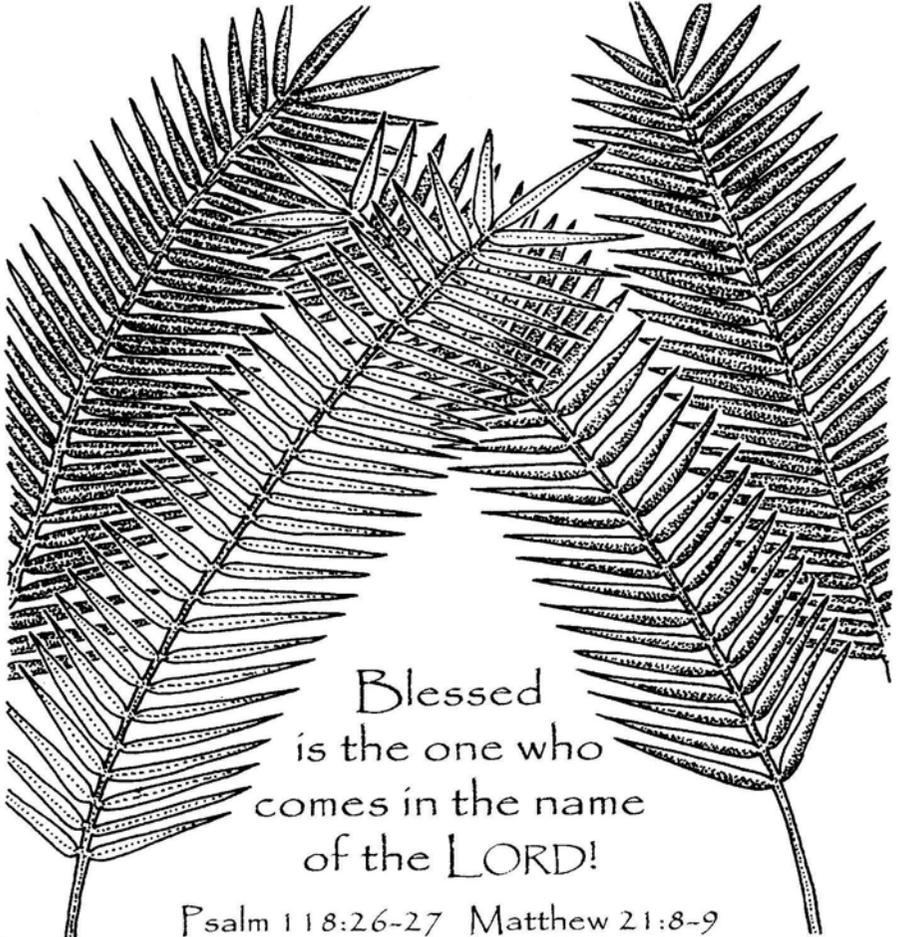


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Blessed
is the one who
comes in the name
of the LORD!

Psalm 118:26-27 Matthew 21:8-9

BRO
CYFEILIOG a MAWDDWY.

A few choice words can say so much. Here's a little story: 'The Communist Party of Britain are meeting for their AGM sometime in the 1920s. The meeting has come to an end, and the chairman stands up and announces. "Comrades, come the great revolution we shall all be eating strawberries and cream." A hand cautiously rises from the assembled throng: "Comrade chairman, I don't like strawberries and cream." "Brother, after the revolution you WILL like strawberries and cream!"'

I think that story tell us a lot about the history of human societies! Relationships founded on power, force, dominance, greed and ambition; whether between different nations, different genders, different religions, or just different communities. So often it is the sword, or the weapons that money can buy, or even the oratory of tyrants, which determine our places in the world. Even in the imagined utopia of the communist ideologues in my story, force is the only way to create 'paradise': "You will like strawberries and cream, whether you want to or not!" But a paradise forced down people's throats is no longer a paradise.

When we look at the life of Jesus, though, we see that he turned all the norms of human relationships upside down. No wonder his disciples could not understand, no wonder they worried that he was going insane. Instead of waving a magic wand, instead of imposing a 'paradise' on fallen humankind, he simply offered himself, naked and defenceless on the cross: "Take me, I give my life... Peter put your sword away. That is not the way."

Jesus' act of loving self-sacrifice, the act of God's only Son, allowed a world-changing spiritual transformation to take place at Easter. Jesus rose from the dead, offering new life to every single person, for all time. This was no 'utopia' imposed by human power, a utopia which has to be reinterpreted, re-imposed in each generation. Jesus' self-giving act on the cross is an eternal act of grace, of love.

Human dreams of creating a better world almost get it right but they ultimately fall down and fail because their vision of paradise is a human construct. It never works in the end, in the long run. The 1960s 'flower power' generation talked a lot of love - but we must hold to the love that comes from God's grace. Our utopia, our paradise, will not come through bathing in strawberries and cream (even if we like strawberries and cream!), but through sharing, giving good gifts to others and, above all, loving and trusting in God.

A happy Easter to everyone.

Roland Barnes

Goodbye already?

Well, not immediately... but you may have heard by now that I will be moving on from Bro Cyfeiliog and Mawddwy after my priesting this summer. I have been offered a full-time paid role with the Church in Wales, working in the Ministry Area of Bro Enlli, up on the Llyn Peninsula.

Since being made deacon at Bangor Cathedral last June, I have been working with Canon Kath two days a week – Sundays and usually Wednesdays – while continuing with my 'day job' as an editor with the Bible Reading Fellowship the rest of the time. I have come to feel an increasingly strong call to move on from my publishing work, however, and the time now feels right to make that move. It will be a big change, as I have worked with BRF since 1997 (and in publishing since 1994), but my colleagues tell me that they are not at all surprised...

I will still be very much around until early July and looking forward to celebrating my first Eucharist, which will take place at St Peter's in Machynlleth on 28 June. And even after Daniel and I move house (up to Aberdaron, at the very end of the Llyn), I plan to keep in touch – I'll still be in the same archdeaconry!

Naomi Starkey



THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP.

To celebrate St Davids Day, the Fellowship members and friends enjoyed a lunch at the Plas. Cawl, trifle or bread & butter pudding was the order of the day. Muriel thanked the staff of the Plas for a delicious meal, also thanking Alice for organising the meal.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th April when Mr Chris Fuller will speak about his work with nature conservation.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Alice Hughes.

Blodau'r Allor Eglwys Blwyf Machnlleth. Parish Church Altar Guild.



Ebrill 5 April; Mrs Ann Armstrong, Mrs Audrey Beaumont.
Ebrill 12 April: Mrs Sylvia Stout, Mrs Margaret Davies.
Ebrill 19 April : Mrs Kevva Lloyd.
Ebrill 26 April: Mrs Pauline Davies.



Undeb y Mamau/ Mothers Union.

Our March meeting was held at the Parish Office on Thurs.19th. The service was led by the enrolling member. In Margaret's absence the organist was Mrs. Jen Evans and Mrs. Margaret Searson read the lesson. They were both thanked by the Enrolling Member. Five members sent their apologies. Mrs. Betty Molyneux joined us and she was warmly welcomed by everyone.

The Women's World Day of Prayer was held at Maengwyn Chapel on the 6th March. Mrs. Margaret Searson and Mrs. Muriel Evans were thanked for taking part in the service. Members were reminded of the Bishop's Fun Day on Sat. 9th May, 11.00 am- 3.00 pm. All activities on the day are FREE, except the food, so bring your children and grandchildren for a FUN day out. Posters will be placed around the town.

For next month's meeting please bring along items for the Rainbow Sale; also your Summer scarves for window decoration and wedding memorabilia for the Wedding Display.

Our guest speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Jen Evans who gave us an insight into her upbringing in Morfa Nefyn, where all her family were Church members all their lives. This was a wonderful grounding for Jen, as she is now very active in Church life. We were reminded of Mary Sumner's theory that good parenting is essential for a child's upbringing. She was warmly thanked by Mrs. Joyce Price. The tea hostesses were Rev. Kathleen and Mrs. Ann Humphries. Next month's meeting will be on Thurs. 16th April at 2.00 pm. Our speaker will be Miss Anna Evans. J.P.

Margaret Hughes.

Congregation AGM

Annual General Meetings have been held in Llanwrin, Corris and Machynlleth during March prior to the Ministry Area AGM on April 12th at Cemaes. The officials of the churches have been re-elected and the list is at the front of the magazine. I am very grateful to all the Church Wardens, officials and all those who work so hard during the year to ensure the smooth running of the churches on a daily basis and to all who contribute so generously to support them.

I am, however, very disappointed in the attendance at AGMs. We are going through major changes in our Ministry Area and our Diocese, changes which must take place if we are to continue as a Christian presence in our communities. We can only do this together and coming together in each of our churches four times a year is one way of discussing, embracing the change, challenging constructively and supporting each other enabling us to put God and our churches back where He and they belong – in the centre of our lives and communities. Please make every effort to attend the next Congregation meetings in July, the date will be circulated in plenty of time.

May you and yours enjoy a blessed and happy Easter

Rev Kathleen

Services for Holy Week.

Wednesday

10am Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)

Maundy Thursday

5.30pm Holy Eucharist (**Corris**)

7pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar (**Machynlleth**)

Good Friday

1:30–3pm Good Friday Worship “were you there?” (**Machynlleth**)

2pm Good Friday Reflections (**Corris**)

Holy Saturday

8pm A Service of New Light (**Machynlleth**)

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

Ebrill 5 April Dydd y Pasg / Easter Day

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

Ebrill 12 April Pasg 2 Easter

**10.30 a.m. United Bilingual Holy Eucharist
St Tydecho Church Cemaes**

Ebrill 19 April Pasg 3 Easter

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

Ebrill 26 April Pasg 4 Easter

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

Mai 3 May Pasg 5 Easter

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. Family Service and Baptisms

Every Wednesday

10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

ROTA OF READERS

Ebrill 5 April: Dydd y Pasg /Easter Day
8:00 am Mr Ken Searson
11:00 am Mrs Joyce Price / Mrs Jeanne Kerridge

Ebrill 19 April : Pasg 3 Easter
8:00 am Miss Pru Probert
11:00 am Mrs Muriel Evans / Mr Neil Williams

Ebrill 26 April : Pasg 4 Easter
9:30 am Mrs Ann Armstrong
11:00 am Mr Grahame Cox

Mai 3 May: Pasg 5 Easter
8:00 am Mr Ken Searson
11:00 am Mrs Joyce Price / Mrs Jeanne Kerridge

ROTA OF SIDESPERSONS

Ebrill 5 April: Dydd y Pasg /Easter Day
8:00 am Mrs Margaret Vince
11:00 am Mr Elfed Jones / Mr Henry Holt

Ebrill 19 April: Pasg 3 Easter
8:00 am Mr Elfyn Rowlands
11:00 am Mrs Ann Armstrong / Mrs Margaret Davies

Ebrill 26 April: Pasg 4 Easter
9:30 am Mr Emyr Roberts
11.00 am Mrs Dorothy Edwards / Mr Henry Holt

Mai 3 May : Pasg 5 Easter
8.00 am Mrs Margaret Vince
11:00 am Mrs Muriel Evans / Mrs Margaret Searson

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

Ebrill 5 April Dydd y Pasg / Easter Day

Cemaes	09:45 am.	JD (E)
Darowen	14:00 pm.	RPB (E)
Mallwyd	11:15 am.	RPB (E)
Llanbryn'n	09:30 am	RPB (E)

Ebrill 12 April Pasg 2 Easter

Cemaes	10:30 am.	United Ministry Area Sevice
Darowen		Preacher Mr Jon Price
Mallwyd		
Llanbryn'n		

Ebrill 19 April Pasg 3 Easter

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

Ebrill 26 April Pasg 4 Easter

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

Diary

Wednesday 8th April. Parents and Toddlers Machinations Llanbryn-mair 1.30pm

Friday 10th April Youth Club Canolfan Llanbryn-mair 7 – 9pm.

Sunday 12th April Ministry Area AGM (Easter Vestry) Cemaes 12 noon.

Tuesday 14th April Church Room Cemaes AGM 2.30pm

Tuesday 21st April Parents and Toddlers Machinations Llanbryn-mair 1.30pm

Friday 24th April Youth Club Canolfan Llanbryn-mair 7 – 9pm.

***Ardal Weinidogeath/Ministry Area
Y Cymun Bendigaidd Undebol/United Holy Eucharist***

Ebrill 12 April
Eglwys St Tydecho Church
Cemaes
10.30am
Pregethwr Gwadd / Guest Preacher
Mr Jon Price CYFME
i ddilyn /followed by
Cyfarford Blynyddol / Annual General Meeting
Ystafell yr Eglwys/Church Room
Cemaes
Bydd lluniaeth ar gael / Refreshments available

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day."

Richard of Chichester who is commemorated on April 3rd.

A pastor, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the pastor asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut," was the reply.

"But," said the pastor, "why didn't you do that before the service?"

"Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one

At the pearly gates, St. Peter greeted a minister and a member of parliament and gave them their room keys. "Vicar, here are the keys to one of our nicest single rooms. And for you, Mr MP, the keys to our finest pent-house suite." The vicar began to protest that this was unfair. "Listen," St. Peter said, "ministers are a ten a penny up here, but this is the first MP we've ever seen."

For the love of chocolate

Are you going to indulge in Easter chocolate this year? Ever wonder where it first came from? We have the Aztecs of equatorial Central America to thank: it was they who discovered that a certain tree, later named *Theobroma Cacao*, was well worth cultivating. The Aztecs considered chocolate the 'drink of the gods' (*Theo* means God, *broma* means drink; hence the name). The Aztecs credited chocolate for everything from spiritual wisdom to sexual prowess; Emperor Montezuma is reported to have drunk more than 50 flagons of the stuff each day.

The Spanish explorer Cortes also called it 'the divine drink', and the conquistadors brought chocolate back to Spain. From there it travelled north, and reached these shores about 1849. It was first served as a drink, until during the Industrial Revolution it caught the attention of several leading Quaker families, (including the Cadburys, the Frys, the Rowntress and the Terrys). It was the Fry family who created the first 'eating' chocolate... and the rest, as they say, is history. Today the world eats about 600,000 tons a year. Enjoy your Easter egg! I certainly will!

Prayer of Easter Hope

Dear Father,

When we have lost someone we love, the world seems very dark. Sometimes we might feel that our world has ended, and it's hard to turn round and glimpse any light ahead.

But you, Lord, know all about that, and you care.

You sent Jesus to overcome death and lead us into the light of his forgiveness and freedom - to new and eternal life. Help us Lord, like Mary, to turn away from the darkness death wants to scare us with, and to reach out to you.

Help us to take courage, strength and confidence from the reality of Jesus' resurrection.

He is alive and we are his. There is nothing to fear. All shall be well.
Hallelujah.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Corris News.

Holy Trinity, Corris

**Sale at Paula's in Bridge Street on
Saturday 4th April 2015 from 10am - 12.30pm
Monday 6th April 2015 from 11am - 12 Noon.**

All Fools' Day

In years gone by, the rules surrounding April Fool were this: between midnight and noon on 1 April, everyone is 'fair game' to be made a fool of. It is the morning of the practical joke. But the aim is not just to discomfort the victim: he must be tricked into taking action himself, sent on a 'fool's errand'.

And so children would be sent to the dairy for a pint of dove's milk, or to the bookseller for *The Life of Eve's Mother*. Practical jokes on a bigger scale were played: in 1860 a vast number of people received an official looking invitation to the Tower of London that read: 'Admit the Bearer and Friends to view the Annual Ceremony of Washing the White Lions.' Precisely the same trick had been played in 1698.

Then, on the stroke of noon, tradition decrees, April Fools is finished. If anyone attempts devilry thereafter, even while the clock is still striking, it recoils on his own head. A child would then race through the sing-song formula : 'April-Fool-Day's-past-and-gone-you're-the-fool-and-I-am-none!'

Bro Cyfeiliog a Mawddwy 200 Club Draw.

February Draw.

1st: Sue Alexander
2nd: Gwenda Price
3rd: Jean Price
4th: Margaret Vince

March Draw.

1st: Rachel Sear
2nd: Rosie Williams-Jones
3rd: Richie Jones
4th: John Pughe Jones (Darowen)

Bangor Diocese Fun Day & Celebration
“Life to the MAX!”
Saturday 9th May
Y Plas
Machynlleth
11am FREE Activities
3pm Celebration
FUN for the WHOLE FAMILY

Diwrnod o Hwyl a Dathlu Esgobaeth
Bangor
Byw Bywyd yn LLAWN!”
Dydd Sadwrn Mai 9fed
Y Plas
Machynlleth
11yb Gweithgareddau AM DDIM!
3yp Dathliad
HWYL i’r TEULU CYFAN

EGLWYS SANT CADFARCH
ST CADFARCH CHURCH
PENEGOES

Cynhelir Cwrdd CYNULLEIDFA ar **DYDD MAWRTH, 7fed EBRILL 2015** am **7 o’r gloch** yn y **Swyddfa Blwyf**
Mae gan bob person lleyg y mae eu henwau ar Rol Etholwyr y Plwyf hawl i siarad a phleidleisio, ac argymhellir hwy yn daer i ddod i’r Cwrdd.



St Peter's Plodder

Cwm Ralltcoed Walk. (5.2 miles) Sat 11th April.

We will be leaving from **St Peter's Church at 09:30** hrs and driving to the Natural Resources Wales car park on right just before Aberlleffenni. Passing the reservoir known as "Llyn Owain Lawcogh" which supplied water to power the slate mine. We'll pass quarry houses for the quarrymen and Plas Ralltgoed once owned by the quarry owner Horatio Nelson Hughes. There is also a quaker house said to be the oldest in Meirionnedd. Lunch or packed sandwiches in Corris Craft Centre afterwards .

The March walk was a very gusty affair and braved nobly by the lady members of the Plodders. Walking the coastal path from Harlech to Llanbedr, we were always going to be facing the westerly wind and walking the 1.5 miles of Harlech beach proved to be the case. In deed at one time, I thoght a couple of them were going to take off, but once we moved in land a little we were rewarded with the most spectacular scenary both seaward and towards the mountains. As our numbers were few it is a walk I would like to take the plodders on again maybe in the Summer.



Ministry Team.

Team Leaders: Rev Canon Kath Rogers, Rev Roland Barnes.

Administrator: Rev John Dale.

Rev Peter Ward, Rev Naomi Starkey, Mrs Jen Evans
Mr Jon Price. (CYFME)

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