

St. Peter's - Machynlleth

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

30 Tregarth,
Machynlleth

Dear friends,

July is going to be a busy month in the parishes as we have no fewer than three weddings between Llanwrin and Machynlleth and another one in August. This fills me with encouragement as church weddings have, lately, been "out of fashion" well actually marriage appears to be out of fashion. But these four couples have decided that they want to exchange their vows not only in front of their families and friends, which they can do at a civil ceremony, but before God; they want their marriage and their future lives together to be blessed by God.

As Christians we view marriage as a covenant relationship based on a lifelong conviction of mutual love. It is a gift of God and as with all gifts it is to be protected, nurtured and treasured. Marriage is not an easy way of life to enter; it demands mutual love, respect, understanding and tolerance to name but a few. In today's world with its many distractions and pressures we need strength and guidance to help us through – the kind of strength and guidance that only God can give. During the marriage service we pray that the Holy Spirit will indeed do that.

As a Christian community it is important for us to support these couples as they prepare for their marriages and, perhaps more importantly, after the ceremony is over. It is important for them to know that we are there, that they are important to us and that we care about them. And so I ask you to remember these four couples in your prayers;
Philip and Siân; Lynn and Nick; Wayne and Ceri; Annabel and Damian.

With every blessing to you and yours

Rev'd Kathleen

*DATES TO
REMEMBER*

- Wednesday 4th July** Mothers' Union cake stall 10 a.m.
- Tuesday 10th July** Bishop's Visitation, St Mary's Church, Dolgellau 7 p.m.
- Wednesday 11th July** Mission to Seafarers Flag Day
- Tuesday 24th July** Meeting of the Finance Committee
- Thursday 26th July** Book Launch of Mr D.W.Davis' new **book The History St Peter's Church 7pm at St Peter's**

SICKNESS

We remember in our prayers all who have been in hospital, those who are recuperating at home and all who continue to need treatment and care.

If you know of someone who is in hospital or ill at home, please can you let the Rev'd Kathleen know.

*Loving and gracious Lord,
we bring before you all who are struggling at this time.
We ask your presence to bring them comfort and hope,
That they may know your love and care, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

THANKS

Henry and Norina Holt, 36 Caecrwn, Machynlleth, would like to thank everyone for their get well messages, cards, phone calls and flowers received during Norina's recent time in hospital and her return home. They have been very much appreciated.

DONATIONS

St Peter's Church Funds

Legacy Mr Alun Smith-Jones	£1000
Mrs A Beaumont	£ 40
Home Communion/Red Cross	£ 22.30
Anonymous	£ 6

Our sincere thanks to the above for their generous donations towards the upkeep and mission of St Peter's.

PARISH REGISTER

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

21st June: Mrs Relda Owen 16 Tregarth, Machynlleth.

OBITUARY

Gyda thristwch yr ydym yn cofnodi marwolaeth Helen Evans, High Oak, Dolfor Road, Y Drenewydd ar ôl cyfnod byr o salwch blin. Wedi priodi Mark, symudodd Helen i fyw i Garno, a ganwyd iddynt ddau o blant, sef Keiron a Rebeca. Er iddi symud o'r ardal i fyw, fel Helen Maesperthi y byddwn ni yn ei chofio ym Mro Ddyfi, gan mae merch Maesperthi Penegoes oedd hi ac fe'i cofiwn fel merch ifanc boblogaidd. Cynhaliwyd ei gwasanaeth angladdol, dan ofal Y Parchedig Kathleen, yn Yr Amlogfa yn Aberystwyth. Cafwyd teyrnged i Helen gan ei brawd David Eifion. Wrth gofio'r geiriau 'Clêdd â min yw claddu mam' byddwn yn meddwl ac yn cydymdeimlo â Mark, Keiron a Rebeca. Cofiwn hefyd am David, Anwen ag Angharad yn eu hiraeth.

Mrs Relda Owen 16 Tregarth, Machynlleth, passed away at Bronglais Hospital, Aberystwyth on June 16th. She was a native of Machynlleth and a popular and respected member of the community. Relda was a faithful member of St Peter's and a regular communicant at our

Wednesday morning services. When her illness prevented her from attending services she was always pleased to receive communion at home. Her funeral service was held at St Peter's Church on the 21st of June, conducted by the Rev'd Kathleen, followed by interment at Newtown Road Churchyard.

We extend our sincere sympathies to Christine and Elaine and all the family in their loss.

Loving Lord,

Help us to know that your love for those we have lost and for us continues beyond death,

That you are with us at every moment and always.

And may that knowledge bring comfort and hope when life seems dark and the future seems bleak.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

JUBILEE SERVICE

The Deanery, along with organisations from the area, came together at St Peter's Church on Sunday the 3rd of June in a bilingual service of Thanksgiving to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. The Rev'd Kathleen opened the service with prayers and words of welcome; the Rev'd Roland Barnes accepted symbols of the Coronation – the Bible; water; oil and a bell – The Rev'd Peter Ward led the intercessions based on the symbols. The Rev'd Canon Martin Riley gave the address. Representatives from the Churches in the Deanery also took part. The organist was Mrs Margaret Hughes. The weather may have been wet and cold outside but the atmosphere inside St Peter's was filled with the warmth of joy and fellowship as we praised God for all He gives to us and gave thanks for the sixty year reign of the Queen.

DEANERY EUCHARIST

The Deanery and invited guests came together again on the 27th of June this time at St Tydecho Church, Cemaes in a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the presence of The Right Reverend Andrew John and to thank the Rev'd Canon Martin Riley for his ministry and wise counsel among us as Area Dean for the last two years. The Rev'd Roland Barnes paid tribute to Martin as did the Venerable Andrew Jones who also made a presentation to him on behalf of the Deanery. Mrs Joyce Price, Enrolling member of the Machynlleth branch of the Mothers' Union, thanked Martin for his support to the Mothers' Union over many years and presented Mrs Riley with a bouquet of flowers. Refreshments in the Church Room followed the service and the Rev'd Alan Chiplin, Area Dean of Arwystli, thanked the ladies for their work in preparing them.

We wish Martin and Beryl a healthy and happy retirement.

