal and we received several kind donations throughout the year for which we were very grateful. We need to be very active with our Fundraising in 2013.

## Projects

A.F.I.A (Away From It All). - Holidays and away days we donated £100

Safe Houses- We donated £50 along with toiletries and clothes.

Easter Eggs for Romania and a washing machine for a family in need.

Bays Project- Through the year we gave toiletries, underwear, socks etc. and at Christmas we gave 4 large bags of cuppa soups, pot noodles, gloves, toiletries and the shampoos that were desperately needed at the time. Thanks to the congregation for their support.

Blankets to Care Homes (Ty Victoria) -Thanks to Dulcie.

Knitting squares for Ugandan unmarried mothers. If anyone would like to help the squares are 6"x6".

Help at Messy Church and gave a £30 donation to replenish the craft cupboard.

Mothering Sunday bookmarks to the congregation and the bouquet went to Mrs Renée Davies.

Baptism and Anniversary of Baptism cards were sent by Chris Hedley.

Birthday and cards to the sick were sent by Jen Wittey.

Candles are given at Baptisms and Weddings as a gift from the M.U.

Gifts are given to our Indoor Members at Easter and Christmas.

Wheels Appeal, A.F.I.A., and Famine Appeal.

At the last Council Meeting we were given a talk about a new Contact Centre opening in Walter Road Swansea. The speaker was appealing for volunteers to come forward to help during visits. Training will be given and there will be a rota of about six times a year. The M.U. hopes that this will become one of our future projects. Three of our members have expressed an interest.

We shared the joy of new born when Chris T., Jen and Peggy all had welcome additions to their families. All babies are strong and healthy.

We gave a small donation to Vivian Kiyto of £10 on the day of her visit to further her work. This was part of a collection made on the day. We also bought jewellery that the unmarried mothers had made.

We made a Donation of £30 into the Diocesan Fund and £20 to the Deanery Fund. We were able to give £60 towards the heating of the hall.

Sadly some of our members are unable to attend all meetings owing to health problems but it is wonderful to share time with them when they can.

Publications - the M.U. News, Families Worldwide which is both free of charge and the latter contains daily prayers and a huge hive of information about our sisters/brothers all over the world, their troubles and their successes. We are able to pray for them in times of trouble and rejoice with in times of joy.

Mothers Union Enterprises has a Catalogue with gifts, cards, books, CDs etc. It is well worth a look. Please ask for a catalogue.

We have 'Make a Mother's Day' and 'Global Village' ethical gifts booklets. We also produce useful literature and leaflets concerning children, marriage and bereavement. We also launched the 'Bye Buy Childhood' campaign this year and gave out cards to keep in your bag to make people aware of the advertising, the suitability of goods for our children and the pressure that is used to encourage them to buy - and to make us think about whether we really needed that product in the first place.

Placed at the back of the Church are cards we produced to send to OffCom if people wish to complain about unsuitable advertisements being shown before the watershed - so please take one if you wish to complain.

Great news that the Families First Magazine is now available in many local newsagents, i.e. the entrance to Swansea Market, J Menzies and CKs. It is a very good topical publication and is among the best Christian magazines. By purchasing one you could be helping our projects, so why not try one to see what you think of it.

Doris Craig celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and both Jayne Richards and Debbie Williams celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Birthdays.

From April of this year Paul and I, after a great deal of thought and prayer decided to pursue the possibility of becoming Foster Carers. Once we were told that our age was not a problem we embarked on a roller coaster of a journey, which ended in being finally accepted by the Panel at Cardiff in January. During this time, thanks to family and friends, I kept my head above water. Thanks to those who kept us in their prayers.

Our Branch is very important to me but it would be impossible to run on my own. I give thanks that I have had wonderful friends like Jen who was Secretary, Chris H. our Treasurer, Pat our Faith and Social Policy Rep., Debbie our Action and Outreach Rep., Peggy our Rotas Secretary, Glenys P. our Auctioneer and Dulcie who rattles our Project Box Tin. In 2013 we start a new Triennial and Chris wishes to stand down so I would like to thank her for all her work and support during the past three years - and thanks to Glenys Phillips for auditing the accounts for this year. Thanks to Committee Members and branch members and those who supplied transport and members who operated a caring telephone network keeping a check on each other, especially in the winter, also. Thanks to Ian and Douglas for their spiritual guidance and continual support.

My hopes for 2013 are to raise awareness of the M.U. in our parish and for us to recognise the needs within our parish. We must all be the eyes and ears of the community and communicate with each other. In June we will be holding the Deanery Festival at St. Barnabas and we will be the host at St. Mary's for the Nov. M.U. Eucharist.

My heart is heavy as I complete this report, and as I face 2013 without my dear friend and right arm, Jen, who has been secretary with me for over six years and a lifelong friend. I am sure that she is walking in that beautiful garden of her vision surrounded by flowers and the birds singing. May she find rest and peace in the arms of the Lord.

It has been a privilege to journey with her a little way.

The MU theme for 2013 is "The Seed We Sow"

**Best wishes**

*Margaret Holland*

**Branch Leader, St. Barnabas M.U.**

## **Worship Music**

**'Sing to God new songs of worship,  
all his deeds are marvellous....'**

Different forms of singing enhance our worship and the introduction of the family service is a further opportunity of bringing new spiritual songs and hymns to the congregation.

Choosing hymns to suit all ages is a challenge, and in mixing traditional and new,

We pray God will continue to lead us in worship.

It is indeed joyful to hear hearty congregational singing.

So.....

Let us sing praises to God the king.

Amen

*Maureen*

## Ladies Guild

Hello from Ladies Guild, this first part of the report is being written on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012 so I don't forget anything that happened on this year's guild trip (despite the fact I did take notes all day!!)

These days we don't do buses coz they cost so much so this year we went to Cardiff by TRAIN!! (not my idea!!). The morning started well..... I met Marion in the Bishwell where I was told Von W was walking with us?? Where was she - outside my house of course!! John brought her down to us and we enjoyed a lift down to Gowerton station. We were catching the 9am train and soon we were all present and on the train. The guard came along and we paid for a group so it was cheaper. Mary and Von paid and we settled with them, the guard then said his machine had jammed and he would be back. We were now in the station and no sign of the guard that they had given their money to - just our luck, he was an imposter who had run off with the money - after all it was a guild trip?! But he *did* show up and then we were off.

Whilst on the train the shopping list was discussed. Watsy needed wallpaper in Next and glasses in Marks. I had to have pasties from the pasty shop. Mary needed a top and Von W wanted a black dress not too long, not too short and with a small sleeve. Everyone else was just window shopping.

We arrived in Cardiff at 10.35 where we had a little delay whilst Mary found her ticket!! (she won't be the only one today!! More about that later). There was a big police presence outside the station they must have heard we had Marilyn Monroe Taylor with us!! Off to John Lewis' for brekky (this is a guild trip after all). On the way Taylor was telling Von M and myself about the fact that there were cheap holidays about quoting prices and everything. We were looking for the travel agents she was reading this from, but as we should have guessed this was all from memory. She's a strange species Taylor!! Mary bought a mascara on the way: first purchase of the day. We spent 4 hrs shopping in various establishments, Mary having to go and buy water for her

medication in Marks!! She queued for 15 mins for this water - we were expecting an older woman by the time she came back!! Two people on a till at lunch time - well unluckily for the store manager there was a management meeting in the middle of the store. Mary's eyes started to glow that funny colour they glow when she's about to read someone their fortune!! Too late for him now she had him in her radar. The other two with him legged it as she launched. We love shopping with Mary she doesn't pull any punches and defo knows her rights. He apologised and we set off. I needed the pasty shop so I went on ahead and arranged to meet up with everyone by the bus station. Pasties in bag almost by the station, a phone call to say we had decided to go on the water bus after all back to the castle!!

Hour and half later we arrived at the water bus stop in the park to go down to the Bay area. There was a group of homeless people gathered by the river with a poor dog which one idiot thought needed a swim - good job he fell in himself or the crowd gathered for the water bus might have lynched him - poor dog was terrified. The water bus had arrived and we got on. Very pleasant little trip although watching the police divers search for bombs under the bridges was a little unnerving! Gwylder had set in by now (that's hunger by the way) it had been a while since we had eaten. We got off the boat and headed for the restaurants Marion was quite faint by now and the smell from my pasties was making me everyone's best friend.... More than my job's worth not to take Gary his pasty home.

We ended up in Café Rouge as they were all much of a muchness. We ordered and as we were quite late were served straight away. Nice food, good company and great conversations. All of a sudden the time had flown and we needed to get a bus back to town to get the train into Gowerton. We legged it to the bus stop well at least some of us did - others hobbled. When we arrived at the stop we realized we would not make the next train to Gowerton so would have to get the train to Swansea and phone for lifts home. We would make the 6 o'clock though if we ran from the bus to the station.

We got to the station at 5.55 the train was in, the Taylor woman in the front with me, we hit the barrier running Taylor's remit was to put one foot on the train and keep the other on the platform so everyone could get there. There were only two very crowded carriages we'd have to stand till Bridgend but here we go, the guard was tooting his whistle at Taylor but she was standing firm one foot on one foot off. Here they were Jan, Marion, Von M and.....No Von W!!!! Was she already on the train we looked couldn't see her but she was far more able than the rest and faster, where was she ? I phoned her to see if she'd got on, by now the guard was moving towards Taylor she had to take her foot off. The doors closed and we all stood looking at one another. Von W answered her phone no she wasn't on the train she was still outside the station!! Remember in the beginning I said Mary wouldn't be the only one who couldn't find her ticket.....! Von W couldn't find hers she was stuck outside the station and would have to buy another one!! She had shouted to the other girls but they had been so focused they couldn't hear her!!! We waited for her on the platform and made phone calls for lifts home from town whilst we waited here she came she had found it after all. We managed to get on to a train that had been delayed from London and we all sat together on the way back.

We split up on arrival at the station and got into our lifts to come home. On the way Watsy realized she didn't have a key to get into her house as Chris was over in Sarah's. A phone call to Sarah revealed that Chris was on his way home so Gary dropped Marion off first before we took Watsy home. We had all arrived home safely again from another fun-filled guild trip. I wonder if we'll make it to Carmarthen next time? Watch this space and see.....

## **Part 2 (The saga continues)**

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013....We decided to take the train from Gowerton to Carmarthen and we arrived at the station, leaving our vehicles in Gowerton, for the 9.17 train. It was a bit of a cold morning but it was dry!!! Now as Derek Brockway said this week if it be dry on the day of Candlemas then winter will continue to be hard but if it is wet then winter will soon end. He wasn't wrong - it was blooming freezing on that station. We discussed the new bridge at the

station and the train was there!! It was suggested that as this station is a request stop I stick my hand out so it stops (yeh right like I'm gonna do that) a 90mph train stop just by waving at it!! I did wave my bag though and it did stop - so on we got. The ticket man came quite quickly (well there were only 2 carriages) and when we asked for a group ticket he sucked in a lot of air shook his head and I thought here we go!! "No group tickets on an international match day" he quoted. But we ain't going to Cardiff we said, we want Carmarthen. "I'll have to go and ask" he said and disappeared. A couple of stops later and he appeared claiming he wasn't supposed to but he would (I love trains). The journey was lovely, we were right by the sea and the sun was shining down on us. The scenery was better than anywhere else in the world as the train glided past rivers lakes and inlets where the reflections of the country side were just like paintings on a gallery wall. It was beautiful perhaps trains do have their place - you miss all this when traveling by car.

We arrived at 9.55 and set off on the walk up to town. The bridge was a bit bouncy and the river Towy looked cold - not the time of year for a dip. First stop Pethau Buchain coffee shop - time for tablets coffee, tea and homemade cakes (they were lush). Now it was on to the shopping, we visited a variety of shops and Mary Taylor had rung me three times in the first hour to find out where we were. She is English, mind, and does get lost quite easily. We all agreed there were some lovely shops in Carmarthen and after a quick spin round the market we decided to look for somewhere for lunch. We walked up to the top of the shops and found a Harvester, Toby and a Frankie and Benny's. After queuing in the Harvester and being told we'd have to wait 20mins we decided to try Frankie's. They said it would take about 10 or so mins to clear a table but we could have a drink while waiting. We took this option and in no time were seated at the table. Nice little waitress asked if we had vouchers, which we didn't, and she then produced one for us coz she liked the look of us. Very grateful we were as it was 25% off the bill. It was lovely to sit in the warm and have a bit of a chat only thing was every now and again everything would stop a fanfare would sound and out would come a birthday cake with candles flaming for some lucky soul's birthday. Now every

time this happens they have to stop serving so after about the third time you want to throttle the person pressing the Cliff Richards "congratulations" CD. There's only so much Cliff you can stand in one day - now if it had been Donny they could have put it on every 5mins! Did I tell you I have been to see him again this last week.....oops sorry getting carried away now...back to Carmarthen. We had a lovely lunch, good company and fellowship and then back to the shops. We called in to another few shops on the way back to the station where I bought another hat not as expensive as the ones I bought at the Christmas market the other year. We made our way back to the train station, at the top of the stairs another announcement made us all nearly jump out of our skins - thank goodness no Cliff this time though. Sue L (new granny guider, as Gary refers to us) Marion, Mary and myself took the stairs whilst Von W Von M and Watsy waited for the lift and they waited and waited and waited eventually giving up and walking or hobbling down the steps, we were all shopped out and ready to sit on the train. As we crossed the bridge we remarked how we wouldn't like to fall into the freezing river. Next thing the bridge quivered and both Watsy and myself gave a shriek, Watsy grabbed Sue L, I grabbed Williams and even Marion had a fright. Von M and Mary walked on oblivious that anything had taken place. At the station I went in to the cafe to find out how to get across to the opposite platform as the train home was bound to be going from that side as we'd come in on this side. The man told me we'd have to go down to the end of the platform and cross the line I was horrified. "Across the line, " I said "Is that safe?" He asked where we were going and I said Swansea then he said that train is outside now on this side! When I came out Mary and Marion were talking to the guard who was telling them this was our train but not stopping in Gowerton. "WHAT"?!!!! He said he had his itinerary and Gowerton was not on it. He said to go and speak to the man in the office. There was another family who had done the same as us parked up in Gowerton a young couple with 3 young children they too had checked on line for times of the Gowerton trains. The ignorant man behind the desk was extremely unhelpful - he said we should not have looked on the internet for times at Gowerton but should

have gone to the ticket office in Swansea. He's lucky I didn't stick our ticket where his sun wasn't shining! He was particularly rude when Marion pointed out that Gowerton was a request stop and as we made up over half the people on the train why couldn't we request it to stop? He simply replied: "Look here love, just because you want to get off there we can't just stop, if it's not on the itinerary the driver can't stop there the train will be doing 90mph through there."(yeh right!!! It wasn't going that fast in the morning when I waved my bag at him!). He never once made eye contact with us and rolled his eyes a lot behind his specky glasses and huffed and puffed. He said we would have to take the train to Llanelli get off, walk over the bridge to the other side, wait 12 mins and get the heart of Wales train which would get us in to Gowerton at 6.05. This is what we did and the guard on the train was very helpful and explained it all to us very politely. By the way I did ask specky face for his name which was Aldo before we left just so I could mention how "helpful" he had been when I complain. We did make it to Gowerton in the end 10mins after the other train. It's no wonder people don't travel on these things - what have I been telling you all for ages? We haven't discussed our next trip yet but you can bet it won't be on a train!!!!!!

We have had lots of meetings again this year and have ate out at the local grill house where we had a lovely time at Christmas. We have presented a cheque to the church for £200 to help with the re-payments on the loan and I am thankful to the Guild for making this possible (not easy when you are only 7 people). We have laughed, we have cried this year, but we are still together and going strong. Our mission this year is to wear away Phyllis to come along and give us a go... Come on Phyl you know you want to. Thanks girls for being there for me this year. I hope that I have been there for you also. Anyone is welcome to come along to one of our guild nights just ask one of the girls.

*Diolch yn fawr.*

*Sue xxxxxxxxxx*

## Traidcraft

St Barnabas continues to be a Fairtrade church. We now are using only Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar in the kitchen and I have run a stall a few times in the past year after the 10 o'clock service and some parishioners now have regular orders. All monies raised from the stalls and cards go directly back to the Christian charity 'Traidcraft' and therefore to the producers. The members of this church are incredibly supportive so thank you all very much. The local Traidcraft rep. Carol has moved abroad temporarily with work but I am looking at ways of doing a stall more regularly than I have over the next church year to continue promoting the cause.

As a church, it is our Christian duty to love our fellow human beings around the globe - it is by buying Fairtrade (food, clothes, jewellery, Easter eggs, footballs..) that we are making a huge difference to people in poor countries: they can then afford to send their children to school (yes, despite their poverty they have to pay to go to school and buy their books); we are boosting the self-esteem of women by increasing their wages; they can buy labour saving devices for their businesses, e.g. a new electric kiln at Sri Sivam Pottery in India; they can acquire shares in their businesses, e.g. the more Divine chocolate bars we buy, the higher the value of the shares that the producers hold. The more we push the big supermarkets and shopping chains to sell Fairtrade the better - it's our buying that they take note of and sell accordingly.

***Jaki (Truscott)***

## Junior Church

Hi, everyone. Can't believe another year has flown by so quickly! Although we have a small Junior Church our children are very loyal and great fun to be with.

We have continued celebrating 'Family Service' on the first Sunday of the month, but, WOW!, with a difference! We started our 'new look' service in December. The service is only half an hour, with no Communion, and it is full of songs, music, a story and some prayers (and lots of noise from the toddlers!) This is followed by refreshments in the hall and it is lovely to see all the children getting to know us and our church. Many thanks must go to Julie (Wagstaff) for taking on this very important form of worship and preparing so well each month and it is lovely to see so many families coming along.

We have celebrated all the festivals in Junior Church, including **Mothering Sunday** when we made gifts and presented all the ladies of the church with flowers. We celebrated **Palm Sunday** with a Messy Church event in the afternoon and on **Good Friday** we joined in with the village 'Walk of Witness' and came back to our church for a lovely short service, hot cross buns and the annual egg decorating. This year, we had our egg rolling competition after the joint 9.30 am service on **Easter day**.

We joined with the church congregation for a joint 9.30 am service for **Harvest** when the church was beautifully decorated. The children (and adults) brought gifts of pasta which were then donated to Val Newton's Romanian Appeal.

On a similar note, the children/ families once again donated new items to our Shoebox Appeal, and these were sent through the Blythswood Charity to various countries including Eastern Europe and Pakistan. All the boxes contained essential items for people who have literally nothing, and the charity also includes a Christian text/message in each box. As you can imagine, these people are so grateful for the basic items that we share with them.

As usual, the children were wound up in the run up to **Christmas**, but we managed to contain the children (!!!) and fit in another messy Church afternoon, our annual **Nativity Play and Christingle Service** and then we tried to calm it all down by holding our **Crib Service** on Christmas Eve when we are always delighted to see so many village families come to enjoy a meaningful half hour and to celebrate the Christmas Story.

A big thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us throughout the year, a HUGE thank you to all parents and grandparents for bringing the children week after week and entrusting them to our care and a big, special thank you to all the children for coming along and brightening our Sunday mornings. It is a privilege to spend time with you and you certainly set us on the right note for the rest of the week! Love ya loads!

*Deb and Mary*

**(PS from Mary...)**

Hi everyone

As you know I am hanging up my boots after 30 years and retiring as a Junior Church teacher. I would like to thank the young and not so young for all your love care and support over those years. If I named everyone it would be like an Oscar's speech so suffice to say I couldn't have done all the things I have without exceptional support from you all. We have had some great times and I'm sure we can all tell a tale of past trips and services, and many happy and funny moments. I have enjoyed them all, even the toy snakes that appeared on the coach on trips home! It has been an honour to be involved with all those who attended Sunday School or Junior Church and to watch and support you as you went through the Confirmations, weddings and baptisms of your children.

It's scary to think that I now teach the children's children! But most of all, a privilege to have been part of your lives and to help you understand God's love through Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and his written word.

I wish Debbie and Junior Church every blessing.

**With love**

*Mary*

## Messy Church

Once again we have, as a church, successfully held another three 'Messy Church' Sundays throughout 2012. On these days we cancel Junior Church in the morning, and instead, we have a wonderful family afternoon from 4pm 'til 6pm. This is a great opportunity for us to throw our doors wide open and extend an invitation to everyone, near and far, to come as a family and join us in a fun afternoon of messy crafts, singing, worship, drama, face painting and a tea (usually pizza, crisps, cakes etc) without there being any pressure to commit to coming to the formal church services - indeed this *is* church for those who come (and it's all for free!!!!).

Our first messy Church saw us celebrating 'Easter', which was held on Palm Sunday afternoon. The children made lots of Easter crafts to take home and enjoyed all the noise, food and mess!

We also held a 'Harvest' Messy Church with the theme of Noah's Ark. The children made a beautiful rainbow which was placed in the church and each of our seven church windows took a colour from the rainbow as a theme for Harvest - and yes, we did manage to find fruits and veg and flowers to represent the colours!

Our last 'Preparation for Christmans/Advent' Messy Church of the year was held at the end of November and once again lots of children turned up. Crowns and candles and sequins and glitter managed to appear everywhere and after a short worship time in church, the children tucked in to a lovely 'party' tea. Some of the crafts we made were used the following Sunday in our 'new look' Family Service.

Many thanks to all who prepare and create stuff for each messy church and a huge thank you to all those that come along, the leaders, helpers, 'cooks' and washer-uppers - we need all of you there to make it a successful afternoon for so many children and their families. This is an important way forward in our village and it is nice to welcome so many families that don't normally come along to other services.

*Deb and Mary*

## Lay Ministry

'Lay' ministry - such a little word but one which covers so much ministry. It many ways it is the least obvious things that are carried out 'behind the scenes' that provide the glue which turns a congregation of individuals into a church family. As usual, during this past year, so much has been given by those who serve our Lord, both within the church and in the community.

The Pastoral Lay Visiting team recently arranged to meet to chat about what is already taking place and to discuss plans for the future. You will all understand how we all felt about Jen not being among us and it really brought home how important it is that we value each other and never take anybody for granted ..... this is partly what the lay visiting team is about - simply friends from church who are calling to have a chat (and possibly scrounge a cuppa) with anybody who is unable to get to church for whatever reason. We don't want to lose touch and want to keep everybody up to date with what's going on. To this end we are investigating the possibility of making a sound recording of the Sunday service, which can be burned onto a CD (I believe that is the correct technical terminology) and dropped off to those who can't make it. It will also be available on our website for those who have access. We are also looking at ways to establish a telephone befriending service ..... any suggestions gratefully received.

Ian took me along to the three main Nursing Homes recently to introduce me and explain that even if he is unable to be there, the regular monthly Communion service will now (once again) be able to take place. We've arranged to visit during the third week of each month, with as many of the team as possible being there. All three visits were a great success and Ian and the team have obviously built up good relationships because many of the residents were delighted to see us.

The Lay Worship team continues to lead worship and intercessions and have been invited to lead an evening service in Gowerton toward the end of May. Phyl is also continuing in her role as Lay Eucharistic Assistant.

With lots of love and every blessing.

*Julie*

## Ordinand

Well I am on the last lap! I was so pleased when I discovered that my final placement was to be at St Barnabas and I cannot tell you how grateful I have been to you all for your patience, your encouragement and your support. It was also lovely to be greeted with such a positive response to the news that I am to become Assistant Curate and be licensed to the Parish of Waunarlwydd following my ordination in June. I can't tell you just how thrilled I was with the news but it did involve jumping up and down, waving the letter from the Bishop in the air!!

I still have 4x3,000 word assignments to finish (I wouldn't mind so much if I didn't promptly forget everything I'd written as soon as I have submitted them) and a presentation to give, but the Lord has enabled me so far and I am trusting in him to help me finish the course and begin the next stage of what he has in store for me.....and, as it happens, that means you!

At the end of January I retired from my job at Swansea University and discovered that the cliché is true - I don't know where I found the time to go to work - and it means that I can focus on my new role of serving God and my lovely church family.

Thank you all for your encouragement and support.

*Julie*

# CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2012

## RECEIPTS

GENERAL FUND AS AT 31/12/2011	819.98
DIRECT GIVING-PLANNED	14927.25
DIRECT GIVING-UNPLANNED	3119.43
GIFT AID	1437.00
GIFT DAY	0.00
INLAND REVENUE	2261.68
RENTS	1825.20
DONATIONS	1273.00
FUND RAISING	1847.98
200 CLUB	920.00
QUIZ	0.00
SOCIAL EVENTS	615.40
SALES	424.90
WEDDINGS/FUNERAL FEES	577.00
BAPTISM/WEDDING COLLECTIONS	354.67
RESTORATION APPEAL	0.00
CHARITIES	651.45
LENTEN LUNCHESES	0.00
BANK INTEREST	0.95
GRANTS	1000.00
CHURCH IN WALES LOAN	0.00
DWR CYMRU REFUND	229.22
CHURCH/GRAVEYARD ACCOUNT AS AT 31/12/2011	751.27
RESTORATION APPEAL ACCOUNT AS AT 31/12/2011	30.92
TOTAL	33067.30

## CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2012 PAYMENTS

PARISH SHARE	21161.00
VICARS EXPENSES	1093.18
WATER RATES	795.74
ELECTRICITY/GAS	1860.00
INSURANCE	813.49
REPAIRS AND MAINTENAINCE	1115.83
ALTAR REQUISITES	115.60
ORGANIST	340.00
PRINTING/STATIONERY	250.07
BOOKS	96.04
JUNIOR/MESSY CHURCH	219.13
200 CLUB	350.00
GRAVEYARD MAINTENAINCE	0.00
LENTERN LUNCHESES	0.00
RAFFLES	0.00
RESTORATION WORK	0.00
SOCIAL EVENTS	379.65
CHARITIES	823.03
SUNDRIES	7.50
REPAYMENT OF LOAN	483.92
CHURCH/GRAVEYARD ACCOUNT AS AT 31/12/2012	944.06
RESTORATION APPEAL ACCOUNT AS AT 31/12/2012	599.52
GENERAL FUND AS AT 31/12/2012	1617.46
UNCASHED CHEQUES AS AT 31/12/2011	50.00
UNCASHED CHEQUES AS AT 31/12/2012 -MINUS	-47.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33067.30</b>

**GENERAL FUND/GRAVEYARD ACCOUNT/RESTORATION APPEAL**  
**Receipts and Payments for the Period Ending 31/12/2012**

	2012	2011
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
<b>VOLUNTARY INCOME</b>		
Planned giving	16364.25	15931.92
Loose collection	3474.10	3433.79
Donations	1273.00	1301.11
For mission	651.45	767.19
Tax refunds	2261.68	3802.22
Legacy Gifts received	0.00	0.00
Grants	1000.00	2800.00
<b>GENERATED INCOME</b>		
Money raising	3808.28	3885.80
Fees	577.00	2045.00
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		
	1826.15	486.85
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
	229.22	0.00
 Total Current Account Income	 31465.13	 34453.88
 <b>PAYMENTS</b>		
<b>SUPPORT FOR MINISTRY-Parish share</b>		
Parochial expenses of clerics	21161.00	21444.00
Other	1093.18	1179.95
		0.00
<b>PARISH ACTIVITIES</b>		
Maintenance of services	455.60	602.30
General Parish Expenses	353.61	
<b>CHURCH PROPERTY-</b>		
Maintenance of Church	4585.06	4051.49
Maintenance of other property	0.00	2600.00
Exceptional expenditure	0.00	17176.78
<b>GRANTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT</b>		
Mission Parish	219.13	201.07
Mission Home/World	823.03	778.77
<b>OTHER RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
Capital payments	483.92	2000.00
Cost of Money Raising	729.65	926.00
 Total Payments	 29904.18	 51586.25
<b>BANK BALANCES AS AT 01/01/2012</b>		
	1602.17	19012.11
Plus uncashed cheques 31/12/2011	-50.00	-327.57
Plus uncashed cheques 31/12/2012	47.92	50.00
<b>BANK BALANCES AS AT 31/12/2012</b>	<b>3161.04</b>	<b>1602.17</b>

## CHURCHYARD ACCOUNT(Restricted Funds)

	2012	2011
BANK ACCOUNT	AS AT 31/12/2011	AS AT 31/12/2010
	751.27	2098.52
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Garden of Remembrance/Graveyard	192.00	951.00
Interest	0.79	1.75
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>944.06</b>	<b>3051.27</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Grounds	0.00	2300.00
Capital Expenditure	0.00	0.00
Bank account as at 31/12/2012	944.06	751.27
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>944.06</b>	<b>3051.27</b>

## RESTORATION APPEAL ACCOUNT(Restricted Funds)

	2012	2011
BANK ACCOUNT	AS AT 31/12/2011	AS AT 31/12/2010
	30.92	14606.4
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Capital Income		3800.00
Transfer from General Fund	1580.00	0.00
Interest	0.16	1.30
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>1611.08</b>	<b>18407.70</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Maintenance of Property	0.00	0.00
Transfer to General Fund	1011.56	1200.00
Capital Expenditure		17176.78
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>1011.56</b>	<b>18376.78</b>
<b>BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>AS AT 31/12/2012</b>	<b>AS AT 31/12/2011</b>
	<b>599.52</b>	<b>30.92</b>

# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at Period Ending 31/12/2012 31/12/2011

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES	2012	2011
Current account(General Fund)	1617.46	819.98
Restoration Appeal (Building Fund)	599.52	30.92
Church/Graveyard Account	944.06	751.27
Total Bank Account Balance	3161.04	1602.17
CURRENT DEBTORS		
	0.00	0.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES:-		
Church in Wales (Loan)	3233.86	3633.86
Total liabilities	3233.86	3633.86
FIXED ASSETS		
Hall Furniture/Kitchen Equipment /Television/Vestry Furniture/Sound System Replacement Value	6000.00	5000.00
Garden Equipment/Lawnmower/Strimmer- Replacement Value	1000.00	900.00

*IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THECHURCH BUILDING/HALL,CHURCH CONTENTS AND THE GRAVEYARD ARE HELD IN TRUST BY THE REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF THE CHURCH IN WALES*

## BUDGET 2013/ACTUAL 2012

	Budget 2012	Actuals 2012	Budget 2013
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
<b>VOLUNTARY INCOME</b>			
Planned giving	17000.00	16364.25	17000.00
Loose collection	3500.00	3474.10	3500.00
Donations	500.00	1273.00	1000.00
For mission	1500.00	651.45	750.00
Tax refunds	4000.00	2261.68	4000.00
Legacy Gifts received	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	0.00	1000.00	0.00
<b>GENERATED INCOME</b>			
Money raising	4000.00	3808.28	4000.00
Fees	1800.00	577.00	1000.00
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	2000.00	1826.15	1700.00
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	0.00	229.22	0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>34300.00</b>	<b>31465.13</b>	<b>32950.00</b>
 <b>PAYMENTS</b>			
<b>SUPPORT FOR MINISTRY</b>			
Parish share	21161.00	21161.00	22282.00
Parochial Expenses of Clerics	1300.00	1093.18	1200.00
Other	0.00	0.00	100.00
<b>PARISH ACTIVITIES</b>			
Maintenance of Services	600.00	455.60	600.00
General Parish Expenses	700.00	353.61	500.00
<b>CHURCH PROPERTY</b>			
Maintenance of church	4000.00	4585.06	4600.00
Maintenance of other property	1000.00	0.00	1000.00
Exceptional expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>GRANTS AND OTHER FINANCAL SUPPORT</b>			
Mission Parish	300.00	219.13	300.00
Mission Home/World	1200.00	823.03	900.00
<b>OTHER RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
Capital payments	2000.00	483.92	1000.00
Cost of money raising	900.00	729.65	700.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>33161.00</b>	<b>29904.18</b>	<b>33182.00</b>



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