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Cyfeiliog a Mawddwy
Deanery.**

Easter is a time of happiness, of rejoicing, of new life as we celebrate the rising from the dead of Jesus Christ. In a few short days we move from the image of the cruel cross of Good Friday to the empty tomb of Easter. Our palm crosses remind us of the sacrifice in love that Jesus made for each and every one of us. We rightly venerate the cross, but do we perhaps forget or sideline one important element of the Easter story? When we look up at the hill of Calvary, the dark outlines silhouetted against the skyline, there are of course three crosses : Jesus in the centre, with a common criminal on either side. Do these two criminals not represent you and me, every human being; in all our diversity; loving, hating, squabbling, caring, cared for, ambitious, lazy, mixed up, fixed up, terrible, oh so wonderful; and each and everyone of us facing a question.

Do we turn to Jesus and accept and embrace the love that he offers, forgiveness for all our wrongs and shortcomings, reconciliation with God the divine, a helping hand – an air bag even, to lift us safely out of the quagmires in which we sometimes find ourselves drowning? Or do we harden our hearts, face corruption with corruption, hate by more hate, resentment with cold, steely resistance? Sadder still, do we drown?

Those two criminals, (dare I say it again – you and me) either side of Jesus, face all those questions. One of them chooses a dark road, hurling sarcastic abuse at Jesus.

“Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

We are reminded of the devil tempting Jesus to throw himself down from the high pinnacle of the temple in order to show off his divine powers. (In effect to become, not the Saviour, but a tyrant!)

That is one choice, the other option is to turn to God in humility.

“But the other criminal rebuked his fellow felon. “Don't you fear God? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.” (Luke 23 : 39 – 43)

Ah, a man yearning for salvation!

Jesus answers with the words that send a warm glow of love through the ages.

“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Heavenly Father, may we all know and live that wonderful message of hope.

Rev Roland Barnes



UNDEB Y MAMAU - MOTHERS' UNION.

Twelve members and friends attended the Quiet Afternoon at the Parish Office on March 20th. Rev. Kathleen introduced the Rev. Lyndsay Ford from Llwyngwriol who based his meditations on "Hospitality", "Generosity" and "Compassion." He used stories from the Gospels, based in Bethany, near Jerusalem to illustrate the three topics. Jesus received hospitality at the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus in Bethany. A woman entered the home of Simon the Pharisee to anoint Jesus' feet with expensive oil, showing generosity, and Jesus showed compassion in raising Lazarus from the dead. Rev. Ford was warmly thanked by Rev. Kathleen. The readers were Mrs. Ann Armstrong, Rev. Kathleen and Mrs. Gwenda Price. The tea hostesses were Mrs. Marilyn Jones and Mrs. Dorothy Edwards who were thanked by Mrs. Margaret Hughes, who also accompanied the hymns.

M.H.



THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP.

Our March meeting opened with a short service led by Muriel Evans with Llinos Davies reading the lesson. A short business meeting followed. Congratulations were expressed to Llinos Davies on becoming a Great grandmother and to Emyr and Lis Rowlands on the birth of their grandson. This year's trip in May will be to Tywyn to join the Talyllyn Railway to Abergynolwyn for a meal.

The speaker this month was Dilys Williams who gave a very interesting talk on the use of Magic Lanterns as a form of storytelling.

They were very popular in the 19th century especially with the Temperance Movement. Alice Hughes gave the vote of thanks. The Tea Hostesses were Bronwen Jones and Llinos Davies.

A.H.

Women's World Day of Prayer

On Friday the 7th March women from the community joined together at St Peter's to celebrate Womens World Day of Prayer with women throughout the world - an annual event in Machynlleth since 1964. This year the women of Egypt prepared the service on the theme of "Streams in the Desert". It was based on the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well (John 4:4-26) and reflected on through the lives of four Egyptian women .The theme flowed like a river through the service with the promise of living water that never runs dry, running through the Bible verses, the hymns and the prayers. The challenge of the service was that we should not only pray but to turn our prayer into action. To acknowledge our need and to accept Jesus' offer of living water for ourselves. Then, fillied with the spirit of love forgiveness and generosity, we should become channels of God's living water to the world.

Egypt has been in the news for the last 3years for all the wrong reasons, our service gave us an oppportunity to become one with the women of Egypt in their struggles and to pray for them.



The Upper Room.

They meet in the upper room, gathering together in one accord.

He fetches a towel and washes their feet, and Judas slips out to betray His Lord.

The bread and wine are there on the table, He takes up the bread breaks in in two.

The cup is passed round, each drinking from it, these are the symbols He says are given for you.

This bread is my body I freely give, this cup is my blood which soon will be shed.

They eat and they drink not really knowing, or understanding of what lies ahead.

A new covenant that night has been made, where God Himself gives His life for us all.

The Life divine in exchange is given, to free mankind from the curse of the fall.

Two thousand years on we come to partake, of His life poured out to cover our sin.

We eat and we drink he bread and the wine, with thankful hearts in remembrance of Him.

By Megan Carter.

Blodau'r Allor Eglwys Machynlleth Parish Church.

Ebrill 5 April Lent no flowers.

Ebrill 13 April Lent no flowers.

Ebrill 20 April Mrs Audrey Beaumont, Mrs Ann Armstrong

Ebrill 27 April Mrs Margaret Davies, Mrs Janet Humphreys
Mrs Sylvia Stout, Mrs Linda Jones.

St Peter's Services for Lent and Holy Week

Wednesday during Lent

- 10am** Holy Eucharist
11am – 1pm Lent Course at the Parish Office

Thursday during Lent

- 6pm** Hwyrrol Weddi/Evening Prayer

Holy Week Services

- Monday 6pm** Galwad i Weddi a Litani
Tuesday 6pm Call to Prayer and Litany
Wednesday 10am Holy Eucharist
Maundy Thursday 7pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar
Good Friday 1.30pm – 3pm Meditations at the foot of the Cross
Holy Saturday 8pm Service of New Light.

In memory of April Jones.

On Sunday afternoon the 16th March we gathered in the children's playground in Cemaes to plant a cherry tree; (Japanese Pink Flowering Cherry) in memory of April Jones. It was good to have the company of Coral and Paul as part of a ceremony that was both poignant and relaxed.

Anni Adey welcomed everyone on behalf of the Cemaes Village Association, and the Revd. Roland offered a prayer based on Psalm 42. Rebecca Sullivan then sang a lovely rendition of "The Rainbow Connection" accompanied on her guitar, her voice being carried up the Dyfi valley on the warm spring breeze. We then planted the tree, a fine 10 ft specimen, which it is hoped will flower each year in April. We then retired for refreshments to the village hall.

Many thanks to all who attended, organised and took part in this memorial event, not least Sue for labouring away to dig the hole. Thanks to Denise and friends for organising the refreshments, and to the Derwen Garden Centre for supplying the tree.

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

Ebrill 6 April Sul y Dioddefaint/Passion Sunday

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

Ebrill 13 April Sul y Blodau/Palm Sunday

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

Ebrill 20 April DYDD Y PASG/EASTER DAY

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

Ebrill 27 April Pasg 2 Easter

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

Mai 4 May Pasg 2 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

ROTA OF READERS.

Ebrill 6 April: Sul Y Dioddefaint/ Passion Sunday
8:00 am. Mr Ken Searson
11.00 am. Mrs Muriel Evans / Mrs Marilyn Brunton

Ebrill 13 April: Sul Y Blodau Palm Sunday
11:00 am. Ann Armstrong / Grahame Cox

Ebrill 20 April : Dydd Y Pasg / Easter Day
8:00 am. Mr Ken Searson
9:30 am. Mrs Joyce Price
11;00am. Mrs Jeanne Kerridge

Ebrill 27 April : Pasg 2 Easter
9:30 am. Mrs Ann Armstrong
11:00 am. Capt Richard Lambert

Mai 4 May : Pasg 3 Easter
8:00 am Miss Pru Probert
11.00 am Mrs Muriel Evans / Mrs Marilyn Brunton

ROTA OF SIDESPERSONS.

Ebrill 6 April: Sul Y Dioddefaint/ Passion Sunday
8:00 am. Mr Ken Searson
11:00 am. Mr Elfed Jones / Mr Henry Holt

Ebrill 13 April : Sul Y Blodau / Palm Sunday
11:00 am. Mrs Joyce Price / Mrs Muriel Evans

Ebrill 20 April: Dydd y Pasg / Easter Day
8:00 am. Mr W.LI Williams
9:30 am. Mrs Gwenda Price
11:00 am. Mr Henry Holt / Mr Elfed Jones

Ebrill 27 April: Pasg 2 Easter
9:30 am. Mr Emyr Roberts
11:00 am. Capt Richard Lambert, Mr Ken Searson

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

Ebrill 6 April

Garawys 5 Lent.

Cemaes	09:45 am.	PW(E)
Darowen	
Mallwyd	11:15 am.	PW(E)
Llanbryn-mair	10:30 am.	RPB (E)

Ebrill 13 April

Palm Sunday.

Cemaes	09:45 am.	JE (MP)
Darowen	14:00 pm.	RPB(EP)
Mallwyd	11:15 am.	RPB (E)
Llanbryn-mair	

Ebrill 20 April

Easter Day.

Cemaes	09:45 am.	RPB (E)
Darowen	14:00 pm.	RPB (E)
Mallwyd	11:15 am.	RPB (E)
Llanbryn-mair	10:30 am.	PW (E)

Ebrill 27 April

Easter 2.

Cemaes	09:45 am.	RPB (E)
Darowen	14:00 pm.	RPB (E)
Mallwyd	11:15 am.	RPB (MP)
Llanbryn-mair	

Services for Holy Week.

Maunday Thursday	17/04/14 Cemaes 4.30pm
Good Friday	18/04/14 Mallwyd 11am
Easter Eve	19/04/14 Walking with the cross from Talywern to Darowen, via Rhosdyrnog and standing stone, (1 – 1.5 miles) followed by short service in Darowen Church 4.30pm.



Dates for your diary.

Bro Ddyfi Uchaf.

April Events.

Tues 1 April	Godly Play Glantwymyn School 9.15am
Tues 8 April	Open the Book" Dinas Mawddwy school 10am
Tues 15 April	AGM Cemaes Village Hall Committee. 2.30pm Maesmachreth, Cemaes.
Thurs 17 April	Chrism Eucharist Bangor Cathedral 11am
Fri 18 April	Performance of Stainer's Crucifixion for Good Friday - Sung by Cor Llanwnog 7 pm.
Sat 19 April	Messy Church Cemaes 2pm
Thurs 24 April	Bro Ddyfi Ucha's Easter Vestry Cemaes 7pm
Thurs 1 May	First meeting of Ministry Area Council. Machynlleth 7pm
Sat 24 May	Spring Fair for Village Hall funds Cemaes 2pm
Sat 31 May	Away Day" for Ministry Area Council members in Pennal Church. 10.30 – 4pm; Lunch at the Riverside including lunch.

Corris Village News.

The village cafe in the Institute is usually open on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings. People enjoy a cuppa, a cake or snack and especially the friendly chat and fellowship, sharing news of friends and family. The cafe is ran by village volunteers and many people are grateful to them for their hard work. So Corris is alive and well, visitors are always welcome.

Easter Sale at Paula's in Bridge Street

Saturday 19th April 10 - Noon

Monday 21st April 10 - Noon

Dydd Gweddi Byd – Eang y Chwiorydd – Cemaes

Ar Ddydd Gwener 7fed Mawrth death cynrychiolaeth deilwng o eglwysi'r cylch at ei gilydd ar gyfer y gwasanaeth arbennig hwn yn Stafell yr Eglwys Cemaes. Gwasanaeth rhyng - eglwysig a rhyngwladol ydy hwn sy'n ein galluogi i uno gyda merched trwy'r byd. Cymerwyd rhan gan aelodau eglwysi Horeb a Bethania Aberangell, Sama Cwmlinau, Nebo Glantwymyn, Capel Cemaes ac Eglwys Tydecho Sant Cemaes.

Eleni, tro chwiorydd Cristnogol yr Aifft oedd hi i baratoi'r gwasanaeth. Wedi iddynt dderbyn y gwahoddiad nôl yn 2007 ni fedrai unrhyw un ar y pryd fod wedi rhagweld

y digwyddiadau dramatig sydd wedi cymryd lle yn yr Aifft yn y tair blynedd diwethaf, na breuddwydio y byddem yn cynnal gwasanaeth o wlad sydd yn dyheu am ein gweddiâu heddiw.

Paratowyd y gwasanaeth ar y thema *'Ffrydiau yn yr Anialwch'*. Dyma destun cwbl berthnasol o gofio mai

ond yr afon Nîl sy'n dyrhau tir poeth, sych ac anial yr Aifft ac mae'r wlad yn gwbl ddibynol ar ei dyfroedd. Roedd y thema yn llifo fel afon trwy'r gwasanaeth a chafwyd golwg newydd a dealltwriwth ddyfnach o addewid rhyfeddol Duw am ddŵr yn llifo dros leoedd sy'n hesb mewn ystyr ysbrydol a materol.

Roedd stori'r wraig o Samaria yn graidd i'r gwasanaeth, lle mae'r addewid o 'ffrydiau yn yr anialwch' yn un personol iawn. Mae chwiorydd yr Aifft yn trafod y stori yng ngoleuni eu profiadau eu hunain. Maent yn dymuno am ddyfodol lle bydd pawb yn cael eu trin gyda pharch a dyngarwch. Maent am weld yr amser pan bydd ffrydiau'n ffurfio yn yr anialwch a phobl yn cymryd dŵr yn ôl i'w cymunedau, gan gynnig y dŵr bywiol i bawb maent yn eu cyfarfod, gan alluogi Duw i drawsnewid sefyllfaoedd o anobaith llwyr yn ffrydiau o ddŵr bywiol.

A dyma'r her i ninnau, gan ein bod yn cael ein galw, fel y wraig o Samaria i yfed o'r dŵr bywiol, i ystyried sut y gallwn ni fod yn 'ffrydiau yn yr anialwch' i eraill yn ein bywyd bob dydd.

Medd yr Arglwydd

" Edrychwch rwyf yn gwneud peth newydd

Yn wir, rwy'n gwneud ffordd yn yr anialwch; ac afonydd yn y diffeithwch."

Easter Prayer

Dear generous, loving Father,

How can we thank you for the precious gift of your Son Jesus, for his life of obedience and servant-hood, for his choosing to die that agonizing death on a cruel cross, so that we can be forgiven, and most of all for his death-defeating resurrection on the first Easter morning and the gift of his Spirit to those who put their trust in him?

We can't possibly thank you adequately Lord, but we want to try!
Thank you, thank you Father, that Jesus, our Servant-King is alive, Lord of heaven and earth - and yet still serving us, so that we too can live and serve.

Help us to be your Easter people and live lives of faithful witness to the living Lord, empowered by your Holy Spirit, building in all that we think, say or do for your kingdom to come. Hallelujah!
Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Smile Lines.

Quiet

A mother who took her fidgety seven-year-old to church finally had an idea: about halfway through the long sermon she leaned over and whispered: "If you don't be quiet, the minister is going to lose his place, and he will have to start all over again." It worked!

Tears

A small boy returned from Sunday School in tears. When questioned by his anxious mother, he replied; "This morning they told me that

Banc Bwyd Bro Ddyfi Food Bank

If you shop at the Co-op you will have noticed that our collection box disappeared shortly after Christmas. We did this be because of peoples great generosity as we approached Christmas and also the huge amount of food we received from two schools harvest gatherings. This meant that we had more food than we could store.

Gradually our supplies have gone down as we supply a small but steady demand.

The Coop food collection will soon restart and we hope also to have a collection box at Tuffins.

Currently we are particularly short of :-

Small bags of sugar

Tinned vegetables (especially sweetcorn)

Longlife milk

Pasta

Tinned meat for making into stews or curries

Large strong carrier bags

We will however gladly receive any tinned or prepacked food which you are welcome to leave in any church.

St Peter's Charity Shop

The Charity Shop in the Parish Office, during the summer months, has been very popular and successful over the last three years and we would like to open it again this year. For this to happen we need more volunteers, especially those who would be willing to spend a little time to sort out the items for sale, price them, arrange them in the shop and replenish stocks. If you think you can help in any way please let the Churchwardens or the Revd Kathleen know.



St Peter's Plodders April Walk.

Hidden Valley Pennal (5.0 miles) Saturday 12th April.

Meeting outside **St Peter's at 09:30 hrs**, we shall be proceeding to Pennal and park by the Public toilets just across from the church. From there we shall follow the Welsh Coastal path towards Machynlleth for a short while, before veering off and take to the forestry roads. Upon our return we shall drive back to Machynlleth for refreshments.

Slowly but surely our merry band of walker's is expanding. Which, from the point of view of someone who arranging's the walks, is very pleasing. As you can see from the picture we had "wall to wall" smiles, not forced for the camera I assure you for our March walk. That was purely down to the weather, the scenery, the company and the promise of Maengwyn cafe at the end of a perfect walk. Why don't you join us? We do live in one of the nicest places on God's earth.





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