

ST JAMES' CHURCH NEWS

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EVENING WITH CAMBRENSIS CHOIR A GREAT ALL-ROUND SUCCESS

This fund-raising event proved to be a truly lovely evening of great singing, nice food and a substantial sum raised for the building work at St James.

The Cambrensis choir was at near-full strength, with over 30 singers providing the entertainment. Their mix of modern and traditional Christian praise songs along with classic popular tunes, made for a night of superb music. The choir has performed at top UK concert halls such as St David's in Cardiff and at many international venues of stature. The sophistication of their arrangements and harmonies, and the quality of their delivery showed why. It was a thoroughly professional performance and a delight to listen to.

Funds-wise, a very grand total of £740 was raised for St James. Our thanks to all those involved in staging the event, all those who came along to support it, Cambrensis for fitting us into their schedule, and with a special mention for Anne Holt and Suzanne Hughes who led the organising.

APRIL QUIZ EVENING

This is a heads up on the Dynamic Duo's next fund-raiser: a quiz evening on Friday 5 April at 6:30pm in St James Church. There'll be food as well, on a "Bring and Share" basis: i.e. bring your own finger-food to share with others. Tickets are £5 for adults, free for children. Ring Anne Holt on 07810 296 867 to book your place.

"EASY FUND RAISING" BY ONLINE SHOPPING

Supported by retailers such as Amazon, Ebay, John Lewis, Argos, M&S, Sainsburys, Booking.com and many others, *Easy Fund Raising* is a very simple way for anyone to contribute to St James' building fund without it costing you a penny. It's the retailers who kindly donate each time you buy something from them online. Over 3,600 stores are involved. They've raised over £25 million for community groups, schools, sports clubs, etc. To sign up, simply go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and follow just three steps that will have your future online purchases generating donations to St James' building fund. Our sincere thanks in advance to those who sign up to support the provision of much-needed facilities at Rudry Church.

INTERREGNUM

At the end of January, Rev. Peter Crocker retired after many years as Vicar for Rudry, Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen, Lower Machen and Michaelston-y-Fedw. A special Farewell Eucharist was held for Peter at the end of December in St Thomas', Trethomas, to thank him for his long service to the Benefice.

This now means the parishes for which Peter was responsible have entered an interregnum whilst the process of appointing a new Vicar is gone through.

EVENTS IN MARCH

BAND OF BROTHERS

On Saturday 2 March the next men-only get together will be held from 9am to 1pm. This a monthly event providing men with a time to meet, walk, talk and eat together as they try to get to grips with faith and what it means for them. Any blokes interested to come along, contact Rev. Dean Roberts on rev.roberts@vicar.email tel: 01633 309691.

MESSY CHURCH

Tuesday 5 March, 3.45-5.30pm at St Thomas', Trethomas. This is for children up to 10 to 11 years old where they enjoy crafts, singing and story-telling, to mention but a few of the activities.

ASH WEDNESDAY

To mark the beginning of Lent, a special service will be held at St James at 7pm on Ash Wednesday, 6 March, where ashes will be administered.

KIDZ SUPPER & YOUTH SUPPER

Held respectively on Friday 8 March at 5pm and Friday 29 March at 6pm in the homes of members of St James' congregation. The former is for the younger children. The latter is for the older youngsters. For anyone interested in having their kids attend, please contact Rev. Dean Roberts for full details.

HOUSE GROUPS

These have grown from one to four. There is now at least one every week in either Rudry, Machen, Trethomas or Cefn Mably. House Groups are social gatherings for adults with time spent discussing issues of faith in our everyday lives. If you'd like to come along, please contact Rev. Dean Roberts.

MOTHERING SUNDAY 31 MARCH

The 9:30am service on Mothering Sunday is always a special service at St James. All families are particularly welcome, with flower gifts provided for the children to give their mums.