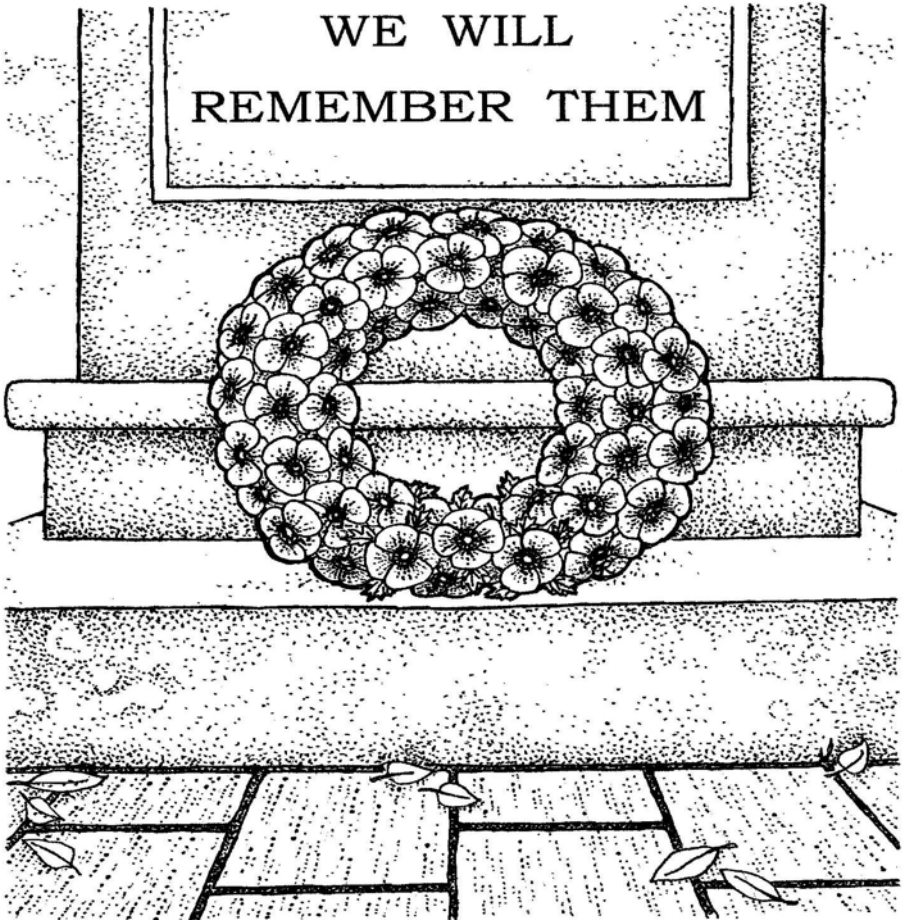


CYLCHGRAWN MISOL MONTHLY MAGAZINE

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**Bro
Cyfeiliog a Mawddwy**

Dear Friends,

I'm including two short reflections on "remembering" in this month's magazine – I found them interesting, I hope you do too.

I'm sure most of us have seen the amazing sight in London of the 888,246 ceramic poppies filling the moat of The Tower of London. Each poppy representing a British or Colonial soldier killed in the First World War. This year is the centenary of the beginning of that most awful war and on the 9th November we will come together to pay our respects and to remember those who have sacrificed their lives in war. So why do we remember?

"They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore". (Micah 4:3). Micah lived in a world of war and violence about 700 years before Christ, but he prophesied a future of hope, a world where nations come together in peace instead of war. His vision saw a time when the arms of war would be turned into farming tools and people would live in peaceful community.

Our understanding of peace is more than the avoidance of war or the absence of conflict. It's about building relationships between people, communities and nations, which positively creates a love and care for others founded on justice for all. As we remember the sacrifice of those who died in the First World War, our response must be to look practically at how we can build relationships of peace and justice in our world, starting with our own families, colleagues and neighbourhoods. As Micah says, "we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever" (4:5). We always need God's presence and power to change us into the people who have a passion for peace and justice, and compassion for everyone.

“They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them”

The peace of God to you and yours

Kathleen

(adapted from a meditation on what Peace might look like.

The Rev Paul Hardingham)

Ministry Area Council

The Council has met for the third time to discuss various administrative changes that have come about since becoming a Ministry Area. I was struck by how the doubts and misgivings of some, that have been present over the last few months, are now being replaced by excitement at the challenges we face and an eagerness to embrace new ideas. We have a long way to go and many hurdles to cross but I am encouraged that we're on the right path and trusting in the grace of God we will, falteringly maybe, move forward on this path He has set us.

The Council is grateful to Mrs Joanne Gower and Mrs Linda Davies for agreeing to be Treasurer and Safeguarding Officer respectively for the Ministry Area. It was decided that as a Ministry Area we should form a link with a parish in the Diocese of Lango in Uganda. We hope to launch a new fundraising initiative for Ministry Area funds in the New Year which will involve each church selling numbered tickets for a monthly draw. Watch this space!!

Mission to Seafarers

The Mission to Seafarers Flag Day this year in Machynlleth was a little later than usual but was just as successful raising £250. I thought you would like to share the letter of acknowledgement we received from the Chaplain to the South Wales Ports, the Revd Nicholas Jones.

“The storm damage around Wales earlier this year has shown how powerful and dangerous the sea can be. Seafarers are often exposed to these conditions, making their working environment amongst the most dangerous in the world. I was talking to a Polish Captain in Swansea docks around the time, who told me of their last voyage of 5 days in the worst storms he could remember.

Facing dangers such as these, seafarers enable us to receive 95% of the commodities we use day to day. The work of seafarers is essential to us all. The Mission to Seafarers is concerned with the spiritual, moral and physical needs of seafarers and their families throughout the world. The financial support given enables the Mission to Seafarers to continue its ministry to the 1.3 million seafarers worldwide, engaged in this dangerous but essential occupation.

Thank you again for the donation to this work”.

It’s always good to know how our donations are used.



Undeb y Mamau/ Mothers Union.

Members and friends met on Friday 17th Oct at the Parish Office. The service was led by Mrs Joyce Price and the reader in Welsh was Mrs Gwenda Price.

The Christmas Carol Service will be held at St Peter's Church on Thursday December 18 at 11:00 am, followed by Christmas Lunch in the Wildfowler's Tre-ddol. Choice of menu at our next meeting.

Dates for the Diary: A "Silent Vigil" will be held under the Town Clock to raise awareness of Gender Violence on Wednesday 3 Dec between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. Just come along and support this worthwhile cause.

If you can please donate toileteries for "Hospital Bags" by next months meeting.

Our guest speaker this afternoon was Mr Peter Kenny a local boy, who gave an interesting talk on his trek up to Everest Base Camp. He also brought along some wonderful photo's along of his journey, so we could all appreciate the the majesty of the snow covered mountains. Peter and two of his friends were inspired to take on this challenge in memory of two local men who died very suddenly at a young age. They raised in excess of £7000 in their memory for the British Heart Foundation. Peter was thanked by the Enrolling member, who also thanked the tea hostesses Mrs D Edwards and Mrs M Jones

Our next meeting will be on Thursday Nov 20th at 2:00 pm.

**Adran Bro Ddyfi O Urdd Sant Ioan.
Gwasanaeth Carolau Adfent.
Advent Carol Service.
Eglwys Sy Ust & St Dyfig Church.
Llanwrin.
Rhagfyer 7 December.
2 pm.**



THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP.

Our Annual Harvest Supper was held the Bowling Club recently. Muriel Evans the President extended a warm welcome to all, and thanked the members for all their hard work preparing and serving the supper. Especially Margaret Searson who had made all the apple pies. Grace was said by the Rev Kath Rodgers. The usual supper was served and enjoyed by all the guests.

Delightful entertainment was provided by Pumsain (Marie, Eleri, Shoned and Shan) who were ably accompanied by Lydia on the piano. They sang a variety of Welsh songs, all finished off with a good old sing along.

The raffle and the door was manned by our faithful helpers Elfed, Ken and Geraint. The Rev Kath thanked the entertainers and the Fellowship for their continued support.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th November, when the speaker will be Mr Rab Jones. He will be speaking about our War Memorial and the soldiers names there on.

This years Fellowship outing is to Abbey Cwm Hir Hall, where we can enjoy the Christmas decorations, it will be on Saturday 15th November leaving the Red Lion at 9:00 am. The Bus is £7 and the Entrance Fee is £13. Those wishing to go will find a list in Church.

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BLODAU'R ALLOR EGLWYS PLWYF MACHYNLLETH.

PARISH CHURCH ALTAR GUILD.

Tachwedd 2 Nov: Mrs Joyce Price, Mrs Margaret Searson.
Tachwedd 9 Nov: Mothers Union (Poppies)
Tachwedd 16 Nov: Mothers Union (Poppies)
Tachwedd 23 Nov: Mrs Norina Holt.
Tachwedd 30 Nov: Advent (No Flowers)

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

Tachwedd 2 November Deyrnas 1 Kingdom

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

Tachwedd 9 November Sul y Cofio/Remembrance Sunday

- 9.45 a.m. Service of Remembrance followed by laying of wreaths at the Cenotaph
- 9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid **(Corris)**
- 2.00 p.m. Gosber **(Penegoes)**

Tachwedd 16 November Deyrnas 3 Kingdom

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

Tachwedd 23 November Deyrnas 4 Kingdom

- 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

Tachwedd 30 November Sul yr Adfent / Advent Sunday

- 9.30 a.m. Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist **(Corris)**
- 10.30 a.m. Bilingual Advent Service

Every Wednesday

- 10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

ROTA OF READERS

Tachwedd 2 November: Deyrnas 1 Kingdom
8:00 am Mr Ken Searson
11.00 am Mrs Joyce Price / Mr Grahame Cox

Tachwedd 9 November: Sul y Cofio/Remembrance Sunday
9:45 am British Legion

Tachwedd 16 November: Deyrnas 3 Kingdom
8:00 am Miss Pru Probert
11:00 am Mrs Muriel Evans / Mrs Marilyn Brunton

Tachwedd 23 November: Deyrnas 4 Kingdom
9:30 am Mrs Joyce Price
11:00 am Mrs Jeanne Kerridge

Tachwedd 30 November: Adfent 1 Advent
10:30 am To Be Arranged

Rhagfyr 7 December: Adfent 2 Advent
8:00 am Miss Pru Probert
11:00 am Mrs Muriel Evans/Capt Richard Lambert

ROTA OF SIDESPERSONS

Tachwedd 2 November: Deyrnas 1 Kingdom
8:00 am Mr Ken Searson
11:00 am Mr Geraint Davies & Mrs Margaret Davies

Tachwedd 9 November: Sul y Cofio/Remembrance Sunday
9.45:00 am Mr Henry Holt / Mr Elfed Jones
Mrs Gwenda Price/ Mrs Muriel Evans

Tachwedd 16 November: Deyrnas 3 Kingdom
8:00 am Mrs Margaret Vince
11:00 am Mrs Gwenda Price / Mrs Margaret Searson

Tachwedd 23 November: Deyrnas 4 Kingdom
9:30 am Mr Emyr Roberts
11.00 am Mrs Dorothy Edwards/ Mr Ken Searson

Tachwedd 30 November: Adfent 1 Advent
10:30 am Mr Elfed Jones / Mr Henry Holt

Rhagfyr 7 December: Adfent 2 Advent
8:00 am Mr Geraint Davies
11:00 Mrs Margaret Davies/Capt Richard Lambert

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

Tachwedd 2 Nov: Trinity 21 Drindod.

Cemaes 09:45 am. (MP)
Darowen
Mallwyd 11:15 pm. (MP)
Llanbryn'm 10:30 am. Bedydd/Baptism.

Tachwedd 9 Nov

Cemaes 09:45 am. (E)
Darowen 14:00 pm. Gwasan' Undebol ym Mhengoos.
Mallwyd 11:15 am. (E)
Llanbryn'm

Tachwedd 16 Nov

Cemaes 09:45 am. (E)
Darowen
Mallwyd 11:15 am. (E)
Llanbryn'mair

Tachwedd 23 Nov

Cemaes 09:45 am. (E)
Darowen 14:00 pm. (E)
Mallwyd 11:15 am. (E)
Llanbryn'm 10:30 am. (E)

Tachwedd 30 Nov

Cemaes 09:45 am. (E)
Darowen
Mallwyd 11:15 am. (E)
Llanbryn'm

Dyddiadur / Diary

Tach 2 Nov: Practice / Ymarfer "Agor y Llyfr" Mallwyd 1yp
Tach 11 Nov: "Agor y Llyfr" Ysgol Dinas Mawddwy 10yb.
Tach 11 Nov: 11 Ymarfer / Practice "Agor y Llyfr" Machinations
12.30yp, yn yr Ysgol am 1.30yp.
Tach 14 Nov: 14 "Fun Day" organising committee meeting.
Machynlleth 10.30am
Tach 16 Nov: Ministry Area Team meeting Machynlleth 2pm.

Rhagfyr / December 2 Advent Quiet Day Dolgellau.

Gwasanaethau Nadolig / Christmas Services

Rhag 21 Dec: Gwasanaeth Carolau / Carol Service 4pm Cemaes

Rhag 24 Dec: Darowen 5.30yp

Rhag 24 Dec: Llanbrynmair 7yh

Rhag 24 Dec: Mallwyd 11.30yh / pm

Rhag 25 Dec: Cemaes 10.30am

Ionawr 4 Jan: Gwasanaeth Christingle Service Machynlleth 5pm

Plygain Services

Ion 6 Jan: Capel Ebeneser Dinas Mawddwy 7yh

Ion 8 Jan: Darowen 7yh

Ion 9 Jan: Plygain yr Esgobaeth/Diocesan Plygain Dolgellau 7yh

Ion 13 Jan: Mallwyd 7yh

It was wonderful on Sunday the 19th October to celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving, together as a ministry area in St Tydecho's Church Cemaes. The Revd. Peter Ward lead the service, a full congregation singing the old favourites, enjoying the warmth and experiencing the church at its most beautiful. We have so much to celebrate and be thankful for in a country with such fertile soil, temperate climate and well ordered systems of production, marketing and distribution. We affirm, we give something back to God, by taking the time to give thanks; showing our appreciation, valuing the wonderful gifts of life and all that God offers in love.

Part of our joy as Christians is to care for and share the wonderful gifts we are offered by God. Canon Robert Townsend presented a film record of this summer's visit to Lango Province in Uganda; (an area to which Bangor Diocese has links) giving us a fascinating insight into people's lives in Eastern Africa. We saw the pride and self reliance of the people, and how just a little aid can make such a huge difference in lifting people out of poverty. Education is the key to progress – whether socially or materially. The industrious people of Uganda are quite capable of sorting out their many problems, given the right tools, - chief of these being “learning” - teachers, books and sponsorship in higher education. Progress can then become self sustaining and people can move forward with pride.

Our collection of £302 will go towards helping the people of Uganda, as we seek to strengthen our ties over the coming months. Many thanks to all who gave so generously.

Following the service everyone enjoyed a feast in the Church Room. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to decorate the church and provide the excellent refreshments.



Some of the helpers at the Harvest Supper.



CHEESE & WINE EVENING.

Entertainment by

COR AELWYD BRO DDYFI.

Friday 7th November 7:00 pm.

Venue the BOWLING CLUB MACHYNLLETH.

Tickets £7:50.

**Available from Chimes, Losen Lush &
Maureen Hughes (Llety Gwyn)**

**Donations of Wine, Cheese or items for Christmas Hamper
will be gratefully received.**

The Way I See it: How do we 'Remember' what we've never known?

This has been a year of 'remembering'. Up and down the land, local events and national commemorations have reminded us again and again of the Great War which cast such a dark shadow over Europe a hundred years ago - a shadow which spawned a second and equally destructive conflict barely twenty years later.

The problem with remembering is that in the end we can't. What I mean is, we can't remember what we've never experienced, whether that's a song, a person or a place. Nor can we, in a literal sense, 'remember' events which happened before we were born. And that, in a nutshell, is the problem of having a Remembrance Sunday (as we do this and every year) or being urged to 'remember' those who died on the battlefield of Flanders and the Somme a century ago

Yet oddly enough every Sunday millions of people all over the world go to church specifically to 'remember' an event that took place not a hundred but nearly two thousand years ago, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. 'Do this', he had said, 'in remembrance of me'. And in his memory bread is broken and wine shared, exactly as he commanded, in order to evoke and represent the profound significance of what he did. We 'remember' not because we were there and saw it happen, but because (like the dark shadow of war) the event itself still matters, still changes things, still touches our lives.

That kind of 'remembering' demands a response. We should not simply remember the horrors of two world wars as phenomena of the past, but as challenges to us to change the future. To remember and do nothing is not really to remember at all. True remembering changes us, and in changing us it may, please God, eventually change the world.

News from Corris.

Childrens Harvest Festival.

Corris School children celebrated Harvest Festival on Oct 23rd in Holy Trinity Church, by singing songs and reciting prayers thanking god for their homes, their food, the wonders of the world and all their possessions. Many parents came to listen to their children bringing their younger brothers and sisters with them.

There was a collection by the children at the end of the service. The children requested that the money should be divided between the Childrens Ward at Bronlais Hospital and the Hospice Shop in Machynlleth.

The Rev Canon Kath Rogers reminded us that we should give something to God in gratitude for his gifts to us. She thanked the children, the teachers and all who had participated in anyway, for such an enjoyable service.

Funeral - Holy Trinity Church.

The Rev Canon Martin Riley took the service to say farewell to Michael (Roger Michael Wakeman) who passed away on Oct 5 th. Michael was very well known by the Corris & Tal-y-Llyn Railway volunteers and many others. His three daughters Christine, Kathryn and Jennifer will miss their Dad very much, but will have fond memories of him. Michael was laid to rest i at Holy Trinity.

Holy Trinity, Corris

Sale at Paula's in Bridge Street on
Saturday 29th November 2014 from 10am - 1 pm



St Peter's Plodders November Walk.

Coed Y Brenin & the Afon Mawddach. (4.5 miles)

A fairly flat walk through mixed woodland in a beautiful deep narrow valley seldom far from the sound of the Afon Mawddach. We will be passing the impressive falls of "Pistyll Cain" in its deep gorge, get a chance to see one of the area's principle former gold mines. Gold was first discovered in 1864. Any nuggets found will go towards the church fund!!!! Meeting at **09:30 hrs by St Peters**, packed lunch required. Could those who intend going with their cars please offer lifts.

Our October walk along part of the Ystwyth Trail and returning via the coastal path into Aberystwyth harbour was made even more enjoyable with dry warm sunny weather. We even managed to have our lunch sitting near the beach, it took all my skills of leadership to stop them making sand castles !!!! We now have a strong core of walkers each month, and the feeling of camaraderie and friendship make it even more enjoyable.





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