We now approach a season of rest and recreation for some, and much hard work for those in the tourist industry, and I pray that you will all find some time for re-creation this summer.

How wonderful it was to experience the joy of the recent royal wedding, (even though due to a lovely Caerhays wedding I saw it a little later than most), and thank you to all who played their part in organising events locally. It was an occasion when the ‘them and us’ mentality was broken down as we all rejoiced *together* in celebrating the young couple’s happiness.

The very Rev’d David Ison on the occasion of his installation as Dean of St Paul’s Cathedral said this

‘We need to stop seeing the world in black and white and see the colours of God in people instead’

For in Christ there is no them and us. There is only us. God is on everyone’s side, therefore God is on no one’s side.

God’s love for us and for them does not depend on our being good or deserving; it depends on God being loving. And God’s love, unlike ours, is relentless…that why in Christ there is no them and us . There is only us, who should be trembling before the overwhelming love of God… we are all equal before God… we are called to be profligate and careless with our love as is the God who loves and longs for all…For God’s love is a consuming fire, burning up our hatreds and our darkness, the things we are ashamed of, the ways we’ve hurt others and ignored God and goodness and truth and never even noticed. God will not rest until we know that we are loved.’

I pray that as individuals, and corporately as churches we may live out our faith in being ‘careless with our love’ to all those in our communities.

‘Ubi Caritas’ – where love is, that is where God is.