

# CYLCHGRAWN MISOL MONTHLY MAGAZINE

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**BRO**  
**CYFEILIOG a MAWDDWY.**

I find it invariably the case that people are very attached to their local patron saints. I am no exception, and will defend the honour of St Tydecho to my dying breath!! Of course there is the danger, that we exaggerate their significance and allow our personal prejudices to prevail.

2016 is the 1500th anniversary of the arrival of St Cadfan in Tywyn. We know that he set up a "clas" at Tywyn, a pre-cursor of the diocesan system based on the monastic tradition, and is recorded as having the status of an abbot, a title he also held as leader of the Ynys Enlli religious community. More than that, we know very little. "Followers" of Tydecho will know that he was Cadfan's cousin, and the 2 arrived together across the sea from Brittany, as missionaries, possibly of the Roman church. Imagine my irritation / anger to read Wikipedia's (and the Roman Catholic's website) on St Cadfan, which states that Cadfan arrived with a named group of well known saints, but with no mention of Tydecho! Shame on them!

The great thing about Tydecho, compared to Cadfan, is that we have so many wonderfully vivid stories about his life and personality; stories which are still told today, by locals, as if the events happened within living memory. I have to admit, that having farmed for 25 years, the very land which Tydecho tilled, and worshipped in the mother church which he established, I do feel a bond. Place names of the 21st century still relate to Tydecho and his life - Llaethnant, Ddol y Geifr, Carreg Las, Rhyd y Gerwyn, Cell Tydecho, Ffynnon Tydecho, Cadair Tydecho, not to mention the 4 churches that bear his name, Llanymawddwy, Mallwyd, Cemaes and Garthbeibio (Foel). We even know something of his personality and theology. Here is a man, we are told, who defeated 500 Pelagions by the power of his oratory and good sense. (Pelagionism was a sixth century heresy; although saying that, the world is crammed full of Pelagians to this day, most of them very, very "religious" people!) Tydecho would have been a very "troublesome priest," were he alive today! In 2020 we celebrate the 1500th centenary of St Tydecho's arrival in the Dyfi Valley. There will be many special events to mark the occasion, not least I would like to write an account of his legends and life for publication. Likewise there are special events in Tywyn this year to commemorate St Cadfan. (List to follow)

**Rev Roland .**

## ***Ministry Area Vestry Meeting.***

The annual vestry meeting for the Ministry Area took place at the White Lion Hotel in Machynlleth on Wednesday 20th April. Attendance was not as we had hoped but the required business took place nevertheless.

The Rev Peter Ward chaired the meeting. Rev Roland and Canon Kath thanked everyone for their continued support and hard work over the past 12 months through many changes and challenges. There is proof of success in many areas of our Ministry Area with the growth of the Pastoral Team under the leadership of Mrs. Jen Evans and the work with children and young people through Open the Book Teams and growing relationships with the schools and nurseries. There is still a great deal to be done, as always but with the grace of God, our continual prayer and solidarity the seeds of the kingdom will be sown throughout Dyffryn Dyfi.

Mrs Joanne Gower, as Ministry Area Treasurer, presented the accounts which were accepted by those present.

Mrs. Jen Evans gave a report on the work of the Pastoral Team and the new initiative of "Cawl a Chlonc" (Soup and a Chat), which has proved very successful. She outlined future plans to work with young mothers. Jen also gave a report on the work of the newly formed Diocesan Council of which she is Lay Vice Chair and her role within the Representative Body of the Church in Wales.

Representatives of each church gave a brief report on the situation in their church.

### ***Ministry Area Council Members:***

Mrs. Denise Perkins	MAC Warden/Minute Secretary
Mr. Alan Murphy	MAC Warden
Mrs. Joanne Gower	MAC Treasurer
Mr. Ken Searson	
Mrs. Maureen Hughes	
Mrs. Nora Wigley	
Mrs. Linda Davies	
Mr. Matt Swan	
Mrs. Llinos Davies	



## UNDEB Y MAMAU MOTHERS' UNION

Our final meeting for this session on 21st April, was a celebratory tea, prepared by members, in honour of the 90th birthday of our Patron, Her Majesty the Queen, and to celebrate 125 yrs of M.U in the Bangor Diocese. 29 members and friends attended the festivities at the Bowling Club, including the Diocesan President- Mrs. Jenny Lane. A short service was conducted by the Rev.d Canon Kathleen. Mrs. Joyce Price then welcomed the President and everyone present, particularly our two indoor members. She thanked members and friends for knitting children's clothes and "Dementia Muffs" - examples of which were on display. She said it was a great opportunity to thank all the supporters of M.U. She had attended two celebration services recently- 5th April in Bangor(125yrs of M.U.) where Mrs. Jen Evans and Mrs. Sandra Wheeler were inducted into M.U., and Brecon Cathedral on 13th April to celebrate 140 yrs of M.U. worldwide.

A short play was then performed by Marilyn, Jocelyn, Joyce, Ann Armstrong and Margaret Hughes, followed by a game of "Pass the Parcel", won by Mrs. Llinos Davies. Tea was then served, and the celebratory cake, made by Mrs. Alma Thomas, was cut by the President and Rev. Kathleen, who then proposed a toast to Her Majesty. Everyone then sang "Happy Birthday" and "God Save the Queen"

Members are reminded that the Worldwide President - Mrs. Lynne Tembey, will be in Penrhyndeudraeth on 5th July. Anyone wishing to attend, please contact Joyce. She would also like your favourite hymns and psalms/prayers ASA

We were saddened to learn recently that a former faithful member- Mrs. Derwenna Williams(formerly of Derwenlas) has passed away in Redcar, where she has lived for 8 yrs. We extend our deepest condolences to her family.

The next meeting is the AGM on Sept 15th in church. We have been most grateful for the use of the Parish Office during the re-ordering. Please remember to bring your Overseas Boxes. Members are wished a very happy Summer Break. **MH**





## THE LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Due to members unable to attend there was a shortened meeting, where the Canon Kath took the service followed by a short quiz and a cup of tea.

The Fellowship trip to Pennent Melangell is on Saturday 7, anyone wanting to come, please contact Mrs Alice Hughes 01654 702020



### **THANKS.**

Clive and Helena would like to thank all those who gave donations to the Twymyn Unit Machynlleth in memory of Ivy Thomas, the amount donated was £607.00. Diolch yn Fawr.

### **PLEASE NOTE.**

Sunday Services for St Peter's Church, Machynlleth will continue in The Tabernacle for the month of May. We will return to St Peter's on Sunday 5th June.

### **HELP NEEDED.**

Have you got a spare hour during the week beginning 30th May? If you have we could do with some help in cleaning St Peter's Church after the repainting of the Nave and Chancel. Any help will be much appreciated – refreshments will be on hand!

### **200 CLUB DRAW APRIL 2016.**

<b>1st</b>	<b>£40</b>	147	John Jagielnicki	(Machynlleth)
<b>2nd</b>	<b>£20</b>	41	Sandra Pughe	(Darowen)
<b>3rd</b>	<b>£10</b>	173	Helen Jones	(Machynlleth)
<b>4th</b>	<b>£10</b>	33	Rita Pughe	(Darowen)

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

**Mai 1 May**

9.30 a.m.  
10.00 a.m.

**Pasg 6 Easter**

Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (**Corris**)  
Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (**Llanwrin**)  
**Machynlleth to Llanwrin**

**Mai 8 May**

9.30 a.m.  
11.00 a.m.

**Pasg 7 Easter (Sul ar ol Dydd Iau'r  
Dyrchafael/Sunday after Ascension Day)**  
**NO SERVICE (Corris)**  
Bilingual Holy Eucharist (**Y Tabernacle  
Machynlleth**)  
Gosber (**Penegoes**)

**Mai 15 May**

9.30 a.m.  
9.30 a.m.  
11.00 a.m.

**Dydd y Pentecost/Day of Pentecost**  
Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (**Llanwrin**)  
Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (**Corris**)  
Bilingual Holy Eucharist (**Y Tabernacle  
Machynlleth**)

**Mai 22 May**

9.30 a.m.  
11.00 a.m.  
11.00 a.m.

**Sul y Drindod/Trinity Sunday**  
**NO SERVICE (Corris)**  
**DIM GWASANAETH (Penegoes)**  
Bilingual Holy Eucharist (**Y Tabernacle  
Machynlleth**)

**Mai 29 May**

10.00 a.m.

**Pentecost 2**  
Bilingual Morning Prayer – United Service  
(**Corris**)

**Mehe' 5 June**

8.00 a.m.  
9.30 a.m.  
9.30 a.m.  
11.00 a.m.

**Pentecost 3**  
Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)  
Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (**Llanwrin**)  
Y Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Eucharist (**Corris**)  
Family Service & Baptism (**Machynlleth**)

**Every Wednesday**

10.00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)

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

**Mai 1 May**

**Pasg 6 Easter**

09:45 a.m. Cemaes RPB (E)  
..... Darowen  
11:15 a.m. Mallwyd RPB (E)  
11:00 a.m. Llanbrynmair PW Bedydd/Baptism.

**Mai 8 May**

**Pasg 7 Easter (Sul ar ol Dydd Iau'r  
Dyrchafael/Sunday after Ascension Day)**

09:45 p.m. Cemaes RPB (E)  
14:00 p.m. Darowen Unebol Penegoes  
11:15 a.m. Mallwyd RPB (E)  
..... Llanbrynmair

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

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

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..... Darowen  
11:15 a.m. Mallwyd PW (E)  
..... Llanbrynmair

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



## ***5th May: Ascension Day.***

Surely the most tender, moving 'farewell' in history took place on Ascension Day. Luke records the story with great poignancy: "When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands - and blessed them."

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with his return to his Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless his disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years of public ministry and miracles – persecution and death – and resurrection! Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: "While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven." (Luke 24:50-1) He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: "I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God..." (John 20:17)

The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and have Him look on you with love. No wonder then that Luke goes on: "they worshipped Him - and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God." (Luke 24:52,53)

No wonder they praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! "I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." (John 14:2,3) In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth.

# ***1500th Anniversary of Cadfan's Arrival.***

**Bank Holiday Mondays  
and every Monday June/July/August**  
Refreshments 10.30 am - 12.30 pm

**Sunday 22nd May at 11.15 am**  
Family Service - The Coming of Cadfan

**Monday 30th May to Saturday 4th June  
Cadfan Week.**

**Monday 30th May:** Craft Day 10 am - 4 pm

**Daily Tuesday 31st to Friday 3rd at 11 am:**  
A bit of history and a tour of the church

**Thursday 2nd June evening:**  
Proper Gander - Special Cadfan Menu.  
Contact restaurant for details & bookings

**Saturday 4th June:** 2 pm Tywyn Silver Band &  
Bardsey Island Talk

**Mondays June 6th to June 27th at 11 am**  
Guided Tour of the Church

**Friday 24th June at 6.30 pm**  
Cadfan Anniversary Concert  
Ysgol Penybryn & Ysgol Uwchradd, Tywyn  
attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Gwynedd

**Sunday 30th October at 11.15 am**  
Eucharist for St Cadfan and All Saints  
The Bishop of Bangor will preside

## ***Pentecost***

On that long ago first morning of Pentecost, Jerusalem was crowded with thousands of visitors, for it was one of the most popular feast-days in the Jewish calendar – the Feast of Firstfruits, looking forward to the wheat harvest.

In one small room of that great city, a small group of people who had followed Jesus were praying. There was nothing else for them to do: Jesus had died, he had risen, and he had ascended, promising to send them 'a Comforter'. They were left alone, to wait at Jerusalem. And so they waited – on him, and for him. They were not disappointed: for that morning the Holy Spirit fell upon that small room, and transformed those believers into the Church, Christ's body here on earth. Pentecost was not the first time that the Holy Spirit came to the world – throughout the Old Testament there are stories telling of how God had guided people and given them strength. But now his Spirit would use a new instrument: not just isolated prophets, but the Church, his body on earth.

Acts opens with the preaching of the gospel in Jerusalem, the centre of the Jewish nation. Within 30 years the gospel had spread throughout the northern Mediterranean: Syria, Turkey, Greece, Malta... to the very heart of the Roman Empire: Rome. The Church was on the move – God was on the move! He was calling people from every nation to repent, turn to Jesus for forgiveness of their sins, and to follow him.

His call continues today in this great nation of ours; in this beautiful valley of ours.

## ***Generous Father***

Life is such a complex journey, with its ups and downs. We can easily go off course, or even feel lost. But you gave us Jesus to be our Way and our guide, and you promised never to leave us or forsake us. And when Jesus came back to you Lord, after His life on this earth, you promised even more wonderfully to send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, exchanging our fears and anxieties for your power and peace – a peace which we can't explain, but can experience when we trust you.

Thank you Father, Son and Holy Spirit that you keep your promises, and that in your strength we can move forward, confident in your reality and sovereignty, one step at a time. In Jesus name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



## ***News around Ministry Area.***

### ***Corris Fundraising***



Sale at Paula's, Bridge Street, Corris

Sat 28th May 10 - 12.30

Monday 30th May 11 - 12.30

Wednesday 1st June Coffee Morning in Parish Office 10 - 12noon

### **Cemaes Church Room.**

Sadrwn/Sat Mai 14 2 p.m. Gwerthiant Planhidion/Plant Sale .

### **Canolfan Llanbrynmair.**

Sad/Sat Mai 14th 7 p.m. Whist Drive.

### **Maes Chwarae Cemaes.**

Gwe/Fri Mahefin 3 1 p.m. Ail agor/re-opening Cemaes playground with R.A.F.



## ***St Peter's Plodders. May Walk***

### ***Portmadoc to Blackrock Sands (5 miles) Saturday 14th May.***

We shall be catching the 08:53 train to Portmadoc, from there we be walking the coastal path to Blackrock Sands and back. Of all the walks we have done, this is one of the most scenic and not to be missed. Sandwiches will be ate looking out over a secluded beach before returning to Portmadoc where we can then avail ourselves of the many cafes. We shall be catching the 16:01 train home., so away most of the day, I can see Fish and Chips looming!!

Our walk last month joined up with the Diocesan walkers in and around Aberlleffi ably led by Ken Searson. Everyone enjoyed the walk , it was especially nice to meet and talk with our fellow walkers from another Ministry Area. We should do it again.





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## **Tîm Gweinidogaeth / Ministry Team.**

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

## **Gweinidogaeth Swyddogion Cyngor Ardal. Ministry Area Council Officials.**

<b>Ysgrifennyddes / Secretary:</b>	Mrs Denise Perkins.
<b>Trysorydd / Treasurer:</b>	Mrs Joanne Gower.
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