

CYLCHGRAWN MISOL MONTHLY MAGAZINE

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BRO
CYFEILIOG a MAWDDWY.

Dear Friends,

I love the spring – the signs of new life in the fields, in the hedgerows, in our gardens. The weather this spring has been very favourable – a bit cold of late but, never-the-less, the sun has shone. We are all walking with a spring in our step and a smile on our faces.

And then I listen to the news reports from the Mediterranean where hundreds of people have perished in unfriendly seas, among strangers and their families unaware of their deaths. I listen to reports from Syria and Egypt, Nigeria and Pakistan of the persecution, kidnap, torture and murder of Christians and the destruction of their churches.

All that brings me down to earth! I'm not alone when I ask myself "what can I do, here in this beautiful valley, to help these people?"

I can pray that the Lord will have mercy on the souls of the lost and comfort the survivors during this time of fear, pain and mourning.

I can urge the politicians to restart the search and rescue efforts in the Mediterranean. To find ways to peace in war-torn countries. I can pray that the Lord will protect His Church in Syria and Nigeria, India and Pakistan and throughout the world. That He will strengthen the faith of His people and watch over them during times of trial.

I can support the work of the Barnabas Fund who help persecuted Christians in many countries throughout the world.

Above all I can pray and believe in the strength of prayer. Please join me in praying that the Lord Jesus, by whose wounds we are healed, will heal the wounds of the persecuted, of the refugee, of the exploited.

With every blessing to you and yours

Rev Kathleen

Ardal Weinidogaeth Bro Cyfeiliog a Mawddwy Ministry Area Cyfarfod Blynyddol/Annual Meeting

It was good to come together once again at St Tydecho Church, Cemaes on Sunday the 12th April for a service of Holy Eucharist. During the service the Ministry Area Pastoral Team were affirmed by the congregation and Canon Kathleen prayed for God's grace and guidance in the future work of the team.

Jon Price, our CYFME, (Children's, Youth, and Families Ministry Enabler) was the guest preacher on the theme of mission in our Ministry Area.

The Annual General Meeting of the Ministry Area followed the service and as this was the first AGM since the licensing service last July the agenda was straight forward with the officials continuing in office until next year. The financial accounts for all the churches were presented and accepted and the Treasurers thanked for their hard work during the year.

Many thanks to the ladies who provided refreshments.

Ministry Area Team members and Council Officials are to be found at the back of the magazine.

The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday 15th July at Cemaes Church Room.

200 CLUB MONTHLY DRAW MARCH 2015

1st	£40	Siôn Efans Llanymawddwy
2nd	£20	Gwawr Ifans Llanymawddwy
3rd	£10	Mareena Lewis c/o Denise Perkins
4th	£10	William Lloyd Williams Machynlleth

"Thank You"

A big "thank you" to the men folk who braved the awful weather one Saturday morning last month to help with the cutting of te lime trees around St Peter's Church and who will be giving up another Saturday to "chip" old wood.



THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP.

Muriel Evans the President welcomed members and led a short service, also doing the bible reading. Muriel introduced Chris Fuller who spoke about his work for nature conservation. Finishing as Regional Manager for our part of Wales, based at Aberystwyth. Many changes have taken place over the years in farming, and people's attitude to conservation. It's fine to have good roads and motorways, but you have to have something to view at the end of your journey. A very lively discussion followed.

Alice expressed thanks to Chris and the Tea Hostesses, Ann Humphreys and Llinos Davies. Our trip to Hedd Wyn's home will be on Saturday May 16th, starting at 09:30 hrs. All a welcome to join us, please contact Alice on 01654 702020.

Alice Hughes.

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



Mai 3 May: Mrs Gillian Fletcher, 3 Greenfield.
Mai 10 May: Mrs Dorothy Edwards, (In memory of Lady Hibbott)
Mai 17 May: Mrs Kevva Lloyd, Tregarth.
Mai 24 May: St Peters Ladies Fellowship (Whit Sunday)
Mai 31 May: Mrs Liz Johns, Wynstay.



Undeb y Mamau/ Mothers Union.

Ten members met at the Parish Office on April 16th. Prayers were led by the Enrolling Member. Three members sent apologies. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted, and a rota was circulated for help on the Fun Day. Joyce attended the Spring Council in Penrhyndeudraeth and reported that the knitted Trauma Teddies had been sent to Syria and the jumpers and baby caps to Madagascar. Knitted squares for blankets are still required. Joyce thanked the knitters and passed on the grateful thanks from Bangor for the contributions. In the forthcoming Provincial Meeting in Llanidloes, arrangements will be discussed regarding the 140th anniversary of M.U in Wales, which will be celebrated next year in Swansea. The Upper Severn Branch has invited us to join them at Mary Jones' Museum on 4th June. Names to Joyce ASAP please.

Our speaker was Anna Evans from Christian Aid, founded after the 2nd World War to help refugees. They are celebrating their 70th Anniversary this year. She showed us a film of their work in Ethiopia, where although the legal age of consent to marriage is 18, many girls as young as 12 or 13 are forced into marriages with much older men so that the parents may receive a dowry of goats and cattle. One young girl defied her parents and with the help of Christian Aid is now helping other young girls in this situation. Christian Aid also works with "Action for Development" to provide water points in villages - a lifeline for residents and animals. Anna was warmly thanked by the Enrolling Member. A Coffee Morning for Christian Aid will be held on 13th May in the Parish Office and on 14th May M.U members from Bangor are visiting for a get-together. Please support.

Our final meeting for this session is on Thursday May 21st at 2.00pm in the Parish Office.

Margaret Hughes.

May 10: Rogation Sunday

Rogation means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. It is appropriate in any emergency, war, plague, drought or foul weather.

The practice began with the Romans, who invoked the help of the gods Terminus and Ambarvalia. In those days a crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and driving away winter with sticks. They wanted to rid the cornfields of evil.

About 465 the Western world was suffering from earthquake, storm and epidemic. So Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the popular pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields on the days leading up to Ascension. With his decision, 'beating the bounds' became a Christian ceremonial.

Rogation-tide arrived in this country early in the eighth century, and became a fixed and perennial asking for help of the Christian God.

On Rogation-tide, a little party would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. At the head marched the bishop or the priest, with a minor official bearing a Cross, and after them the people of the parish, with schoolboys and their master trailing along. Most of them held slender wands of willow.

At certain points along the route - at well-known landmarks like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the Cross halted, the party gathered about the priest, and a litany or rogation is said, imploring God to send seasonable wealth, keep the corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At one point beer and cheese would be waiting.

In the days when maps were neither common nor accurate, there was much to be said for 'beating the bounds' - still very common as late as the reign of Queen Victoria. Certainly parish boundaries rarely came into dispute, for everyone knew them.

(Do you know yours today?)

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

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

Mai 10 May Pasg 6 Easter
11.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Thanksgiving on the
70th Anniversary of V.E. Day
2.00 p.m. Gosber (**Penegoes**)

Mai 17 May Pasg 7 Easter
8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9.30 a.m. Boreol Weddi/Morning Prayer (**Llanwrin**)
11.00 a.m. Bilingual Holy Eucharist

Mai 24 May Pentecost
9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Corris**)
11.00 a.m. Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Penegoes**)
11.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Mai 31 May Sul y Drindod Trinity Sunday
9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Corris**)
9.30 a.m. Boreol Weddi (**Penegoes**)
11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Mehffin 7 June Pentecost 2
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

Mai 3 May:	Pasg 5 Easter
8:00 am	Mr Ken Searson
11:00 am	Mrs Joyce Price / Mrs Jeanne Kerridge
Mai 10 May:	Pasg 6 Easter
11:00 am	Mrs Muriel Evans / Mr Neil Williams
Mai 17 May :	Pasg 7 Easter
8:00 am	Miss Pru Probert
11:00 am	Mrs Joyce Price / Mrs Marilyn Brunton
Mai 24 May :	Pentecost
9:30 am	Mrs Ann Armstrong
11:00 am	Mr Grahame Cox
Mai 31 May:	Sul y Drindod / Trinity Sunday
8:00 am	Mr Ken Searson
11:00 am	Mrs Joyce Price / Captain Richard Lambert
Mehefin 7 June :	Pentecost 2
8:00 am	Mr Ken Searson
11:00 am	Mrs Ann Armstrong / Mrs Jeanne Kerridge

ROTA OF SIDESPERSONS

Mai 3 May:	Pasg 5 Easter
8:00 am	Mrs Margaret Vince
11:00 am	Mrs Muriel Evans / Mrs Margaret Searson
Mai 10 May:	Pasg 6 Easter
11:00 am	Mr Elfed Jones / Mr Henry Holt
Mai 17 May:	Pasg 7 Easter
8:00 am	Mr Elfyn Rowlands
11:00 am	Mrs Ann Armstrong / Mrs Margaret Davies
Mai 24 May:	Pentecost
9:30 am	Mr Emyr Roberts
11.00 am	Mrs Dorothy Edwards / Mr Henry Holt
Mai 31 May:	Sul y Drindod / Trinity Sunday
1100 am	Mrs Margaret Searson / Capt. Richard Lambert
Mehefin 7 June :	Pentecost 2
8:00 am	Mrs Margaret Vince
11:00 am	Mr Elfed Jones / Mr Henry Holt

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

Mai 3 May Pasg 5 Easter

Cemaes	09:45 am.	(BW/MP) JE
Darowen	
Mallwyd	11:15 am.	(BW/MP) JE
Llanbryn'r	10:30 am	(E) RPB

Mai 10 May Pasg 6 Easter

Cemaes	09:45 am.	(E) RPB
Darowen	
Mallwyd	11:15 am.	(E) RPB
Llanbryn'r		

Mai 17 May Pasg 7 Easter

Cemaes	09:45 am.	(E) PW
Darowen	
Mallwyd	11:15 am.	(E) PW
Llanbryn'r.....		

Mai 24 May Pentecost

Cemaes	14:00 pm.	(BW/MP Bedydd/Baptism) KR
Darowen	14:00 pm.	(E) RPB
Mallwyd	
Llanbryn'r	10:30 am.	(E Banns) RPB

Mai 31 May Sul y Drindod Trinity Sunday

Cemaes	09:45 am.	(E) RPB
Darowen	
Mallwyd	11:15 am.	(E) RPB
Llanbryn'r	

*** Mai 10 May Gosber in Penegoes at 2 pm.**

*** Mai 15 May Gwasanaeth Dydd Iau y Dyechafael
Ascension Day Service Cemaes 10 am.**

Dyddiadur Mis Mai / May Dairy 2015

- Mai 2 May** **Ffair Gwanwyn/Spring Fair** Cemaes 2 – 4pm
- Mai 7 May** **“Barn Bunnies” (Plant Bach a Mamau / Mothers and toddlers)** Machinations Llanbrynmair 10am.
- Mai 7 May** **Agor y Llyfr/Open the Book** Ysgol Llanbrynmair 1.30pm
- Mai 8 May** **Clwb Ieuenctid/Youth Club** Llanbrynmair 7–9pm
- Mai 8 May** **Bingo** Canolfan Cymunedol Llanbrynmair 7pm
- Mai 9 May** **Diwrnod Hwyl/Fun Day** Y Plas Machynlleth 11 –3 Gwasanaeth am 3 yn y Plas, Service at 3pm in the Plas.
- Mai 12 May** **Ymweliad yr Esgob/Bishop's** Visitation Dolgellau 7yh
- Mai 12 May** **Agor y Llyfr/Open the Book** Ysgol Dinas Mawddwy School 10yb.
- Mai 18 May** **Cyfarfod y Synod/Synod** Meeting Dolgellau 5pm Arweinwyr y Tim Weinidogaeth/Team Leaders 5 – 6pm. Agored/Open 6 – 8pm.
- Mai 20 May** **Safeguarding training** Plas Tan y Bwlch 9.30 - 4.30.
- Mai 21 May** **“Barn Bunnies”** Machinations Llanbrynmair 10am
- Mai 22 May** **Clwb Ieuenctid/Youth Club** Llanbrynmair 7 – 9
- Mai 23 May** **Llan Llanast/Messy Church** Cemaes 2 – 3.30pm
- Mai 31 May** **Cyfarfod y Tim Weinidogaeth/MAT Meeting** 2pm Cemaes.

The Easter Sale at Corris.

The easter Sale at Paula’s made £246.43, but a purchase made after the “close of business” took the total up to £251.43. Thanks to Paula for lending her home, everybody who helped, donated items and of course those who bought items and raffle tickets. The next sale at Paul’s is scheduled for Saturday 23 May (10:00 -12:30) and continuing on Bank Holiday Monday from 11:00 til noon. There buses from Machynlleth which call at Pantperthog and Ceinws, and stop a few yards from Paula’s at 09:30 and 11:30 on Saturday.

More items are required to sell, so call Christina on 01654 761307 to arrange collection.



**Afraid, alone,
in pain**
**Be the answer to
Loko's prayer this
Christian Aid
Week.**

This Christian Aid Week, you can help transform the lives of women like Loko.

From 10-16 May, churches the length and breadth of Britain and Ireland will come together to pray, campaign and raise money to improve the lives of people like Loko.

Every year, 100,000 volunteers demonstrate God's love for the poor by taking part in house-to-house collections for Christian Aid. This fantastic witness is a chance to take the mission of the church into your community.

Loko's choice in life is simple: 'If I can't collect firewood, my children will die.'

Four times a week, in a remote corner of Ethiopia, Loko makes a back-breaking eight-hour trip to gather wood. It's a task she dreads, but she steels herself to do it because if she doesn't her children will starve. She prays to God as she walks. 'I ask him to change my life and lead us out of this,' she says. Just £5 could give Loko a loan to start her own business buying and selling tea and coffee, freeing her from her desperate task and allowing her to spend more time caring for her family.



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Bangor Diocese Fun Day & Cele- bration

**“Life to the MAX!”
Saturday 9th May
Y Plas
Machynlleth
11am FREE Activities
3pm Celebration**



**COFFEE MORNING
in aid of
CHRISTIAN AID
13th MAY
10am-12md
PARISH OFFICE
MACHYNLLETH**

**Diwrnod o Hwyl a Dathlu Esgobaeth Bangor
Byw Bywyd yn LLAWN!"
Dydd Sadwrn Mai 9fed
Y Plas
Machynlleth
11yb Gweithgareddau AM DDIM!
3yp Dathliad**



St Peter's Plodder May Walk

Borth Walk (6 miles) Saturday 2nd May.

We shall be leaving from **St Peter's Church at 09:30 am** and driving to Borth, and parking will be on the R/H side of the road (opposite the entrance to Borth Golf Club) The walk whilst slightly longer than we normally do, is completely flat for the whole of the way. We will follow the river Leri to Ynyslas where we shall stop at the Visitors Centre for toilets and lunch (packed) The walk then crosses the dunes via a boardwalk and returns to Borth along the beach. We shall then visit one of the cafe's for refreshments. Lifts are available. High Tide is at 07:54 am, so the walk back to Borth should not entail any swimming!!!

The April walk up and around Ralltcoed was enjoyed by all, ably led by Ken Searson, who having worked in the forestry industry for all of his life , it was a case of bringing "coal's to Newcastle"

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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