

CYLCHGRAWN MISOL MONTHLY MAGAZINE

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BRO
CYFEILIOG a MAWDDWY.

Dear Friends,

I hope you all enjoyed the blessings of Easter- I did! Easter is my favourite season of the church and the year. This year Spring was in full splendour with daffodils and primroses gracing our gardens and the hedgerows. The lambs basking and prancing in the sunshine. God's creation in all its glory.

St Peter's Church on the other hand was looking very bare and empty for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations, but, I'm glad to say, it's not all doom and gloom – far from it. From Easter Monday we closed St Peter's to the public so that the Nave and Chancel can be redecorated – a huge task needing very high scaffolding. This work will take about a month so we will, hopefully, be back worshipping at St Peter's again by the beginning of May. We are very grateful to the Tabernacle Trust for the use of the Tabernacle Auditorium for our Sunday services for the next few Sundays and our Wednesday services will be at the Parish Office. Details of service times are printed in the magazine.

The building work is slowing drawing to a conclusion and we can see things starting to come together. It has been a long haul and there is still a little way to go before we see the finished product but the signs of new life can be seen inside our beautiful church as well as in the fields and hedgerows of the countryside. We can look forward to new, exciting and innovative ways of telling the Good News of Jesus in new and exciting facilities. The doors to our new home will be open very soon and everyone is very welcome to come in. God is good – All the time.

With every blessing to you and yours

Kathleen

Gwasanaeth Sul y Blodau Eglwys Darowen

Roedd Sul y Blodau yn ddiwrnod mawr yn Narowen eleni. A hithau'n dywydd braf a'r cennin pedr yn eu blodau ac wŷn bach yn prancio o'n cwmpas, croesawom "Moses" yr asyn i'n gwasanaeth. Roedd y digwyddiad yn ein hatgoffa o hanes Iesu'n cyrraedd Jerwsalem 2000 o flynyddoedd yn ôl, i wynebu'r groes ac atgyfodiad. Arweiniodd Louise, "Dyfi Donkeys" Commins Coch, Moses i fyny'r llwybr at yr eglwys, a Deio Pritchard yn chwarae rhan Iesu a'r gynulleidfa yn eu croesawu o bobty'r llwybr. Rhoddwyd croesau palmwydd i'r gynulleidfa wrth iddynt fynd i mewn i'r eglwys.

Yn dilyn darlleniad o'r Beibl a chlywed stori Iesu yn cyrraedd Jerwsalem yn fuddugoliaethus (Mathew. 21. ad 1 – 11) adroddodd y Parch Roland neges Gristnogol, stori'r Pasg gyda chymorth y gynulleidfa. – Neges o edifeiriwch, gofyn am faddeuant, dweud sori a pharodrwydd Duw i faddau i ni a'n caru a rhoi bywyd newydd i ni Arweiniodd Mrs Jen Evans ni yn abl mewn gweddi, a chymrodd y plant ran hefyd. Llauer o ddiolch i Jen, i Mrs Magwen Pughe am arwain y gân ar yr organ, Louise o "Dyfi Donkeys," y plant i gyd am gymryd rhan ac i bawb â ymunodd â ni am ddiwrnod arbennig.



Darowen Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday was a red letter day in Darowen this year. Blessed with fine weather, daffodils and new born lambs, we welcomed "Moses" the donkey to our service. The event echoed Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem 2000 years ago, to face the cross and resurrection. Louise, of "Dyfi Donkeys" Commins Coch, led Moses up the path to the church, with Deio Pritchard riding in the role of Jesus and the congregation lining the path to welcome them. As we entered the church palm crosses were given out to members of the congregation. Following a reading from the Bible, telling the story of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Mt. 21. vs 1 – 11) the Revd Roland, with the help of the congregation, gave an illustration of the Christian message, the Easter story. - A message of repentance, asking for forgiveness, saying sorry, and the willingness of God to forgive and embrace us in love and new life. Mrs Jen Evans then ably led our prayers, with the active participation of the children. Many thanks to Jen, to Mrs Magwen Pughe for leading our singing on the organ, Louise of "Dyfi Donkeys," the children for their taking part and all those who joined us for a special day.





UNDEB Y MAMAU / MOTHERS' UNION

Our March meeting was held at the Parish Office, for our quiet afternoon. The Rev Canon Kathleen led us in Readings, Meditation, Prayers and Music towards Holy Week and Good Friday. The Rev Kathleen was thanked by Mrs Ann Armstrong. Mrs Sandra Wheeler was warmly welcomed to our meeting, Sandra lives in Pennant and has been on placement in Machynlleth during Lent.

The Woman's World Day of Prayer was held at St Mair's Catholic Church on March 4th. Mrs Margaret Searson, Mrs Muriel Evans, Mrs Alice Hughes and Mrs Jocelyn Seagrave were thanked for taking part in the service.

There is still room in cars for Bangor and Brecon if any Church member would like to join us for our special celebrations. Banners from past branches will be taken in memory of past members from Llanymawddwy, Cemaes, Aberdyfi, Machynlleth and Corris. I would like all members to write down their favourite Hymn (Welsh or English) Prayer or Psalm and bring to our April meeting, when we have our Bring & Share tea.

Bring a friend, tea for two, raffle prize, by 2:00 pm.

Joyce Price.

Thank you note - Sandra Wheeler.

During my placement in Machynlleth, everyone, has welcomed me into their hearts and it has been a real privilege to be part of the ministry team and to 'shadow' Kath. I have learnt a lot in the time I have been with her.

On a lighter note - I've just got it right, [for now] on processes in St Peters and now I'm to leave.

Hopefully I will be able to return and I've definitely booked the 2nd October.

Many thanks **Sandra**



THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP

15 members and guests met at the Plas for lunch, to celebrate St David's Day. Cawl and a choice of sweet was enjoyed by all.

Muriel thanked the staff of the Plas for their delicious meal, also thanks to Alice for organising the event.

Alice Hughes.



If anyone has a photograph of the following Churches (Corris, Llanwrin, Penegoes, Cemaes, Llanbryn-mair, Mallwyd). Please can Maureen Hughes borrow them.

Maureen can be contacted on 01654 700377. Many thanks.

**ARDAL WEINIDOGAETH
BRO CYFEILIOG a MAWDDWY
MINSITRY AREA.**

Cynhelir Cwrdd Festri Blynnyddol ar **20fed o Ebrill** yng **Ngwesty Y Llew Gwyn, Machynlleth** am 7 o'r gloch yr hwyr.

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 20th April** at 7pm in the **White Lion Hotel, Machynlleth**. Please make every effort to attend.

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

Ebrill 3 April

Pasg 2 Easter

8.00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)

9.30 a.m.

Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (**Corris**)

10.30 a.m.

Bilingual Holy Eucharist followed by AGM (**Y Tabernacle Machynlleth**)

Ebrill 10 April

Pasg 3 Easter

9.30 a.m.

Morning Worship (**Corris**)

11.00 a.m.

Bilingual Holy Eucharist (**Y Tabernacle Machynlleth**)

2.00 p.m.

Gosber (**Penegoes**)

Ebrill 17 April

Pasg 4 Easter

9.30 a.m.

Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (**Llanwrin**)

9.30 a.m.

Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (**Corris**)

11.00 a.m.

Bilingual Holy Eucharist (**Y Tabernacle Machynlleth**)

Ebrill 24 April

Pasg 5 Easter

9.30 a.m.

Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (**Corris**)

11.00 a.m.

Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Penegoes**)

11.00 a.m.

Bilingual Holy Eucharist (**Y Tabernacle Machynlleth**)

Mai 1 May

Pasg 6 Easter

9.30 a.m.

Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (**Llanwrin**)

9.30 a.m.

Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (**Corris**)

11.00 a.m.

Bilingual Holy Eucharist (**Y Tabernacle Machynlleth**)

Every Wednesday

10.00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist (**At the Parish Office, Machynlleth**)

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

Ebrill 3 April Pasg 2 Easter

09:45 a.m. Cemaes RPB (E)

14:00 p.m. Darowen RPB (E)

11:15 a.m. Mallwyd RPB (E)

..... Llanbrynmair

Ebrill 10 April Pasg 3 Easter

09:45 p.m. Cemaes JE (MP)

14:00 p.m. Darowen Unebol Penegoes

11:15 a.m. Mallwyd JE (MP)

11:00 a.m. Llanbrynmair RPB (E)

Ebrill 17 April Pasg 4 Easter

09:30 a.m. Cemaes KR (E)

..... Darowen

11:15 a.m. Mallwyd KR (E)

11:00 a.m. Llanbrynmair PW (Bedydd/ Baptism - Jack Orson)

Ebrill 24 April Pasg 5 Easter

Gwasanaeth i dathlu yr wythnos weddi am undeb
Chrinogol.

Service to celebrate the week of prayer for
Christian unity. Capel Sama Chapel Cwmlline

10:30 a.m.

Mai 1 May Pasg 6 Easter

09:45 p.m. Cemaes RPB (E)

..... Darowen

11:15 a.m. Mallwyd JE (MP)

11:00 a.m. Llanbrynmair PW (Bedydd/ Baptism - Freia Margolis)

Dyddiadur - Diary

12:00 p.m. 28 April Cawl a Chloc - Soup & Chat Cemaes

Lady Day - the Annunciation

This beautiful event (Luke 1:26-38) took place in Nazareth, when Mary is already betrothed to Joseph. The Archangel Gabriel comes to Mary, greets her as highly favoured, tells her not to be afraid, that she will bear a son Jesus, and that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is already pregnant (with John the Baptist).

The church calendar is never quite as neat as some would like it. To celebrate the Annunciation on 25 March does indeed place the conception of Jesus exactly nine months from his birth on 25 December, but the latter part of March almost inevitably falls during Lent. But the birth and death of Jesus are intrinsically linked - he was born to die, and thus fulfil God's purposes.

The Annunciation is a significant date in the Christian calendar - it is one of the most frequent depicted in Christian art. Gabriel's gracious strength and Mary's humble dignity have inspired many artists. Certainly Mary's response to the angel has for centuries been an example of good faith in practice - humility, enquiry of God, and trusting acceptance in His will for her life.

Prayer for every day after Easter

Living, Almighty God,
Thank you that by your Spirit living in me,
made possible by the life, death, resurrection and ascension of
Jesus,
you give me all I need.

Like Peter, you forgive and re-commission me.
Like Thomas, you meet me in ways tailor-made for me.
Lord, thank you for the daily personal "nudges" that assure me of
your reality,
your presence in my life,
just when I need so much to know you are here.

The Lent Course "Praying the Statues"

One of the best Lent groups I have experienced took us purposefully but enjoyably through the sometimes sad and solemn weeks of February and early March, and delivered us ready to appreciate the happiness of Easter. The group of 8-10 people met in Machynlleth – firstly in the parish office, but later in an upper room (so apt) at the White Lion, and came from several churches across the area team. We were provided with a high quality course book, written specially for the season by Bishop Andy, and we decided that both we, and the content of the book, deserved such a good publication.

Each chapter/week provided photos of a particular sculpture or statue that Bishop Andy had visited and contemplated over several months, and had been chosen to illustrate and prompt reflections on key Gospel themes, and to help us pray around them.

The fact that the course was based upon very visual images made it immediate and accessible, rather than falsely academic or dry. It was ok to say we didn't like a particular statue, or even that we loved it! But discussion didn't stop at art appreciation, but seemed to flow spontaneously into sharing some very personal life experiences, and to our beliefs about what they had meant.

For example, we looked at Elizabeth Frink's statue of the aged but still upright mother of Jesus. We contemplated the great sadness of losing a son, and found reassurance in Mary's apparent ability to keep putting one foot in front of the other, to keep going through the years. We looked at the Broadbent statue in the cloisters of Chester Cathedral, and wondered at the level of intimacy portrayed in the encounter at the well between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. The clutching embrace of the "Reconciliation" sculptural pair in Coventry brought to mind survivors and refugees. And another statue in Dublin was a graphic reminder of hopelessness in homelessness.

Of course we also had to then contemplate the suffering and crucifixion of Christ. We considered the terribly sad figure of the prisoner Christ in our own cathedral at Bangor; and then moved onto a depiction of the crucifixion, that had apparently frightened parishioners so much that it had been moved from the church to a museum garden. This was where I empathised with those fellow Christians who prefer an empty cross.

But, finally, we came to the surprised joy and relief of Mary Magdalene's encounter with the risen Christ. The spindly, upraised arms of David Wynne's "Noli mi tangere" pair of statues suggest urgent movement – and perhaps remind us that Easter ought to make us DO something, not just sit and ponder any longer.

This Lent course certainly deserves repeating, and I would like to go and see, touch, walk around and consider some of the statues for real. Pilgrimage anyone?....

Cathy Howe Browne, Cemmaes.



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News around Ministry Area.

St Mary's Church Llan.

During March we had our AGM with 8 members in attendance. Our main project for 2015 was sorting the graveyard out, this now looks great with John at the helm. Our fund raising project for March is a Easter hamper. The next bingo will be in Newtown on May 3rd the whist drive in Llanbrynmair May 14. We have 2 Weddings booked and 1 Christening, so thanks to all for helping, please keep the Church in a clean condition.

Holy Trinity Church Corris.

On the 4th March a special service was held in Machynlleth .This was to celebrate the women's day of prayer. It is held every year on the first Friday in March throughout the world, during 24 hours a continuing chain of prayer passes around the world. Each year the service is written by women from a different country, this year it was the turn of a Cuban women and in Machynlleth the turn of St Mary's Catholic Church to welcome members of all denominations in Machynlleth. The service was bilingual with many people taking part. The offerings (£83.20) go to help many different charities throughout the world. Mrs Wendy Morgan gave the address speaking of Cuba and it's people. She spoke especially of the organisation which trains people from poorer backgrounds to become Doctors, who then go on work in countries all over the world where medical facilities are almost non existent . Each year we think of all those women, rich and poor, who on that Friday are praying and praising God for his love and care for us all.

Edible Mach Maethlon were unsuccessful in grant funding this year and desperately need to raise funds to continue their work in the community.

They have launched an online crowd fund campaign at

<https://chuffed.org/project/edible-mach-maethlon>

There is a video about the project there too.



St Peter's Plodders. April Walk

Cwm Ralltcoed Saturday 16th April. (5 miles)

Our walk this month will be joining forces with the Diocesan Walk which is been led by Ken Searson, meeting at **St Peter's Church at 10 o'clock**. It will be an ideal chance to meet with fellow walkers from all round the Diocese. They normally walk on the third Saturday of every month and is led by a different member depending where the walk is taking place.

At last the Plodders commenced walking following the long winter break, it was good to get out and shake off the "Winter Blues" . The weather was kind with only a few light showers which didn't stop our intrepid lot, we can hopefully now look forward to longer days and warmer weather. All I need to do, is to come up with some decent walks. Watch this space!!!!!!



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Cynhelir Cwrdd Festri Blynyddol

EGLWYS SANT CADFARCH PENEGOES

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SWYDDFA BLWYF

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7 O'R GLOCH, NOS FERCHER 13 EBRILL.

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