

ST JAMES' CHURCH NEWS

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RESPONSE FROM THE COMMUNITY TO BREAK-IN AT ST JAMES

On the weekend of Wales' Grand Slam victory, St James was broken into. The total damage done was the smashing of one of the latticed windows in the process. The response from the local communities was immediate and fulsome. As a result, the entire cost of the repairs has been covered by the generous donations of the local people.

Our heart-felt thanks to all those who contributed to the fund. Thank you too for the many warm messages of support for St James, expressed online and privately, that accompanied the donations.

The whole experience revealed a deep well of affection and concern for Rudry church that has been immensely appreciated.

QUIZ EVENING

As many of you will know, Rudry's bustling and growing church has no running water, toilets or other basic facilities. With many young families with babies, toddlers and youngsters now attending, the need for such requirements has been ever-growing. Plans are therefore afoot for building work to provide them. Fund-raising events have been happening towards this end.

The quiz evening held in early April was one such occasion. It was a fun "do" with tasty eats provided to help feed those, "Little grey cells", when answering the questions. It was a close-run thing: only 5 points separated the top four teams.

A total of £160 was raised on the night. Our thanks to Suzanne Hughes and Anne Holt for organising the event, to our quiz-master Clive Hughes for devising and asking the questions, and to all those who attended and supported the evening.

EVENTS IN MAY

HOUSE GROUPS

These begin on Wednesday 1st of May at 7pm in Trethomas at the home of the Taylors. This Trethomas House Group will run every Wednesday in May, at 7pm. In Machen, the House Group kicks off on Friday 3rd May at the home of the Connollys, and is held again two weeks later on Friday 17th May. Machen's

House Group is particularly suitable for parent/guardians with young children as it runs at lunch time, beginning at 1pm.

Rudry's House Group is on Thursday 9th May at 7pm at the Holt's home.

Altogether, there are at least seven House Groups being held in the area through May. So, there are plenty of opportunities for anyone interested to come along to these social gatherings that discuss faith in our everyday lives. To attend, please contact Rev. Dean Roberts on 01633 309691, rev.roberts@vicar.email

BAND OF BROTHERS

This Saturday morning event is just for men and boys. The normal format is a walk and talk, followed by a brew. So far, the locations have included Cardiff Bay Barrage, Machen Mountain, and Rudry Woods. Any chaps interested to spend time with other guys exploring questions and aspects of faith are very welcome to join us. Simply go to <http://rudry.church/diary>, click "Band of Brothers" on 4 May and sign up to receive the details. The walk begins at 9am.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is a free, friendly, fun, and creative family event for children and their parent/guardians. We start with various craft activities, followed by a short story, song and prayer, and then we eat together afterwards. Different themes and topics are covered every month. May's Messy Church is on Tuesday 7 May at St Thomas' Church, Trethomas CF83 8FL, from 3:45pm to 5:30pm. To come along contact: office@bmmr.church / Tel: 02921 880 212.

KIDZ SUPPER

Are your kids 7-12 years of age? If so, we'd love to invite them to a super fun evening where we eat together, spend time with friends and welcome a special guest who will talk about what it means for them to follow Jesus. Held each month at the homes of church members, May's Kidz Supper will be on Friday 10, from 5 to 7 pm.

YOUTH SUPPER

Similar format, but catering for youngsters of 13 to 18 years of age. Full details on both suppers from Megan Roberts on 02921 880 212 option 1, megs.r.roberts@gmail.com.