

CYLCHGRAWN MISOL MONTHLY MAGAZINE

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**Bro
Cyfeiliog a Mawddwy**

Dear Friends,

I hope you've all had a pleasant summer and are refreshed by the warm sunshine we've had – maybe not quite so warm in the last couple of weeks!

In July I was fortunate enough to spend the day on Ynys Enlli – Bardsey Island. It's a place that's been on my "to visit" list for some time and it certainly didn't disappoint. I love to watch and listen to the sea but to travel on the sea is not a favourite of mine and it looked a little choppy on that Monday morning! I had no need to worry, though, in the capable hands of Colin who has navigated Bardsey Sound for many years and my return trip caused far less anxiety.

Our boat was escorted into the Quay on the Island by an inquisitive seal checking out the first visitors of the day. As I got off the boat making my way up the quay, I stopped to look back at the sea – I don't know what I expected but what I experienced at that moment is hard to describe – a feeling I was part of something good and much bigger than I have words to express. As we walked, mostly in silence, on our pilgrimage around the Island, we stopped at places along the way– the lighthouse, Maen Duw, the birdwatchers hide, the Abby ruins – taking time to pray for ourselves and others and to feel God's presence in the wonder of creation all around us. Our pilgrimage took about two hours but there are more places on this beautiful island that "invite us to join the prayers of those Christians who have sought God here for almost 1500 years and to join in what we might think of as the island's own prayer – the wordless, indefinable link between creation and Creator" (Pilgrimage, Andrew Jones p186)

Ynys Enlli has been a place of pilgrimage for centuries with 20,000 saints buried on the island, I had read and been told that the accumulation of prayer over this time is almost tangible and now I know that it is.

With every blessing to you and yours

Kathleen

September 29th

All the angels, led by St Michael

What is an angel? Easy, people think. A shining figure with glorious wings, who appears from time to time to do some mighty work for God or bring a very special message from him.

Well, that's right in one sense (apart from the wings, which owe more to stained glass windows than the Bible). But the fact that not all 'angels' in the Bible are 'glorious' or 'shining' should make us hesitate to categorise them in this spectacular way. After all, the three apparently ordinary men who visited Abraham and Sarah to tell them that she would have a son even though she was long past child-bearing age had none of those outward embellishments. Nevertheless Abraham recognised them as divine messengers.

The Bible is full of angels, from the early chapters of Genesis to the last chapter of Revelation, and often they had a key role in crucial events. It seems, from just two instances, that Michael was their leader, an 'archangel'. In stained glass he's often seen with a sword, because in a vision in Revelation he led the angelic host who fought and defeated Satan and his army.

In the Gospels an angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah in the Temple, to tell him that his elderly wife was to have a son, the forerunner of the Messiah, John the Baptist. An angel - Gabriel - appeared to Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of the Messiah, the Son of God. . An angel appeared 'in a dream' to Joseph, the village carpenter in Nazareth, to tell him to go ahead and marry his fiancée, Mary, and later - also in a dream - warned him not to go back to Bethlehem. A 'young man', whom we take to have been an angel, was sitting in the empty tomb on Easter morning, waiting to tell the startled women that Jesus wasn't there - he had risen (Mark 16:5).

Without going into every biblical reference to angels, those should be sufficient to show that the word covers an enormous diversity of experience. So the Letter to the Hebrews speaks of those who practice hospitality as sometimes 'entertaining angels unawares'. Sometimes people recognised angels for who they were, and sometimes they didn't. Angels, quite simply, are God's agents or emissaries, messengers and ministers of his will. Sometimes they are human; sometimes they seem to be spiritual beings.

Perhaps we could even say that anyone, in any situation, who is at that moment God's 'messenger' to us, or serves us graciously, is an 'angel'. So when we say, 'Oh, be an angel and pop up to the chemist for my prescription', we may be nearer the heart of the matter than we think!

by David Winter

The Reverend Canon Kathleen Rogers with The Right Reverend Andrew John and the Very Reverend Sue Jones following the Installation and Collation service at the Cathedral on August 1st.



We send our love and prayers to all who have been ill at home and in hospital over this last month.

We send our sympathies to the family of Mrs Doris Bryan, 75 Tregarth, who pass away on the eve of her 99th birthday. Her funeral took place at St Peter's on the 15th August.

Lord, let your presence bring comfort to those who are suffering; may they know your love and care; may they feel your peace and your presence. Amen.

Lord God, for the day ahead –

Renew my life (body)
Replenish my joy (soul)
Strengthen my faith (spirit)
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Blodau'r Allor Eglwys Blwyf Machynlleth Parish
Church Alter Guild.***

- Medi 7 Sept: Mrs Jeanne Kerridge, Cae Coedeau Penegoes.
Medi 14 Sept: Mrs Mareen Hughes, Llety Gwyn.
Medi 21 Sept: Mrs Mareen Hughes, Llety Gwyn.
Medi 28 Sept: Mrs Norina Holt, 36 Cae Crwn.



THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP.

The Ladies Fellowship will commence again in September following the summer break. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 2 pm in St Peter's Church Office. The first on will be on the 9th September, we welcome new members.

Ministry Area Dates for the September Diary.

- Awst 31 Aug:** 3yp Cyfarfod y Tim Gweinidogaeth ym Machynlleth/3pm Meeting of Ministry Area Team in Machynlleth.
- Medi 7 Sept:** 4pm Corris congregation meeting at Fronfelen Hall
- Medi 9 Sept:** 2pm Ladies Fellowship meeting at Parish Office.
- Medi 10 Sept:** 2.30pm Pastoral Team meeting Parish Office
7pm St Peter's Finance Committee meeting
- Medi 18 Sept:** 2pm Machynlleth Mothers' Union meet at St Peter's
- Medi 3 Sept:** Stondin Cynnyrch i Eglwys Cemaes ym Machynlleth / Produce Stall for Cemaes Church in Machynlleth.
- Medi 2/4 Sept:** Ysgol Haf Clerigwyr / Clergy Summer School.
- Medi 11 Sept:** 7.30 Whist Drive Ystafell yr Eglwys Cemaes Church Room.
- Medi 12 Sept:** 7 – 9 yh / pm. Clwb Ieuentid / Youth Club Canolfan Llanbrynmair Community Centre. Oed /Age 13 -19. Croeso i bawb, Welcome to all.
- Medi 25 Sept:** Cyfarfod cyntaf i drefnu y Diwrnod Hwyl i Deuluoedd ym Machynlleth yn 2015. The first meeting to organise the Family Fun Day in Machynlleth for 2015. 10am Machynlleth. Croeso i bawb / Welcome to all.
- Medi 26 Sept:** Clwb Ieuentid / Youth Club Llanbrynmair 7 - 9pm.
- Medi 27 Sept:** Diwrnod Darllenwyr / Readers Day Bangor.
- Medi 27 Sept:** Bore Coffi Macmillan Coffee Morning 10.30 Ystafell yr Eglwys Cemaes Church Room (Ymchwil Cancr / Cancer Research)
- Hydref 4 Oct:** Cynhadledd Esgobaethol / Diocesan Conference Bangor 10am – 3pm.

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

Medi 7 September Pentecost 13

- 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

Medi 14 September Pentecost 14

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

Medi 21 September Matthew Apostle

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m. **No Service at Corris**
9.30 a.m. Morning Worship (Llanwrin)
11.00 a.m. Bilingual Holy Eucharist

Medi 24 September Pentecost 16

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

Hydref 5 October Pentecost 17

- 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

Every Wednesday

- 10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

ROTA OF READERS.

Medi 7 September : Pentecost 13 Pentecost

8:00 am Mr Ken Searson

11.00 am Mrs Joyce Price / Mrs Jeanne Kerridge

Medi 14 September : Pentecost 14 Pentecost

11:00 am Mrs Muriel Evans / Mrs Marilyn Brunton

2:00 pm Mrs Ann Armstrong

Medi 21 September: Mathew Apostol / Mathew Apostle

8:00 am Miss Pru Probert

11:00 am Mrs Joyce Price / Capt. Richard Lambert

Medi 28 September :Pentecost 16 Pentecost

9:30 am Mrs Ann Armstrong

11:00 am Mr Grahame Cox

Hydref 5 October: Pentecost 17 Pentecost

8:00 am Miss Pru Probert

11:00 am Mrs Muriel Evans/Mrs Jeanne Kerridge

ROTA OF SIDESPERSONS.

Medi 7 September: Pentecost 13 Pentecost

8:00 am Mr Ken Searson

11:00 am Mr Elfed Jones / Mr Henry Holt

Medi 14 September: Pentecost 14 Pentecost

11:00 am Mrs Gwenda Price / Mrs Margaret Searson

Medi 21 September: Mathew Apostol / Mathew Apostle

8:00 am Mrs Margaret Vince

11:00 am Capt Richard Lambert /Mrs Margaret Davies

Medi 28 September:Pentecost 16 Pentecost

9:30 am Mr Emyr Roberts

11.00 am Mrs Dorothy Edwards/ Mrs Muriel Evans

Hydref 5:October Pentecost 17 Pentecost

8:00 am Mr Elfyn Rowlands

11:00 am Mr Elfed Jones / Mr Henry Holt

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

Medi 7 September Pentecost 13

Cemaes 09:45 am. PW (E)
Darowen

Mallwyd 11:15 pm. PW (E)
Llanbrynmair 10:30 am. RPB (E)

Medi 14 September Pentecost 14

Cemaes 09:45 am. RPB (E)
Darowen 14:00 pm. Unebol ym Machynlleth/United *

* This is a Welsh language service in order to foster and strengthen the singing of our liturgy in Welsh, sharing music as a way of finding spiritual unity in God.

Mallwyd 11:15 am. RPB (E)
Llanbrynmair

Medi 21 September Matthew Apostle

Cemaes 09:45 am. RPB(E)
Darowen

Mallwyd

Llanbrynmair 16:00 pm Diolchgarwch/ Thanks giving **

** On a theme of the Olive tree in Palastine/ Ar thema y Coeden Oleweden ym Palastina.

Medi 24 September Pentecost 16

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

Eglwys Sant Tudur, Darowen.

Ar brynhawn Sul, 10fed o Awst, cynhaliwyd gwasanaeth cyntaf Cymraeg o'r Hwylol Weddi ar gan i'r Ardal Gweinidogaethol. Daeth nifer dda o aelodau o Eglwys Sant Pedr Machynlleth, rhai o Eglwys Sant Cadfarch Penegoes, a Llanwrin, Yng ngofal y Gwasanaeth, yr oedd Parchedig Roland Barnes; darllenwyd y llithoedd gan y Canon Kathleen Rodgers a Mrs Nora Wigley, a'r gweddiau oedd yng gofal Mrs Jen Evans. Mrs Rosie Pughe oedd wrth yr organ.

Ar yr un Sul, y'r oedd Cymdeithas Darowen yn trefnu "Gwyl Frongoch" am y tro cyntaf, a daeth Band o Wlad y Basg, Sbaen o'r enw "Bitartean" I mewn ar hanner amser I ganu I ni fel rhan o'r dathliadau. Hefyd, canwyd dwy garol plygain gan Mr Trevor Pugh a Dr Rhiannon Ifans. Ar ol y gwasanaeth, fe roedd gwahoddiad I bawb I fwynhau te Cymreig, cymdeithasu a gwrando ar gerddoriaeth gwerin yn fferm Gwernbere a chlodwyd llawer o'r gynulleidfa yno gyda thractor a chert.

On Sunday afternoon 10th August, a special service was held at St Tudur's Church Darowen for the Ministry Area. This was a sung Evening Prayer Service in Welsh, and many members from St Peter's Church Machynlleth, St Cadfarch Church Penegoes and Llanwrin were present. The service was taken by the Rev Roand Barnes, the readings by Rev Canon Kath Rodgers and Mrs Nora Wigley. The prayers were read by Mrs Jen Evans and the organist was Mrs Rosie Pughe.

On the same afternoon, the Darowen Community were celebrating for the first time, a festival called "Gwyl Frongoch". A folk band from the Basque country Spain had been invited. They were called "Bitartean" and joined in the service at 2:30 to perform folk songs. Mr Trevor Pugh and Dr Riannon Ifans entertained with two Plygain carols. After the service, everyone was invited to a traditional Welsh tea at Gwernbere Farm, and were transported there by tractor and trailer.

Appeals for aid for Gaza.

Tens of thousands of people in Gaza urgently need help, following this summer's escalating violence in the region. Various UK Christian relief agencies have responded with appeals for money so that they can send essential relief into the area. If you would like to donate towards this cause, either one of the following agencies might interest you.

Episcopal Relief and Development (part of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem) is providing Al-Ahli Hospital with funding for food and fuel. **www.episcopalrelief.org**

Christian Aid is providing relief to the Palestinian Medical Relief Society which runs clinics in Gaza, and also to the Agricultural Development Association, which helps fishermen and farmers in Gaza. **www.christianaid.org.uk**

Janet Symes, Christian Aid Head of Middle East said: "The horrific escalation of violence in the region means the levels of need on the ground will continue to rise at a dramatic rate. The current crisis is a result of decades of political failure. Without genuine dialogue and a determination from all sides to achieve a just peace, Palestinians and Israelis will be destined to live through the horrors of violence again and again."

The WILL of God will never take you

Where the grace of God cannot keep you
Where the riches of God cannot supply your needs
Where the Spirit of God cannot work through you
Where the Love of God cannot enfold you
Where the mercies of God cannot sustain you.
Where the peace of God cannot calm your fears
Where the Word of God cannot feed you
Where the comfort of God cannot dry your tears.

Author unknown

Corris Church News.

The celebration of Martin and Helen Evan's marriage took place on the 16th August. A joyous occasion for all concerned.

Throughout July and August we have welcomed several visitors and also enjoyed the company of Canon Riley's sister Thelma on a visit from her home in Turkey.

Canon and Mrs Riley will be visiting their son Jim in America during September and we hope they will have a happy time with their family there.

We hope that a solution will be found to the ongoing problems with the Corris Surgery. A much needed facility, particularly for the elderly and infirm

Congratulations.

Congratulations to Kirsty Farmery on her graduation and attaining 2AS and 1B plus a Distinction. She has been accepted at Aberystwyth University to study in September.

Well done from Kirsty's parents and very proud Grandparents Ronnie & Gwenda Price.

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all of those young people who sat exams recently and done well. May you go on to success and happiness in your chosen path.

Smile a while.

When all else fails, My friend and I delivered a large refrigerator to the local priest's home. With difficulty we had managed to get the fridge into the porch, but struggled for over 20 minutes to make the 90-degree turn through the narrow door. The priest, seeing our difficulty, asked what we usually did when confronted with such a situation. Rubbing some badly skinned knuckles, I replied, "Well, Father, at this point we usually start swearing."

"That's fine, gentlemen," Father replied, "just allow me time to move out of earshot, so you can continue your work."

All in the month of SEPTEMBER

80 years ago:- on 22nd Sept 1934 that the Gresford Colliery Disaster in Wales took place. An explosion killed 266 miners and rescuers – one of Britain's worst coal-mining disasters.

75 years ago: on 3rd Sept 1939 that Britain, Australia, New Zealand and France declared war on Germany.

Also 75 years ago:- on 18th Sept 1939 that William Joyce ('Lord Haw-Haw') made his first Nazi propaganda broadcast from Germany to the UK.

70 years ago:- on 8th Sept 1944 that the first German V-2 rockets hit Britain, landing in Kent.

Also 70 years ago:- 17th-25th Sept 1944 that Operation Market Garden, the Allies' attempt at a massive airborne invasion of German-occupied Netherlands, took place. They were forced to withdraw. (The story was told in 'A Bridge Too Far')

65 years ago:- on 30th Sept 1949 that the Berlin Airlift ended after 14 months and over 270,000 flights.

50 years ago:- on 4th Sept 1964 that the Forth Road Bridge opened in Scotland. It links Edinburgh and Fife across the Firth of Forth.

40 years ago:- on 23rd Sept 1974 that Ceefax, the world's first teletext service, was launched by the BBC in the UK. (It ceased in October 2012 when the switchover to digital TV was completed.)

30 years ago: on 28th Sept 1984 that a High Court judge ruled that the miners' strike in the UK was illegal because a national union ballot had not been held.

25 years ago:- on 13th Sept 1989 that South African Anglican bishop Desmond Tutu led an anti-apartheid peace march through central Cape Town. 30,000 people took part.

Also 25 years ago:- on 22nd Sep 1989 that Irving Berlin died. The prolific American songwriter gave us 'Alexander's Ragtime Band', 'Puttin' on the Ritz', 'God Bless America', 'There's No Business like Show Business', 'White Christmas' and many, many more.

20 years ago: - on 2nd Sep 1994 that Roy Castle, British TV presenter, dancer, singer, comedian, actor and musician died. He was best known as host of the TV show 'Record Breakers'. His lung cancer was caused by playing his jazz trumpet in smoky clubs.

10 years ago:- on 1st Sept 2004 that the Beslan school hostage crisis began in Russia. Armed terrorists took over 1,100 children and adults hostage in a three day crisis which ended when Russian security forces stormed the school. 300 hostages died and hundreds were injured.



St Peter's Plodders September Walk.

Cwm Hengae, Aberllefenni (4 miles) Sat 13th Sept.

Meeting at **St Peter's Church 09:30 hrs** then proceeding to Aberllefenni. Parking will be at Foel Friog Forestry Car Park. The walk then continues through the village and up the Hengae valley via tarmac road then returns the opposite side of the valley through woodland and Slate Quarry. This whole area been steeped in history.

Once again our August walk was well attended and enjoyed by all. Surprisingly, even though we where up in the hills of Staylittle the walk was comparatively flat. We followed Glyndwr's Way past Glaslyn lake then, skirting many of the old Lead Mines scattered about the area, we returned via mountain road near the Star Inn. It's ironic that both this months walk and last months pass mining of different kinds, but both playing an important part in the past.





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