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**Eglwys St. Pedr Machynlleth.
Eglwys St. Ust & Dyfrig Llanwrin.
Eglwys St. Cadfarch Penegoes.
Eglwys Y Drindod Sanctaidd Corris.**

30 Tregarth
Machynlleth

Dear Friends,

On Ash Wednesday all Priests in the Diocese were asked to read a Pastoral letter from Bishop Andy in all their Churches. So that as many parishioners as possible have access to this letter it is being printed in this months magazine. If anyone would like a Welsh copy of the letter please let me know. My letter will, therefore, be very brief this month (but look out next month!)

I hope your journey through Lent will be a fruitful one for each of you and that you will arrive at Easter morning refreshed and renewed to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. May the Good News of Easter stir in you new hope, new joy and new life.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

With every blessing to you and yours.

Kathleen.

Oddi wrth
Esgob Bangor
From
The Bishop of Bangor



Y Gwir Barchedig
Andrew John
The Right Reverend
Andrew John

Dear Friends,,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am writing this letter shortly before Lent, that great period of preparation in the life of the church. We look forward to the events of Holy Week and seek to embrace the life of Christ in both his suffering and his rising to new life, as The apostle Paul put it (Phil 3 vs 10-11). Such an undertaking cannot happen without a conscious decision and dedication and this is why Lent is both a gift and a challenge. It offers occasion and opportunity for us to think and pray more deeply about the way we follow the Master, but not without cost to ourselves and our churches too.

Ash Wednesday is the day when we are reminded that we are as dust. It's the day when stark realities about the human condition are acknowledged. This reminder is in contrast with the mood of the age with fast moving, life enhancing themes that skirt over some of the less marketable aspects of life. But without a firm grip on the realities we face, we cannot be real about very much at all. And Scripture roots this reality in something which is equally common to us all, namely sin. St Paul, in his letter to the Romans, used the ancient story of Adam to lock sin and death together (Romans 5vs12). Somehow all of this is all tied up in a way that requires us to accept our share of the blame for the way we are, as well as the world.

Left to ourselves, we are as those who have no hope in this world.

(1 Thessalonians 4:13).

In the gospels Jesus clearly understood the tension we all experience. We live with a vision of what is good and holy but experience our own inadequacies along with everyone else's too. His solution was a radical call: die to live, become a slave to be free. And do so each and every day of your life. The church has always called people to a reappraisal of their lives in Lent. We fast and pray and undergo new examination of our attitudes, ambitions and very lives. This is not mortification of the flesh, as though Christians retain some perverse fondness for masochism, but because we know ourselves rather well. We fast precisely because it challenges, makes us aware of warring appetites and shows us. There are heavenly and spiritual matters to acknowledge too.

For this reason I am inviting all the clergy and readers to fast with me each Friday in Lent. If others wish to join us, let God be praised. You may all ready follow this practice and I have no wish to intrude on whatever characterises your own discipleship. But I wish to ask all licensed and serving clergy to make this a priority. Should you wish to give the costs of what you would spend on food to a worthy cause it will be very much in the spirit of Isaiah 55; should you feel that you can commit to this for 1 or however many meals, that is a matter for you but my main concern is a renewal of faith and hope in each of us.

In truth there are other good reasons why this practice is needed in Lent. The first is that without a strong sense of our fallenness, there can be no deep repentance. And without repentance there is no fresh turning to God. It is easy to gloss over those parts of faith which hold us accountable and make us feel uncomfortable, but anything less than a frank admission of our sin will not do. I also believe this is now timely because of where we are as a diocese. We have begun a process of redrawing the physical map of the diocese and of redefining the ministry of the diocese too. But this is not just about boundaries and numbers of churches. There is a bigger question which we seek to answer: is decline our only destiny or has God a better future for his church? If we think this matter can only answered through parish share allocation or streamlining resources, we have not understood the situation at all.

Many of you will also be aware that we have commissioned a new study course for use during Lent. It is based on the document we received at our Diocesan Conference called *A Vision for the Learning Church*, which set out our goals and hopes. We are developing the theme of a 'Learning Church' because it reflects a key theme in the Bible, namely the call of Jesus to be a disciple (Luke 5.1-11). We have begun to explore the implications of this for the diocese. This study course will allow us to reflect upon and assimilate these goals into our own lives, as well as those of the diocese. I wish to thank Canon Mike Starkey for his work on this and to commend the course to everyone, either in groups or for individual study.

These goals lay out in general terms! what! a church, committed to following Christ, should be glad to embrace. Although there is nothing especially new about this, it is important to lay a foundation and to be clear about what discipleship for the whole diocese means. When Paul wrote to the Corinthian Christians, he used this very image - a foundation upon which to build something lasting, good and holy (1 Corinthians 3.10f). This foundation is only a start of course - there is the building upon the foundation. And this building needs tools and skills in addition to the grace and power of God. The work of growing Ministry

Areas is to facilitate a new kind of growing in grace. The transformation from individual parishes with their own lives to larger areas working more collaboratively is not to adjust the boundary limits but to transform the very way we share in ministry as clergy and individuals. Our aim is to develop a different way of working and to extend our ministries and our capacity to grow both numerically and spiritually. This year we will appoint some key people to positions in the diocese to assist us - Youth and Family Workers to help us break new ground in and among the generation which has more or less left the church completely. And a Director of the St Seiriol Centre to help us deepen our walk with God in the Ministry Areas following the Exploring Faith course. Our goal is always the same of course, which is to allow the Kingdom of God to be seen in our midst.

May I use an analogy here? Lent is not an end in itself. It always points us to Good Friday and to Easter Sunday. So it is with Ministry Areas. They are! not ends in themselves but ways of responding to where we are as a church in order to achieve something better and worthy of Christ. And if we are beginning with Ministry Areas, this is because the parish has been the cornerstone of Anglican life for many hundreds of years. We do not intend to stop there, but to address every area of Diocesan life and ask if we can be a Learning Church in and across the whole of our common life.

I realize that for some people these changes are not going to be easy. Change is seldom an easy matter especially if the changes are significant. But we must be honest to one another and to God: the current! decline will continue and parish life will die very quickly if we do not change. These changes are already happening and in some areas are more advanced than in others. They will take time and need care and careful consideration. But they are both necessary and worthwhile and offer us an opportunity to respond with new faith to a new challenge.

The disciples must have felt their hearts failing them both on Good Friday and at times during Jesus earthly ministry. But when the tomb was broken open and their hearts burned within them, the Easter people turned a world around. May He burn once more in our hearts and open the door to a joyful and hopeful future.

My prayers and good wishes to you all as we commence Lent and walk towards Easter. May we become a Learning Church called by Christ to follow and believe.

Amen.Amen.
Andrew Bangor

LLAN LLANAST / MESSY CHURCH.

Messy church in February was great fun and a success. The next **MESSY CHURCH** will be on **Saturday March 23rd.**

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

Mawrth 10 March Sul y Fam / Mothering Sunday

10.30 a.m. Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist
for the four Churches

Mawrth 17 March Sul y Dioddefaint / Passion Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m. Y Cymun Bendigaid/ Holy Eucharis (Corris)
9.30 a.m. Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (Llanwrin)
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
3:00 p.m. Gosber

Mawrth 24 March Sul y Blodau / Palm Sunday

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

Mawrth 31 March DYDD Y PASG / EASTER DAY

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

Holy Eucharist every Wednesday 10am

**Lent Bible Study Wednesday evenings during Lent at
7:00 p.m. Parish Office**

**Bilingual Lenten Service and Reflection at St Peter's
Thursday Evenings during Lent at 7:00 p.m.**

ROTA OF READERS

Mawrth 3 March : Garawys 3 Lent
8:00 am Mr Ken Searson
11:00 am Capt Richard Lambert
3:00 pm Mrs Joyce Price
Mawrth 10 March : Sul y Fam / Mothering Sunday
10:30 am Corris / Penegoes
Mawrth 17 March : Sul y Dioddefaint / Passion Sunday
8:00 am Miss Pru Probert
11:00 am Mrs Grahame Cox
3:00 pm Rev. Kathleen / Mrs Joyce Price
Mawrth 24 March : Sul y Blodau / Palm Sunday
8:00 am Rev. Kathleen
9:30 am Mrs Ann Armstrong
11:00 am Mrs Muriel Evans
Mawrth 31 March : Dydd y Pasg / Easter Day
8:00 am Mr Ken Searson
9:30 am Mrs Joyce Price
11:00 am Mrs Jeanne Kerridge
Ebrill 7 April : Pasg 2 Easter
8:00 am Rev Kathleen
11 00 am Mrs Marilyn Brunton
3:00 pm Mrs Ann Armstrong

ROTA OF SIDESPERSONS

Mawrth 3 March : Garawys 3 Lent
8:00 am Mr Ken Searson
11:00am Capt. Richard Lambert / Mr Tony Jones
3:00 pm Mrs Gwenda Price
Chwefror 10 February : Sul y Fam / Mothering Sunday
10:30 am Mrs Gwenda Price /Mrs Ann Armstrong
Mrs Margaret Davies / Mrs Joyce Price
Mawrth 17 March : Sul y Dioddefaint / Passion Sunday
8:00 am Mr W.LI Williams
11:00 am Mr Henry Holt / Mr Elfed Jones
3:00 pm Mrs Ann Armstrong
Mawrth 24 March : Sul y Blodau / Palm Sunday
8:00 am Mr Elfyn Rowlands
9:30 am Mr Emyr Roberts
11: 00 am Mrs Pauline Davies / Mrs Dorothy Edwards
Mawrth 31 March :Dydd y Pasg / Easter Day
8:00 am Mr Ken Searson
9:30 am Mrs Gwenda Price
11:00 am Mr Geraint Davies / Mr Henry Holt
Ebrill 7 April : Pasg 2 Easter
8:00 am Mr Geraint Davies
11:00 am Margaret Davies / Mr Elfed Jones
3:00 pm Mrs Joyce Price

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| March 1st. 2pm | Woman's World Day of Prayer at the Machynlleth Community Church |
| March 6th. 11am | Super Soup Lunch at the Parish Office Christian Aid Syria Appeal |
| March 12th. 1.30pm | Ladies Fellowship |
| March 14th. 4pm & 7.30pm. | Public Meeting at Y Plas concerning the formation of a FOODBANK in Machynlleth |
| March 21st. 2pm | Mothers' Union Quiet Afternoon St Peter's Church |
| March 24th. 7pm | Lanwnog Singers at St Peter's Church |
| March 30th. 10am | Coffee Morning at Corris for Church Funds |

PARISH REGISTERS

Burials: Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest

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| 15 th February: | Walter Herbert Grady, 10 Ffordd Mynydd Griffiths, Machynlleth |
| 19 th February: | Evan Thomas Davies, formally of Tregarth, Machynlleth |

Baptism: Born anew of water and the Holy Spirit

Machynlleth

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| 3rd February: | Matilda Mary Lynne daughter of Peter and Wendy Joseph, Carregwen, High Street Borth |
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Corris

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| 17th February: | Martha Tirion Daughter of Gareth and Jackie Price, 1 Bryntirion, Corris |
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CONGRATULATIONS!

To Mrs Bronwen Jones, 2 Rock Terrace who celebrated her 80th birthday in February. There will be more celebrations there during March as Will celebrates his birthday and they both celebrate their Diamond Wedding at the end of the month.

YR WYTHNOS FAWR /HOLY WEEK

Dydd Lun /Monday: 7 p.m. Gosber a Litani
Dydd Mawrth /Tuesday: 7 p.m. Evening Prayer & Litany
Dydd Mercher /Wednesday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Iau Cablydd /Maundy Thursday:

7.00 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar

Gwener y Groglith /Good Friday:

1.30 – 3.00 p.m. Meditation led by the Reverend Kathleen

Noswyl y Pasg/Easter Eve:

8.00 p.m. Gwasanaeth o Oleuni Newydd
Service of New Light

EASTER COMMUNION

If you are unable to attend Easter Communion in Church due to illness or frailty and would like Communion at home please let the Rev'd Kathleen or the Churchwardens know.

**EGLWYS ST PEDR
ST PETER'S CHURCH
SUL Y BLODAU / PALM SUNDAY
7:00 PM
LLANWNOG
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THE CRUCIFIXION
MYNEDIAD £5 ADMISSION
ELW TUAG AT / PROCEEDS TO
EGLWYS ST PEDR
ST PETER'S CHURCH**

OBITUARY

The funeral service of Mr Bill Grady, 10 Ffordd Mynydd Griffiths, Machynlleth, took place at St Peter's the 15th February led by the Revd Kathleen. Mr Grady was a native of Norwich but had lived for many years in Machynlleth. He served in 42 Commando Royal Marines during the war, serving with distinction in Europe and Malaya. Following his demob, he settled in Machynlleth with his wife, Lena, and their two sons. Mr Grady joined the Powys Ambulance Service and was well known and respected as a competent, kind and gentle man. He was determined to be as independent as possible following his wife's death in 2002 and although not enjoying the good health was able to stay in his home. Mr Grady was a truly loved and respected father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend; he has left a lifetime of memories and an abundance of wise words.

We extend our sympathy to his sons, Michael and David and their families.

We send our love and prayers to all who are finding life a little difficult at present whether it is through illness, loneliness or bereavement.

*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*

Eglwys Y Drindod Sanctaidd Corris Holy Trinity Church

Martha Tirion daughter of Gareth & Jacqueline Price was baptised on February 17th, we welcome her into the church and look forward to seeing her in the future.

The **Mothers Union** meet on Monday 4th March and Monday 25th March (703784)

Easter Sale - Saturday 30th March 2013.

Do you like a bargain? Then come along to Paula's house in Bridge Street, Corris. The church is holding it's Easter Sale commencing 10am. There will be cakes, preloved bric a brac & toys as well as refreshments/raffle. The No 34 bus stops almost at the door, if you want to make a real morning of it, why not pop over to the Rail Museum or even ride the train.



ST PETER'S LADIES FELLOW-

Members and friends met on the 12th of February when Mrs Muriel Evans led a short service and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The readers were Mrs Ann Armstrong and Mrs Alice Hughes. Mrs Elizabeth Jones was thanked for supplying the oranges for the Christingle Service.

The Revd Kathleen welcomed Mr Roland Layland and one of his dogs, Shadow, to the meeting to accept a cheque on behalf of the Search and Rescue Dogs Association Wales. The collection from the Carol Service at St Peter's amounting to £350 and a further £25 from U3A was presented with our thanks for all the work they did in Machynlleth during the first two weeks of October last year. Roland spoke about the work of the Association with dogs and their owners for this very specific and important task.

Mrs Muriel Evans introduced Mrs Mari Evans who was awarded the very prestigious award of Farm Woman of the Year in 2011. Farming in Happy Valley, Mari and her family run a farm and meat processing unit. She gave an interesting insight into the hard, but rewarding work in setting up and running these two businesses as well as raising a family. It is, very much, a family affair with the children taking an active part in the daily life of the farm. The Revd Kathleen thanked Mari and congratulated her on her much deserved award.

A.H.



St Peters Winter Walks

This month's walk will be on Saturday 23rd March meeting at St Peter's Church at 9 o'clock. The walk will be near the Cregennin Lakes above Dolgellau. The route is fairly level, using well defined tracks and tarmaced roads and will be approximately 4 miles long. Please bring packed lunch.

There are limited lifts available, but anyone willing to take their car it would be much appreciated.

Please contact me on cliveandhelena@hotmail.co.uk or 07896781773 for further details.



UNDEB Y MAMAU / MOTHERS' UNION

The enrolling member, Mrs. Joyce Price, led the meeting at the Parish Office on 21st Feb. The reader was Mrs. Margaret Searson and the accompanist - Mrs. Margaret Hughes. Apologies were received from Mrs. Marilyn Jones, Mrs. Roberta Williams and Mrs. Ann Armstrong. Good wishes were sent to Mrs. Roberta Williams following her operation, and to Mrs. Mary Lander awaiting an operation. Mrs. Price thanked those who took part in the Wave of Prayer service and reminded members that a rehearsal will be held in the Community Church on Thurs. 28th Feb. at 2.00 pm in preparation for the Women's World Day of Prayer on March 1st. Other dates for the diary include:-Lady Day - 3rd April Palm Sunday - Llanwnog Choir will perform " Stainer's Crucifixion" at 5.30pm in Church Mothering Sunday - 10th March

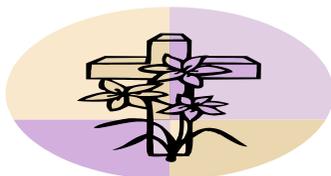
The guest speaker was Mrs. Mary Beyer of Llanwrin. During her time as a G.P in Birmingham, Mary treated many asylum seekers who had suffered dreadful torture and abuse. She was so moved by their plight ,that following her retirement, she worked for an organisation called "Freedom from Torture" and writes reports in support of victims' claims for asylum. They are not allowed to give financial help, only medical, counselling, and practical help. Sometimes churches and the Red Cross can offer financial assistance. Mary's work is mainly in Birmingham. She was thanked by Mrs. Margaret Hughes. The tea hostesses were Mrs. Joyce Price and Mrs. Margaret Searson. The next meeting will be the "Quiet Afternoon" in church on March 21st, led by Rev. John Dale. **M.H.**

Blodau'r Allor Eglwys Blwyf Machynlleth. Parish Church Alar Guild. 2013.

March 1st - 7th April.

Mrs Ann Armstrong, 4 Llys Glyndwr.
Mrs Audrey Beaumont, Bron y Wennol.
Mrs Margaret Davies, 33 Tregarth.
Mrs Rita Fleming, Glascoed.
Mrs Sylvia Stout, Tregarth.

**SUPER SOUP LUNCH
6TH MARCH
11AM
THE PARISH OFFICE
In aid of
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10:30am**



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