

St. Peter's - Machynlleth

Parish Magazine

November 2012



St. Peter's Church - Machynlleth

St. Cadfrach Church - Penegoes

St. Ust & Dyfrig Church - Llanwrin

Holy Trinity Church - Corris

30 Tregarth
Machynlleth

Dear Friends,

The last month was extraordinary and traumatic for this whole community. It has past almost in a blur – the range of emotions experienced by everyone has been incredible from shock, disbelief, horror, deep, deep sadness, panic, urgency, concern – the list can go on. Our town has been thrust into the limelight – this previously unknown little welsh town has been headline news all over the country and the world. There have been many hundreds of strangers walking our streets and our countryside and at the centre of it all is an indescribable feeling we have because we have lost a little girl and we don't know where she.

I have been in the thick of things as these weeks have passed and I have shared every emotion going with everyone else; I have stood and watched the hundreds of volunteers coming to offer their expertise in searching for April; I've seen the search and rescue teams from all disciplines doing what they do best and coming back in exhausted and heavy-hearted; I have seen the women and children and men doing all they can to feed and make life easier for the police and search and rescue personnel; even the media have shared our loss. I have received hundreds of letters, emails and phone calls from people all over the world. I've walked around the streets meeting people; we have hugged each other; we have cried together; we have simply touched each other no need for words. I have read the messages in the book of hope.

And the one word that hits me in the face – the one word that lights up this town is LOVE. This whole community has come together with one common purpose – to find April and support her family. Hundreds of people from all over the country, who don't know April or this town, have come here with that same purpose. People from all over the world have come to us in spirit and prayer. All this has happened because of our love for one another. A terrible evil has come to our town and with that comes fear and the only way to overcome that is through love. St John tells us "There is no fear in love, perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18). If we have perfect love we have nothing to fear, evil cannot overcome us. We have heard readings for harvest thanksgiving today – all these things God has given to us, continues to give us and will keep on giving to us because He loves us. God's ultimate gift to us was His Son; Jesus is the very incarnation of perfect love when, arms outstretched, etched against the sky on that cruel hill of Calvary he cried "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do".

In the parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus asks the lawyer who he thought was the neighbour to the victim of the robbers; the lawyer said the one who had showed him mercy – the one who had showed him love. Jesus replied, "you go and do likewise". I have felt that love in this town this last month. God's love is being poured out by you and to you, of that I have no doubt; whether people are Christians or not, God is using them and us as a channel for His love. As Christians we have a sure and certain hope that little April is safe in the arms of Jesus – surrounded in perfect love. We are all surrounded by that same perfect love which we must hold fast in our hearts as we face whatever we must face in the days and weeks to come.

We hold April and her parents in our prayers and in our hearts as we support them on this journey. To those hundreds of people, from all over the country, who have come to us in our need I send our heartfelt thanks. Now we must go forward however hard that may be, we will continue to hope, we will continue to love and support each other confident in the love of God - the Light that no darkness will ever overcome.

With every blessing to you and yours.

Kathleen

We send our love and prayers to all who have been unwell over the last month both at home and in hospital. We remember all who grieving the loss of a loved one and commend them to God's safe keeping.

*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.*

APRIL

On this beautiful sunlit autumn day,
A desperate sadness casts long shadows
Across our anxious and questioning world.
Time and mischance have conspired
To inflict the cruelest of evil fates
On an innocent and trusting infant.
Known to us as April of springtime renewal.
In time, beyond calculation.
A bright star from her winter solstice
Slowly emerges far beyond the rock crags
And distant hills of the Llyfnant valley.
When by ancient custom and seasons change,
My salt marsh world is filled with
The exalting spring chorus of skylarks.
Of redshank yodeling near and afar.
Of snipe, in secret rivalry drumming
Draw impossible aerobatic lines in display
At dusk, at day's end and at dawn.
Of curlews sounding triumphant with urgency,
Now sound quieted in plaintive lament.
Of silent clusters of wild cherry trees
Cloaked in shimmering blossom,
Blushing in every exquisite shade of pink
Now stand as bright beacons,
As a reminder in tribute heralding renewal
Among our ancient hills and greening woodlands.
For they and we will name by whispered prayer
This bright star of springtime
As April.
For April will gift her gentle light
Over her valley and for all of us to remember.
Oh, little infant, so newly emerged from your cradle,
As you sleep the eternal sleep
Dream only of our moments of happiness
As we cherish the precious gift of your smile.
Sleep and dream in peace.
Dwell among the stars
And in the gentle sunlight of spring
Always. So likened to your name.

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An Autumn Night.

Flickering lamps and lanterns
Slowly ascend in random assembly,
High into the darkest of night skies.
In loving memory
With lingering hope.
By individual and collective prayer,
In sadness, naming every passing hour.
Our marshes are strangely quiet.
All is swept clear
In another tide washed darkness.
Only the curlews,
Made invisible by distance.
Quietly sing their ancient
And oft practiced lament.
For they and I,
Are confounded; Yet again;
By the profane and deranged
Behavior of mankind.
Slowly, in a seeming age,
The flickering pinpoints of light vanish.
A gentle breeze sighs across shivering rushes,
Causing them and tall bowing stands of reeds,
Their horse tailed flower heads darkly brooding
In massed green and autumnal russet ranks,
To sound in echoing and undulating whispers.
As distant nocturnal curlews,
Keep faith with their watch
And continue their ancient lament.
This autumn landscape is hushed.
It is quieted,
Pensive and waiting.
The mantle of an unfamiliar despair
Touches all of us, who care.

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8th. October 2012.

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

Tachwedd 4 November: Y Deyrnas 1 Kingdom

- 9.30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (Llanwrin)
9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Corris)
11.00 a.m. Family Service and Baptism
3.00 p.m. Y Cymun Bendigaid

**Tachwedd 11 November: Y Deyrnas 2 Kingdom
Sul y Cofio Remembrance Sunday**

- 8.00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
10.30 a.m. Service of Remembrance (Corris)
10.45 a.m. Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph followed
by Service of Remembrance at St Peter's
Church

Tachwedd 18 November: Y Deyrnas 3 Kingdom

- 8.00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (Corris)
9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (Llanwrin)
11.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
3.00 p.m. Gosber

Tachwedd 25 November: Crist y Brenin Christ the King

- 8.00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m. Y Cymun Bendigaid
9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (Corris)
11.00 a.m. Y Cymun Bendigaid (Penegoes)
11.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Rhagfyr 2 December: Adfent 1 Advent

- 8.00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
11 a.m. Advent Service for 4 Churches
2 p.m. Gwasanaeth Carolau Urdd Sant Ioan (Llanwrin)

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist 10a.m

ROTA OF READERS

Tachwedd 4 November : Y Deyrnas 1 Kingdom
11:00 am Mrs Jeanne Kerridge
3:00 pm Mrs Joyce Price
Tachwedd 11 Nov: Sul y Cofio/Remembrance Sunday
8:00 am Miss Pru Probert
11:00 am British Legion
Tachwedd 18 November : Y Deyrnas 3 Kingdom
8:00 am Mr Ken Searson
11:00 am Capt Richard Lambert
3:00pm Mrs Joyce Price / Rev. Kathleen
Tachwedd 25 November : Y Deyrnas 4 Kingdom
8:00am Rev. Kathleen
9.30 am Mrs Ann Armstrong
11:00am Mrs Muriel Evans
Rhagfyr 1 December :Adfent 1 Advent
8:00 am Miss Pru Probert
11:00 am To Be Arranged

ROTA OF SIDESPERSONS

Tachwedd 4 November : Y Deyrnas 1 Kingdom
11:00 am Mr Tony Jones / Mr Geraint Davies
3:00 pm Mrs Gwenda Price
Tachwedd 11 Nov : Sul y Cofio/Remembrance Sunday
8:00 am Mr William Ll Williams
11:00 am Mr Henry Holt / Mr Elfed Jones
Tachwedd 18 November : Y Deyrnas 3 Kingdom
8:00 am Mr Ken Searson
11:00 am Capt Richard Lambert / Mrs Margaret Davies
3: 00 pm Mrs Ann Armstrong
Tachwedd 25 November : Y Deyrnas 4 Kingdom
8:00 am Mrs Elizabeth Jones
9:30 am Mr Emyr Roberts
11:00 am Mrs Dorothy Edwards / Mrs Pauline Davies
Rhagfyr 1 December :Adfent 1 Advent
8:00 am Mr Elfyn Rowlands
11:00 am Mr Tony Jones / Mr Ken Searson



ST PETER'S FELLOWSHIP.

Owing to technical problems last months report was not printed correctly, please accept our apologies.

September Report:

The 2012/13 session started with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at St Peter's, the Reverend Dick Staunton was the celebrant; Mrs Muriel Evans and Mrs Alice Hughes read the lessons. The AGM followed the service when the officials were re-elected.

President – Mrs Muriel Evans; Secretary – Mrs Alice Hughes; Treasurer – Mrs Margaret Searson.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were presented and accepted.

Donations of £25 to be given to The Archbishop of Wales' Fund for Children and Christian Aid and £75 to St Peter's for the use of the Parish Office.

Arrangments were made for the annual Harvest Supper to be held on Tuesday the 9th October at the Bowling Club. Tickets on sale at £6 from Fellowship members. The tea hostesses were Muriel Evans and Alice Hughes.

October Report:

Owing to circumstances in the parish the Harvest Supper was cancelled. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th November at 2pm in the Parish Office, when Mrs Margaret Searson will be demonstrating cake icing.

A.H.



UNDEB Y MAMAU/MOTHER'S UNION.

In the absence of the Rev'd Kathleen the enrolling member opened the meeting with a short service, the reader was Mrs Gwenda Price.

Prayers were said for the safe return of little April Jones also for Norina Davies who was taken ill that morning.

Everyone was pleased to hear that the Rev Dick Staunton was home from hospital after his recent fall.

Our Priest in charge was acknowledged for her ministry among us during these difficult weeks, she held the community together through prayer and worship and we drew great comfort from it. President Kath and officials from Bangor assured us of the prayers of the Diocese.

Members were asked for donations for the Earl Haig fund. Our service of carols and readings will be held at St Peter's on Thursday 20th December at 11am followed by Christmas lunch at Bwyty Maengwyn – menu choice and payment at our next meeting please.

The Tea and Toast mornings will start on Monday 29th October 10am-12md.

Members were asked to bring toiletries – 2pk toilet rolls, soap, shampoo, toothpaste – to the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday 15th November 2pm.

J.P.



Blodau'r Allor Eglwys Blwyf Machynlleth Parish Altar Guild

Tachwedd 4 November: Mrs Joyce Price, 44 Tregarth.

Tachwedd 11 November: Mother's Union Poppies.

Tachwedd 25 November: Mrs Norina Holt, 36 Cae Crwn.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 13th	2pm	Ladies Fellowship
	7pm	Deanery Conference
November 20th	2pm	Mothers' Union.
November 17th	10am	"Bramble Cutting Day"
November 26th	7pm	Finance Committee Meeting.
November 28th	10am	Coffee Morning for Holy Trinity Church funds.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CORRIS.

Will be holding a Coffee Morning at the Parish Office on
Saturday 28th November
A very warm welcome to all.

EGLWYS ST UST & ST DYFRIG

Gwasanaeth Carolau Urdd Sant Ioan
Dydd Sul 2 Rhagfyr
2pm
Croeso cynnes i bawb

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

To help in cutting back the brambles that are threatening
to take over the Churchyard around St Peter's Church
Saturday November 17th
10am.



St Peter's Autumn Walks

The newly formed St Peter's walking club enjoyed their first outing in October, and even though the numbers were few, the weather was sunny and the views and autumn colours were a joy to behold. The walk took in one of the lovely valleys around Castell Y Bere near Aberhonolwyn. At this juncture I have an apology to make. I stated in last month's magazine that the monthly walks would take place the last Saturday of every month, when in actual fact it had been unanimously decided that they would take place on the third Tuesday of every month. I can only put this down to old age!! and a lack of concentration, so apologies once again. This being said, the next walk will be on Tuesday 20th November meeting at St Peter's Church at 10 o'clock.

A Stroll Around the Precipice.

One of the finest short walks in Wales, the Precipice Walk near Dolgellau follows a balcony route with spectacular views of valley, mountains and estuary.

Distance: 3 miles (4.8km)

Minimum Time: 2 hours.

Paths: Stone track & good paths, 8 Stiles.

Map: OS Explorer OL18 Harlech, Portmadog & Bala.

Grid Reference: SH745211

Car Parking & Toilet at Start.

Lifts are available for those without cars, those willing to take their cars will be of great assistance.

Osteopathy in Machynlleth

Jessie K. Robinson
Bsc (Hons) Osteopathy

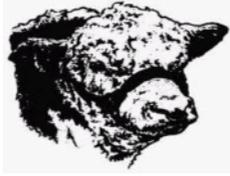
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