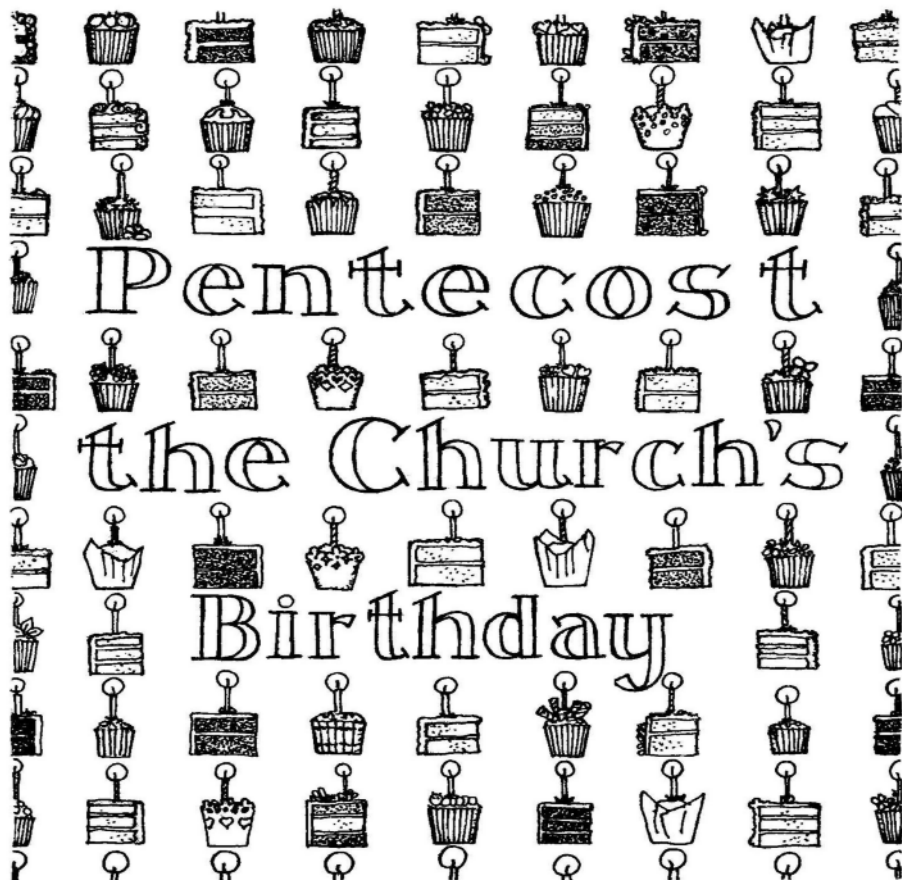


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Pentecost the Church's Birthday

**Deoniaeth
Cyfeiliog a Mawddwy
Deanery.**

Dear Friends

There is a change to services in June as you will see from the list with two special occasions to celebrate.

June 22nd there will be a united service at Holy Trinity Church Corris at 10.30am when Bishop Andrew will be present with us. This is to celebrate the Reverend Martin Riley's 50th anniversary to the priesthood. There will be refreshments served at The Institute in Corris following the service.

CONGRATULATIONS Martin and thank you for your continued ministry among us.

Congratulations also to Martin and Beryl on their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 6th

June 29th there will be a united service at St Peter's Church Machynlleth at 10.30am to welcome Naomi Starkey as Curate to the Ministry Area. There will be a Parish Lunch at Plas Dolguog following the service. Each Church Warden will have menu choices to be paid at the latest by the 22nd June with Church Wardens passing list and payments to Ken Searson or Geraint Davies by 24th June. Cost per person £13.00. Please join us for this lunch.

Naomi will be ordained on the 28th June in Bangor Cathedral, all are welcome to this service, please contact Rev. Kathleen or Rev. Roland for further information.

Please hold Naomi in your prayers as she prepares for her ordination and the journey she is about to embark on.

It's not every day we can celebrate a 50 years Ministry and a brand new one

APOLOGIES!!

I sit in sackcloth and ashes! The Bible Study I advertised last month had all the wrong information – I'm blaming a senior moment. It did start on May 14th but every fortnight (not weekly). The dates for **June** are **11th & 25th at St Peter's Church** (not Parish Office) 11am-12.30pm.

Kathleen.

Dear Parishoner's

I am looking forward very much to starting my curacy with Kath Rogers in what will be the Ministry Area of Cyfeiliog and Mawddwy, following my ordination in Bangor Cathedral on 28th June. My day job will continue as an editor for the Bible Reading Fellowship, helping to produce books and Bible reading notes (including contributions not only from our Bishop but our Archdeacon!), but I will usually be around in the Ministry Area on Sundays and at least once during the week as well. I live near Llanidloes with Daniel, who is in Year 7 at Llanidloes High School, plus Freddie the rabbit and Kenny the canary. Hefyd, dw i wedi bod dysgu Cymraeg ers 2010, felly os dach chi'n siarad yr iaith, dach chi'n gallu helpu fi i wella!

Naomi Starkey

Representatives on the Ministry Area Council

Machynlleth: Mr Ken Searson and Mrs Maureen Hughes.

Llanwrin: Mr Alan Murphy.

Penegoes: Mrs Linos Davies.

Corris: Mrs Joanne Gower.

Cemaes: Mrs Jen Evans, Mrs Denise Perkins.

Darowen: Mrs Nora Wigley.

Mallwyd: Mrs Elen Jones.

Llanbrynmair: Mrs Linda Davies.

Blodau'r Allor Eglwys Machynlleth Parish Church.

Mehefin 1 June: Mrs Liz Johns.

Mehefin 8 June: Mrs Liz Johns.

Mehefin 15 June: Mrs Joan Williams, Mrs Cora Edwards.

Mehefin 22 June: Mrs Mrs Janet Forbes.

Mehefin 29 June: Mrs Mrs Bronwen Jones.



THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP.

On the last meeting of the season on a rather wintery day, 13 members and 6 friends travelled by bus to Tywyn and boarded the train on the Tallyllyn railway to Abergynolwyn. The countryside was at its best with the lambs playing in the fields and the bluebells and wild flowers along the track were a wonderful sight. After enjoying a substantial lunch at the Railway Inn we travelled home via Tallyllyn Lake and Corris. Muriel Evans thanked the organisers for an enjoyable day and wished members a happy summer break until our next meeting in September.

A.H.



New Vestments

On Easter Day at St Peter's Church the 11am Eucharist service started with the blessing of a beautiful chasuble made by Mrs Alice Hughes in memory of her husband Teddy. It has been made-to-measure for the Revd Kathleen – thank you very much Alice.

Photos of chasuble



Concert

We were very pleased to welcome, once again, AberOpera to St Peter's on the 8th May. They sang a variety of pieces from various popular operas by Mozart, Verdi, Puccini and Bizet to name but a few. They were joined this time by Harry Jepson on the clarinet. The Repetiteur was Mr Derek Fallding and Musical Director was Mr Alistair Auld. An evening enjoyed by all, which raised £150 for church funds.



UNDEB Y MAMAU - MOTHERS' UNION.

Fourteen members attended the final meeting of the 2013/14 session at the Parish Office on 15th May. Mrs. Joyce Price led the service and the reader was Mrs. Margaret Searson.

The secretary read a letter of thanks for the donation to " Make a Mother's Day " collected at the Mothering Sunday service. Letters were also read regarding - "Action & Outreach," Social Policy and the "Wheels Appeal." Rev. Kathleen and Mrs. Margaret Searson reported on the Fun Day at Bangor Cathedral.

Dates for the diary:-

June 2nd - Tea on the Lawn at Beth's house in aid of the "Wheels Appeal" - 2.00pm

June 19th - outing to Rhydypennau with Lunch

July 27th - Bishop's Licensing Service at St. Peter's for new Ministry Area. M.U. to provide refreshments.

July 30th - Outing to Llanfaelog Church.

August 2nd - M.U Stall at Plas as part of British Legion Commemoration Day.

August 13th - Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Communion service in church - 10.00 a.m

September 24th - Quiet day at Noddfa, Penmaenmawr.

The enrolling member then thanked the officials and members for their work and continued support of M.U. and wished them a pleasant Summer break. Tea was provided by the officials. The first meeting of the new session will be on Thursday Sept. 18th at 2.00p.m beginning with Communion in Church, followed by the A.G.M.

M.H.

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

Mehefin 1 June Pasg 7 Easter

- 8.00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
- 9.30 a.m.** Y Cymun Bendigaid (Llanwrin)
- 9.30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (Corris)
- 11.00 a.m.** Family Service with Baptism

Mehefin 8 June Dydd y Penetecost/Day of Penetecost

- 9.30 a.m.** Y Cymun Bendigaid (Penegoes)
- 9.30 a.m.** Morning Prayer (Corris)
- 11.00 a.m.** Bilingual Holy Eucharist

Mehefin 15 June Sul y Drindod/Trinity Sunday

- 8.00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
- 9.30 a.m.** Morning Worship (Llanwrin)
- 9.30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (Corris)
- 11.00 a.m.** Bilingual Holy Eucharist

Mehefin 22 June Pentecost 2

- 10.30 a.m.** Gwasanaeth Undebol/United Service
Holy Trinity Church Corris

Mehefin 29 PEDR APOSTOL/PETER APOSTLE

- 10.30 a.m.** United Service to welcome New Curate
St Peter's Church Machynlleth

Gorffennaf 6 July Pentecost 4

- 8.00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
- 9.30 a.m.** Y Cymun Bendigaid (Llanwrin)
- 9.30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (Corris)
- 11.00 a.m.** Family Service with Baptism

Every Wednesday

- 10.00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist

ROTA OF READERS.

Mehefin 1 June : Pasg 7 Easter

8:00 am Mr Ken Searson

11:00 am Mrs Muriel Evans / Mrs Marilyn Brunton

Mehefin 8 June :Dydd Y Pentecost/Day of Pentecost

11:00 am Mrs Joyce Price / Mrs Jeanne Kerridge

Mehefin 15 June: Sul Y Drindod/ Trinity Sunday

8:00 am Miss Pru Probert

11:00 am Mrs Ann Armstrong / Grahame Cox

Mehefin 29 June :Pedr,Apostol / Peter,Apostle

10:30 am To Be Arranged

Gorffennaf 6 July: Y Drindod 3 Trinity

8:00 am Mr Ken Searson

11:00 am Mrs Joyce Price /Mrs Jeanne Kerridge

ROTA OF SIDESPERSONS.

Mehefin 1 June : Pasg 7 Easter

8:00 am Mr Elfyn Rowlands

11:00 am Mr Henry Holt / Mr Elfed Jones

Mehefin 8 June: Dydd Y Pentecost/ Day of Pentecost

11:00 am Mrs Gwenda Price /Mrs Margaret Searson

Mehefin 15 June: Sul Y Drindod/Trinity Sunday

8:00 am Mrs Margaret Vince

11:00 am Mrs Ann Armstrong / Mrs Dorothy Edwards

Mehefin 29 June:Pedr,Apostol / Peter,Apostle

10:30 am Mrs Margaret Davies /Mrs Muriel Evans

Gorffennaf 6 July: Y Drindod 3 Trinity

8:00 am Mr Ken Searson

11:00 am Mr Henry Holt /Mr Elfed Jones

**CEMAES, DAROWEN, MALLWYD & LLANBRYNMAIR
GWASANAETHU'R SUL/SUNDAY SERVICES.**

Mehefin 1 June Sunday after Ascention.

Cemaes 09:45 am. RPB (E)
Darowen
Mallwyd 14:30 pm. RPB (EP)
Llanbrynmair 11:15 am. RPB (E)

Mehefin 8 June Dydd y Penetecost/Day of Penetecost.

Cemaes 09:45 am. RPB (E)
Darowen 14:00 pm. RPB (E)
Mallwyd 11:15 am. RPB (E)
Llanbrynmair

Mehefin 15 June Sul y Drindod/Trinity Sunday.

Cemaes 09:45 am. PW (E)
Darowen
Mallwyd 11:15 am. JE (MP)
Llanbrynmair 10:30 am. PW (MP)

Mehefin 22 June Pentecost 2

Cemaes 09:45 am. JE (MP)
Darowen 14:00 pm. JE (EP)
Mallwyd 11:15 am. EJ (MP)
Llanbrynmair

Mehefin 29 June Peter/Paul Apostles.

Cemaes 14:00 pm. RPB (E)

Diary for June

Sunday 1st June **Practice "Open the Book"** Mallwyd 1pm.

Friday 7th June **Whist Drive** Llanbrynmair Community Centre
7pm, in aid of Llan Church.

Tuesday 10th June **"Open the Book"** Dinas Mawddwy Primary
School 10am.

Wednesday 11th June **Bible Study** Machynlleth Church 11am.
Thurs 12th June **Finance Meeting** Parish Office Machynlleth 7pm.
Friday 13th June **"Open the Book" Training for trainers.** Machynlleth Primary School 6 – 9pm
Saturday 14th June **"Open the Book" training for all.** Machynlleth Primary School. 10 – 3pm Bring packed lunch. £4/head.
Saturday 28th June **Ordination of Naomi Starkey** Bangor Cathedral 3pm.
Sunday 29th June **Service to welcome The Revd. Naomi Starkey** as curate in the Ministry Area of Cyfeiliog and Mawddwy. St Peter's Machynlleth 10.30am, followed by parish lunch in Dolguog.
Wednesday 2nd July **Produce Stall Machynlleth** in aid of Cemaes Church.

Priodas.

Ar ddiwrnod braf a heulog priodwyd Sion Alun Roberts a Lisa Pughe, o Bennant Llanymawddwy, yn Eglwys Tudur Sant Darowen ar y 17 o Fai. Yr oedd yr eglwys yn orlawn, yn deulu a chyfeillion yn ogystal â nifer o'r ardal a ddaeth i ddymuno'n dda iddynt. Roedd yr eglwys a'r fynwent wedi eu haddurno yn brydferth â blodau.

Y gweision priodas oedd Dafydd Edwards a Gareth Wyn Humphreys. Elen Pughe, Lowri Davies, Mari Davies, Rhiannon Phillips, Alix Sheppard a Darcy Humphreys oedd y morynion. Yr organyddes oedd Elen Keen. Cafwyd eitemau hyfryd gan bedwarawd, Gwawr Ifans, Lowri Evans, Dafydd a Ieuan Edwards gyda Caryl Morgans yn cyfeilio iddynt.

On the same day, in St Tydecho Church Cemaes, James Thomson and Charlotte Weaver of Graig y Gronfa Mallwyd were married. Charlotte is a nurse and James a sales co-ordinator for a renewable energy company. After their honeymoon they shall return to live in New Zealand. Thanks to Jen Evans for leading us on the organ with our singing, and for all who made the church look so beautiful.

Pob lwc a bendith i Sion a Lisa, James a Charlotte yn eu bywydau gyda'i gilydd fel gŵr a gwraig.

I am reading a fascinating book about the sailing and maritime history of the Dyfi estuary. Ship building, fishing and commerce, from Aberdyfi to Derwenlas. It is the personal stories of individuals that are always the most interesting. We read of sailors of the early 19th century, plying their craft, often away from home for weeks or over a year, without any modern day forms of communication and technology, reliant on their skills and experience, constantly threatened by the vagaries of the weather, uncharted seas and foreign privateers (pirates).

Little wonder that their wives and sweethearts, waving from the headlands as their husbands and loved ones disappeared over the horizon, were apt to turn to God for support. The words of the wife of Thomas Daniel, captain of the "Amity" 1805.

"Duw fo gyda thi, Tomos bach; mae'th long di mor fechan, a'i for Yntau mor fawr."

("God be with you, Tomos bach; your ship is so small, yet the sea, It is so vast.")

I like the way that she seems to equate the vastness, the depth and the power of the oceans with God. She must entrust her love to the divine love. Even if the man she loves is lost to the deep, he shall remain a part of that eternal love of God, to which we all belong.

Continuing the theme, perhaps a little too darkly; are the words written on a Tywyn gravestone, to one William Roberts 1789 – 1839, at 15, a sailor on the "Amity"

"Ar esgyll pybyr osgedd awelon
*Fe droes, er ei fedrusrwydd
Yn awr i Borth oer y bedd."*

("On the pinions of gentle breezes
He has turned betimes despite his skill
Into the cold harbour of the grave.")

Here we have the cold image of waves cascading on the beach; the pebbles rattling like the bones of our dead ancestors. Personally I would prefer to end my days with the thought of the warm shelter of a harbour, enveloped in the love of God; but perhaps the grief of Williams' family was still too raw.

Roland Barnes.

"Open the Book" Training.

We haven't used "Open the Book" in the Machynlleth area as yet so now is the time to get it up and running. If you are interested in telling Bible stories to infant and primary school children in a very simple and fun way then let me know. There is training available in Machynlleth this month.

Saturday 14th June at 10.30am at Ysgol Gynradd Machynlleth.

Open to everyone – young and not so young
Contact Rev Kathleen

JUNE 8th The Day of Pentecost.

On that long ago first morning of Pentecost, Jerusalem was crowded with thousands of visitors, for it was one of the most popular feast-days in the Jewish calendar – the Feast of First-fruits, looking forward to the wheat harvest.

In one small room of that great city, a small group of people who had followed Jesus were praying. There was nothing else for them to do: Jesus had died, he had risen, and he had ascended, promising to send them 'a Comforter'. They were left alone, to wait at Jerusalem. And so they waited – on him, and for him. They were not disappointed: for that morning the Holy Spirit fell upon that small room, and transformed those believers into the Church, Christ's body here on earth. Pentecost was not the first time that the Holy Spirit came to the world – throughout the Old Testament there are stories telling of how God had guided people and given them strength. But now his Spirit would use a new instrument: not just isolated prophets, but the Church, his body on earth.

Acts opens with the preaching of the gospel in Jerusalem, the centre of the Jewish nation. Within 30 years the gospel had spread throughout the northern Mediterranean: Syria, Turkey, Greece, Malta... to the very heart of the Roman Empire: Rome. The Church was on the move – God was on the move! He was calling people from every nation to repent, turn to Jesus for forgiveness of their sins, and to follow him.

Prayer at Pentecost

Dear Heavenly Father,

We all come from different places, a bit like that crowd on the first day of Pentecost. We are from different backgrounds, with different experiences that form us. I can't be just like somebody else and no one else can be just like me.

Thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit to speak and reveal your will to us in a way that is personal and unique. Help us to be open to receive him every day. Please go on filling us with your Spirit Lord, that we might be effective witnesses to Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

In his name,
Amen.

Daphne Kitchen

June 11th Barnabas – Paul's first missionary companion

Are you going to Cyprus on holiday this year? If so, spare a thought for the Cypriot who played such a key role in the New Testament.

He was Joseph, a Jewish Cypriot and a Levite, who is first mentioned in Acts 4:36, when the early church was sharing a communal lifestyle. Joseph sold a field and gave the money to the apostles. His support so touched them that they gave him the nickname of Barnabas, 'Son of Encouragement'.

Barnabas has two great claims to fame. Firstly, it was Barnabas who made the journey to go and fetch the converted Paul out of Tarsus, and persuade him to go with him to Antioch, where there were many new believers with no one to help them. For a year the two men ministered there, establishing a church. It was here that the believers were first called Christians.

It was also in Antioch (Acts 13) that the Holy Spirit led the church to 'set aside' Barnabas and Paul, and send them out on the church's first ever 'missionary journey'. The Bible tells us that they went to Cyprus, and travelled throughout the island. It was at Lystra that the locals mistook Barnabas for Zeus and Paul for Hermes, much to their dismay.

Much later, back in Jerusalem, Barnabas and Paul decided to part company. While Paul travelled on to Syria, Barnabas did what he could do best: return to Cyprus and continue to evangelise it. So if you go to Cyprus and see churches, remember that Christianity on that beautiful island goes right back to Acts 13, when Barnabas and Paul first arrived.

In England there are 13 ancient church dedications and not a few modern ones. Barnabas the generous, the encourager, the apostle who loved his own people – no wonder he should be remembered with love.



St Peter's Plodders June Walk.

Trains & Boats & Plains (4.5 miles) Sat 14th June.

Catching the 08:57 train from Machynlleth to Morfa Mawddach we shall then walk the coastal path to the Fairbourne Ferry crossing to Barmouth. On arrival in Barmouth we shall then walk up behind the church to take in the views over the Mawddach Estuary, returning to Morfa Mawddach via the Barmouth bridge. The train back to Machynlleth is at 14:59 giving us plenty of time to enjoy the area. Sandwiches are of your own choice but there are plenty of Chip Shops in Barmouth!!!!

The April walk was accompanied once again with warm, dry and sunny weather. Hats and suntan lotion where the order of the day. The views behind are looking up to Dylife and beyond and we nearly got to see a wedding in Darowen.





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