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*** Ministry Council Member.**

2015 has been a busy year for the Anglican Church in this valley. We have moved from the old system of 8 independent, largely self-supporting churches/parishes, to a united Ministry Area, which is legally, 1 parish. At the same time we have introduced the Bishop's Ministry Fund, replacing the old Parish Share/ quota system of collecting money to pay for the stipendiary clergy. The Bishop's Ministry Fund is based on the principle of "ability to pay;" in other words, the wealthier churches supporting the less wealthy. We are one church, money raised in one church means less to pay by the other churches. Our primary aim has to be sharing the Gospel of Christ, not raising money.

I wonder whether members have sat down and thought about the implications of all these changes for the future? Could I fly a few thoughts out in the open, as we approach a new year.

I can envisage a future where all our income and savings are held centrally for the benefit of the Ministry Area. One treasurer records weekly income and expenditure on computer. Press a button and the accounts for the year are completed. Instead of 8 sets of accounts, just 1!

Gift Aid could be claimed centrally, no need for 8 people to struggle to master ever changing computer programmes and temperamental technology. Think how much time could be saved, extra money raised and worry assuaged.

We could then focus our energies even more on the work of Christian Mission in our valley, where the work of one church community is part of the work of all. The pastoral work, the children's work, fund raising, the work of each group and individual is for the common good. Sharing the Good News of Christ, trying our best to live the Gospel. The world cries out for stability, but a stability based on love. That is our Christian message.

Next year we shall have a wonderful new facility in St Peter's Church Machynlleth, a smart meeting room, complete with modern facilities. We need to focus and plan how we can use this in order to bring people on board, to feel part of the Christian community; again, I can't say this too often, sustained and inspired by love.

In the mean time, a huge thank you to the Revd. Kath, wardens, treasurer and members of St Peter's for the huge amount of work they have done, and continue to do, as part of this mammoth building programme in St Peter's.

We are living in exciting times. We must continue to pray and work together, supporting and encouraging each other.

A happy new year to everyone.

The Revd. Roland

Many translations of Luke's "Magnificat" use the wonderful phrase "God has *regarded me* in my lowliness" This French-based word *regardez* means to look at again, or look at deeply. Mary registers God's compassionate and merciful gaze, with which God also looks on you and I. The priest and writer Henri Nouwen spent most of his life achieving, trying to be so sensational there would be no reason for people not to love him – finally he realised it wasn't working so he gave up his professorship at Harvard and joined a L'Arche community with the severely mentally handicapped. In that community he wrote he was loved by people in no way impressed by him, coming home to a place of secure loving *regard*. They taught Nouwen more of *God's regard* - a passionate regard, dying to bring us home.

At this time of year we believe that God has come among us as a helpless child, to let us know that we are loved by God, because we exist, not because of what we do. It is in knowing this not only in our heads, and speaking this as we proclaim God's word, but by the spirit that we experience this in our hearts, and respond in love to all, knowing that in the Trinity we are called to relationship with all people, and indeed all of creation that is loved into existence, at every moment.

So take some time this New Year to wonder and recognize this love in your life.

Revd. Dominic

Noson i'w Chofio

Ar nos Sul Rhagfyr 6ed roedd Eglwys St Tydecho Cemaes yn orlawn ar gyfer cyngerdd o gerddoriaeth arbennig 'O'r Adfent i'r Nadolig' gyda Chôr Cadeirlan Bangor o dan arweiniad eu cyfarwyddwr cerdd Paul Booth gyda Martin Brown organydd y Gadeirlan yn cyfeilio.

Cawsom ein hudo gan sain hyfryd y côr wrth iddynt ein tywys o'r Adfent i'r Nadolig gyda cherddoriaeth o'r canoloesol cynnar hyd at y presennol yn seiliedig ar dri thema – *Paratoi'r Ffordd, Y Cyfarchiad* ac *Yn y Stabl*.

Yn ogystal â'r côr cafwyd darlleniadau o waith T Llew Jones, Geraint Lovegreen, John Betjeman a Clare Bevan gan aelodau'r eglwys, Anna Jones, Kate Ryder, Brian Hopewell a Jen Evans, a datganiadau hyfryd ar yr organ gan Martin Brown. Ymunodd y gynulleidfa i ganu tri emyn yr Adfent.

Dyma yn wir oedd noson i'w chofio yma ym Mro Cyfeiliog Mawddwy wrth inni baratoi'n ysbrydol at y Nadolig yn sain hyfryd côr ein Cadeirlan. Yn dilyn y cyngerdd mwynhawyd gwin cynnes a lluniaeth yn Stafell yr Eglwys wedi'i baratoi gan aelodau'r eglwys. Hoffai'r Parch Roland, Wardeiniaid ac aelodau Eglwys St Tydecho ddiolch yn gynnes iawn i bawb a gefnogodd y noson. Codwyd dros £1,500 tuag at gronfa'r eglwys.

An Evening to Remember

On Sunday December 6th St. Tydecho Church was full for a concert of special music 'From Advent to Christmas' with Bangor Cathedral Choir under the leadership of their director of music Paul Booth with Martin Brown Cathedral organist accompanying. We were enthralled by the beautiful sound of the choir as they took us from Advent to Christmas with music from the early medieval period to the present day based on three themes – *Preparing the Way, The Annunciation, and At the Stable*.

In addition to the choir there were readings of works by T Llew Jones, Geraint Lovegreen, John Betjeman and Clare Bevan by church members, Anna Jones, Kate Ryder, Brian Hopewell and Jen Evans, and wonderful recitals on the organ by Martin Brown.

The audience joined in to sing three Advent hymns. This indeed was an evening to remember as we were spiritually prepared for Christmas here in Bro Cyfeiliog a Mawddwy through the magical sound of our cathedral choir.

Following the concert we all enjoyed mulled wine and refreshments prepared by church members in the Church Room. The Rev Roland, wardens and members of St. Tydecho would like to warmly thank everyone who supported the evening. A total of over £1,500 was raised for church funds.

Jen Evans

Good News.

Just to let you know that Elin, the daughter of the Revd. Emyr Rowlands and his wife has given birth to Lisa Wyn Clarke at 2.51p.m. on Saturday (19/12/15) She weighed 8lbs 10oz at birth. Ioan is very proud of his little sister and of course nain and taid are delighted to have received such a wonderful gift for Christmas. Elin & Lisa came out of hospital on Sunday and Owain is also on cloud nine.

Installation of the new Dean at Bangor Cathedral

A bus has been arranged for Saturday 30th January for the service of Collation, Institution and Installation of the Reverend Kathy Jones as Dean of Bangor Cathedral. As she is a native of Corris it would be good if we could join together as a Ministry Area to attend this service and welcome her to our Diocese.

The bus will leave Machynlleth at 11am for the service at 2pm and return at 6.30pm. The price will be £10. Please give your names and money to your Church Warden as soon as possible.

Plygeiniau.

7yh Ion 6 Dydd Mercher. Capel Ebeneser Dinas Mawddwy

7yh Ion 8 Dydd Gwener Darowen

7yh Ion 13 Dydd Mercher Mallwyd

7yh Ion 15 Dydd Gwe' Plygain yr Esgobaeth Cadeirlan Bangor.



UNDEB Y MAMAU MOTHERS' UNION

Members of Corris M.U. and the Ladies Fellowship joined us on 17th December for our annual Carol Service in the Parish Office, led by the Rev. Canon Kathleen. The accompanist was Mrs. Margaret Hughes. The readers were:- Mrs. Joyce Price, Mrs. Muriel Evans, Mrs. Maureen Hughes, Mrs. Alice Hughes, Mrs. Angela Jones, Mrs. Gwenda Price, Mrs. Margaret Searson and Mrs. Jocelyn Seagrave. Following the service, 16 members and friends travelled to the Riverside Hotel, Pennal, to enjoy a delicious Christmas Lunch. The vote of thanks to the staff was proposed by Mrs. Angela Jones. Mrs. Joyce Price thanked the Rev. Kathleen for arranging the service, and all who had taken part, and those who had donated raffle prizes. Christmas cards had been received from the outgoing Diocesan President, Mrs. Carol Cooper, and from Corris M.U. Mrs. Price read a motto from another card stating :- " Jesus is the reason for the Season." Something for us all to reflect upon over the Christmas period. Mrs. Muriel Evans, on behalf of the Fellowship, thanked the M.U for inviting them to the service and lunch. Rev. Kathleen thanked the M.U. for their continued support to her and St.Peter's. Mrs. Price then wished everyone a very Happy Christmas.

Our next meeting is on 21st January 2016 at 2.00 pm in the Parish Office.

Margaret Hughes.

Monthly Magazine

Yearly subscriptions are now overdue for the monthly magazine. Please pay your distributor.

Grateful thanks, once again this year, to Capt Lambert and the staff of the Tabernacle for producing the magazine every month.

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

Ionawr 10 January Ystwyll 1 Epiphany
9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (**Corris**)
9.30 a.m. Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Penegoes**)
11.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)
2.00 p.m. Gosber (**Machynlleth**)

Ionawr 17 January Ystwyll 2 Epiphany
8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)
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 (**Machynlleth**)

Ionawr 24 January Ystwyll 3 Epiphany
8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)
9.30 a.m. Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Machynlleth**)
9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Corris**)
11.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)

Ionawr 31 January Ystwyll 4 Epiphany
9.30 a.m. Boreol Weddi (**Penegoes**)
11.00 a.m. Candlemass Service (**Machynlleth**)

**Chwefror 7 February Sul Gweddnewidiad
Transfiguration Sunday**
8.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)
9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Llanwrin**)
9.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Corris**)
11.00 a.m. Bilingual Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)

St Peter's Church, Machynlleth
Every Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

Ionawr 3 January

09:45 a.m. Cemaes
..... Darowen
..... Mallwyd
11:00 a.m. Llanbrynmair

Nadolig 2 Christmas

RPB (E)

Ionawr 10 January

09:45 p.m. Cemaes
14:00 p.m. Unebol Machynlleth
11:15 a.m. Mallwyd
..... Llanbrynmair

Ystwyll 1 Epiphany

JE (MP)

RPB (E)

Ionawr 17 January

09:30 a.m. Cemaes
..... Darowen
11:15 a.m. Mallwyd
..... Llanbrinmair

Ystwyll 2 Epiphany

KR (E)

KR (E)

Ionawr 24 January

09:30 a.m. Cemaes
14:00 p.m. Darowen
11:15 p.m. Mallwyd
..... Llanbrynmair

Ystwyll 3 Epiphany

PW (E)

RPB (E)

RPB (E)

PW (E)

Ionawr 31 January

09:45 a.m. Cemaes
..... Darowen
11:15 a.m. Mallwyd
..... Llanbrynmair

Ystwyll 4 Epiphany

RPB (E)

RPB (E)

Chwefror 7 February

09:45 a.m. Cemaes
..... Darowen
..... Mallwyd
11:00 a.m. Llanbrynmair

**Sul Gweddnewidiad
Transfiguration Sunday**

RPB (E)

A different take on

As with gladness...

As with gladness men of old,
Watched their business plans unfold,
Their successors, to this day,
Know how to get folk to pay.
The results are what you see
In the sales of January.

Shoppers queue right out of sight –
Some have been out there all night!
When the doors are opened wide
A stampede to get inside.
One would think the goods are free
In the sales of January!

People fight like dog and cat
For a bit of half-price tat;
Max their credit cards, but feel
That they've got a splendid deal.
They enjoy their spending spree
In the sales of January!

So the tills go 'ring ting ting',
As the cash comes rolling in,
Even with the goods half price,
Profit margins are still nice.
So shop bosses smile with glee
In the sales of January!

by Nigel Beeton

Christingle Service at Corris

What a busy day it was at Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas, Corris on Monday 14th December. It started with a workshop to make Christingles – all the pupils enjoyed the story and the making. The smell of oranges wafted through the school. Later in the afternoon the pupils, parents and friends came to Holy Trinity Church for a short Christingle service where the pupils sang their Christmas songs and the congregation joined with carols.

NEW YEAR 2016

If we put our hand in God's hand
As we enter this New Year
Not knowing what the future holds
But that our Friend is near.

We shall not fear what lies ahead
If He is by our side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If He will be our guide.

The Sinless One from heaven came
To dwell with us on earth,
He sought and bought us with His blood
And offered us new birth.

Now as we travel through this year
He knows the things He's planned,
So let us trust and know just this -
Our times are in His hands.

By Megan Carter

EGLWYS SANT PEDR
ST PETER'S CHURCH
GWASANAETH
GWŶL FAIR
Y CANHWYLLAU



A SERVICE for CANDLEMAS
Dydd Sul Sunday
Ionawr 31 January
11am



NEWS AROUND THE MINISTRY AREA

St Mary's Church Llan.

We are looking forward to 2016 in Llan church. The project we want to start with help, is to delve into the history of Llan church. There are many people that will know a little we can put it all together. So put your thinking caps on. Thanks for your support in 2015. We will meet after the 1st service in January.

Gwasanaeth Carolau Penegoes.

Eleni, tro aelodau Eglwys Sant Cadfarch oedd croesawu teuluoedd a ffrindiau o'r Ardal Gweinidogaeth i wasanaeth carolau ar Sul Rhagfyr 13. Roedd canu da iawn o'n hoff garolau i gyfeiliant Mrs Jen Evans. Darllenwyd y storiâu adnabyddus o'r Ysgrythur gan y Parchedig Roland Barnes, a darllenwyd myfyrdodau Mair, Y Bugeiliaid a'r Doethion gan Llinos Davies, Hilda Fychan a John Jones.

Wedi'r gwasanaeth, ac i gloi prynhawn pleserus darparwyd pwns cynnes a mins peis i bawb.

Gwasanaeth Carolau Adfent Llanwrin

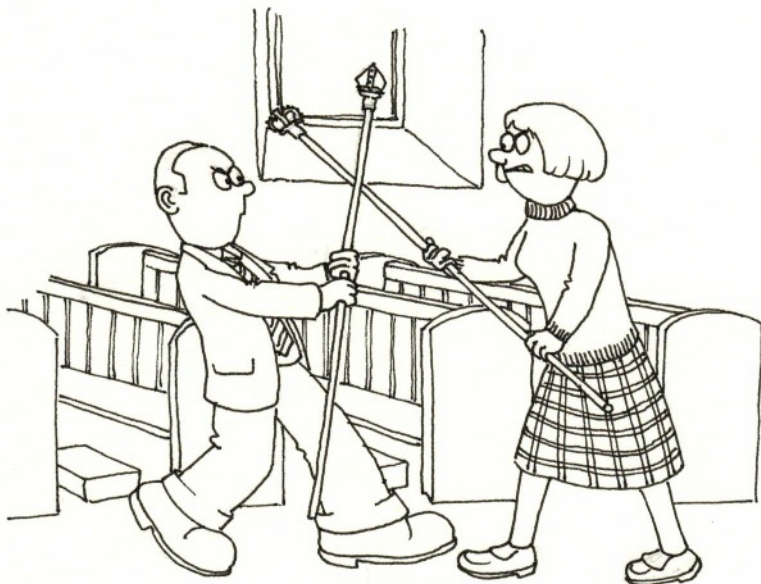
Roedd yn bleser gweld Eglwys Llanwrin yn llawn o fwisg ar bawn Sul Rhagfyr 6 wrth i bobl yr ardal ddod at ei gilydd i ddathlu cychwyn Tymor yr Adfent. Cynhaliwyd y gwasanaeth arbennig yma'n rheolaidd ers nifer o flynyddoedd i gychwyn y dathliadau, ac mae pawb yn ei fwynhau. Eleni eto cafwyd perfformiad ardderchog gan blant yr Ysgol Sul, gyda pherfformiadau'n dilyn gan Dyfrig Jones, Sioned, Siân ac Eleri, a Mr Aled Jones gyda'r gynulleidfa'n canu carolau. Darllenwyd yn Gymraeg gan Mrs Joyce Price a Mr Tony Hodge ac yn Saesneg gan Mr Alan Murphy. Pleser mawr hefyd oedd croesawu'r Parchedig Dominic McClean i'r gwasanaeth, ac ef a arweiniodd y gweddiâu.

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In a tradition dating back to 1977, the churchwardens re-enacted "Star Wars"



St Peter's Plodders. January Walk. 2016

Welsh Coastal Path Llanbedr to Tal-y -Bont (5 miles)

Saturday 9th January

Catching the 08:53 train to Llanbedr, we shall then follow the coastal path back to Tal-y-Bont. Looking across to Shall Island on our right and Llanbedr Airfield on our left, we then follow the remote beach south for over 2 miles before turning inland to our destination. Return trains go at 12:44 and 14:44, so no need to rush. Packed lunch required, and a bonus, your Bus Passes are now excepted on the train to Pwllhelli so no charge for those of you old enough.

A note of caution, the walk will only go ahead if the weather is suitable as this is an exposed coastline. I will endeavour to give people sufficient warning.

As we all know due to circumstances outside our control, the Plodders Christmas Dinner did not take place. Having spoken to several people we will now have our meal in the New Year. The venue will still be the Wynstay (if possible) as I feel they need our support as they go through this difficult time. Will keep you all informed.

As we look forward to 2016 and hopefully the signs of spring in the not to distant future, I would like to take this opportunity thank all of you who have supported the Plodders this past year . I sincerely hope you have enjoyed the walks and the company as much as I have.

Look forward to seeing you all on the next walk, and remember new members are more than welcome.

Clive

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

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