

CYLCHGRAWN MISOL MONTHLY MAGAZINE

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The central graphic features the words 'JESUS LORD' in a large, stylized, multi-colored font. The letters are outlined in blue and filled with various colors: 'J' is pink, 'E' is orange, 'S' is green, 'U' is red, 'L' is purple, 'O' is yellow, 'R' is green, and 'D' is blue. The text is set against a background of a sunset or sunrise over a landscape with mountains and a field. The sky transitions from purple at the top to orange and red near the horizon, with silhouettes of mountains and a green field in the foreground.

Creation's voice proclaims it

BRO
CYFEILIOG a MAWDDWY.

Dear Friends,

January the 25th was Dydd Santes Dwynwen, the Welsh patron saint of Love and on February 14th we celebrate St Valentine's Day and both these days remind us of the importance of expressing our love for those close to us. But how can we go beyond simply flowers and a card? Jesus says: 'A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34). How can we show love in our everyday relationships like Jesus?

Listening

How well do we listen to others? How often do we find ourselves thinking of the next thing to say before someone has finished speaking? Jesus listened; He asked the question and waited patiently for the answer. You can't rush listening – listening takes time and patience.

Touching

Jesus reached out to touch the untouchables in his world - the lepers - the sick – the possessed, and the children. One survey has suggested that we all need at least 8-10 meaningful touches a day to maintain emotional health! A warm handshake - touch on the arm – a hug – nothing too grand – gentle and appropriate. Always helpful for the other person not just for ourselves.

Speaking

Jesus' conversation was always full of grace and truth (John 1:14). Do we speak words of grace, by offering comfort, giving encouragement or expressing care and concern? Are we also ready to speak words of truth, in asking for forgiveness – in seeking reconciliation - in speaking out against conflict and injustice?

Where is the challenge for us in expressing love this Valentine's Day?

With every blessing to you and yours

Kathleen



Undeb y Mamau / Mothers' Union

Sixteen members and friends attended the first meeting of 2017 on Jan.19th. The service was led by Enrolling Member- Mrs. Joyce Price, and Mrs. Ann Armstrong read the lesson.

Joyce welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially two visitors from Kerry, nr Newtown (relatives of the speaker) and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Copies of the Balance Sheet were distributed and approved. We were informed that Mrs. Roberta Williams is now back home in Penegoes, and Mrs. Doreen Ellis is making progress in the Twymyn.

Sandra will be holding a Cafe Church on Sunday evenings during Lent, and offers of help would be greatly appreciated. A ' Coffee and Pancake' morning will be held in the Mezzanine Room on Shrove Tuesday, 28th Feb.- 10.00 am to 12.00pm. Proceeds towards M.U funds. Joanne will have a stall and notebooks with the Prayer Banner on will be available- price £1-20. Anyone wishing to help on this morning, please see Joyce. A Lady Day Eucharist and Golden Wedding celebration will be held at St. Peter's on Sat. 25th March at 10.00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us.

The speaker was Mrs. Margaret Hughes, who described the lives of her grandfather's three cousins- Edward, Myfanwy and William Rowlands, as missionaries in China at the beginning of the 20th century. Edward was based in Wuchang(now part of Wuhan) ; Myfanwy was headmistress of the Girls' Mission School in Peking(now Beijing)before her marriage, and thereafter served in Tsangchow(now Cangzhou) but the climate affected her health and she died on the voyage home in 1935, and was buried at sea near the Gulf of Aden, aged 55. William served in Siaochang(now Zao-zhuang) 70 miles south of Tsangchow. All three were married in China, and Edward and William and their wives were interned by the Japanese during the Second World War. Afterwards, Edward settled in Essex, but William returned to China in 1947,but had to leave in 1950, following the Communist takeover. After a short period as a pastor in Iden Green, Kent , he and his wife emigrated to Tasmania, where his children were already settled. His one remaining daughter now lives in Sydney, Australia, aged 96. She gave Margaret a copy of the diary written by Edward during his internment, which she was able to present to his grandson, Dylan Rowlands, now living in Dolgellau.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Beryl Riley, and the tea hostesses were Mrs. Gwenda Price and Mrs. Ann Armstrong. The next meeting is on Feb.16th.

Margaret Hughes with her relative- Dr. Joan Rowlands (daughter of William Rowlands) in Sydney, Australia - January 2014.



Doreen's 90th birthday party on Dec. 2nd





Ladies Fellowship

In December members joined the Mothers' Union at their Christmas Carol Service, then enjoyed a delicious meal at the Riverside Hotel Pennal.

The first meeting of our Fellowship for 2017 was our Annual Dinner at Plas Dolguog. The Rev Kathleen said grace, members and friends enjoyed a lovely meal. Muriel thanked the staff of Dolguog for preparing and serving our meal, she also thanked Alice and Margaret for their help and support through out the past year. A quiz was held by Alice and Muriel,, this was followed by a session of Bingo led by Bronwen Jones. Most members went home with a prize and all with a full stomach.

Our next meeting will be Dennis Jones talking about his childhood. All are welcome to join us at the St Peters Church on Tuesday 14th February at 2 pm.

Alice Hughes.



Caffi.

Every Sunday night in Lent we will be holding Cafe Church from 6 pm to about 8 pm in Y Llofft, St Peter's.

There will be refreshments to begin the evening. During the six weeks we will look at various topics, including Prayer, Women in the Bible, and the Bible, finishing with a Taizé Evening on Palm |Sunday.

I do hope that you will be able to join us ,please invite someone else. It will be an evening of conversation, teaching, worship and prayer, but in a more relaxed setting than in Church. I look forward to seeing you there. If you want to know any more, just ask me.

Thanks, Sandra [Wheeler]



**CLWB PLANT
KID'S CLUB
5-11oed/yr olds
Eglwys St Pedr/St Peter's Church
Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday
Chwefror 4 February
2pm – 3.30 pm
Storiâu- Crefftau- Chwaraeon a mwy!
Stories – Crafts – Games and more!**



***MIDWEEK SERVICES FOR LENT
ST PETER'S CHURCH
MACHYNLLETH***

Ash Wednesday and following Wednesdays in Lent

10.00 am Holy Eucharist

6.00 pm Bilingual Prayer and Meditation for Lent

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

**Chwefror 5 February Pedwerydd Sul cyn y Garawys
Fourth Sunday before Lent**

- 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. Candlemass Service (**Machynlleth**)

**Chwefror 12 February Trydydd Sul cyn y Garawys
Third Sunday before Lent**

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

**Chwefror 19 February Ail Sul cyn y Garawys
Second Sunday before Lent**

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

**Chwefror 26 February Sul o flaen y Garawys
Sunday before Lent**

- 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**)

Mawrth 5 March Garawys 1 Lent

- 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. Family Service & Baptism(**Machynlleth**)

Holy Eucharist every Wednesday 10 am.

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

**Chwefror 05 February Pedwerydd Sul cyn y Garawys
Fourth Sunday before Lent**

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

**Chwefror 12 February Trydydd Sul cyn y Garawys
Third Sunday before Lent**

.....	Cemaes	
14.00yh	Gosper Undebol Machynlleth	
.....	Mallwyd	
11.00am	Llanbrynmair	RPB (E)

**Chwefror 19 February Ail Sul cyn y Garawys
Second Sunday before Lent**

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

**Chwefror 26 February Sul o flaen y Garawys
Sunday before Lent**

9.45am	Cemaes	PW (E)
14.00am	Darowen	RPB (E)
11.15pm	Mallwyd	PW (E)
11.00am	Llanbrynmair	RPB (E)

Mawrth 05 March Garawys 1 Lent

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

Dyddiadur / Diary

10/02/17 Cyfarfod y Trysoryddion / Treasurers Meeting 10am
Machynlleth Eglwys St Pedr / St Peter's Church.

Our Plygain Services 2017

I look forward to our Plygain Services each year, as we continue the ancient tradition of coming together in the weeks surrounding Christmas, to sing carols old and new. Our Plygains are first and foremost services of praise to God, where individuals and parties of singers come forward to sing unaccompanied. At the end of the service the whole congregation joins together as one, to sing some of the old favourites. This has to be the highlight of the evening, when, regardless of one's "ability" to sing, everyone can sing out with gusto; knowing that duff notes (and they do not matter at all) are drowned out by the joyous singing of all. It can be truly uplifting, for the roof and our spirits!

Although the format is the same for each Plygain, I was struck this year by the differences between each service.

The Plygain in Ebeneser Chapel Dinas Mawddwy on the 6th January was filmed for S4C, and that coupled with the fact that I sang with a small party of Welsh learners for the very first time, added a certain frisson of excitement and pressure.

Darowen Plygain on the 9th of January was really well attended, with beautiful singing; whilst the evening was set off in fine style by the singing of a group of local children. Many thanks to them and their parents for all the preparation involved.

Mallwyd Plygain on the 13th January, despite the wintery weather was a truly memorable service, with singers from at least 7 counties of Wales. I cannot remember such a diversity of singing styles.

Could I thank all those who helped organise our Plygain services this year, especially our organists Catrin Jones and Magwen Pughe. Many thanks to all who came to sing, and to all who organised the refreshments.

We look forward to 2018; if anyone would like to join Mallwyd's singers then please contact Roland. The practices and the live Plygains are challenging but very enjoyable.



Caffi.

Dewch i 'Caffi Eglwys'

Pob Nos Sul

6 o'r gloch - 8 o'r gloch

Mawrth 5ed hyd Ebrill 9fed

Lluniaeth Ysgafn

Yn Stafell Lan Llofft, Eglwys St. Pedr

Machynlleth

Mynediad i'r Anabl

Come to Café Church

Each Sunday Evening

6 O'clock - 8 o'clock

From the 5th March to the 9th April

Refreshments

Disabled Access.



NEWS AROUND MINISTRY AREA.

March Magazine

Your March magazine will be delivered with your February magazine, albeit at a much reduced size (pages that is)

The editor is unable to print the March magazine at the appropriate time, but felt that at least the Service Times are available.

Normal service will be resumed for the April edition.

Remember, if you feel you have something of interest and appropriate for the Church Magazine, please contact Clive Thomas 07896781773 or email at cliveandhelena@hotmail.co.uk

Banc Bwyd Bro Ddyfi Foodbank

I'm sure you are aware of the Foodbank in Machynlleth, which operates on a purely volunteer basis. This service gives out emergency food parcels to those in real need within the Dyfi Valley.

If, you have any foodstuff that you feel would be appropriate (E.g. tinned veg/fruit, pkt rice/pasta etc) you can either drop it in the basket at the Co-op (by exit entrance) or again contact Clive Thomas 07896781773 on cliveandhelena@hotmail.co.uk



St Peter's Plodders Walk

Plodders, there is no organised walk in February or March, but Ken Searson will be leading the Diocesan Walk on **18th March** on a Barmouth circular, which you are all welcome to join. They will be going on the **8.50am Train** from Machynlleth to Barmouth walking along the Barmouth bridge to Morfa Mawdach and across to the coast and to take the ferry back to Barmouth to catch the train at 14.55 back to Machynlleth. Normal service will be resumed for April walk.

Our hardy but depleted group for the January walk, which started in Cricceth, then onto Llanustumdwy via the coastal path. We visited Lloyd George's grave then returned via country roads back to Cricceth. The weather although forecast to be cold, wind and snow never materialised. Fortune favours the brave. We were rewarded with sunny spells, snowdrops and lambs, which are harbingers of Spring.



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	

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