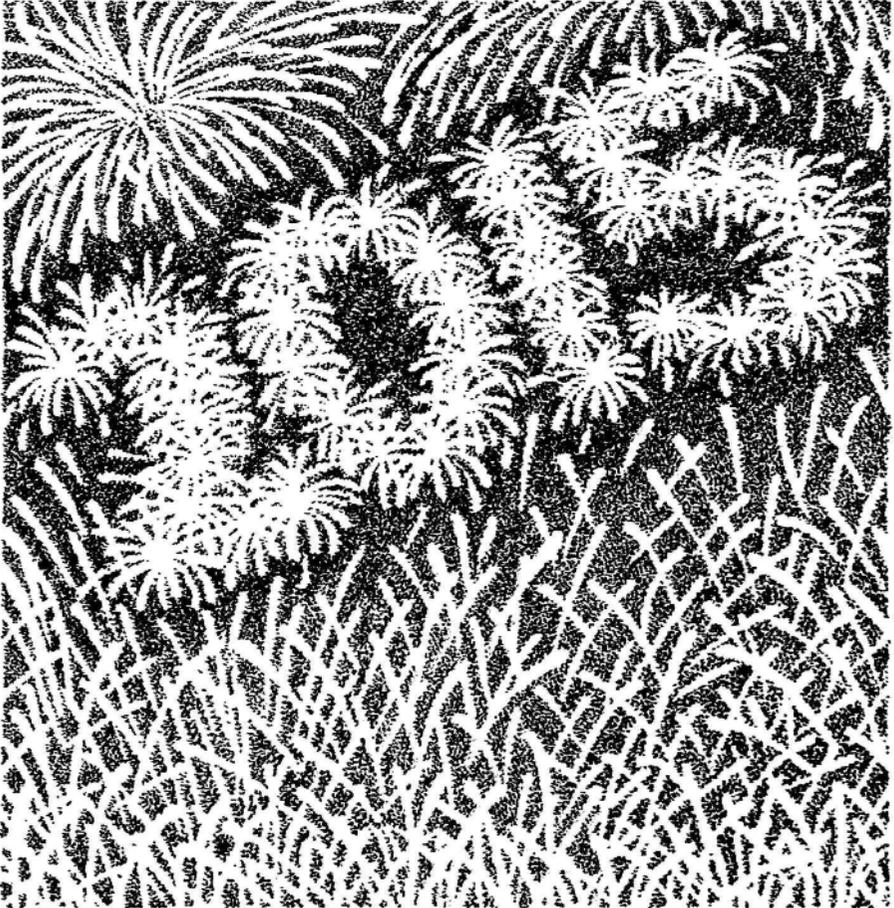


CYLCHGRAWN MISOL MONTHLY MAGAZINE

Ionawr/January 15

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**Bro
Cyfeiliog a Mawddwy**

Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a happy and peaceful Christmas. December was very busy in our churches with festivities starting early in Machynlleth with the lighting of the town Christmas tree on November 30th, Carol singing around the Town Clock, mulled wine and mince pies, followed by a candlelit walk down to St Peter's for more mulled wine, mince pies, singing and lots of Advent crafts for the children. It was a lovely evening enjoyed by all and we finished off the mulled wine after the 11am service the following day. On the 18th December we welcomed the Honourable Mrs Shân Legge-Bourke, Lord-Lieutenant of Powys, and her deputy, Mrs Tia Jones, to our Carol Service at St Peter's. There were plenty of children to make up the Nativity scene at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve and the Midnight Communion service was also well attended. It has been a joy to come together to celebrate the most wonderful event that changed the course of human history forever – CHRISTMAS.

But sadly December also brought tragedy to many people – to the families of the 132 children and 13 adults murdered in a school in Peshawar, Pakistan; the six Christmas shoppers killed and many injured in the road accident in Glasgow; the loss of loved ones in our own communities. These losses are devastating whenever they happen but it always seems worse at this time of the year but if the miraculous events at Bethlehem 2000 years ago show us one thing it is this – God became human; God is here, in this fractured, hurting world. God is with us in the dark nights and the hopeless situations, in the midst of the light and the darkness giving us strength and hope for the long haul of life. So look up and walk forward into 2015 with the good news ringing in your ears – a Saviour has been born for us – Glory to God in the highest!

With every blessing to you and yours for 2015

Kathleen



Undeb y Mamau/ Mothers Union.

On Thursday 18th December, we were joined by members of the Ladies' Fellowship and Corris M.U. for our annual Carol Service in Church. Rev. Naomi Starkey led the service and the organist was Mrs. Margaret Hughes. The readers were Mrs. Muriel Evans, Mrs. Angela Jones, Mrs. Joyce Price, Mrs. Alice Hughes, Mrs. Ann Humphries, Mrs. Gwenda Price, Mrs. Maureen Hughes, Mrs. Beth Bastock, Mrs. Joanne Gower and Mrs. Beryl Riley.

Following the service, 16 members and friends travelled to the Wildfowler, Tre'rddol, for the Christmas Lunch, and a quiz, prepared by Mrs. Muriel Evans and Mrs. Margaret Searson.

After the meal, the Enrolling Member, Mrs. Joyce Price, thanked Rev. Naomi and all who had taken part in the service. Tribute was paid to the late Mrs. Sylvia Williams - a former member of M.U. Mrs. Muriel Evans, on behalf of the Fellowship, thanked the M.U. for inviting them to the service and lunch, and also paid tribute to Mrs. Sylvia Williams - a faithful member of the Fellowship. Mrs. Alice Hughes extended a welcome to the Fellowship dinner on Jan. 10th at Maengwyn Cafe. Please contact her with choice of menu if you wish to attend. Mrs. Maureen Hughes reminded everyone of the Ministry Area Club 100 beginning in January. Mrs. Angela Jones then proposed a vote of thanks to the staff of the Wildfowler for their excellent food and service. Finally, the Enrolling Member wished everyone a safe journey home and a very Happy Christmas.

The next meeting is on Jan. 15th, when the speaker will be Jean Preston.

M.H.



THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP.

St Peter's Fellowship and friends travelled to Abbey Cwm Hir to view the 52 rooms, each decorated with a fully dressed Christmas tree. A lovely start to the Christmas season. Please note, the Fellowship annual dinner at Maengwyn Cafe will be held on **Saturday 10 January at 6:30 pm**, not on the 3rd January.

Members are asked to come and help prepare the Christingle oranges at the Parish Office on **Saturday 3rd January at 10:00 am** for the service on Sunday 4th January.

Thank You Alice

Ministry Area 100 Club

January sees the start of the "**100 Club**" to support the running of the Ministry Area. All the church's in the Ministry Area are joining in the Draw Tickets. Cost for the year is £10 with a monthly draw for prizes. Winners will be notified. Mrs Maureen Hughes will be selling the tickets in the Machynlleth area, you can contact her on 01654 700377.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

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Annual subscriptions are now due for the Church Magazine. The price is £6, would those member's who distribute the magazine please collect the subscriptions. Thank you.

Gwasanaeth Carolau Adfent Urdd Sant Ioan

Roedd Eglwys Sant Ust a Sant Dyfrig yn llawn unwaith eto wrth i ni ddod at ein gilydd i glywed y darlleniadau cyfarwydd a chanu'r carolau Adfent poblogaidd. Canodd plant Ysgol Sul Cwmlinai yn hyfryd a chwaraewyd y clarinetau a'r fflwtiau â chryn frwd-frydedd. Bu'n bleser gwranddo arnynt. Canodd Mr Tegwyn Jones, Mr John Francis a Mr Robert Edwards Bryn Sion garolau Cymreig traddodiadol. Mrs Margaret Hughes oedd wrth yr organ. Talwyd y diolchiadau gan Dr David Church ar ran Sant Ioan. Cafwyd lluniaeth yng Nghanolfan Glantwymyn ar ddiwedd y pŵan.

Mae'r gwasanaeth hwn yn draddodiad yn Llanwrin ers blynyddoedd bellach, diolch i waith y diweddar Mr Oswald Davies, Glantwymyn, ac mae'n nodi dechrau'n addoliad yr Adfent a'r Nadolig yn y rhan yma o'r dyffryn. Bydded iddo barhau am flynyddoedd i ddod.



Once again St Ust and St Dyfrig Church Llanwrin was full as we came together to hear the familiar readings and sing the much loved Advent carols. The Sunday School children from Cwmllinau sang beautifully and played their clarinets and flutes with enthusiasm. It was a joy to listen to them. Mr Tegwyn Jones, Mr John Francis Jones and Mr Robert Edwards Bryn Sion sang traditional Welsh carols. Mrs Margaret Hughes was the organist. Dr David Church thanked everyone on behalf of the St John. The afternoon came to an end with refreshments at Glantwymyn Community Centre.

This service has been a tradition in Llanwrin for many years now through the work of the late Mr Oswald Davies, Glantwymyn, and heralds the beginning of our worship for Advent and Christmas in the upper valley. Long may it continue.

Obituaries

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of two faithful communicants in December, Mr Ewart Davies, Penegoes and Mrs Sylvia Williams, Machynlleth.

Ewart Davies's funeral service and burial took place at St Cadfarch's Church, Penegoes on Saturday 20th December. Ewart was a stalwart of the Church and had been a faithful worshiper there all his life. He will be greatly missed in the church, the village and much further afield. He has left a lifetime of memories to a great many people.

Mrs Sylvia Williams's funeral took place at St Peter's Church, Machynlleth on the 22nd December followed by private cremation at Aberystwyth.

The funeral service of Mr Ernie Wykes took place at St Peter's Church, Machynlleth on Friday 19th December followed by cremation at Aberystwyth

We send our love and prayers to the families as they get used to their loss. We pray for the faithful departed as they get used to their glory.

Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest
And let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

Ionawr 4 January

Nadolig 2 Christmas

- 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. Bilingual Holy Eucharist
5.00 p.m. **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

Ionawr 11 January

Bedydd Crist/The Baptism of Christ

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

Ionawr 18 January

Yswyll 2 Epiphany

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

Ionawr 25 January

Tröedigaeth Paul

The Conversion of Paul

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

Chwefror 1 February

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

Every Wednesday

- 10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

ROTA OF READERS

Ionawr 4 January : Nadolig 2 Christmas

8:00 am Miss Pru Probert

11:00 am Mrs Muriel Evans / Mrs Jeanne Kerridge

**Ion 11 Jan: Ystwyll 1 Epiphany Bedydd Crist/Baptism of
Christ**

11:00 am Capt Richard Lambert

Ionawr 18 January : Ystwyll 2 Epiphany

8:00 am Mr Ken Searson

11.00 am Mrs Muriel Evans / Mrs Marilyn Brunton

**Ionawr 25 Jan: Troedigaeth Paul Apostol / Conversion Paul
Apostle**

9:30 am Mrs Joyce Price

11:00 am Mr Grahame Cox

Chwefror 1 February: Ystwyll 4 Epiphany

8:00 am Miss Pru Probert

11:00 am Mrs Joyce Price / Mrs Jeanne Kerridge

ROTA OF SIDESPERSONS

Ionawr 4 January: Nadolig 2 Christmas

8:00 am Mr Elfyn Rowlands

11:00 am Mr Henry Holt / Mrs Margaret Davies

**Ion 11 Jan: Ystwyll 1 Epiphany Bedydd Crist/Baptism of
Christ**

11:00 am Capt Richard Lambert / Mrs Margaret Searson

Ionawr 18 January: Ystwyll 2 Epiphany

8:00 am Mrs Margaret Vince

11:00 am Mrs Gwenda Price / Mrs Margaret Davies

**Ionawr 25 Dec: Troedigaeth Paul Apostol/Conversion Paul
Apostle**

9:30 am Mr Emyr Roberts

11.00 am Mrs Dorothy Edwards/ Mr Henry Holt

Chwefror 1 February: Ystwyll 4 Epiphany

8:00 am Mr Elfyn Rowlands

11:00 am Mr Elfed Jones / Mrs Margaret Davies

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

Ionawr 4 January Nadolig 2 Christmas

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

Ionawr 11 January Bedydd Crist/The Baptism of Christ

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

Ionawr 18 January Yswyll 2 Epiphany

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

Ionawr 25 January Tröedigaeth Paul/The Conversion of Paul

United Service to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
Gwasanaeth undebol i dathlu'r Wythnos Weddi am Undeb Chrisnogol
Capel Ebeneser Dinas Mawddwy 10:30 yb/am

Plygeiniau

Dydd Mawrth 06/01/15 Capel Ebeneser Dinas Mawddwy 7yh
Dydd Iau 08/01/15 Darowen 7yh
Dydd Gwener 09/01/15 Plygain yr Esgobaeth Dolgellau 7yh
Dydd Mawrth 13/01/15 Mallwyd 7yh.

Dyddiadur / Diary

Dydd Sul / Sunday 11/01/15 Cyfarfod y Tim Gweinidogaeth
3.30yp Machynlleth. Ministry Team meeting.

Dydd Sul / Sunday 11/01/15 Ymarfer "Agor y Llyfr" 1yp Mallwyd.

Dydd Mercher / Wednesday 14/01/15 Cyfarfod Cyngor yr Ardal
Gweinidogaeth / Ministry Area Council Meeting 7yh Cemaes.

Dydd Mawrth / Tuesday 15/01/15 "Agor y Llyfr" Ysgol Dinas
Mawddwy 10yb.

Dydd Gwener / Friday 16/01/15 Clwb Ieuenctid Llanbryn-mair
Youth Club 7yh / pm

“ “ “ Cyfarfod i drefni'r Diwrnod

Hwyl 2015 Meeting to plan the Fun Day Machynlleth 10.30yb /am.

Dydd Gwener / Friday 20/01/15 "SWAP SHOP" Swyddfa Machyn-
lleth Office 7yh.

Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday 31/01/15 Llan Llanast / Messy Church
Glyn Orig Cemaes 2 - 3.30yp/pm

Dydd Mawrth / Tuesday 03/02/15 "Agor y Llyfr" Ysgol Gynradd
Llanbryn-mair 2yh.

A happy and peaceful new year to everyone.

News from Corris Church.

We have had a very busy and interesting Christmas period in Corris Beginning with the children from Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas giving their Nativity play to a very full Church. The Crib service was enjoyable. On Holy Innocents Day we welcomed visitors and old friends. We would like to wish all our friends in the Area Ministry a happy and peaceful New Year, looking forward to more steps along the way to our unity.

Blodau'r Allor Eglwys Plwyf Machynlleth. Parish Church Altar Guild.

Ionawr 4 Jan: Mothers Union.

Ionawr 11 Jan: Mrs Alice Highes.

Ionawr 18 Jan: Mrs Alice Hughes.

Ionawr 25 Jan: Rev Canon Kath.

2014 has felt like a year of continual change for our churches. The setting up of the Ministry Area of Cyfeiliog and Mawddwy and learning to work together as a Ministry Area Team. It is good (and challenging sometimes!) to work as a team. Many thanks to The Revd. John Dale (ministry area administrator) Roland, Kath, Peter, Naomi and Jen for all their hard work and friendship. We have also had to implement the new finance structure – “The Bishop's Ministry Fund.” and are very grateful to the co-operation and hard work of treasurers and members in negotiating and facilitating this. There are a few further changes in the pipeline such as how the payment of wedding and funeral fees are allocated, but I/we all hope that 2015 can be a time of consolidation and settling in, a time for us to get used to the changes already made, and focus our attention on mission. (No more changes please!!)

I am delighted and very grateful for the work that Jen Evans is developing in her pastoral role. (More in next month's newsletter)

We also want to continue moving forward in developing youth work, with the assistance of our CYFME Jon Price. With that in mind there will be a “SWAP SHOP” in the MA office Machynlleth on Tuesday 20th January at 7pm. Anyone who is interested in youth work, and would like to get involved directly or indirectly with - “Open the Book” in our schools, helping with Messy Church or the youth club; or has any fresh ideas, is welcome to come along. This is an opportunity to share ideas and talents and to co-ordinate our work within the MA. There are lots of things we could be doing, if we had more volunteers. Please spread the message.

(All those wishing to work with youngsters or vulnerable adults will have to undergo checks by the Disclosure and Barring Service.)

I think we can move forward in 2015 with a certain amount of confidence; let us keep God, our rock through all life's joys, trials and tribulations, before us at all times.

Rev Roland Barnes.

6 January What about the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh?

The story of the coming of the Magi grew in the telling. By the 6th century they had acquired names: Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. By medieval times they were considered to be kings. Whoever they were, we do know from Matthew that they brought three gifts to Jesus.

What about their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? While we cannot know for sure what was in the minds of first century Magi, one Victorian scholar has offered a possible explanation as to the significance of their gifts. He was the Rev John Henry Hopkins, an American Episcopalian minister, who in 1857 wrote his much-loved Christmas carol: 'We Three Kings of Orient Are'.

Gold, said John Henry Hopkins, was a gift that would have been given to a king. Frankincense had traditionally been brought by priests as their worshipped God in the Temple. Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial.

If that is true, then you could say that the Wise Men, in choosing their gifts for this infant, honoured Jesus with gold because he was King of the Jews, with frankincense because he was to be worshipped as divine; and with myrrh, because he would also become a sacrifice and die for his people.

The Wise Men were the very first gentiles ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They travelled for months over difficult terrain, they never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, his divinity or his sacrificial death. They worshipped him through faith in God's promises about him. Isaiah foresaw this response to Jesus: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' The Magi's eyes of faith saw clearly and far into the future.

Compare that with the High Priest and religious leaders whom the Wise Men saw in Jerusalem when they first arrived. These head priests knew all about the prophecies of their own coming Messiah, but NOT ONE Jewish religious leader travelled to look for him in Bethlehem. And it is only six miles down the road!



**MINISTRY AREA
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
ST PETER'S CHURCH
SUNDAY JAN 4th
5.30pm
COLLECTION TO
ARCHBISHOP OF WALES FUND FOR CHILDREN**

Bible

A father was approached by his small son, who told him proudly, "I now know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and asked him to explain. "It's easy. It stands for Basic Information Before Leaving Earth."

Murphy's Laws of Work

For success in your work throughout 2015, just remember:-

1. Everything can be filed under 'miscellaneous.'
2. To err is human; to forgive is not company policy.
3. Important documents that contain no errors will get lost in the post.
4. There's not enough time to do it right the first time, but there's always time to do it over.
5. If you are good, you'll be assigned all the work. If you are really good, you'll get out of it.
6. If it wasn't for the last minute, nothing would get done.
7. The longer the title, the less important the job.
8. Once a job is fouled up, anything done to improve it makes it worse.



St Peter's Plodders

The Plodder's held their Annual Christmas dinner at the Plas Machynlleth on Thursday 11th December, and once again the staff at the Plas came up trumps. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, even though the weather tried it's best to ruin it. If my memory serves me right we had similar weather for last years dinner, must try harder next year!!!

The evening was a culmination of a wonderful year of walking with views and memories that will stay with us forever. The walks made even better with the company of folks who appreciate what our wondrous countryside has to offer.

Here's looking forward to more in 2015, to those of you who have enjoyed the walks, thank you. To those of you who are thinking of joining the Plodder's, all I can say is, you don't know what your missing, please come.

With on eye on the weather, I shall let you know when the walks will commence in 2015.





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