

- 5 0800 Holy Communion in Burry Port Junior School *Adfent 2*  
 1030 Pwll Christian Aid Service in Bethlehem Chapel  
 1030 Offeren y Plwyf / The Advent Family Eucharist in Burry Port  
 1700 Advent Carol Service in Holy Trinity Church, Pwll
- 6 1400 Home Communion in Burry Port  
 1830 Plas y Mor Communion in the Day Centre  
 1945 PCC Meeting in the Plant Dewi Centre
- 7 1900 St Mary's Homegroup in 21 Chandler's Yard
- 8 1015 Midweek Eucharist & Refreshments in Jerusalem Chapel Vestry  
 1930 Burry Port Mothers' Union Christmas Dinner in Caulfields
- 9 1900 Speakers Forum in Upper Room of Ashburnham Golf Club
- 10 1930 Service of Celebration for Departed Loved Ones in Jerusalem Chapel  
 1930 Pwll MU Christmas Dinner in the Ashburnham Hotel, Burry Port
- 12 1100 United Parish Eucharist & Dinner in Shoreline, Burry Port *Adfent 3*  
 1700 United Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols in Pwll
- 13 1400 Home Communion in Pwll
- 14 1900 St Mary's Homegroup Christmas Celebration in 21 Chandler's Yard
- 15 1015 Midweek Eucharist & Refreshments in Jerusalem Chapel Vestry
- 16 1930 Bellingring Practice in St Mary's
- 18 1800 Lantern Festival in Burry Port – beginning at the Neptune Hotel
- 19 0800 Holy Communion in Burry Port Junior School *Adfent 4*  
 0900 The Pwll Eucharist in Holy Trinity  
 1030 Offeren y Plwyf / The Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club in Burry Port  
 1600 Burry Port Christingle Service in Jerusalem Chapel, Burry Port  
 1700 Pwll Christingle Service in Holy Trinity Church, Pwll
- 22 1015 Midweek Eucharist & Refreshments in Jerusalem Chapel Vestry
- 24 2330 The Midnight Mass in Holy Trinity, Pwll *Christmas Eve*
- 25 0800 Holy Communion in Burry Port Junior School *CHRISTMAS DAY*  
 0900 The Christmas Eucharist in Pwll  
 1030 Offeren y Nadolig / The Christmas Eucharist in Burry Port Junior School
- 26 0900 The Pwll Eucharist in Holy Trinity  
 1030 Offeren y Plwyf Parish Eucharist in Burry Port *Christmas 1*
- 29 1015 Midweek Eucharist & Refreshments in Jerusalem Chapel
- 31 2330 Prayers & Ringing in of 2011 in St Marys Belfry *New Year's Eve*



## Newyddion & Dyddiadur Vicar's Newsletter & Diary

### Advent & Christmas 2010

This Christmas will be very different for us in Burry Port. Usually, St Marys is the focus of celebration in the town and the porch is plastered with advertisements for the many and varied carol services that take place there each year. This year the place is all locked up and a sign on the main door says **KEEP OUT This place is contaminated.**

The sign has been put there by the *Health and Safety Executive* because the contractors have found asbestos in the building. By law, we now have to take steps to ensure that it is made safe or removed before work is recommenced as soon as possible. In the meantime, our church building is not just out of action for Christmas but a contaminated no-go area.

And yet as I stood reflecting on this painful notice, I realised that it pointed me to a central truth of Christmas - that God cannot be kept out - of our world, our church or our lives. The incarnation is our celebration of this; the celebration of our God who became flesh, who has entered our world and our lives and in so doing has changed them for ever.

One of the challenges of being out of St Marys this year is the opportunity of taking the real celebration of Christmas into the community. A focus of this will be the new Crib, organised by the *Burry Port Christian Forum* and made by the *Steps 3 Project* which will adorn the Memorial gardens and remind the town of the real power and truth of Christmas.

Like St Francis's original crib, our crib is iconic, telling not only about what took place in Bethlehem all those years ago but also what takes place now as we meet the infant Jesus and his grace and truth gets to work on us like a woodcarver, transforming us from raw material, through his grace, into people who reflect his glory in their lives.

Perhaps the message for us this Christmas is provided by that notice on the church door. That we should be a church that is contaminated – not by asbestos but by the infant Jesus; the one who breathes into our ordinary days, our work, our relationships, our joy, our pain. If these are not contaminated by Christmas, then it has not yet become real for us.

Louise joins me in wishing you all a blessed, peaceful and 'contaminated' Christmas.

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**Pantomime: 30 November & 1 December**

Don't miss the best performance in the west end this year as the St Mary's Drama Group stages a budget version of *Peter Pan* at the Memorial Hall Theatre on 30 November and 1 December at 7pm. Tickets are fast running out so do book with the Murawski Booking Offices on 833501. Tickets are a bargain give away price of £3 or £2 for children.

**Christian Aid: 5 December**

Please note that it is the turn of Bethlehem Chapel to host the Christian Aid Service in Pwll this Year. This will be on 5 December at 10.30. There is deliberately no 9am service in Holy Trinity this day as it is the only time in the year when the three churches in the village come together on a Sunday Morning as 'God's Church in Pwll'. It would be good if Holy Trinity people did their best to support this as an act of generosity towards both Christian Aid and our brothers and sisters who worship in Bethlehem and Libanus.

**Advent Carol Service: 5 December**

This is a new service this year which reflects upon the significance of this hugely important season which is being quashed by a church and a world which struggles to be patient. It is a reflective act of worship which through readings and music seeks to prepare us for the coming of our Lord. It takes place in Holy Trinity on 5 December at 5pm.

**Service of Celebration for Departed Loved Ones: 10 December**

This service had been cancelled for this year due to the closure of St Marys. So many people have expressed disappointment that, with the co-operation of the members of Jerusalem, it will be staged in the Chapel on Friday 10 December at 7.30pm. The format will be different but there will be an opportunity to remember loved ones at the service.

**Parish Dinner & Nine Lessons & Carols Service: 12 December**

I hope that as many of the parish as possible will come to our united Eucharist and Advent Dinner in Shoreline on 12 December. The Eucharist will begin at 11am and the dinner at 12.30. They are both staged in the same place so there is no need to move location. It is an opportunity for the whole parish to enjoy fellowship together in this busy season. The cost of the lunch (full Christmas dinner) is £10.00 a head (£7 for children). If you'd like to come, please let Enfy's (832015) or Jane (778541) know as soon as possible. In the evening, there will be a united festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in Holy Trinity Church at 5pm.

**Christingle Services: 19 December**

Please encourage your children and grandchildren to come along to these services which are geared to reminding children of the true meaning and significance of Christmas. The collection at these services, as usual, goes towards the St Davids Diocesan Plant Dewi Fund. This year, they will be held on Sunday 19 December – at 4pm in Jerusalem Chapel, Burry Port and at 5pm in Holy Trinity Church, Pwll

WEDDINGS... *This is my commandment, Love one another as I have loved You.*

Owain Rhys Jenkins & Lowri Ann Hughes (Transferred to Pembrey, 23 October)

FUNERALS... *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

Eunice Sylvia Roberts (aged 90), 74 Tan y Bryn, Burry Port (SM, 6 September)

Edith Summers Buzza (aged 86), Bryn Illyd Residential Home (SM, 12 September)

John Gibbins (aged 69), 18 Tanybryn, Burry Port (LIC, 17 September)

Enid Pimlot (aged 84), 54 Tyle Teg, Burry Port (LIC, 19 September)

Graham Hugh Morgan (aged 66), 2 Cae Ffwrnnes, Burry Port (LIC, 14 October)

Maria Bonnell (aged 91), Homestead, 105 Pwll Road, Pwll, Llanelli (HT, 11 November)

Nellie Ruth Woolridge (aged 81), 10 Pinetree Close, Burry Port (LIC, 15 November)

Beatrice Mary Lewis 'Peggy' (aged 88), Flat 2, Tanybryn, Burry Port (LI, 18 November)

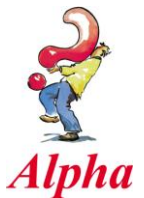
Trevor Davies (aged 89), 2 Station Terrace, Llanwrda (Capel Dewi, 20 November)

Ann Brewster (aged 75), 45 Pencoed Road, Burry Port (LIC, 23 November)

Terry Jones (aged 72), 6 Stradey Court, Llanelli (transferred to Pembrey 24 November)

**Alpha**

On 11 January, the Parish will be starting its first ALPHA course. This course, begun in the 1970s, is now running in over 7000 churches. The course is designed for people who aren't churchgoers and is open to anyone who would like to attend. People do Alpha for a wide variety of reasons; some who have particular questions that they would like to discuss and others to understand other people's beliefs or just to explore what the purpose of life is. It has been one of the greatest blessings of the 21<sup>st</sup> century in making new Christians. We intend to run the first course for those within the church – so that each of us has the opportunity to experience the course for ourselves. It will be an opportunity for us to visit again the basic tenets of the Christian faith and learn about the course.

**Plant Dewi**

We are delighted that the LEA have now drawn up the lease for the building in Burry Port Junior School which will become the Burry Port Plant Dewi Centre in the New Year.

**Knit & Natter Group**

Please note the Knit & Natter have now finished for this year and will restart on Tuesday 11 January in the Plant Dewi Centre. More details from Caroline Saunders on 749718

**Burry Port Christian Forum**

The Christian Forum is working hard within the town on several projects. Do check out its new website [www.burryportchristianforum.org.uk](http://www.burryportchristianforum.org.uk) which is regularly updated.

**Plas y Mor December Communion**

I am hoping to follow the Communion Service on 6 December at 1830 with some coffee and mince pies. If you can contribute and come along to support this, I would be grateful.