

CYLCHGRAWN MISOL MONTHLY MAGAZINE

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CYFEILIOG a MAWDDWY.

Our Diocese is promoting the aspiration of our being a learning church, with the implication that we move forward, holding on to our core Christian beliefs yet – now I had better be careful with my words! - change, adapt, engage with a rapidly changing world. We focussed on this theme in our Clergy School and Diocesan Conference this year.

At the Clergy School we addressed the issue of “Pioneer Ministry” with two excellent speakers, Steve Hollingsworth and the Revd. Ben Edson. They described, in a very honest, no holds barred way, their experiences of working in the field of new and innovative ministries. The joys, the pains and the pitfalls. For myself, I took away the reassuring message that it is not always the destination, the final result of a project that is important, but the travelling on the journey - the people we meet and work with, the relationships we develop along the way. That insight, in an odd way, almost gives us permission to fail! If a project fails, or dies a natural death, then it is not the “end of the world” The process will have allowed us to grow, we will have touched many lives along the way.

At our Diocesan Conference the Revd. Malcolm Brown gave us an excellent talk on today's society and our role as a church within that society. Again, a no holds barred talk, telling us as it is, warts and all. The Revd Brown spoke from a mainly urban perspective, and if I was to question or even criticise his analysis a little, it would be to question his assertion, that Christian mission, even evangelism, is still easier in a rural context, where a sense of community still exists. People still talk to each other face to face, rather than via a square or rectangular piece of technology. That may well be so, - but easier to share Christian witness? I'm not so sure! I suspect; I may be wrong, but whether in a rural or urban setting there is a certain percentage of the population who are fully open and searching for the Gospel message; another percentage who will respond given a certain prompting, others who are just totally not interested, and some who are actively hostile. The percentages are probably similar whether you live in town or country. The problem in a rural setting is that there are so few people; relatively speaking, that we struggle to find enough of that “easy” to reach percentage of the population—those fully open and searching for Christ. The workers are few. Perhaps I'm being too hard.

What is certain, whether rural or urban, is that we need to reach out to those who have perhaps found their spiritual fulfilment outside the Christian faith. In order to do that we have to be prepared to take risks, even get our "hands dirty." And when we do that, we shall inevitably upset some within our own close Christian community.

Can I end with a short story.

Some of you may remember the Singh family who lived in and ran the post office and shop in Aberangell a number of years ago. A Hindu family, the father sadly died of cancer. Whilst Mr Singh was ill I visited him, was given a very warm welcome and invited to return the following week to take part in a Hindu ceremony of prayer for Mr Singh and his family. "High-ups" equivalent to bishops of the Hindu faith, were travelling down from Birmingham, to pray for Mr Singh and to read the whole Hindu holy book over about 36 hours.

I felt honoured and valued to be invited. I went along, wearing my clerical collar. I was welcomed by Mr Singh's wife and daughters, shown the correct protocols – such as removal of shoes, and joined the Hindu holy men and members of the family of the family in a temporary, makeshift temple in the house. I duly sat on the floor, listened to the words being read from the holy book and prayed.

After some 20 minutes I left the room and was given the most excellent hospitality, sharing food with the extended family who had gathered for the special day. I then went and talked for a while with Mr Singh, who was wrapped in blankets, sitting in an easy chair. As I prepared to leave Mr Singh asked me to give him a blessing, a Christian blessing, which I happily gave. The whole experience was moving and a wonderful occasion.

I simply ask the questions :

Is God going to be upset because I took an active part in a Hindu ceremony?

Are we prepared to respect other people's belief systems, as I was accepted and respected by those good people in Aberangell?

Roland Barnes



UNDEB Y MAMAU/ MOTHERS UNION

15 members and friends attended the first meeting of the 2015/16 session in the Parish Office on Sept. 17th. We began with a service of Holy Communion, led by Rev. Kathleen. The reader was Mrs. Joyce Price, and the accompanist- Mrs. Margaret Hughes.

The AGM followed. Minutes of the last AGM were read and approved. The secretary reported there are 13 members on roll, plus two indoor members, and average attendance at meetings was 12. She then gave a resume of speakers and events involving M.U throughout a very busy year. The treasurer's report was deferred until January, but accounts were available for inspection. The collection from the Overseas Boxes amounted to £125.

The Enrolling Member reported on the General Meeting in Nottingham, which she attended with Joanne Gower and Margaret Searson, and she expressed grateful thanks to Ken for driving them to and from Nottingham. She paid tribute to Rev. Dick Staunton, a faithful supporter of M.U, who passed away in June. Also a former Worldwide President who died in August. Several members also lost relatives during the Summer, and a minute's silence was observed in their memory.

Four members attended the marriage celebration in Llandudno on Sept.10th where the Bishop blessed nine couples. The Diocesan President will be standing down in October , and a service will be held in the Cathedral on November 4th.

Mrs. Joanne Gower arranged a display of M.U. cards and other items for purchase. A coffee morning in aid of Branch Funds will be held in the Parish Office on 28th October. The Enrolling Member then thanked the Officials and all members for their continued support of M.U. Rev. Kathleen added her thanks especially for providing refreshments on special occasions. The tea hostesses were the Officials. The next meeting is on October 15th when the speaker will be Mrs. Jane Hibbert.

Margaret Hughes.

MOTHERS' UNION / UNDEB Y MAMAU

**COFFEE MORNING
PARISH OFFICE
OCTOBER 28th 10.00- 12.00
COFFEE AND BISCUITS £1.50
RAFFLE / CAKES / CHRISTMAS CARDS / GIFTS.**



Licensing Service

On Monday evening the 7th September the Reverend Dominic McClean was licensed by Bishop Andy as Associate Priest in our Ministry Area. It was good to come together with family, friends, colleagues and parishioners to welcome Dominic and celebrate a new ministry. Many thanks, once again to the ladies for providing refreshments.



THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP.

**ST PETER'S CHURCH LADIES FELLOWSHIP
HARVEST SUPPER
FRIDAY OCTOBER 9th AT 6 PM
IN MACHYNLLETH BOWLING CLUB
TICKETS £6.50
AVAILABLE FROM LADIES FELLOWSHIP OFFICIALS**

Members met at the Parish office where Canon Riley led a short Communal Service. The readers were Mrs Muriel Evans and Mrs Alice Hughes. Muriel went on to thank Canon Riley for leading the service and welcomed members to the 2015-16 season.

The A.G.M. followed. The officials to remain as previous year en bloc, Chairperson - Mrs Muriel Evans, Secretary - Mrs Alice Hughes, Treasurer - Mrs Margaret Searson. The Secretary's and Treasurer's accounts were presented and accepted.

The Harvest Supper will be held on Friday 9th October at 6 pm in the Bowling Club, cost £6:50.

Donations of £25 to be made to the Archbishop's Fund for Children and Christian Aid. A donation was also given to the Church for use of the Parish office.

Arrangements were made for speakers and tea hostesses for the coming season. The speaker's in November will be Mrs Margaret Humphreys and Maureen Saddler who will speak about their life in Forge whilst Margaret was growing up there.

Alice Hughes.

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

Hydref 4 October Pentecost 19

8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)
9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Corris**)
11.00 a.m. Bilingual Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)
2.00 p.m. Diolchgarwch am y Cynhaeaf (**Llanwrin**)

Hydref 11 October Pentecost 20

8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)
11.00 a.m. United Harvest Thanksgiving Service
ST MARY'S CHURCH LLAN

Hydref 18 October Pentecost 21

8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)
9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Corris**)
11.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist for Harvest (**Machynlleth**)

Hydref 25 October Sul y Beibl/Bible Sunday

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

Tachwedd 1 November Deyrnas 1 Kingdom

8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)
9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Corris**)
10.30 a.m. Bilingual Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)
5.30 p.m. Service of Light (**Machynlleth**)

St Peter's Church, Machynlleth

Every Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

PLEASE NOTE

November 1st St Peter's Church **10.30am** Bilingual Holy Eucharist followed by Congregation Meeting.

**CEMAES, DAROWEN, MALLWYD & LLANBRYN-
MAIR
GWASANAETHU'R SUL/SUNDAY SERVICES.**

Hydref 4 October

Cemaes 09:30 am.

Darowen

Mallwyd 11:15 am.

Llanbrynmair

Diolchgarwch /Harvest Thanksgiving Llanwrin 6pm.

Y Parchedig Tim Webb i bregethu.

Pentecost 19

PW (E)

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Hydref 11 October

Diolchgarwch Unebol Llanbrynmair, United Harvest Festival Llanbrynmair with Machynlleth Woodwind Band 11 am.

Pentecost 20

Hydref 18 October

Cemaes 10:30 am.

Darowen

Mallwyd

Llanbrynmair

Pentecost 21

Harvest Euchrist.

Hydref 25 October

Cemaes 09:45 am.

Darowen 14:00 pm.

Mallwyd 11:15 am.

Llanbrynmair 11:00 am.

Sul y Beibl/Bible Sunday

RPB (E)

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PW (E)

Tachwedd 1 November

Cemaes 09:45 am.

Darowen

Mallwyd

Llanbrynmair 11:00 am.

Deyrnas 1 Kingdom

RPB (E)

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Diary for October 2015.

Hydref 8 Oct: Whist Drive Cemaes 7.30.

Hydref 12 Oct: Synod Dolgellau 4 -6 yp/pm Cronfa
Gweinidogaeth yr Esgob / Bishop's Ministry Fund
6 -8 yh/pm Synod Agored Open Synod Undeb y
Mamau / Mother's Union.

Hydref 15 Oct: Cyfarfod i'r Banc Bwyd, Food Bank Meeting.
Swyddfa'r Eglwys Machynlleth Church Office
7yh/pm.

Hydref 18 Oct: Cyfarfod y Tim Gweinidogaeth / MA Team
Meeting. 2yp/pm Machynlleth.

Hydref 21 Oct: Cyfarfod Cyngor yr Ardal Gweinidogaeth / MAC
Meeting 7yh/pm Machynlleth.

Hydref 22 Oct: Cyfarfod y Tim Bugeiliol / Pastoral Team
Meeting 11.30yb/am Machynlleth.

Hydref 29 Oct: Bible Study, White Lion Machynlleth.

Tach 5 Nov: "Cawl a Clonc" "Soup and Chat" Ystafell yr
Eglwys Cemaes Church Room 12 o-gloch.
Trefnwyd gan y Tim Bugeiliol / Organised by the
Pastoral Team.

**Weekly Prayer Meeting in Cemaes Church Room 4.45pm
each Wednesday. Cup of tea and cake, all welcome.**

Nampewo Mary

We've received an update from our sponsored child, Mary, in Uganda with a photograph of her in the fields. Unfortunately the photo won't reproduce in the magazine but you can see it on our web site (www.stpetersmachynlleth.co.uk). Mary tells us – via a helper – that she likes going to pre-school where she likes playing the drums, drawing, singing and dancing. They're traditional dance is called the "maganda". She has done some drawings which can be seen on the web site.

I will be sending a Christmas card to Mary from us all this week so that it gets to her by Christmas – it has a long way to travel without the Royal Mail! It's very difficult to send gifts as anything sent has to fit into an A5 size envelope so a little colouring book and some crayons will be our gift to her this Christmas.



**DIOLCHGARWCH AM Y CYNHAEAF
EGLWYS ST UST A ST DYFRIG
LLANWRIN
HYDREF 4YDD AM 6 O'R GLOCH
PREGETHWR GWADD
Y PARCHEDIG TIM WEBB**

**200 CLUB 2015
SEPTEMBER DRAW**

- 1st £40** Mrs Carys Jones Graig, Glantwymyn
- 2nd £20** Mrs Ann Armstrong, Machynlleth
- 3rd £10** Mrs Gwawr Ifans Llanymawddwy
- 4th £10** Heulwen Evans, Llansawel, Llanbrynmair.

Dear Lord,

Sometimes the world is a worrying place, so many problems, so much pain for so many. We feel overwhelmed and don't know which way to turn. Help us to turn the right way - to you Lord. Help us to hand over to you our worries, to exchange them for your peace in our hearts no matter what's going on all around, knowing that you walk with us through it all, today, tomorrow and forever.

In Jesus name, Amen

By Daphne Kitching

Knitting Pattern.

Pattern below is for newly born and very young babies.

Hats: 4mm (UK size 8 needles).....Baby Double Knitting Yarn.

Cast on 66 stiches.

Work 6 rows of k1 p1 ribbing.

In garter stich, knit until work measures 5 - 6inches.

Shape top:

Row1: k2tog, k2 all along row, k2tog. (49sts)....Row 2: Knit

Row 3: s1 then k2tog, k1 all along row (33sts)...Row 4: Knit

Row 5: k1, k2tog all along row (22 sts)Row 6: Knit

Row 7: k2tog all along row (11 sts)

Row 8; k2tog, allalong row. k1 (6sts)

Row 9: s1. 1, k2tog, pss0. S1, k2tog, pss0 (2 sts)

Row 10: k2tog.

Sew along side seam.

CHRISTIAN AID.

We are asked to support the work of CHRISTIAN AID in their efforts to help and support the refugees fleeing the atrocities of war in Syria. Please be as generous as you can through the retiring collection at St Peter's Church or by sending donations to Christian Aid.

Congratulations.

Many congratulations to the Rev'd Kathy Jones formally of Corris, on her appointment as the Dean of our Cathedral in Bangor.



NEWS AROUND THE MINISTRY AREA

St Marys Church Llan.

We have been very busy this month in St Mary Church many volunteers came along to cut the grass. We had a brick a brac stall and raised £70. Now its time for harvest festival on Oct 11 were a band will be playing. so come along and bring a friend with you and enjoy.

Holy Trinity Corris.

Holy Trinity were delighted with the support over the August Bank Holiday fund raising effort from the community and visitors to the area with generous donations of goods and in some cases cash, when a visitor could not find anything to buy. Both Saturday and Monday mornings were well supported, weather taking refreshments, buying raffle tickets or perusing sale item. The grand total of £374:33 was realised for the Church.

Thanks to all who helped and supported the sale, with a special thank you to Paula Burton once again, who generously allows her house to be used for these fund raising efforts.

Battle of Britain 75th Anniversary Service.

This service has now become a regular feature at Holy Trinity. However, this year it was tinged with sadness as the Rev'd Dick Stauton who used to lead the service with Christina Miller has died earlier in the year. There followed a short tribute to him during the service. Holy Trinity was delighted to welcome a much larger than usual congregation with representatives from the Royal British Legion Machynlleth, RAFA Tywyn and the Corris Community Council along with others. The RAFA paraded the Standards to the opening hymn "*O God Our Help in Ages Past*" a fitting tribute to those who lost their lives in the defence of our country. Following the service which was led by Christina Miller, refreshments were served.



**EGLWYS ST PEDR
MACHYNLLETH
ST PETER'S CHURCH**

**DYDD SUL/SUNDAY
TACHWEDD 1 NOVEMBER
5.30pm
GWASANAETH O OLEUNI
SERVICE OF LIGHT**

**If you wish a candle to be lit for a loved one
please let the Rev Kathleen know.**

**SPONSORED ORGAN PLAYING
CHWARAE ORGAN NODDEDIG**



**EGLWYS ST PEDR
ST PETER'S CHURCH
DDYDD SADWRN HYDREF 17eg
SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER**

**I godi arian tuag at Ardal Weinidogaeth Bro Cyfeiliog a
Mawddwy
Proceeds to Bro Cyfeiliog a Mawddwy Ministry Area**



St Peter's Plodder October Walk.

The Estuary at Ynys-Hir (4 miles) Saturday 10th

We will be catching the **09:30 bus to Aberystwyth** getting off in Eglwys Fach, then a short walk to the reserve. Walking through the reserve varied habitat where excellent bird-life abounds with extended views into the saltmarsh of the estuary. If you are not a RSPB member there is an entrance charge, which represents excellent value. The buses back to Machynlleth go on the hour every hour from Eglwys Fach, so either catching the 1pm or 2pm Packed lunch required.

The weather played it's part in our September walk in as much as we decided "discretion was the better part of valour" not to do the planned walk, but instead got off the train in Tonfannau and walked in and around the Tywyn and Brynchrug area. Whilst we were few in number, enthusiasm more than made up for it and the weather played it's part. As you can see from the picture we came across some weird carvings of people on our walk. They are the one's made of wood and not in blue by the way!!!!



Tîm Weinidogaeth / Ministry Team.

Arweinwyr Tîm /Team Leaders:

Rev Canon Kath Rogers, Rev Roland Barnes.

Rev Peter Ward, Mrs Jen Evans , Rev Dominic McClean.

Gweinidogaeth Swyddogion Cyngor Ardal. Ministry Area Council Officials.

Ysgrifennyddes / Secretary: Mrs Maureen Hughes.

Trysorydd / Treasurer: Mrs Joanne Gower.

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