

St. Peter's - Machynlleth

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St. Peter's Church - Machynlleth
St. Cadfrach Church - Penegoes
St. Ust & Dyfrig Church - Llanwrin

**MACHYNLLETH, LLANWRIN & PENEGOES
GWASANAETHU'R SUL/SUNDAY SERVICES**

Ionawr 1 January

Enwi Iesu The naming of Jesus

- 8.00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m. Y Cymun Bendigaid/ Holy Eucharist (Penegoes)
9.30 a.m. **Y Cymun Bendigaid/ Holy Eucharist (Llanwrin)**
11.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Carols
3.00 p.m. **Y Cymun Bendigaid a Charolau**

Ionawr 8 January

Ystwyll 1 Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m. Boreol Weddi
9.30 a.m. Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (Penegoes)
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5.30 p.m. Christingle Service

Ionawr 15 January

Ystwyll 2 Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m.** **Holy Eucharist**
9:30 a.m. Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (Llanwrin)
9:30 a.m. Trefniant Lleol (Penegoes)
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
3:00 p.m. Gosber

Ionawr 22 January

Ystwyll 3 Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Y Cymun Bendigaid
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**
11:00 a.m. Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (Penegoes)

Ionawr 29 January

Ystwyll 4 Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
5 p.m. Oedfa Undebol yng Nghapel Ebeneser Penegoes

Every Wednesday 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

ST PETER'S LADIES FELLOWSHIP



The December meeting of St Peter's Fellowship was a Carol Service led by Mrs Muriel Evans. Members read the lessons, the Revd Kathleen led the prayers and all sang the well known and much loved carols telling the Christmas story. Mr Caerwyn Hughes accompanied the singing on the organ. Tea and Mince pies were served in the Parish Office by Mrs Margaret Searson and Mrs Helen

Blayney.

The Christingles will be prepared on Saturday morning the 7th January from 10am onwards ready for the Service at 5.30pm on Sunday 8th January.

Our annual dinner will be at Maengwyn Cafe on Saturday 7th January at 6pm.

A.H.

UNDEB Y MAMAU / MOTHERS' UNION



Members were joined by some of Corris M.U. in church on the 15th December for the annual service of lessons and carols. The service was conducted by the Rev'd Kathleen and the organist was Mrs Margaret Hughes. The readers were: Mrs Joyce Price, Mrs Doreen Ellis, Mrs Gwenda Price, Mrs Ann Armstrong,

Mrs Angela Jones, Mrs Beth Bastock, Mrs Joanne Gower and Mrs Margaret Searson who also rang the bell. Following the service members retired to Bwyty'r Plas for the Christmas lunch. The Enrolling Member, Mrs Joyce Price, thanked everyone who had taken part in the service and informed us that she, the Rev'd Kathleen along with three members of Corris M.U. had attended the Advent Carol Service at the Cathedral. The box of food collected in the Deanery for the East Africa Famine Appeal was presented to the Bishop by Corris members, who thanked them and all M.U. members for their hard work and continued support. The General Meeting of the M.U. will be held at Llandudno on June 16th 2012 and the Enrolling Member would appreciate names of those wishing

to attend at the January meeting which will be on 19th January at the Parish Office.

The meeting ended with the Enrolling Member wishing everyone a Happy Christmas.

M.H.

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism: "Born anew of water and of the Holy Spirit"

4th December: Olly Lloyd Roberts son of Martin & Michelle Roberts, 9, Pencaemawr, Penegoes.

Burial: "Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest"

1st December: Haydn Richard Lewis, 60 Tregarth, Machynlleth
Burial of Ashes

10th December: Nerys Davies, 82 Bryn y Gog, Machynlleth
Burial of Ashes, Town Cemetery

CAROLAU ADFENT LLANWRIN



Roedd plant yr Ysgol Sul a phlant Urdd Sant Ioan yn serenni yng ngwasanaeth carolau Adfent yn Llanwrin eleni. Pleser oedd eu gweld a chlywed eu lleisiau swynol. Gwelwyd eu llun ar dudalen flaen y Cambrian News Agorwyd y gwasanaeth gyda gorymdaeth at yr allor yng ngolau'r lantern ac yna cafwyd canu carolau gan unigolion yn ogystal â chanu cynulleiafaol. Cafwyd, hefyd, ddarlleniadau o'r ysgrythur. Arweiniwyd y gwasanaeth gan y Parchedig Kathleen a diolchodd i bawb a gymerodd ran a hefyd i bawb a oedd yn gyfrifol am drefn a, unwaith eto, wasanaeth hyfryd. Pleser oedd cael croesawi Dr Church a'i deulu i gynrychioli Urdd Sant Ioan, hefyd aelod o'r Groes Goch. Talwyd y diolchiadau ar ran Urdd Sant Ioan gan Mr Elwyn Hughes. Trefnwyd lluniaeth ar ôl y gwasanaeth yng Nghanolfan Glantwymyn.

GWASANAETH CAROLAU PENEGOES

Nos Sul y 11 o Ragfyr cafwyd gwasanaeth o ganu carolau yn eglwys Sant Cadfarch. Roedd hwn yn fenter newydd i Benegoes ond braf yw dweud ei fod yn llwyddiant. Daeth cynulleidfa dda yno a chafwyd noson ddymunol yn sŵn carolau a chafwyd darlleniadau pwrpasol. Roedd naws hyfryd yno yng ngolau canhwyllau a phawb wedi mwynhau'r mins peis a'r pwnsh poeth a'r ôl y gwasanaeth.



ST PETER'S CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT

The weather was kind and the candles stayed alight as we sang our first carols around the Christmas Tree at the church gate on Sunday evening the 18th December. The procession joined the rest of the congregation to continue the bilingual service of readings and carols in the warmth of the church. We were delighted to welcome Sam Ebernezer to St Peter's and were even more delighted to hear him singing so beautifully. Sam is a very talented young man and we wish him well in the future. St Peter's looked lovely in the candle light and the singing was excellent which made for a wonderful atmosphere as we heard the Christmas story. The collection, which amounted to £222.48, will be donated to Beacon of Hope, a local charity which gives support to sick in the community, their families and carers. The Reverend Kathleen thanked all who took part and to all who helped to prepare the many candles.





The Crib Service held on Christmas Eve was again enjoyed by every one and it was good to see so many eager children ready and willing to fill the Crib with all the characters of the Nativity story. Many thanks to all who took part; it set the scene nicely for the midnight service of Holy Eucharist.

MESSY CHURCH

The second session of Messy Church held on Saturday morning the 17th December proved to be a great success with more families (and Louis the dog) enjoying a time together making Christmas cards, decorations for the tree and a collage of the nativity scene. We enjoyed a small lunch together and a time of worship and prayer. It was good to see St Peter's in a "MESS".

Look out for the posters for the next MESSY CHURCH later in the New Year.

DONATIONS

We are very grateful to the following for their kind donations to St Peter's Church.

Red Cross and Home Communions.....	£17.10
Valmai & Paul Martin.....	£10
Brian & Myra Francis.....	£50
In memory of Mrs Nerys Davies.....	£274.53
Coffee Morning 30th November.....	£608.10

OBITUARY

The funeral service of the late Nerys Davies, 82 Bryn y Gog, Machynlleth, took place at St Peter's Church on Thursday 1st December followed by cremation at Aberystwyth Crematorium.

The Reverend Kathleen read a short tribute on behalf of the family. Nerys was a well known and much loved member of the community which was evident by the number of people attending the service. She will be remembered for her willing smile, her sense of humour and fun which saw her through many difficult times in her life. Even during her last few days she made people laugh. Nerys was a kind and caring person and everything she did, she did well. Nerys will be missed by her family and many friends but the memories will keep them smiling.

Donations in memory of Nerys were to the Wales Air Ambulance and St Peter's Church and amounted to £549.07.

We extend our sincere sympathies to Nerys' family and to all who have lost loved ones recently.

***Grant them, o Lord, eternal rest
And may light perpetual shine upon them.***

30, Tregarth,
Machynlleth.

Dear Friends,

For the last few months I have been attending Diocesan meetings where the main topic for discussion has been the finances of the Church in Wales and the Diocese of Bangor. Needless to say, as is true of the majority families and companies, Church finances are suffering greatly. Parishes are finding it increasingly difficult to pay their Parish Share which in turn puts the Diocese in difficulty of paying the stipends and pensions of the priests. Added to this the Church in Wales will, by 2015, stop the grants payable to each Diocese which means that the priest's stipend, pension and all aspects of church life will become the responsibility of each parish. This situation is a matter of great concern to everyone and my reason for starting my New Year letter on a somewhat depressing note.

The parishes of Machynlleth, Llanwrin and Penegoes are very fortunate in that they are able, so far, to pay their Parish Shares in

full but the time is fast approaching when that may not be the case. I am asking all parishioners and friends to seriously consider increasing your weekly/monthly/yearly contribution to church funds and for those of you who are tax payers to make use of the Gift Aid Scheme which will enable us to claim an extra 25p per pound you donate. You may well say that the church is always asking for money and you would be right, but if the church is to continue being a very real presence in the lives of each of us in every community, then things have to change. Asking for increased contributions is just one of the many changes that must take place. I hasten to add, though, that it is not all doom and gloom because there are many new and exciting things going on in parishes all over the Diocese; it was so encouraging to see and feel the joy expressed in the Christmas services in our own parishes by so many people.

The Church does have a bit of a problem but it is not an insurmountable one; we can overcome it so I ask you all to pray with me that our loving and most generous God will show us the way forward and that we will listen for His word, hear His word and do what He says.

Things are not all bad, there are new and exciting times ahead, doing God's work is always new and exciting. We can do this together.

With every blessing for a happy and peaceful 2012 to you and yours

Reverend Kathleen

