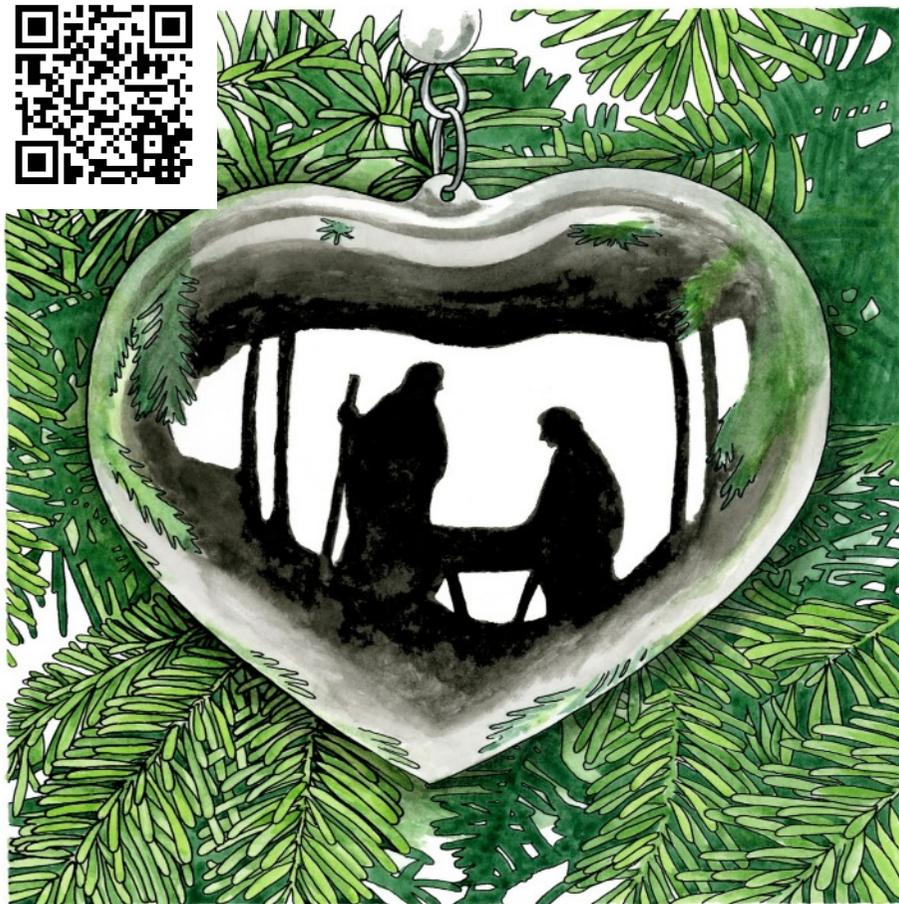


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CYFEILIOG a MAWDDWY.

Advent is the time of preparation for a journey, the beginning of Jesus' journey home to his Father, our God. The journey begins with planning and prophecies, and then a joyful send off – the birth of Jesus in the Bethlehem stable. This is the incarnation, “God with us”

Julie and I had a week's holiday in Yorkshire recently, staying in the very pleasant town of Skipton. It is nice to have time to read, and so, perhaps appropriately, I read a book by the poet Simon Armitage, called “Walking Home,” describing his walk along the Pennine Way, which passes not far from Skipton. He walked for 2 weeks, in mid summer, through mist and heavy rain.

Simon Armitage's book is full of vivid anecdotes, one in particular has stuck in my mind. He tells the story of friends of his, who were also walking the Pennine Way. Setting off one morning from a small Yorkshire Dales' village, to walk the 15 – 20 miles over the moors to their next overnight stop, they are joined by an ever so friendly dog, a golden retriever. They give it such a fuss, that it continues to follow them up the hill. As their village passes out of sight the first twinges of concern begin.

“Hey Goldie, it is time that you turned back for home.”

But no, Goldie is perfectly happy tagging along! Well surely this dog knows what it is doing, probably follows walkers every day. A couple of miles have now passed, and concern is rising.

“Hey doggie, go home, your owners will be worrying.”

Now on top of the moors, the mood has changed.

“Get home, you stupid, annoying animal.”

The conversation is charged with frustration. But it is too late, too far to take Goldie back home. Their day is falling apart, there is no enjoyment here. What shall we do when we reach our destination? We'll have to hire a taxi and take him back.

At the end of a tough day they approach the village where they are to stay the night, Goldie trots confidently forwards, up the driveway of the first house and welcomes his master with a wagging tail.

Walking Home" I can't help seeing a parallel here with the life and destiny of Jesus. Yes, walking home to his Father, knowing all along where he is going, but walking with companions who are confused and unsure. Meeting and walking with Jesus is great, exciting, full of wonderful possibilities, but then reality starts to hit home. Jesus is not going in the direction we want him to go, he is starting to talk about betrayal and death. We want him to change direction, fulfil our ambitions, live up to our expectations; not talk about the first being last, servant hood and sacrifice. And now the point of no return has come, Jesus is hanging, suffering on the cross, the night has come, his body taken away. And then at that darkest hour, the reunion; joy, arriving home, relief and understanding. All is well, resurrection, new life, the overcoming of darkness.

Jesus knew where he was going all along. He was returning to the Father. The wonderful thing is, that by coming down to earth in human form he carries us with him. At Christmas, as we look into the eyes of baby Jesus, we are united with God the Divine. And God does not enslave us, he does not demand anything from us, he simply offers freedom and love. Are we bold enough to accept that gift; are we bold enough to share it? I hope we are. Amen

Roland

Gwasanaethau Plygain Services

Capel Ebeneser Dinas Mawddwy 06/01/17 7yh.

Eglwys Darowen 09/01/17 7yh.

Eglwys Mallwyd 13/01/17 7yh.

Ffair Nadolig / Christmas Fair Cemaes Church Room 3.30pm
Saturday 17/12/16

Cwrs Adfent cychwyn 30/11/16 (Dydd Mercher) yn Capel
Maengwyn, a wythnosol ar nos Iau am 7yh. Croeso i bawb.

Gweddi Llwybr Deiniol

Dduw gras,
gelwaist arnaf i ddilyn yn ôl traed y disgyblion cynnar a'r seintiau,
i fyw bywyd mewn gwir gydbwysedd daioni,
i weddio bob dydd a rhannu yn y ffordd fy hun
dy gariad di dros yr holl bobl, yr holl greadigaeth.
Trwy dy gariad a'th ras, a thrwy esiampl Deiniol Sant,
helpa fi i fod yn ffyddlon mewn gweddi, yn fy ngwaith,
ac wrth orffwyso, yn yr oriau prysur a'r manau tawel,
fel y gallaf dy addoli,
fel y bydd i'th Eglwys dyfu,
ac fel y bydd i'th gariad gofleidio ac iachau ein byd toredig.
Amen

The St Deiniol's Way Prayer:

God of grace,
you have called me to follow in the steps of the early disciples
and saints,
to live a life in true balance of wellbeing,
to pray each day and share in my own way
your love for all people, all creation.
By your love and grace and through the example of St Deiniol,
help me to be faithful in my prayer, in my work,
and in my times of rest,
in the busy hours and the quiet spaces,
so that I may worship you
so that your Church may grow,
so that your love may embrace and heal our broken world.
Amen (from St Deiniol's Way Worship Resource)



**CRIB SERVICE
CHRISTMAS EVE
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, CORRIS
at 3.30 pm and ST PETER'S
CHURCH
at 4.00 pm.**



LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Muriel welcomed members and led a short service, the reader was Maureen Hughes. Muriel thanked members for helping at the Harvest Supper, which was a great success held in the Mezzanine room on the first floor.

Letters and thanks were received from the Archbishops Fund for Children, also from Christian Aid for our recent donations to their charity. We will be joining the Mothers Union in December for the Carol Service and dinner at the Riverside Hotel Pennal. We are holding a Coffee Morning at the Church on Saturday 14th December at 10:00 am. It was decided to go to Dolguog Hotel for our Annual Dinner in January.

Our speaker was Angharad Penrhyn Jones, who spoke about the book she has written "Here we Stand" reviewing women's place in a changing world.

Muriel expressed her thanks to Angharad for a very enlightening talk.

Thanks

Dear friends,

As we come to the end of another year I would like to thank you all for your continued support and hard work as we've journeyed together on this road that God has set before us. We have faced the changes, and the challenges they have brought, with good spirit and determination. We have moaned together – we have puzzled together – we have worshipped together – we have laughed and cried together – and we have prayed together. As Christ's Body, the Church, in this Ministry Area and with God's grace we will keep going on this journey into 2017 with the same spirit and resolve, Worshipping God, Growing the Church and Loving the World.

My special thanks to the churchwardens of all the churches for their work in keeping the churches running from day to day.

May I wish you and yours a very happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas

Kathleen

Cawl A Chlonc at St Peter's



Cawl A Chlonc yn St Pedr

Roedd Dydd Iau Tachwedd 3ydd yn ddiwrnod cyffrous i ni fel Tîm Bugeiliol wrth inni gynnal ein sesiwn gyntaf o Cawl a Chlonc lan llofft yn Eglwys St Pedr gan ddefnyddio'r cyfleusterau gwych sydd ar gael yno. Daeth nifer dda ynghyd o'r Ardal Weinidogaeth i fwynhau cinio ysgafn wedi'i baratoi gan y tîm. Yna i ddilyn cawsom y pleser o gwmni Matt ac Anna o Eglwys Mallwyd a ddaeth i'n diddanu gyda deuawdau hyfryd ar yr organ a'r ffidil. Thursday November 3rd was an exciting day for us as a Pastoral Team when we held our first Cawl a Chlonc session in the mezzanine at St Peter's Church, using the wonderful facilities available. There was a good gathering from across the Ministry Area who came to enjoy a light lunch prepared by the team. After lunch it was a pleasure to have Matt and Anna with us from Mallwyd Church who entertained us with beautiful duets on the organ and violin.

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

Rhagfyr 4 December Adfent 2 Advent

- 8.00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)
9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (**Corris**)
11.00 a.m. Family Service with Baptism (**Machynlleth**)
5.00 p.m. Carolau Adfent/Advent Carols (**Llanwrin**)

Rhagfyr 11 December Adfent 3 Advent

- 9.30 a.m.** Advent Praise (**Corris**)
11.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)
2.00 p.m. Gosber (**Machynlleth**)

Rhagfyr 18 December Adfent 4 Advent

- 8.00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)
9.30 a.m. Bilingual Holy Eucharist (**Llanwrin**)
9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Corris**)
11.00 a.m. Bilingual Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)

Rhagfyr 24 December Noswyl Nadolig

- 3.30 p.m.** Bendithio y Preseb/Blessing of the Crib (**Corris**)
4.00 p.m. Gwasanaeth y Preseb/Crib Service
(Machynlleth)
11.30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)

**Rhagfyr 25 December Genedigaeth ein Harglwydd
The Nativity of our Lord**

- 8.00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)
9.30 a.m. Bilingual Holy Eucharist (**Llanwrin**)
9.30 a.m. Bilingual Holy Eucharist (**Corris**)

Ionawr 1 January Enwi Iesu/Naming of Jesus

- 9.30 a.m.** Bilingual Holy Eucharist (**Corris**)
10.30 a.m. Bilingual Morning Prayer (**Machynlleth with
Llanwrin and Penegoes**)

St Peter's Church, Machynlleth

- Every Wednesday 10.00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist

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

Rhagfyr 4 December

09.45am Cemaes
..... Darowen
11.15am Mallwyd
..... Llanbrynmair

Adfent 2 Advent

RPB (E)

RPB (E)

Llanwrin Gwasanaeth Carolau / Carol Service 5pm

Rhagfyr 11 December

09.45am Cemaes
14.00yp Darowen
11.15am Mallwyd
19.30pm Llanbrynmair

Adfent 3 Advent

RPB (E)
Machynlleth Gosper
RPB (E)
Cyngerdd / Concert Cor Llanwnog
Choir.

Tal mynediad £5 Entrance Fee.

Rhagfyr 18 December

10.30am Cemaes Gwasanaeth Carolau / Carol Service

Adfent 4 Advent

Rhagfyr 24 December

17.30yh Darowen (E)
19.30yh Llanbrynmair (Gosper / Evening Prayer)
23.30yh Mallwyd (Gwasanaeth yr hwyr / Midnight Mass)

Rhagfyr 25 December

09.45am Cemaes (E)

Ionawr 1 January

09.45am Cemaes RPB (E)
..... Darowen
11.15am Mallwyd RPB (E)
..... Llanbrynmair



Undeb y Mamau / Mothers' Union

Eleven members attended the meeting on 17th November at St. Peter's Church. The service was conducted by the Enrolling Member, and the lesson was read by Mrs. Sandra Wheeler.

Five members will attend the Songs of Praise service in Penrhyndeudraeth on Nov. 18th. A "Wave of Prayer" service will be held at St. Peter's at 10.00am on Nov. 23th.

Condolences were expressed to Mrs. Gwenda Price and Mrs. Marilyn Jones on recent family bereavements.

Arrangements are in hand for the Christmas Lunch on 15th December. Please contact the Treasurer ASAP if you wish to attend.

The guest speaker was Denise Davies from the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service .She gave us some very good advice on how to avoid fires in the home-eg not overloading sockets, and not leaving chips and fried foods to cook unattended in the kitchen. A Home Safety Fire Check is available free of charge from the Fire Service, when they will identify dangers in your home. Electric blankets over 10 yrs old should be discarded. Denise was thanked by Mrs. Sandra Wheeler. The tea hostess was Mrs. Margaret Hughes.

The next meeting will be the annual Carol Service in St. Peter's at 11.00 am on Dec.15th, followed by Christmas Lunch at the Riverside Hotel, Pennal. Each member is kindly asked to bring a Raffle Prize.

A Psalms of Praise service for the Mothers' Union Bangor Diocese took place at Holy Trinity Church Penrhyndeudraeth on 18th November at 2:00 pm. The welcome and introduction was by the Diocese President Mrs Jenny Lane. Members from around the Diocese took part in reading Psalms and good singing to follow. The Prayer Banner was blessed by Archdeacon Paul Davies. Tea and cake was served, during tea, Since Mrs Kath Broadbent will be leaving the area, she was presented with a card of thanks for all her hard work over many years,She will be missed.
(pictures opposite page)



Mrs Mavis Evans from Bangor (seated) was made Honorary Vice President by the Diocese President Jenny Lane.



Prayer Banner Pocket made by Mrs Alice Hughes.



NEWS AROUND MINISTRY AREA.

Corris News

Fundraising Sale at Paula's Bridge Street
Saturday 3rd December 10am - 2pm
Corris School Christingle Service
In Holy Trinity Corris
Tuesday 13th December 2.30pm

MONTHLY MAGAZINE

Yearly subscriptions are now due for the monthly magazine. Please pay your distributor by the end of December. 50p per month or £6.00 for the year.

**THE EDWARD MORGAN & NATIONAL SCHOOL
MACHYNLLETH EDUCATION FUND.**

Grants from the above fund are available for the benefit of persons of either sex, resident in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Machynlleth, who have not attained the age of 25 and are embarking on an education, career or apprenticeship. The recipient or his or her parents must be members of the Church in Wales. Application forms are available from Mrs Gwenan Phillips, 56 Maengwyn Street, Machynlleth or the Reverend Kathleen Rogers. Forms must be returned by Friday December 16 th.



*St Peter's Plodders.
December Walk*

**Christmas, Christian Aid Cymru Walk.
Saturday 13th December.**



There are more than 65 million refugees in our world today. In fear, they flee conflict, natural disasters and extreme poverty. In hope, they seek a safe place to call home.

This Christmas, Christian Aid Cymru will walk from Bethlehem in Carmarthenshire to Aifft (Egypt) in Denbighshire in solidarity with these people, our brothers and sisters. It will be a sponsored walk, with donations going towards the work Christian Aid does to fight poverty generally, which includes vital work in supporting refugees in many parts of the world.

We invite you to join us on the walk - either for the whole journey or for specific legs - and help us draw attention to the world's refugee crisis and raise funds for Christian Aid's work.

Supporting this walk we shall be meeting by **St Peters at 8:45 am** traveling to CAT for a 9:00 am start. The walk itself will go via Corris, Aberllefenni and along the cycle track to the top of Talyllyn – and along to Tabor where people from Dolgellau will probably split and go down to town, the walk end's in Brithdir. We shall be walking to Corris with the group were we shall bid them farewell, we'll then visit the Corris Craft Centre for refreshments, toilets, and maybe a bit of Christmas Shopping. . We shall then catch the bus back to CAT to pick up the cars and home. The principle reason for this walk is to raise awareness of the plight of refugees all over the world and to raise money for the work of Christian Aid in helping to alleviate their suffering. You can help by sponsoring the walkers. Christian Aid envelopes will be available in St Peter's Church
Please help in any way you can through your generosity and prayer.

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Rev Canon Kathleen Rogers	Team Leader
Rev Peter Ward	Chairperson
Rev Dominic McClean	
Mrs. Jen Evans	Worship Leader
Mrs. Denise Perkins	
Mr. Alan Murphy	

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DuddMercher 14 Rhagfyr/Wednesday 14 December.
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Croeso I bawb/ Welcome to all.



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