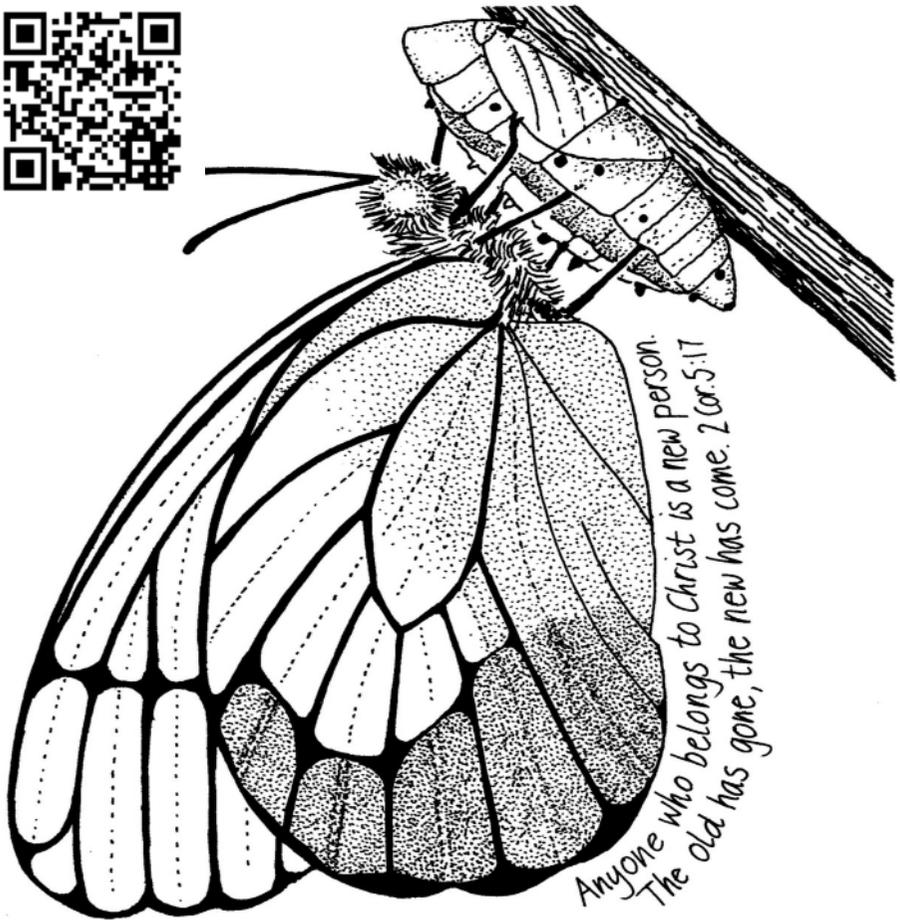


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*Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person.
The old has gone, the new has come. 2 Cor. 5:17*

**BRO
CYFEILIOG a MAWDDWY.**

If you want a hero of the New Testament, look no further than Nicodemus (John 3. 1-17)

Nicodemus is a Pharisee, a byword for narrowness and insularity. The Pharisees are zealots, sticklers for their law, fearful of change; they like to surround themselves with high walls and would destroy those they feel threatened by. They feed on the rhetoric of hate and idealism. There are plenty of such people around today, and they threaten our liberal values of freedom, tolerance and respect for the individual.

How do we counter such narrowness without becoming part of the problem ourselves, - building our own barriers, adding to the distrust and hate?

Nicodemus shows us the way, the answer is communication. Despite his background, Nicodemus is willing to look beyond the confines of his narrow world, to listen to others. He goes to talk to Jesus, (admittedly under the cover of darkness – he is only human!) He treats Jesus with respect, his mind is open to change, he is eager to understand. His brave attitude is refreshing, in contrast to his compatriots who seek to kill Jesus. Later Nicodemus tries to stand up for Jesus, challenging the narrowness of his own people. Read John 7. 45-52.

We live today in uncertain times, with the threat of religious extremism and questions over our relations with our neighbours – not least with our fellow Europeans – uppermost in our minds. Let us pray that the spirit of love and openness might prevail in our relationships, and like Nicodemus we might build bridges not barriers, friendships not hate. I know that it is difficult, - it takes two to make friends, and we all carry such difficult baggage; the knowledge of past wrongs and injustices cloud our emotions. Yet, if we are to leave a safe future for our children and grandchildren, communication with our “enemies” is key. Are we brave enough, are we self confident enough to offer the hand of reconciliation to those who would seek to destroy us? Like Nicodemus, are we bold enough to step across the divide? I wonder.

Roland Barnes

Family Fun Day

The endless meetings, telephone calls, emails, arranging, organising, worrying was all worth it!!!!

We had a wonderful Family Fun Day on Saturday 9th May at The Plas, Machynlleth!!!!

After a damp start the clouds lifted and the sun came out (for a short time at least). The Plas was a hive of activity that didn't let up until late in the afternoon. Families enjoyed searching out the sheep scattered around; making musical instruments, badges, doves, bead crosses and lots more besides. Bands played, children sang, Zumba Jan danced, Joey G sang. There were bongo drums, fire eating, face painting, go-carts to name but a few. Intermingled with all these things there were story tellers in their blue bowler hats telling Bible stories in exchange for a coloured counter. and if you wanted a quiet moment the Prayer Tent was just the place. To end the day Bishop Andy, with a little help from his friends, told the story of Zachaeus. We sang worship songs and prayed for each other.

"THANK YOU" to all who helped in any way to make this day so memorable, from Bangor to Machynlleth and all places in between.

There are photographs on the St Peter's Church website www.machynllthestpeters.co.uk .

Our next venture will be a little smaller but just as much fun on August 5th on Bryn y Gog Estate, Machynlleth. Watch out for posters and more information.

Ordination

On Saturday 27th June the Reverend Naomi Starkey will be ordained priest by Bishop Andrew at our Cathedral. Please hold Naomi in your prayers during this very important time in her life.

On Sunday 28th June she will be celebrating her first Eucharist at St Peter's Church, Machynlleth at a united service at 10.30am this will be followed by a parish lunch at Plas Dolguog not only to celebrate her priesting but also to say farewell to Naomi as she continues her curacy in Bro Enlli Ministry Area.

We pray for God's blessing on her and her ministry and on Daniel as he starts a new school with new friends.

Fund Raising for Mary

Ysgol Bro Hyddgen have been very busy fund raising for equipment for the play ground bought with some of the donations sent to our sponsored child Mary in Uganda. Canon Kathleen gave a short presentation at the primary and secondary campuses showing photographs of Mary, her family and school friends playing on the very dry and dusty "play ground". The only things the children have to play with is a football and a homemade netball net with nothing really suitable for the smaller children.

The children were more than willing to help raise the money to send to Mary and her friends and they've raised **£545.75!** That's enough to buy some swings, tyres, a see saw and the money to pay to have them erected safely. What an achievement! Thank you to each and every one of the children and the teachers.

It takes a very long time for information to come from Uganda and Mary's village but as soon as there is news and photographs Canon Kathleen will pass it on to the school.

Another link as been forged.

Canon Kathleen with children and teachers from the primary campus at their fund raising "pyjama day".





THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP.

Members and friends travelled to YSGWRN, the home of poet Hedd Wyn in Trawsfynydd, where we were met by Gerwyn Evans, who had lived there until 5 years ago. He gave a very vivid account of the house and the Evan's family who had lived there. It was like stepping back in time a century or so, very atmospheric. The 5 Bardic chairs were on view, including the Black chair from the Birkenhead Eisteddfod, which Hedd Wyn won posthumously during the First World War. A lunch was enjoyed at the Rhiw Goch Hotel, where Muriel thanked Margaret Searson and Alice Hughes for their support over the last year. She also thanked Alice for arranging such a wonderful day, enjoyed by all.

Alice Hughes.

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



Mehefin 7 June:	Mrs Liz Johns, Wynstay Hotel.
Mehefin 14 June:	Mrs Joan Williams, Mrs Cora Edwards.
Mehefin 21 June:	Mrs Janet Forbes, Mrs Shirley Williams.
Mehefin 28 June:	Mrs Bronwen Jones, Rock Terrace.



Undeb y Mamau/ Mothers Union.

Thirteen members attended the final meeting of the 2014/15 session at the Parish Office on the 21st of May. Mrs. Joyce Price led the service and the reader was Mrs. Gwenda Price. Members were thanked for their help on the Fun Day.

The Diocesan President and Officials from Bangor visited on the 14th May for a "Get -to- gether ". The Wedding Display window was much appreciated, and the cake was cut by the Rev. Canon Kathleen and Mrs. Carol Cooper (Diocesan President). Alice and Margaret Searson were thanked for their help towards the day and Joanne and Margaret Hughes for taking part in the service. The Rev. Kathleen was congratulated on her visit to Buckingham Palace and Mrs. Ann Armstrong was congratulated on her 80th birthday. We had a special tea in her honour. She has been a M.U. member for 59 years!

Our Link Branches are now :- Aberdyfi / Tywyn , Upper Severn, and Corris. Joyce, Margaret and Joanne, along with other members from Bangor will be representing us at the General Meeting in Nottingham in June.

Dates for your diaries:- July 22nd- Flower Festival- Porthmadoc, August 12th - Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary- St. Peter's Church- 10.00am, Sept. 12th- Marriage Service and Wedding Exhibition in Llandudno.

The combined outing with Upper Severn Branch to the newly opened Mary Jones Visitor Centre is now on JUNE 11th, leaving Machynlleth at 12.45pm. Admission is £3. The 140th Anniversary celebrations of M.U. in Wales will now be held in NEWPORT (MON.) in 2016.

The Enrolling Member then thanked the Secretary and Treasurer of the Branch, the Rev. Canon Kathleen, and all the members for their continued loyalty and support of M.U. The tea hostesses were Mrs. Pauline Davies and Mrs. Ann Armstrong. They were warmly thanked ,along with all the tea hostesses throughout the year. Mrs. Gwenda Price, on behalf of the members, proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Joyce Price for all her hard work for M.U. Everyone was then wished a very happy Summer Break. The next meeting will be the A.G.M on September 17th.

Margaret Hughes.

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

Mehefin 7 June Pentecost 2

8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Corris)

9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (Llanwrin)

11.00 a.m. Bilingual Holy Eucharist

Mehefin 14 June Pentecost 3

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

11.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

2.00 p.m. Gosber (Machynlleth)

Mehefin 21 June Pentecost 4

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

Mehefin 28 June Pentecost 5

**10.30 a.m. United Bilingual Holy Eucharist – Celebrant:
The Rev Naomi Starkey**

Gorfennaf 5 July Pentecost 6

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

Every Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

ROTA OF READERS

Mehffin 7 June: Pentecost 2

8:00 am Mr Ken Searson

11:00 am Mrs Ann Armstrong / Mrs Jeanne Kerridge

Mehffin 14 June: Pentecost 3

11:00 am Mr Neale Williams

2:00 pm Mrs Joyce Price

Mehffin 21 June : Pentecost 4

8:00 am Miss Pru Probert

11:00 am Mrs Muriel Evans / Mrs Marilyn Brunton

Mehffin 28 June : Pentecost 5

10:30 am To be Arranged

Gorffennaf 5 July: Pentecost 6

8:00 am Mr Ken Searson

11:00 am Mrs Ann Armstrong / Mr Grahame Cox

ROTA OF SIDESPERSONS

Mehffin 7 June: Pentecost 2

8:00 am Mrs Margaret Vince

11:00 am Mr Elfed Jones / Mr Henry Holt

Mehffin 14 June: Pentecost 3

11:00 am Mrs Muriel Evans / Mrs Margaret Davies

Mehffin 21 June: Pentecost 4

8:00 am Mr Elfyn Rowlands

11:00 am Mrs Ann Armstrong / Mrs Dorothy Edwards

Mehffin 28 June: Pentecost 5

10:30 am Mr Elfed Jones / Mr Henry Holt

Gorffennaf 5 July: Pentecost 6

8:00 am Mrs Margaret Vince

1100 am Mrs Margaret Searson / Capt. Richard Lambert

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

Mehefin 7 June

Pentecost 2

Cemaes	09:45 am.	PW (E)
Darowen	
Mallwyd	11:15 am.	RPB (E)
Llanbryn'r	10:30 am	RPB (E) Banns - Aled Wright, Angharad Rees.

Mehefin 14 June

Pentecost 3

Cemaes	09:45 am.	RPB (E)
Darowen	14:00 pm.	Undebol ym Machynlleth.
Mallwyd	11:15 am.	RPB (E) Bedydd Marged Lois Morgans.

Llanbryn'r

Mehefin 21 June

Pentecost 4

Cemaes	09:30 am.	KR (E)
Darowen	
Mallwyd	11:15 am.	KR (E)
Llanbryn'r	10:30 am	RPB (MP) Banns of marriage.

Mehefin 28 June

Pentecost 5

Machynlleth	10.30 a.m.	United Bilingual Holy Eucharist – Celebrant: The Rev Naomi Starkey - followed by lunch at Dolguog.
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Diary

June 4	"Barn Bunnies" Mother and Toddlers Machinations Llanbrynmair 10am
June 5 Fri	Youth Club Llanbrynmair 7pm.
June 9 Tues	Agor y Llyfr Ysgol Dinas Mawddwy 10am
June 9 Tues	Youth and Children's Work "Swap Shop" 7pm MA Office Machynlleth. Welcome to anyone who is involved or would like to help out with children's work.
June 16 Tues	Agor y Llyfr Ysgol Llanbrynmair 1.30pm
June 18 Thurs	"Barn Bunnies" Machinations Llanbrynmair 10am.
June 19 Fri	Youth Club Llanbrynmair 7pm.

The Big Build at St Peter's.

The building work at St Peter's Church is progressing but unfortunately there have been some setbacks which mean that the completion date has had to be moved to the New Year. As with all old buildings you never know what you are going to find under the plaster! Wet rot is what you find! The offending wood has been removed – you may have seen it along the church path – the walls have now been treated and filled in. A problem with one of the roof joists has also been found. This is quite major and unforeseen work that has to be done to ensure our church will remain standing safe and tall for many years to come.

On a more positive note the ceiling of the mezzanine hall is now in place, some of the walls have had a first coat of plaster and the plumber is busy on site, once he has finished the electrician will begin his work. Things are moving forward even with the hiccoughs.

There are photographs on the church website of the building progress and we will keep you informed of any developments as they happen. Thank you all for your patience – it will be worth it in the end.

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Thanks.

The Reverend Dick Staunton wishes to thank everyone for their get well messages and prayers while he has been in hospital. They have been a source of great strength to him. He's looking forward to being back among us all in the not too distant future.

Front Cover Logo.

The observant amongst you will notice a funny looking logo on the R/H corner of the magazine. This is not a mistake, it is in fact a thing called a QR code. For those of you with a foot in the 21st century and have a smart mobile phone, you scan the logo with your phone (free app available to allow this) and it will take you directly to the St Peters website, where all sorts of interesting information is available.

What is a CYFME?

In recent years, we in Bangor Diocese, along with many others have seen a decline in the number of children, young people and families in our congregations or in regular, ongoing contact with the church. Indeed, at one point there was just one remaining youth group in the Diocese.

For this reason, the Diocese took the decision to appoint 4 full-time lay ministers who we have called 'Children's, Youth & Families Ministry Enablers' (CYFME) with each focusing on around 70 churches in a Synod area.

The title is a bit of a mouthful isn't it!

This is for a number of reasons:

1) '**Children's, youth and families**' the Diocese wanted to make it clear that ministry just among children - however good - is not enough. We intentionally aim to reach whole families and to walk with children through adolescence into adulthood.

2) '**Ministry enablers**' These are not posts set up to run lots of clubs where the workers set up and run new groups/initiatives ad infinitum. Neither are they purely advisory posts.

Their role is rather to work alongside each of the congregations in the diocese, envisioning, inspiring, recruiting, training and resourcing them to begin new work reaching out to their local children, young people and families who otherwise, have little or no contact with the church. Sometimes this will be just the Anglican congregation alone and sometimes working ecumenically.

Last Autumn, the Diocese appointed 3 of the team (Naomi, Jon & Kirsty), with the remaining member (Jennifer) being appointed in September this year.

So what difference has it made?

It has been a very fruitful and successful start. A large number of new initiatives have begun already and many existing ministries have been strengthened and encouraged.

All of this has required the mobilisation and support of dozens of volunteers - ordinary church members - many of whom have previously had little or no experience of this work but who have stepped up and stepped out in mission to their community.

Jon, the CYFME for South Meirionydd is enthusiastic to continue developing ministry with children, young people and families in Bro Cyfeiliog and Mawddwy. If you would like to become involved, you can contact Jon at: j.price@churcharmy.org.uk , or you could come along to our next meeting in the Parish office on Tuesday 9th June at 7pm. You don't need any experience – just a passion to make a difference in the lives of the next generation. Finally, prayer is a vital part of our daily life as CYFME's and underpins all areas of CYFME ministry. Could I invite you all to join in praying for this ministry in Bro Cyfeiliog and Mawddwy, the Diocese and Wales. Thanks.

Jon Price

Children's, Youth and Families Ministry Enabler – South Meirionydd

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/CYF-Ministry-De-Meirionnydd-South>

07467 373434

Church Charity Shop.

The shop will re-open on Wednesday 17th June. We will be most grateful for any donations of clothing, goods or anything you think might bring in much needed funds to St Peters. We will be preparing the shop the week before opening. Anyone that able to assist in the shop will be most welcome. Volunteers will be needed to run the shop on Wednesdays and Fridays. Mornings are from **10 am until 1 pm** and afternoons from **1 pm until 4 pm**. For further details contact Maureen Hughes on 01654 700377.

Strawberry Tea.

A Strawberry Tea will be held on Saturday 4th July in Mrs Alice Hughes's garden at 39 Tregarth. All welcome, if lifts are required please contact Maureen Hughes.

There will be a cake stall, so donations would be welcome.

**ORDINATION SERVICE BANGOR CATHEDRAL JUNE
27th AT 3PM.**

We are organising a coach to Bangor for the ordination of the Rev. Naomi Starkey to the priesthood.

The coach will leave Machynlleth at 12.00 hrs picking up enroute via Cemmaes.

The cost will be £10.00 and your seats can be booked along with the money to Church Wardens on

The proforma in your churches.

Or Ken Searson, 9 Maesnewydd, Machynlleth, SY20 8XA Tel 01654 703253

By June 21st Cheques payable to St Peter's Church.

There will be a cup of tea after the service and we aim to be back around 7.30 pm

**MINISTRY AREA LUNCH SUNDAY 28th JUNE PLAS
DOLGUOG 12.45pm.**

We are holding a Lunch after the service on Sunday 28th June in Plas Dolguog.

The price is £13.00 per person. Menu in Churches

To book your lunch please fill in pro forma in churches, give money to warden by June 21st, Cheques payable to St Peter's Church.

**MACHYNLLETH AND DISTRICT CHRISTIAN AID
WEEK.**

The coffee morning held at the parish office on the 13th May raised £192.50 during the Christian Aid Week.

Many thanks to those who organised and to all who supported. The house to house collection total will be announced when all money has been received.



St Peter's Plodder June Walk.

Llyn Craigypistyll & Llyn Syfydrin (5 miles) Sat 13th June.

Leaving from **St Peter's at 09:30 hrs** prompt we will drive to Pendam (above Penrhyncoch) parking at the forestry car park adjacent to Llyn Pendam. This walk includes 2 secluded lakes, (bathing costumes optional) a sense of solitude and scenery to die for, and should take around 3 hours. Just joking about the bathing costumes !!! Packed lunches essential as no cafes available.

If there was a medal for bravery above and beyond the call of duty our trusty Plodders in the picture below would be worthy recipients. Our May walk taking in Borth and Ynyslas was plagued with heavy winds and driving rain, we battled on bravely so far, but sadly we had to abandon it half way through having reached Ynyslas. Indeed had we carried on most of us would have been receiving our medals posthumously. The words "drowned and rats" spring to mind. Well done all.



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)

Ministry Area Council Officials.

Secretary: Mrs Maureen Hughes.

Treasurer: Mrs Joanne Gower.

Wardens: Mr Alan Murphy, Mrs Denise Perkins.



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