

**Advent Eucharist & Dinner**

For the first time this year, we are beginning the new Church Year with a UNITED PARISH EUCHARIST & DINNER. This will take place on 12 December. The service will be at 11.00am and the dinner afterwards at 12.30. Both will take place in the Shoreline Caravan Park Club, Burry Port. This will be the only service held during the morning on this day. You are welcome to come for the service only but if you do this you will be guaranteed to miss a fabulous dinner! (tickets £10 and £7 for children from Enfys 820015)

**Transfer of Parish Bank Accounts**

Following the closure of HSBC in Burry Port the Vicar and Churchwardens, with the support of the PCC, have transferred the parish accounts from HSBC to Lloyds TSB Bank – the only remaining bank in Burry Port. There are a significant number of people who give to the church directly by standing order. This is enormously helpful for our budgeting. We do need, however, to transfer these standing orders from HSBC to Lloyds. If you do give by standing order, please get a transfer form from me or one of our treasurers.

**Plant Dewi Family Centre**

It is with great joy that the plans for the opening of a Burry Port Plant Dewi Family Centre are moving ahead quickly. We are hoping that a pilot scheme will be up and running in the next month and a full Family Centre opened in January. To celebrate the beginning of this project and raise its profile, there will be a free fun day held at the centre (located in Burry Port Junior School) on Saturday 9 October from 11am – 3pm. There will be lots of fun activities for children and an opportunity to see the work of Plant Dewi in action.

**Burry Port Christian Forum**

It is with great enthusiasm that Christians in Burry Port have come together to form this umbrella body under which we can work together in mission and unity. I have been asked to be the first chair of this Forum and have expressed my hope that all churches in Burry Port will join. It has started its work through two projects: *Hot Potato* which seeks to explore life issues in a Christian context on a Sunday evening at 8pm in the Neptune Hotel and *Youth Café* which is in the process of being set up. Please pray for and support them.

**St Marys Drama Group**

Following the appalling production of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* last year, the Drama Group have decided to apologise to the people of Burry Port through the improved production of *Peter Pan* in the Memorial Hall on 1 December. The group have now started rehearsing but are always looking for more members and would be pleased to hear of anyone who would like to be involved in the production of this low budget pantomime (help is required backstage too). Please speak to Diana Bennett on 773687.

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## Newyddion & Dyddiadur Vicar's Newsletter & Diary

**LAUS DEO!**

It is with overwhelming joy that I share the wonderful news that, following a mammoth bid last April, the Welsh Assembly Government, through its Community Facilities and Activities Programme, has made an award of £202,474.76 to the Narthex@St.Mary's project. This bridges the funding gap for us and means that work on St Marys can proceed.

We are, obviously, extremely grateful to the Welsh Assembly Government for their confidence in our project against some very stiff competition. Things are now going to happen quite rapidly and so this newsletter is dedicated to disseminating information on how church life will be managed and organised in the forthcoming months.

The last service to be held in St Marys will be Harvest Evensong next Sunday 3 October. The following morning, the site will be handed over to *Edmunds Webster Limited* – the company from Swansea that the Campaign Executive appointed to be the contractors. The site will be completely out of bounds to all of us – all enquiries please through me.

The work is estimated to take 34 weeks. The contractors will begin by removing furniture, mothballing the chancel and then constructing the new West Door, which will subsequently enable them to use this new entrance to build the steel structure, which will support the mezzanine floor. It is hoped all the work will be completed by June 2011.

During the time that the building is closed, regular newsletters will update everybody on progress and keep everyone informed about the location of parish events etc. It is really important in this period that we retain our sense of community at St Mary's and I humbly ask for your faithfulness and support at worship and events during this period.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all who have worked so hard to bring us to this stage of the journey; particularly the Campaign Executive and each and everyone of you who have donated so generously to the Campaign which has enabled us to seek match funding from grant awarding bodies. We can now look forward to a stunning

Primary thanks, of course, to our Heavenly Father for this and every blessing!

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During the only other time in living memory that St Mary's was closed for a period of time for construction work, we were able to use the former Parish Hall for our alternative accommodation. Without the Parish Hall, I have needed to seek other locations for worship and activities. Some might not be ideal but I ask for your cooperation and understanding. The Bishop of St Davids has given his blessing to these venues being used for worship during the construction period.

Alternative arrangements from MONDAY 4 OCTOBER 2010 are as follows:

SUNDAYS	08.00	Holy Communion (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday)	Both services will continue as normal in the hall of <b>Burry Port Junior Community School</b> by kind permission of the Headteacher and Governors of the School. Parking will be available for cars in the school yard (access is from Sandfield Road). Please note the hall is adjacent to the canteen and is the new brown brick building in the school yard nearest Sandfield Road. On the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month we will be joining <b>St Illtud's Church, Pembrey</b> for Evensong at 6pm. On the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month we will be joining <b>Holy Trinity, Pwll</b> for their Evensong at 5pm. By arrangement with the Vicar.
	10.30	Offeren y Plwyf & Clwb Sul Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club	
	18.00	Choral Evensong	
		Baptisms	
MONDAYS	14.00	Home Communion	Will continue as normal on the first Monday of the month in Burry Port
	16.30	Tan y Bryn Communion	Will continue as normal on the first Monday of the month on the first floor landing.
	19.30	Plas y Mor Communion	Will continue as normal on the first Monday of the month in the day centre
	19.30	St Marys Drama Group	As Normal in the New <b>Plant Dewi Family Centre</b> in the grounds of Burry Port Junior Community School.
TUESDAYS	13.00	Knit & Natter Group (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues)	As Normal in the New <b>Plant Dewi Family Centre</b> in the grounds of Burry Port Junior Community School.
	19.30	St Mary's Fellowship Group	As Normal in 21 Chandler's Yard, Burry Port
WEDNESDAYS	10.15	Midweek Eucharist & Refreshments	As normal in the Vestry of <b>Jerusalem Chapel</b> , Gwscwm Road. There is some car parking on the road outside the chapel and ample car parking in the Car Park beneath the chapel.
	19.30	St Marys Mothers' Union (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed)	This will continue in the <b>Leslie Griffiths Centre</b> at the back of the English Methodist Church in Glanmor Terrace
	19.30	St Marys Men's Fellowship (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed)	This will continue in the <b>Leslie Griffiths Centre</b> at the back of the English Methodist Church in Glanmor Terrace
	19.30	Bellringing Practice (except 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed)	Will take place in <b>St Mary's Tower</b> . Meet at church gates at 19.25.
THURSDAYS	19.00	Speaker's Forum (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)	The Forum will continue as normal in the Upper Room of the <b>Ashburnham Golf Club</b> .
	19.30	St Mary's Drama Group	When needed, will take place in the New <b>Plant Dewi Family Centre</b> in the grounds of Burry Port Junior Community School.
FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS		Various activities as announced.	

#### WEDDINGS:

Section 18 of the Marriage Act 1949 makes provision for the publication of banns and solemnization of marriages during repair and rebuilding of churches. It states that, in these circumstances, marriages may take place in another licensed church or chapel within the parish (ie Holy Trinity, Pwll) or the parish church of an 'adjoining parish' (ie Pembrey Church or the Parish Church, Llanelli). In each case, the marriage takes place as if it were a 'Burry Port' wedding ie presided over by our parish clergy and entered in the St Mary's Burry Port Register. We will, of course, be as sensitive as possible to disappointments that are out of our control and do our best to work with couples.

#### FUNERALS:

I am enormously grateful to the Vicar of Pembrey and the Rector of Llanelli both of whom have indicated that they will help us as much as they can during the closure of St Mary's. It is, of course, highly appropriate that we return to St Illtyd's Church for occasional offices as it is our Mother church and the Parish Church of the parish from which ours was carved in 1959. Clearly, this will put extra pressure on the Pembrey diary and so we are enormously grateful for this co-operation. All bookings for occasional offices must take place through my desk not directly with the incumbents of Pembrey or Llanelli as they remain my responsibility.

