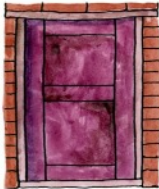


# CYLCHGRAWN MISOL MONTHLY MAGAZINE

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*Listen! I am standing at your door and knocking.*

*Revelation 3:20*



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

Gwaith y Nadolig

*Gan Mererid Hopwood*

*Mae gwaith y Nadolig yn dechrau  
pan ddaw dydd Nadolig i ben,  
pan fydd Santa 'di throi hi am adra  
a'r goeden yn ddim byd ond pren.*

*Pan fo'r tinsel yn saff yn yr atic  
yn angof mewn dau neu dri blwch,  
y cyfarchion a'r cardiau 'di llosgi  
ac 'ysbryd yr Wyl' yn hel llwch.  
dust.*

*Bryd hynny mae angen angylion  
i dorchu'u hadenydd go iawn,  
a bryd hynny mae angen lletywr  
all wneud lle er bo'r llety yn wag.  
full.*

*Yr un pryd mae galw am fugail  
shepherds  
i warchod y defaid i gyd,  
fel mae galw am doethion a seren  
i egluro tywyllwch y byd.  
world.*

*Mae 'na alw am gast drama'r geni  
drwy'r flwyddyn i weithio yn gudd,  
year,  
am fod gwaith y Nadolig yn anodd,  
yn ormod o waith i un dydd.*

The Work of Christmas

*Translated by Roland Barnes*

*The work of Christmas begins  
as Christmas day draws to a close,  
as Santa turns for home  
And the festive tree becomes bare.*

*When the tinsel is safe in the attic  
in two or three boxes forgotten,  
the greeting cards all burnt  
and the Christmas spirit gathering  
dust.*

*Now is the time we need angels  
to really open their wings,  
now the need for hospitality  
to make room even when the inn is  
full.*

*At the same time is the call for  
to mind all the earth's sheep,  
as there is the call for the "wise-men"  
to illuminate the darkness of the  
world.*

*There's a call for actors of the nativity  
to work with grace throughout the  
year,  
for the work of Christmas is difficult,  
far to much for just one day.*

As we put Christmas away for another year, and enter the month of January, I've included this thought provoking poem by Mererid Hopwood. The poem proclaims the need for the angels, the inn keepers, the shepherds and the "Wise men;" the cast of the Nativity story to be active today in our world, and asks two fundamental questions :

What is the work of Christmas?  
Is that work too much for one day?

For me, the work of Christmas, the work of God is to break into the world in physical form, to be the incarnation, to show the very face of the Divine! And that face is not the face of the powerful politician, soldier, revolutionary, terrorist or king; but the face of a vulnerable baby lying in a manger. That reality says so much about the nature of Christianity. It is a faith of love, it is a faith of grace freely given without any big stick of compunction.

Is that a message too much for one day? Well for **God** Christmas is a completion, it is a reality, it cannot be taken away. But if **we** want to make it a reality, a completion in our lives, then we must continue to recognise God's face in the world today, and try to be the angels, the shepherds, the inn keepers and the "wise men."

Does that sound too much, far too difficult? It does to me. Thank goodness we can look forward to Easter, when the adult, grown up Jesus offers salvation, forgiveness and new life to everyone by his sacrifice on the cross and rise to new life.

Thanks be to God

Amen

**Rev Roland Barnes.**

St Peter's Church Coffee Morning held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December brought in a profit of £275 25, added to the £72.50 which was raised at a Christmas Fayre in the Plas by Alice Hughes and Maureen Hughes giving a **Total of £347.75**

The Raffle Winners were:- Hamper Ann Humphreys, Cake Ken Searson, Biscuits Geraint Davies, Sweets Penny Andrews, Wine Pat Cox, Tablecloth Ann Armstrong, Ice Cream Maker Llinos Davies, Christmas Pudding Edith Awdry, Wine Dorothy Edwards, Crackers Rhian Hughes, Jewellery Penny Andrews, Toiletries Edith Awdry, Christmas Pudding Ann Humphreys, Men Toiletries Ross Evans, Wine Alice Hughes, Surprise Janet Humphreys

Many thanks to all that helped in anyway.

***Mothers' Union Christmas Lunch with members from the Ladies Fellowship.***



**Ladies Fellowship**

The Ladies Fellowship Dinner is on Saturday 7 January at Plas Dolguog, 6:00pm for 6:30pm.

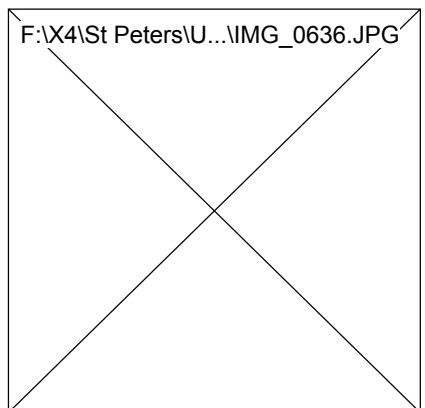
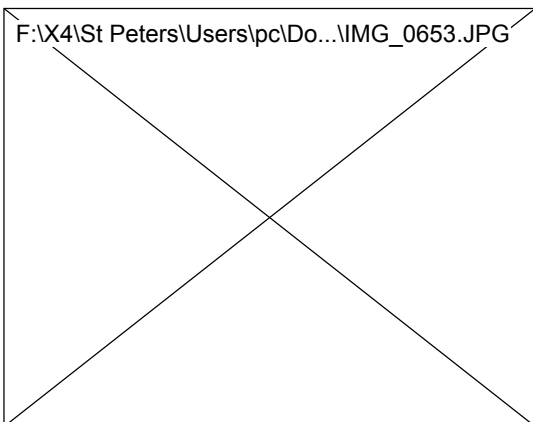
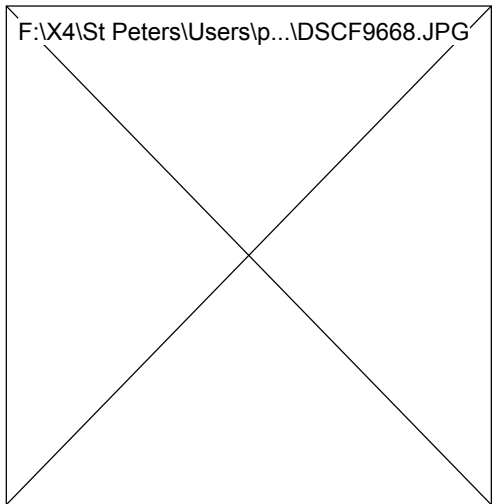
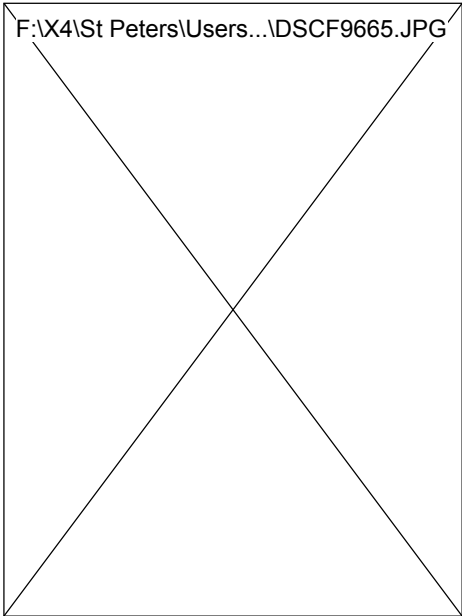
If you wish to join us please contact Alice on 01654 702020.

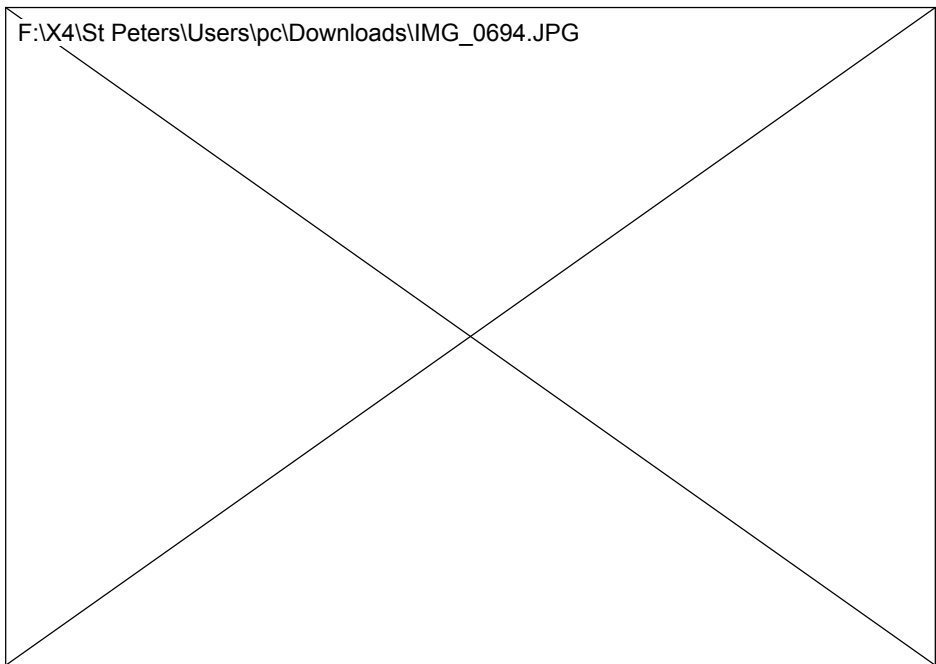
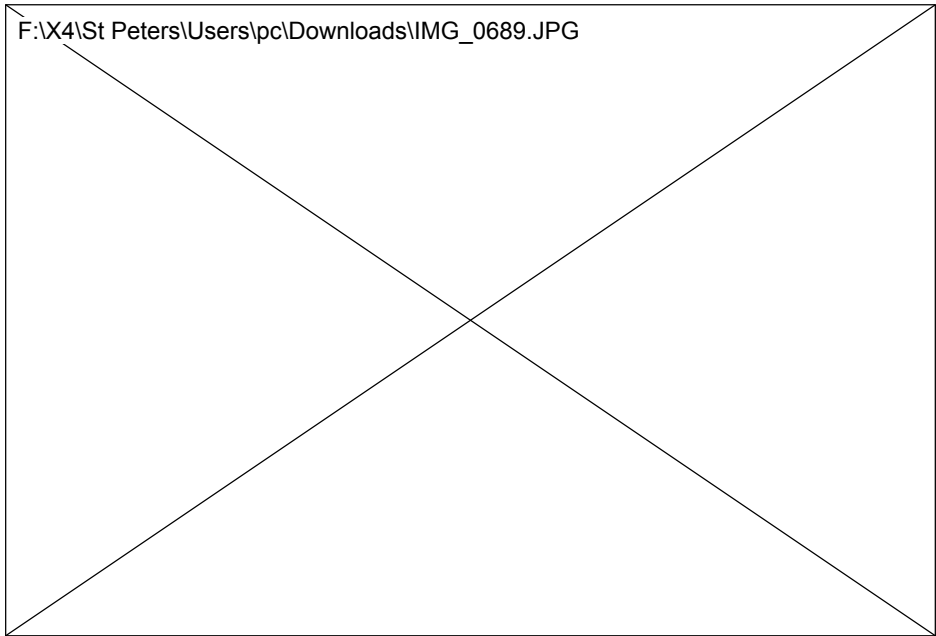
*Gwasanaethau Cristingl Ysgol Bro Hyddgen, Machynlleth a Ysgol Dyffryn Dulas, Corris*

*Our photo album of the workshops at both schools and the services at St Peter's Church, Machynlleth and Holy Trinity Church, Corris*

*Many thanks to the teachers of both schools who allowed us to cause havoc for a morning and to the children who joined in so enthusiastically - it was great fun!!*

*Diolch yn fawr I chi gyd -*





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

**Ionawr 8 January**

**Ystwyll 1 Epiphany**

**9.30 a.m.** Morning Prayer (**Corris**)  
**11.00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist (**Machynlleth**)  
**5.00 p.m.** Bilingual Christingle Service (**Machynlleth**)

**Ionawr 15 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 22 January**

**Ystwyll 3 Epiphany**

**9.30 a.m.** Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Machynlleth**)  
**9.30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist/Y Cymun Bendigaid (**Corris**)  
**11.00 a.m.** Family Service & Baptism (**Machynlleth**)

**Ionawr 29 January**

**Ystwyll 4 Epiphany**

**10.30 a.m.** United Bilingual Morning Prayer (**Machynlleth**)

**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**)

**St Peter's Church, Machynlleth**

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

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

**Ionawr 1 January**

09.45am	Cemaes	RPB (E)
.....	Darowen	
11.15 am	Mallwyd	RPB (E)
.....	Llanbryn-mair	

**Ionawr 8 January**

09.45 am	Cemaes	
14.00yp	Undebol Darowen	
.....	Mallwyd	
11.00am	Llanbryn-mair	RPB (E)

**Ionawr 15 January**

09.45 am	Cemaes	KR (E)
.....	Darowen	
11.15am	Mallwyd	KR (E)
.....	Llanbryn-mair	

**Ionawr 22 January**

09.45 am	Cemaes	PW (E)
14.00yp	Darowen	RPB (E)
11.15am	Mallwyd	PW (E)
11.00 am	Llanbryn-mair	RPB (MP)

**Ionawr 29 January 10.30 am**

**United Service in Cemaes for Darowen, Mallwyd and Llanbryn-mair**

**Gwasanaeth Undebol i Darowen, Mallwyd a Llanbryn-mair  
(Fund raiser for the roof, codi arian tuag at gwaith y to)**

**Chwefror 5 February**

09.45 am	Cemaes	RPB (E)
.....	Darowen	
11.15am	Mallwyd	RPB (E)
.....	Llanbryn-mair	





## **Undeb y Mamau / Mothers' Union**

On Friday Dec .2nd, members, friends and family gathered in the Mezzanine room for a surprise party to celebrate the 90th birthday of one of our members- Mrs. Doreen Ellis. The party had been arranged by members of her family, and her son Hefin, thanked everyone for coming and for their friendship towards his mother. We are very sorry to learn that Doreen has since fallen and sustained fractures, and unfortunately had to spend Christmas in hospital. We send her our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

On Thursday Dec. 15th, members of Corris M.U and the Ladies' Fellowship joined us at St. Peter's for our annual carol service, prepared and led by the Rev. Canon Kathleen. Three new members were inducted into M.U - Liz and Roland into the Machynlleth branch and Rachel into Corris. The service contained a mime with a seasonal message, ably performed by Joyce and Sandra, and the organist was Mrs. Margaret Hughes. After the service, 19 members and friends proceeded to the Riverside Hotel, Pennal for Christmas Lunch. Joyce welcomed everyone, particularly the new members, and invited the Rev. Roland Barnes to say grace. After a delicious lunch, the enrolling member gave a vote of thanks to the hotel staff. She then gave a brief resume of a very busy year, and thanked everyone for their support, particularly the officials, and the Rev. Kathleen for preparing the service, and also everyone who donated raffle prizes. Mrs. Muriel Evans, on behalf of the Fellowship, thanked M.U for their invitation to the service and lunch, and Rev. Kathleen thanked Joyce for her hard work for M.U and for the support given by the branch to her and St. Peter's. Joyce then wished everyone a very Happy Christmas .The next meeting is on Jan 19th in St. Peter's, when Mrs. Margaret Hughes will speak about her grandfather's three cousins who were missionaries in China at the beginning of the 20th century, and also about her recent trip to China.

**Margaret Hughes.**



## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January

St Peter's Church

5:00 pm

A Warm Welcome to all  
Proceeds to the Archbishop of Wales Fund for  
Children

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## *NEWS AROUND MINISTRY AREA.*

### **Monthly Draw DECEMBER 2016**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	£40 70	Sarah Owen (Cemaes Road)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	£20 126	Bob Ersser (Llanbrynmair)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	£10 159	Jill Bryan (Derwenlas)
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	£10	Rosie (Llanbrynmair)



### *Gwasanaethau Plygain Services*

#### **Ionawr 6 January**

Dydd Gwener Capel Ebeneser Dinas Mawddwy 7yh

#### **Ionawr 9 January**

Dydd Llun Darowen 7yh

#### **Ionawr 13 January**

Dydd Gwener Mallwyd 7yh.

25/01/17 MAC meeting Machynlleth Cyfarfod y CAG 7pm

### **THANKS.**

Mrs June Evans (55 Cae Crwn) would like to thank all who gave generously in memory of her late husband Mr Gwilym Evans who passed away in August of last year. The money was presented to SCOPE Warrington Road, were their son Russell has been wonderfully cared for over the years.



## ***St Peter's Plodders Walk*** ***Saturday 14th January***

Catching the 08:52 train to Cricceth we will walk part of the coastal path towards Pwllheli. Turning inland to Llanstumdwy we will have a chance to visit the Lloyd George Museum before continuing our walk past his memorial and returning to Cricceth via an alternative route. Please bring packed lunch. If time allows we will take refreshments in Cricceth before returning home.

Last month we joined Christian Aid Wales staff and supporters who successfully completed their 140-mile journey across Wales to help Light The Way for the millions of people fleeing conflict and violence, raising an amazing £20,000 so far.

The walkers reached their destination, the hamlet of Yr Aifft (Egypt) in Denbighshire, on Thursday 15th afternoon and were welcomed later that evening by the Right Revd Gregory Cameron, Bishop of St Asaph, for a special service at St Asaph Cathedral to mark the journey's completion. (Picture below is of staff and Plodders at the start from CAT to Upper Corris)



## **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.
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