

CYLCHGRAWN MISOL MONTHLY MAGAZINE

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'Behold this child
is appointed for the fall
and the rising
of many in Israel . . .'

Luke 2 : 34



Mae hi'n chwe mis bellach ers inni ddod yn Ardal Weinidogaeth a thros y misoedd hynny mae'r Tîm Gweinidogaeth wedi sefydlu timau eraill sy'n bwysig i genhadaeth yr eglwys yma ym Mro Cyfeiliog a Mawddwy. Rwy'n gydlynnydd un o'r timau hynny sef y **Tîm Gweinidogaeth Bugeiliol**. Mae gweinidogaeth bugeiliol yn hanfodol i genhadaeth yr eglwys, gweinidogaeth sy'n annog lleygwyr i gymryd rhan weithredol ynddi. Rydym erbyn hyn wedi sefydlu tîm bach bugeiliol a'n nod cychwynnol yw ymweld â phobl sy'n wael, mewn ysbyty neu gartref, y rhai mewn profedigaeth, y rhai unig, y rhai sy'n gaeth i'r tŷ a'r rhai sy'n gwynebu amser anodd. Byddwn yn cyd gerdded gyda nhw gan rannu cariad Duw trwy empathi, cynnig clust i wrando'n gyfrinachol, trwy'r ysgrythur a gweddi yn ogystal â rhoi cefnogaeth ymarferol e.e. cludiant i'r eglwys. Byddwn hefyd yn rhannu yn llawenydd y plwyfolion – babi newydd, penblwydd arbennig, neu benblwydd priodas. Rydym yma iddynt ar adegau o lawenydd ac o dristwch. Bydd yr aelodau hynny sydd â diddordeb wedyn yn helpu'r clerigwyr i baratoi at briodas a bedydd.

Er mwyn imi ddatblygu ymhellach yn fy rôl gyda'r Tîm Gweinidogaeth, byddaf yn parhau gyda fy hyfforddiant Archwilio Ffydd yn ogystal â'r hyfforddiant ymarferol yn yr Ardal Weinidogaeth. Yn ystod gwasanaeth trwyddedu'r Ardal Weinidogaeth fis Gorffennaf y llynedd, cefais yr anrhydedd o dderbyn caniatad a bendith yr Esgob i fod yn Arweinydd Addoliad ac i weinyddu'r Cymun Bendigaid i'r rhai sy'n wael ac i'r rhai sy'n gaeth i'r tŷ. Dros y chwe mis diwethaf rwyf wedi bod gyda'r Parch Kathleen i Ganolfan Dydd Crossroads, Cartref Dyfi, i'r ysbyty yn ogystal ac i gartrefi unigol. Ar Noswyl Nadolig es â'r Cymun Bendigaid i un o'n plwyfolion ar ben fy hun am y tro cyntaf. Bu hyn yn fraint ac yn anrhydedd mawr. Dyma weinidogaeth sy'n golygu llawer iawn i mi yn bersonol ac rwy'n ysyried pawb rwy'n ymweld â nhw yn eu cartref neu mewn cartref gofal fel fy nheulu estynedig. Diolchaf i Dduw am fy ngalw i'r weinidogaeth hon.

Os hoffech chi, neu os gwyddoch am rhywun arall a fyddai'n hoffi cael sgwrs â rhywun, derbyn cymun yn y cartref neu a fyddai'n hoffi cael ymweliad gan aelod o'r tîm bugeiliol, cysylltwch os gwelwch yn dda naill ai â'r Parch Ganon Kathleen Rogers, Parch Roland Barnes neu â mi.

It is six months now since we became a Ministry Area, and during those months the Ministry Team has been setting up other teams important to the mission of the church here in Bro Cyfeiliog a Mawddwy. One of these teams of which I am the co-ordinator is – The Pastoral Ministry Team. Pastoral ministry is vital to the mission of the church and a ministry where lay people can be, and are encouraged to become actively involved. We have now set up a small pastoral team and our initial aim is to visit people who are unwell, in hospital or at home, the bereaved, the lonely, the housebound and those who are facing a time of particular difficulty. We will walk alongside them and share the love of God with them through empathy, a confidential listening ear, scripture and prayer as well as practical support e.g. transport to church. We will also share in our parishioners' joys - new baby, a special birthday, an anniversary. We are here for them in times of joy and times of sorrow. Gradually, interested members of the team will support the clergy with marriage and baptism preparation.

To enable me to further develop my role in the Ministry Team I am continuing with my training in the form of the Exploring Faith course as well as practical training in the Ministry Area. In July last year during the Ministry Area Licensing service I was honoured to receive the Bishop's permission and blessing as a Worship Leader and to administer the Holy Communion to the sick and the housebound. I have accompanied the Rev Kathleen to The Crossroads Day Centre, to Cartref Dyfi and the hospital as well as to individual homes over these last 6 months and on Christmas Eve I took Home Communion to a parishioner for the first time on my own. It was a huge honour and privilege. This is a very rewarding ministry and all who I visit whether in their own home or in a care home, I regard as my extended family and I thank God for calling me to this ministry.

If you, or someone you know would like to talk, have home communion or a visit by a member of the pastoral team please contact the Rev Canon Kathleen Rogers, the Rev Roland Barnes or myself.

Jen Evans

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Undeb y Mamau/ Mothers Union.

The first meeting of 2015 was held at the Parish Office on Thurs. 15th January. The service was led by the enrolling member and the Rev. Kath Rogers read the lesson. All members were wished a Happy New Year and Mrs. Ann Armstrong was welcomed back after her knee operation. A report was read out on the Vigil held on 3rd December.

Six members sent their apologies. It was decided to hold a Rainbow Sale on 27th May. The General Meeting will be held in Nottingham on 25th-26th June. Please inform the enrolling member ASAP if you would like to attend. The cost is approx. £80 . The accounts were approved and Margaret and Gwenan were thanked for their work.

The guest speaker was Jean Preston, who gave a very interesting talk on her experience as a CMS volunteer in Uganda for two years. She lived in Kampala where the rich and poor lived side by side. She was warmly thanked by Mrs. Alice Hughes.

The tea hostesses were Mrs. M. Searson and Mrs Jocelyn Seagreves. The next meeting will be on Thurs. Feb. 19th when the guest speaker will be Mrs. Jocelyn Seagreves.

J.P.



"100 Club"

For those who have already bought a Prize Draw ticket please note: the first draw will take place at the end of February

Tickets are still on sale at each church until the 20th February.



THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP.

The first meeting of the Fellowship for 2015 was our Annual Dinner held at the Maengwyn Cafe. The Reverend Kathleen said grace, and 18 members and friends enjoyed a delicious meal. Muriel thanked Shirley and the staff for preparing and serving our meal. Everyone then took part in a very enjoyable quiz, set by Alice, the winner was Wendy Fuller. A special prize was awarded to Angela Jones, who was the only one to answer a particular question. Bronwen and Muriel then led a session of Bingo and most members went home with a prize and a full stomach. The next meeting will be on the 10 February, the guest speaker will be Jean Preston who will speak about weddings and celebrations in Uganda. Everyone is welcome to join us at 2:00 pm

Thank you Alice.

LENT  2015

Mid week Services St Peter's Church

Wednesdays:	10am	Holy Eucharist
	11am	Lent Course
Thursdays:	6pm	Prayer and meditation

On Sunday 1st March – St David's Day – at the 11am Eucharist service at St Peter's the Standard of the newly formed Royal Welch Fusiliers Veterans' Association will be dedicated by the Rev Canon Kathleen Rogers.

Making Time for God in Lent

Lent is usually seen as a time for giving something up – but it can also be a great opportunity to commit to something for the weeks before Easter. And I'm not just talking about giving those New Year's resolutions another go! Lent offers a chance for a bit of focused thinking about our faith – what it means to us, the difference it makes to our lives day by day, even where and how God might be calling us to journey a bit further in our understanding.

I'd like to invite you to join me in Machynlleth on the Wednesdays of Lent for a relaxed time of Bible-related reflection. Starting 25 February, we will gather in St Peter's Parish Office at 11am and spend a couple of hours, concluding with a simple lunch. All are most welcome – and you can participate as much or as little as you wish. I look forward very much to seeing you there.

Naomi Starkey

Prayer for February

Dear Lord,

February can seem such a bleak, mid-winter month, often flavoured with 'flu and bad weather. But actually, the days are lengthening. There are snowdrops and other signs of new life, if we look expectantly. Spring is beckoning. Open our eyes, Lord, to see the wonders of your creation, even in February. May we appreciate the rhythms of the seasons you designed for us, and rejoice in the hope you have given us in Jesus, who came to wonderfully re-create, to make all things new, by his death and resurrection. Thank you Father for life-signs in February – and thank you especially for the new life-sign of Jesus.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

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

Chwefror 1 Feb Yswyll 3 Epiphany

8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Corris**)
9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Llanwrin**)
11.00 a.m. Service for Candlemass

Chwefror 8 Feb Sul y Greadigaeth/Creation Sunday

9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (**Corris**)
11.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
2.00 p.m. Gosber (**Penegoes**)

Chwefror 15 Feb Sul y Gweddnewidiad

Transfiguration Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Corris**)
9.30 a.m. Boreol Weddi/Morning Prayer (**Llanwrin**)
11.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Chwefror 22 Feb Garawys 1 Lent

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

**Mawrth 1 Mar Garawys 2 Lent Dydd Gwyl Dewi/St
David's Day**

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

Every Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

NB There will be **NO 10am** service on Wednesday 11th February

ROTA OF READERS

Chwefror 1 Feb: Ystwyll 4 Epiphany

8:00 am Miss Pru Probert

11:00 am Mrs Joyce Price / Mrs Jeanne Kerridge

Chwefror 8 Feb: Sul y Greadigaeth/Creation Sunday

11:00 am Mrs Marilyn Brunton

Chwefror 15 Feb: Sul y Gweddnewidiad Transfiguration

8:00 am Miss Pru Probert

11.00 am Mrs Muriel Evans / Mr Ken Searson

Chwefror 22 Feb: Garawys 1 Lent

9:30 am Mrs Ann Armstrong

11:00 am Mr Grahame Cox

Mawrth 1 March: Dewi Sant / St David – Garawys 2 Lent

8:00 am Mr Ken Searson

11:00 am Mrs Joyce Price / Mrs Jeanne Kerridge

ROTA OF SIDESPERSONS

Chwefror 1 Feb: Ystwyll 4 Epiphany

8:00 am Mr Elfyn Rowlands

11:00 am Mr Elfed Jones / Mrs Margaret Davies

Chwefror 8 Feb: Sul y Greadigaeth/Creation Sunday

11:00 am Mrs Muriel Evans / Mrs Margaret Searson

Chwefror 15 Febr :Sul y Gweddnewidiad/Transfiguration

8:00 am Mr Geraint Davies

11:00 am Mr Elfed Jones / Mrs Margaret Davies

Chwefror 22 Feb: Garawys 1 Lent

9:30 am Mr Emyr Roberts

11.00 am Mrs Dorothy Edwards/ Mr Henry Holt

Mawrth 1 March: Dewi Sant/ St David- Garawys 2 Lent

8:00 am Mr Elfyn Rowlands

11:00 am Mrs Gwenda Price / Mrs Margaret Searson

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

Chwefror 1 Feb Yswyll 3 Epiphany

Cemaes	09:45 am.	PW(E)
Darowen	
Mallwyd	11:15 pm.	PW(E)
Llanbryn'n	10:30 am	RPB(E)

Chwefror 8 Feb Sul y Greadigaeth/Creation Sunday

Cemaes	09:45 am.	RPB(E)
Darowen	14:00 pm.	RPB(JE)
Mallwyd	11:15 am.	RPB(E)
Llanbryn'n	

Chwefror 15 Feb Sul y Gweddnewidiad

Transfiguration Sunday

Cemaes	09:45 am.	KR(E)
Darowen	
Mallwyd	11:15 am.	KR(E)
Llanbryn'n	10:30 am.	PW(E)

Chwefror 22 Feb Garawys 1 Lent

Cemaes	09:45 am.	JE(MP)
Darowen	14:00 pm.	RPB Cyfarfod Blynyddol.
Mallwyd	11:15 am.	RPB(E) AGM.
Llanbryn'n	

Mawrth 1 Mar

Garawys 2 Lent Dydd Gwyl Dewi/St

David's Day

Cemaes	09:45 am.	RPB(E) AGM
Darowen	
Mallwyd	
Llanbryn'n	10:30 am.	PW(E)

CEMAES, DAROWEN, MALLWYD & LLANBRYNMAIR Dyddiadur / Diary

Mawrth 10 Tuesday Agor y Llyfr Dinas Mawddwy 10am

“ “ Llanbrynmair 2pm

Gwener 13 Fri Clwb Ieuenctid / Youth Club Llanbrynmair 7 – 9pm.

Llun 16 Mon Funday Meeting Machynlleth 10.30am

“ “ Synod Dolgellau 5 – 8pm

Mercher 18 Wed Lent Course 7.15pm in Cemaes (Wythnosol / Weekly)

Cysylltwch /Contact Roland 01650 531650 or Peter 01686 688 034

Gwener 20 Fri Bingo Llanbrynmair Canolfan Cymunedol 7yh

Mercher 25 Wed Lent Course 7.15pm Cemaes

Gwener 27 Fri Clwb Ieuenctid / Youth Club Llanbrynmair 7 – 9pm.

Ash Wednesday: a good time to admit you are sorry

Have you done something which haunts you? Which makes you feel restless and defensive, every time you think of it? Why not deal with it this month, and put it behind you? Whatever your mistake has been, consider what the Bible has to say to you: ‘I have not come to call the virtuous but sinners to repentance’ (said Jesus). (Luke 5.32)

‘Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55.7)

‘Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.’ (Joel 2:12-13)

God is inviting you to come to him this Ash Wednesday. What a wonderful offer! Make the most of it, and remember how the prodigal son was welcomed back by his compassionate father.

Parish Link

At the last Ministry Area Council meeting it was suggested that we, as a Ministry Area, should form a link with a Parish in the Diocese of Lango in Uganda. This link has now been formed. The Parish of Apac is in the Diocese of West Lango, and if you look on a map of Uganda you will find Apac in the centre of the country just south of Lira. The Parish is still suffering from the after effects of a very brutal civil war, economically, physically and emotionally but these very proud people are on the way to recovery. The Rector of the Parish is the Reverend Alfred Ameri who has built up a very active youth group; the Mothers' Union is also active in all aspects of community life there. Information is scarce at present but as soon as there is a reliable source of electricity in the area easier communication via the internet will be available. Please hold the Rev Ameri and his parishioners in your prayers.

Another link St Peter's has with Uganda is through our sponsored child, Mary. I've received some photographs of Mary and her family with their new cow, outside their new house and of the playing field all bought with the generous donations in memory of little April. As a church we continue to support Mary and her community. Unfortunately the photographs are not good enough to reproduce for the magazine but I'm told that better ones are on the way. As you can appreciate the postal service to and from Uganda is very difficult and can take a long time; as soon as the photos are available I'll let you know. Please pray for Mary, her family and the work of World Vision, the charity who facilitates our sponsorship.



Blodau'r Allor Eglwys Blwyf Machnleth.

Parish Church Alter Guild.

Chwefror 1 February: Mrs Dorothy Edwrds.
Chwefror 8 February Mrs Muriel Evans.
Chwefror 15 February: Mrs Barbara Rolfe.
Chwefror 22 February: Lent no Flowers.



**DIOCESAN FUN DAY and CELEBRATION
2015
9th MAY**

**Y PLAS
MACHYNLLETH**

**11am – 3pm
Put this date in your diary!
Tell your friends and neighbours!**

Watch out for the posters!

**DIWRNOD O HWYL A DATHLU YR ESGOBAETH
2015
MAI 9fed**

**Y PLAS
MACHYNLLETH**

**11o'r gloch – 3 o'r gloch
Dyddiad i'ch dyddiadur!
Cofiwch ddweud wrth eich ffrindiau a'ch cymdog-
ion!**

Edrychwch allan am y posterï!

With Valentine's Day in mind How do you define love?

A group of 4 to 8 year-olds was once asked: 'What does love mean?' The answers they gave were surprising for their depth of insight....

- ~ "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca – age 8
- ~ "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy – age 4
- ~ "Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." Karl – age 5
- ~ "Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your chips, without making them give you any of theirs." Chrissy – age 6
- ~ "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri – age 4
- ~ "Love is when mum makes coffee for my dad and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK." Danny – age 7
- ~ "Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mum and Dad are like that. They look gross when they kiss." Emily – age 8
- ~ "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nikka – age 6 (We need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)



Corris News Condolences.

The funeral of Mrs Felicity Griffiths (nee Redford) was held on 12th January. We offer our condolences to all her family. Felicity was born and raised in Corris reflected in the number of friends present.



St Peter's Plodders February Walk

Cwrt Circular (4.75 miles) Saturday 7th February.

Hopefully the weather will be kind enough to commence our St Peters Plodders 2015 walks. We have kept it local just in case, leaving from **St Peters at 09:30 hrs** (lifts available). Parking will be at the Cwrt Village Car Park (SH688000) the terrain is Tarmac road, firm tracks, fields and woodland. Providing one of the local hostelrys is open (Plas Talgarth or Riverside) refreshments will be available at end of walk. Please bring a packed lunch in case, I'm sure it won't go to waste. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Corris News

Winter Fund Raising at Holy Trinity & Electoral Roll.

Holy Trinity was delighted to be able to use Paula's home once again more for their Grand Sale. Thankfully having leafleted every home in Corris and Ceinws, there was plenty to sell and an excellent total of £242.92 was raised. A grateful "diolch" to everybody who helped and of course to those who supported the event so generously.

The table-top sale at The Corris Institute, at which Holy Trinity took a table, was sadly not so successful, raising just £30. However, as Holy Trinity appoints a Trustee to help manage The Institute and ensure it's viability, it is important to support it's fund raising efforts as well as our own.

Holy Trinity wishes to express its enormous thanks to the Corris School who as a result of their Nativity Play raised almost £100 for the Church. Apart from this generosity on the part of the teachers and parents, it was good to see the school feeling at home in Holy Trinity and we hope that the partnership will continue to grow in 2015 and beyond.

We are renewing our Electoral Roll this year. If you wish to be included or know someone who would like to, please let one of the Church Wardens know.



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