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CYFEILIOG a MAWDDWY.

Dear friends,

As summer rolls on and we've enjoyed and celebrated the achievements of the Wales Football Team, Andy Murray's success at Wimbledon, Carnival Days and Fun Days it's easy to put the troubles in the world around us to the back of our minds. Not forget, because we can not forget the horror of the events in Nice or the look on the faces of the refugees fleeing for their lives. We can never forget, but we can and do focus on good times, on enjoyable times, those times that revitalise and reenergise us to look again at the world and it's troubles and work out how we can help. As Christians we continually pray for our brothers and sisters throughout the world, we belong to a huge family centred on God. In the Dyfi Valley we come to church to worship God as we please, free to come and go. In a great many countries that is not the case and during our worship we pray for those who suffer hardship and violence, often at the hands of their own countrymen, because they belong to our family, because they are Christians. We can not even begin to imagine what that means and we struggle to understand the enormity of it. To hopefully help us to understand a little more I have invited a speaker from Barnabas Fund, a charity who help relieve the suffering of these people in some 36 countries of the world. Ruth will be joining us at St Peter's Church on Sunday 14th August at 10.30am for a service of Morning Prayer during which she will highlight the plight of our brothers and sisters and the work that Barnabas Fund does to support them. I am not asking you to dip into your pockets again (although the collection from the service will be to Barnabas Fund), but I am asking you to come and hear what Ruth has to say. The two most important commandments that we have been given is "To love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength", and "To love your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27). These people are our brothers and sisters in Christ, it is our Christian duty to understand their plight and to support them in any way we can.

With every blessing to you and yours

Kathleen

A Day at the Royal Welsh

The Royal Welsh Show is one of the premier Agricultural Shows attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors from Britain and abroad. It is a privilege to be able to volunteer as an Agricultural Chaplain, to be a tiny part of the huge team that ensures the smooth running of the event each year. Hundreds of people, young and old, give their services for free, stewarding, manning the gates and fulfilling any number of diverse tasks. To witness all the good will, reinforces one's faith in human nature!

This year I was asked to be chaplain amongst the cattle exhibitors, to be a presence in the cattle sheds, wearing our RWAS (Royal Welsh Agricultural Society) jackets and clerical collars, and simply talking to who ever wants a chat. The cattle sheds, as well as being hives of activity – cleaning, feeding, watering and preparing the animals, are also places to socialise and even relax. Wandering down the cattle lines would normally be a perilous occupation, but these show cattle are "professionals" – no kicking, only the danger of being assailed by softer, more smelly projectiles.

This year we were asked (by The Church in Wales) to sound farmers out on their response to "Brexit." I was slightly uncertain about doing this, fearing that farmers, - faced by a stranger wearing a rather officious costume, asking questions about their possible financial futures – might simply clam up, or give only PC answers. "Farmers can't survive without EU / state financial subsidies." However, I was surprised and pleased by the willingness of all, to not only talk and discuss, but to be completely candid in their answers.

My greatest surprise (because it goes against everything we read in the media) was that well over 80% of farmers were strongly in favour of "Brexit!"

"We need to wean ourselves off our dependency on subsidies, and decide on our own policies."

Admittedly, most of these were not farmers from the "Less favoured," mountainous areas of North Wales, (although one farmer was from Orkney!) but their independent, self reliant response was still startling. Only two farmers argued passionately for staying in Europe; one arguing very compellingly that the failure to support farming would result in rural poverty and depopulation, with a resultant loss of Welsh culture and rural community life. The UK and Welsh governments will not be so willing to plough money into agriculture. The other believed that we should stay in the EU as a matter of principle, working constructively with our neighbours, talking as colleagues around the table.

It is always good / healthy to listen to a diversity of opinions, and have our own prejudices challenged, whether in religion, politics or social attitudes. My overall impression was of a farming community, stoical, mature and realistic in its outlook, something I could not help but admire.

Rev'd Roland.

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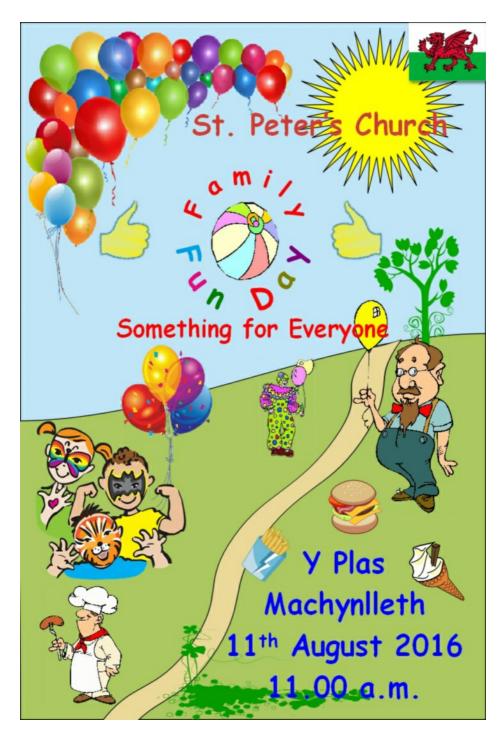
The Christian Aid Week collection amounted to **£2313.49**. Many thanks to all the House to House collectors for their continued support.

THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS FLAG DAY.

The grand total of £188.94 was raised, thanks once

Te Pnawn a drefnwyd gan y Tim Bugeiliol yng Ngwesty Trefeddian Aberdyfi Ddydd Iau Gorffennaf 14eg An Afternoon Tea organised by the Pastoral Team at Trefeddian Hotel Aberdyfi on Thursday July 14th





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

Awst 7 August Pentecost 12

8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Machynlleth)

9.30 a.m. Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (Corris)
9.30 a.m. Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (Llanwrin)
11.00 a.m. Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (Machynlleth)

Awst 14 August Pentecost 13

10.30 a.m. United Bilingual Morning Prayer

(Machynlleth) with a representative from

Barnabas Fund

Awst 21 August Pentecost 14

8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Machynlleth)

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

9.30 a.m. Bilingual Morning Prayer (Llanwrin)

11.00 a.m. Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (Machynlleth)

Awst 28 August Pentecost 15

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

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Wednesday

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

Awst 7 August Pentecost 12

09.45am Cemaes RPB (E)

..... Darowen

11.15am Mallwyd RPB (E)

..... Llanbrynmair

Awst 14 August Pentecost 13

09.45am	Cemaes	JE (MP)
14.00yp	Darowen	Undebol
11.15am	Mallwyd	JE (MP)

11.00am Llanbrynmair RPB (E) Banns

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Dyddiadur / Diary.

Diwrnod Hwyl / Fun Day Dydd Iau / Thursday Awst 11th August Machynlleth 11 - 3pm

The Parable of the Rich Fool.

Luke 12 Verses 16 - 21

- 16. And he told then the parable, saying "The land of a rich man produced plentiful,
- 17 and he thought to himself "What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store crops?"
- 18. And he said, "I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.
- 19. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."
- 20. But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"
- 21. So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich towards God."

I wonder how many of us, like the "rich fool" on finding ourselves with a bumper harvest, a windfall of money, or even money saved over many years of careful or frugal living, would want to put their wealth in a secure place to give security for the future? Is Jesus telling us off for building bigger barns? Is he telling us to give all our wealth away for charitable purposes, in order to be rich towards God.

There is a parallel story in the Old Testament. Joseph in Egypt, storing grain in huge barns during the 7 years of plenty, in order to feed the hungry in the 7 years of famine: and yes, Joseph - the servant comes good and becomes the hero we all respect and love. (Genesis 40) has Jesus got this story wrong, should he not be praising the entrepreneurial, careful "rich fool"

Actually there is a fundamental difference between these two stories. Joseph stores the grain for then benefit of everyone, he uses his leadership and administration skills for the well being of the wider community. However, the "rich fool" uses his good fortune " the abundant harvest" simple for himself. "To take life easy, eat, drink and be merry" He goes and buys his third yacht and sunbathes in the Caribbean!

I'm sure that Jesus is not criticising wealth creation, but we are expected to be responsible in the way we use our wealth, and part of being responsible is to love our neighbour, for to care for our neighbour is to be close to God.

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United Morning Prayer St Peter's Church Sunday August 14th 10.30AM

with representative from Barnabas fund

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3rd £10 60 Sion Ifans (Llanymawddwy)

4th £10 107 Will Holden (Corris)

Undeb y Mamau/Mothers Union.

August 10th Mary Sumner Day Holy Eucharist at 10 am.

Sept 5th Afternoon Tea at Joanne Gower's Corris Uchaf. Please let us know if you would like to join us.



News around Ministry Area.

Llan Church.

We were very pleased to see the Bishop in Llan Church during the month of June. The church has been very busy with 2 christenings and 3 weddings booked; it makes it all worth while. We are still fund raising hoping to arrange a Sunday lunch on Sept 18 and a car boot in August, maybe linked up to the show in August.

Holy Trinity Corris.

On the 11th July Corris and District Clwb -y-Deri "over 55's" travelled to Brecon with Lloyd's Coaches, with many thanks to the driver for his kindness and patience as always.

The weather was dull with rain on the way, however, everyone remained cheerful and the sun was out to greet us in Brecon.

Lunch was enjoyed at the "Clarence Inn" the food was hot and tasty served cheerful and helpful staff.

After lunch we travelled to Brecon canal, were Dragon Cruises took us on a two and a half hour journey in one of the narrow boats. The trip was so peaceful and relaxing, gliding through trees, bushes and wild flowers growing along the banks, with the occasional wave to walker's on the tow-path.

Travelling through a lock to reach our destination and then the return. On the return journey we were served a Cream Tea, upon arrival at the Port, we climbed on the bus and made our way home.

Thanks to Tony for arranging a wonderful day out and everyone who contributed to the day.

Thanks to God for the fellowship of the Clwb, for the beautiful places to visit and the ability to do so.



St Peter's Plodders. August Walk

Afon Hengwm Uwchygarreg. (4 miles.)

Staturday 13th August.

A gentle walk never far from the Afon Hengwm (river of the valley), with it's tumbling waterfalls and variety of woodland and riverside tracks. The route offers fine views of the surrounding mountains. Although you will ascend and descend about 550 feet, there are no steep sections. We shall be leaving from **St Peter's Church at 09:30.** Please bring a packed lunch.

This walk should have taken place last month (July) but the weather decided to be spiteful and so it was cancelled. But never mind, we get a chance to do it this month hopefully!!

Our June walk took place midweek due to commitments with some members of the Plodders. Following the river Dysynni up the valley towards Bird Rock and returning via the back road to Bryncrug, the walk was blessed with fine warm weather for most of the walk although heavy showers were forecast. We did however have one shower, but were able to shelter whilst eating our packed lunches.



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