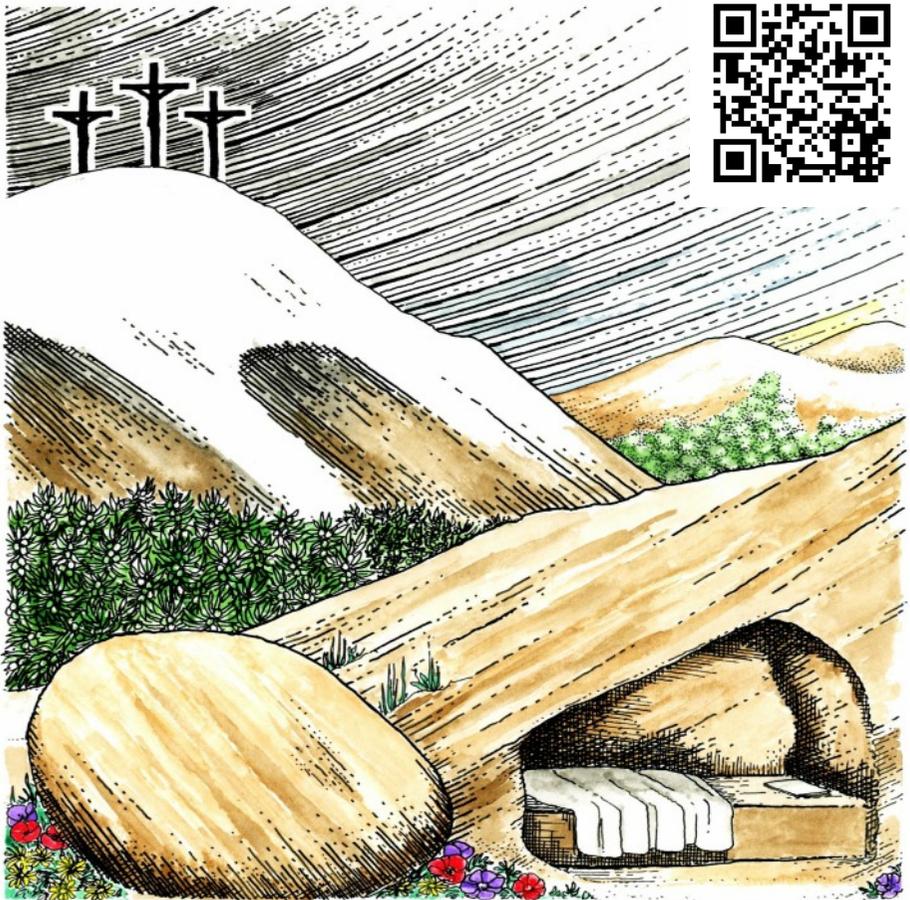


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**SUL Y FAM
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**Cymun Teuluol
Family Communion
10:30yb/am**

**Croeso Cynnes i Bawb
A Very Warm Welcome to All**

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Youth Work.

I would like to open a discussion on how we might, as a church, engage with the younger generation.

On Monday evening, the 15th of February, The Revd. Peter Ward, Sandra and myself attended a seminar in Newtown on "All Age Worship" I was hoping that it might throw some light on this very issue. Unfortunately, for me, that was not the case. Although the content was good, the assumption was made at the very beginning of the session that our churches were already full of children / young people, and we were being guided on how we might keep them engaged; or, that if we changed the format of our services, suddenly youngsters would be flocking to our doors. The reality is, that changing our services, making them youth friendly, is relatively easy; it is not rocket science. The difficult part, the most challenging part is getting the young to attend in the first place. I suspect that they feel no compunction to come, we are irrelevant to them. It is not that we are boring, it is just that we do not cater for any need.

What are the needs of youngsters?

- Secure, loving "family" relationships – certainly.
- Entertainment, - well, totally catered for in our multi media society. (We can't compete, other than very occasionally)
- Social interaction – that seems to come from the thin, rectangular devices that everyone carries around. (I'm being too harsh – we know that much social interaction comes from schools and groups such as Young Farmers, sport and music groups etc, which do an excellent job.)
- Guidance – should and mostly comes from family, friends and societal norms and expectations.

Where is the role for the church?

As a teenager myself, long ago, I look back at what were my own concerns, worries, hopes and fears. If I'm going to be totally honest, my greatest need was for relationship; having friends, and most importantly looking for love and companionship. If I got those right, I knew that I would be happy, well balanced and fulfilled.

Does digital technology fulfil that need for young people today, the need for friendship and love? I don't know, - the technological world has passed me by. Is a digital screen a substitute for a face to face conversation and interaction? Is there a gap here, a niche that we could be filling as a church, creating a space – completely openly, where friendships are engendered; in a safe, formal – even Christian environment. - Youth Club with a definite, formal agenda of guiding relationships, exploring faithfulness, forgiveness, patience, conflict management even! I once watched an evangelical church in America, engaging with these very issues, it was powerful stuff.

Am I talking impractical nonsense? Let's have a discussion, because if we don't, I fear we shall never move forward. I remember my very first attendance (as an adult) in Llanymawddwy Church, hearing that old cliché - "Get the children involved in the service and everything will be hunky dory." If it were that simple, how come 30 years later our churches are mostly devoid of young people? Unless we go beyond the old cliches we shall never get anywhere.

Roland Barnes

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS 2016

**Eglwys y Drindod Sanctaidd/Holy Trinity Church
Corris**

Mawrth 15 March

10.00 a.m.

Llwyncelyn, Chapel Street, Corris

**Eglwys St Pedr/St Peter's Church,
Machynlleth**

Ebrill 3 April

11.30 a.m.

Eglwys St Pedr/St Peter's Church,



WANTED!

Recipes old and new wanted for a Ministry Area
Recipe Book.

Starters, Mains, Puddings, Cakes, Biscuits
Recipes with clear methods and maybe a short
reason why the recipe is a favourite.

Please send to Revd Kathleen



News around Ministry area.

Holy Trinity Church Corris.

Mother's Union.

This year we have been able to support our "Make a Mother's day Special" This is an opportunity to help our fellow oversea's members. This year we have decided to help train a facilitator to help communities fight for their rights in countries like Burundi and the Sudan (£24)

To pay for a person in Uganda to attend a Bible Study course, to then pass on that knowledge (£6) and in Rwanda to enable a Parish to help widows and single mothers to be independent by teaching them financial skills (£13)

We as a congregation would like to thank Canon Riley for taking the Thursday morning Eucharist through Lent. Special services are always a joy and especially appreciated are the Study and Prayer groups at this time.

We hope to have our "Sale at Paula's" on Saturday March 26th 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and Monday 28th 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Please ring 01654 703784 or 01654 761742 for news or to donate goods.



UNDEB Y MAMAU / MOTHERS' UNION

The monthly meeting on Feb. 18th was attended by eleven members. Mrs. Joyce Price led the service and the reader was Mrs. Ann Humphries. 2016 is an important year for M.U. in the Bangor Diocese and nationally. We are celebrating 125 years of M.U. in the Bangor Diocese with a service in the Cathedral on April 5th. The following week, on the 13th April we are celebrating 140 years of M.U. in Wales with a service at Brecon Cathedral. Anyone wishing to attend these services is asked to contact Joyce ASAP. Also, at our meeting on April 21st, we are having a "Bring and Share" tea to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. If anyone has any photographs, newspaper cuttings, or memorabilia of Her Majesty the Queen, especially when she was young, the M.U. would be grateful if they could borrow them to decorate the window in the Parish Office.

We are buying a kneeler to celebrate the M.U. festivities, and would like to buy another to celebrate the Queen's birthday when funds are available. If anyone would like to contribute to the cost of the latter please contact Joyce or Margaret Searson.

The Guest Speaker was Heather Taylor, a former Guide Leader in Machynlleth, who gave a brief history of the Guide Movement, both nationally and in Machynlleth. In 1909, girls gate-crashed a Scouts' Rally at Crystal Palace, and begged Baden-Powell to do something similar for girls. In 1918, his wife Olive became the first Chief Guide. Machynlleth Guides began in 1919, and the Scouts and Guides worked hard to raise money to buy their own premises. Heather showed us photos and newspaper cuttings of various events attended by Machynlleth Guides. In 1993, the Welsh Guiding Association bought Broneirion in Llandinam as their national HQ. Older girls can elect to go on International Service, e.g the "Book Bus" which promotes literacy in countries such as Zambia.

Heather was thanked by Mrs. Marilyn Jones, , also a former Machynlleth Guide Leader. The tea hostess was Mrs. Ann Humphries. Our next meeting will be the " Quiet Afternoon" on March 17th.

Margaret Hughes.



THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP

President Muriel Evans welcomed members to the meeting and led a short service, the reader was Ann Humphreys. A short silence was observed in memory of one of our members Mabel Baker.

Apologies were received from Roberta Williams.

Liz Evans was welcomed to the meeting.

Thanks were expressed to Bronwen Jones for leading the Bingo session at the recent dinner.

Thanks were also received from the Archbishop's Fund for Children for the donation of £25. The Fellowship's St David's lunch will be held at the Plas on Tuesday 8th March @12:30 pm cost £6:50.

Muriel welcomed Phil Wheeler from the Fabric's warehouse, who started with a market stall 35 years ago. Now sourcing fabric's from India, where the raw cotton is grown by farmer's on ethical grounds, dying with natural dye's and woven on power looms. Making a better standard of living, a stable industry on a co-operative system. Samples of the material were circulated , and all were amazed at the different colours and weaves.

Alice Hughes expressed thanks to Phil Wheeler for a very interesting insight into what goes in the production these fabric's and for bringing along examples for the natural cottons sold in his shop.

Alice Hughes.



St Peter's Plodders. March Walk

Welsh Coastal Path Llanbedr to Tal-y-Bont (5 miles) Saturday 12th March

Catching the 08:53 train to Llanbedr, we shall then follow the coastal path back to Tal-y-Bont. Looking across to Shell 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.

Snoring

A clergyman consulted his doctor about his wife's snoring. 'It has to STOP,' he insisted.

The doctor was intrigued: 'Does it really bother you that much?'

'Well, it's not just me,' explained the minister.
'She is bothering the whole congregation.'

Cawl a Chlonc

Ar Chwefror 11eg daeth nifer dda o bobl at ei gilydd unwaith eto i Neuadd yr Eglwys Cemaes ar gyfer sesiwn lwyddiannus arall o Gawl a Chlonc. Trefnir y sesiynau hyn gan y Tîm Bugeiliol. Hyfryd iawn oedd gweld pawb yn cymdeithasu a chael sgwrs ddifyr dros ginio ysgafn. Hoffwn ddiolch i Canon Kath a'r Tim am gyfrannu a pharatoi'r pryd ac i'r Parch Roland a Des Reilly am eu cymorth gyda'r cludiant. Gobeithiwn gynnal sesiwn arall yn fuan iawn ac edrychwn ymlaen at drefnu gwibdaith yn ystod yr haf i gael te pawn.

Another successful Cawl a Chlonc (Soup and a Chat) organised by the Pastoral Team was held in the Church Room Cemaes on February 11th. It was wonderful to see so many present enjoying a good chat over lunch.

I would like to thank Canon Kath and the team for donating and preparing the meal, and to Rev Roland and Des Reilly for their help with transport. We hope to organise another session very soon and we look forward to arranging a summer outing for afternoon tea.

Jen Evans

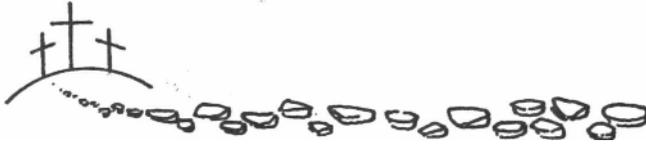
Easter

The miracle of Easter, so old yet ever new,
brings its special blessing of happiness to
you.

And as the coming Springtime
adds new beauty to each day,
May God look down and bless you
in a very special way.

Author unknown

LENT 2016



Tuesday Evenings	7.00 p.m.	Lent Course (Machynlleth)
Wednesday	10.00 a.m	Holy Eucharist (Machynlleth)
Thursday	10.30 a.m.	Lenten Service (Corris)
Thursday Evenings	6.00 pm	Prayer and Meditation for Lent (Machynlleth)

Yr Wythnos Fawr / Holy Week

Dydd Iau Cablyd / Maundy Thursday

- 4.00 p.m.** Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar (**Cemaes**)
- 5.30 p.m.** Bilingual Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar (**Corris**)
- 7.00 p.m.** Bilingual Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar (**Machynlleth**)

Dydd Gwener y Groglith / Good Friday

- 1.30-3.00 p.m.** Meditations at the foot of the Cross (**Machynlleth**)
- 2.00 p.m.** Evening Prayer and Litany (**Cemaes**)
- 2.00 p.m.** Meditations from the Cross (**Corris**)

Noswyl y Pasg Easter Eve

- 8.00 p.m.** Service of New Light (**Machynlleth**)

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

Mawrth 6 March Sul y Fam / Mothering Sunday

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

..... Darowen

..... Mallwyd

..... Llanbrynmair

Mawrth 13 March Sul y Dioddefaint/Passion Sunday

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

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

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

11:00 a.m. Llanbrynmair JRPB (MP) Following AGM.

Mawrth 27 March DYDD Y PASG EASTER DAY

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

14:00 p.m. Darowen Gwasanaeth Unebol/United Service
gyda "Moses" yr asyn/with "Moses"
the donkey.

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

..... Llanbrinmair

Ebrill 3 April Pasg 2 Easter

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

..... Darowen

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

..... Llanbrynmair

Gwasanaeth Arbennig/Special Service

Dydd Iau Cablyd/Maundy Thursday.

Mawrth 24 March Cemaes 4:00 p.m.

Dydd Gwener y Groglith/Good Friday.

Mawrth 25 March Mallwyd 2:00 p.m.

Hysbysebion/Notices

Church Accounts to be delivered to the Rev' Kath befor 13th
March please.

Some hints about prayer, as Easter approaches

Acknowledgments are always appreciated. Parents enjoy giving to their children, but they also teach them to say 'thank-you'. When Jesus healed ten lepers, only one bothered to express his thanks. For couple of weeks, try saying just 'thank you' prayers. If you are out of the habit, you may find gratitude needs fresh effort, but makes a big difference to the day.

Why is prayer needed? Think of yourself as one of God's agents in your neighbourhood. He wants you as a conduit; when you pray, you are opening up a means of collaborating with God's will. C. S. Lewis suggested that God passes on to human beings any responsibility which they can take. Work and prayer are two ways of accomplishing what God wants.

Dealing with doubt. You may find yourself asking if it's all an illusion. A group of Rabbis met after the Holocaust to put God on trial. How could He have let his people suffer in that way? They considered the evidence, then pronounced a guilty verdict, or more precisely said, "He owes us something". Then they went to pray as they had always done. Prayer is instinctive. Try doubting your doubts.

Is prayer superstition? There's a joke about a driver who was desperate for a parking place and promised God he would go to church next Sunday and put £10 in the plate if God found him one. Nothing happened. He increased the offer to £100, but without success. Finally, he offered £1,000 and immediately found a space. "The deal's off", said the driver, "I found one anyway." A former Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, was asked if answers to prayer were just coincidences. He replied, "the more often I pray, the more often coincidences happen." By the way, bribing God doesn't work!

You are not alone. Not only is Jesus alongside you when you pray, so are billions of others, even if you can't see them. We join with 'angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven' as well as the Church across the world, every time we pray. The pattern prayer taught by Jesus begins "Our Father", so it's for all of us.