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# **Cylch y FRENNI Circle of Churches**

## **Clydau, Llanglydwen, Llanfyrnach, Llanwinio and Mynachlog-ddu**

### **SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2018**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday**

Llanwinio 7.00 pm All Souls' Commemoration

**4<sup>th</sup> The First Sunday of the Kingdom (Red)**

Llanglydwen 9.30 am Holy Eucharist

Llanwinio 9.30 am Boreol Weddi

Llanfyrnach 11.15 am Communion by Extension

Mynachlog-ddu 11.15 am Holy Eucharist

**7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Bro Preseli 10.30 am Holy Eucharist

**11<sup>th</sup> The Second Sunday of the Kingdom (Red): Remembrance Sunday**

Llanwinio 9.30 am Communion by Extension

Crymych 10.45 am Service of Remembrance, Market Hall

**18<sup>th</sup> The Third Sunday of the Kingdom (Red)**

Llanglydwen 9.30 am Holy Eucharist

Llanwinio 9.30 am Boreol Weddi

Llanfyrnach 11.15 am Holy Eucharist

Mynachlog-ddu 11.15 am Communion by Extension

**28<sup>th</sup> The Fourth Sunday of the Kingdom (Red): Christ the King**

Llanglydwen 9.30 am Morning Prayer

Llanwinio 9.30 am Holy Eucharist

Clydau 11.15 am Holy Eucharist

Llanfyrnach 11.15 am Morning Prayer

### **Some Holy Days not on a Sunday**

**1<sup>st</sup>** All Saints

**30<sup>th</sup>** Andrew, Apostle, Patron Saint of Scotland

## **EXTENDING**

*Jonathan writes:* The Bishop has offered me a further six months looking after Cylch y Frenni, until 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019. I have accepted, though pointing out that at this stage in my career I can no longer put in the hours – up to seven days a week – that I have been doing at times, and must catch up on some of the other projects in my life. From now on, I will be spending on parish work just the 3 days a week I'm supposed to. These will normally be Saturday, Sunday and Monday, although the non-weekend day may vary according to commitments such as the monthly Wednesday Eucharist at Bro Preseli; and I shall, of course, remain available for funerals and emergencies. I am only able to do this thanks to the dedication of our wonderful Core Ministry Team, to whom I am so very grateful (as I'm sure we all are).

## **EXPANDING**

We're expanding our opportunities for worship in Llanwinio by offering *Boreol Weddi* (Morning Prayer in Welsh) at 9.30 am on the first Sunday. This means that the church will be open for worship three Sundays a month.

## **REMEMBRANCE**

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on 11<sup>th</sup> November, Armistice Day itself. The Armistice, amounting to a total surrender by Germany in exchange for virtually nothing from the Allies, was settled in a railway carriage in a siding in the Forest of Compiègne in Picardy. It was agreed upon at 5:00 a.m. on 11 November 1918, to come into effect at 11:00 a.m. Paris time. This is why the occasion is sometimes referred to as 'the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month'.

This year therefore marks the centenary of the end of the First World War, adding poignancy to our annual service when we will be commemorating that event, remembering with sorrow subsequent conflicts and praying for peace.

The service takes place as usual in Crymych Market Hall starting at 10.45 am, and will be followed by the wreath-laying ceremony outside by the war memorial.

## **THE SOUND OF SILENCE**

Susie and I enjoyed a fantastic holiday in Greece this year. You'll be relieved to hear that your Editor talked me out of filling Grapevine with our holiday pictures.

The first challenge for any visitor to that country is the language. They don't just use different words, like Spanish or French, but a different alphabet. Having studied classical Greek at school and New Testament Greek at university, I thought it would be a doddle. But no.

First, all the pronunciation's changed, so that, for example, 'hoi polloi', the many, the masses, is now pronounced 'ee polee'. It didn't help that many of the other vowels and diphthongs had adopted the same sound; so that when a Greek person said 'ee' I had to stop and work out which of the four original sounds he was referring to. By that time he was eight sentences ahead. The consonants were no better: 'B' had become 'V', 'MP' was 'B', 'NT' was 'D' and 'D' was 'TH'.

I was a bit better off reading the stuff, so when it said EXODOS (as in the second book of the Bible) I knew it was the way out. But then the meanings of a lot of words had changed radically. For instance, the word which meant 'to fill' in ancient times now means 'to pay'.

Sometimes the results were hilarious. Susie would point to a sign and ask: 'What does that mean?' and I'd find myself coming out with classic howlers like 'Please take advantage of the chambermaid between 8 and ten in the morning'. Fortunately, most of the time we could fall back on the world's universal language. Money, that is.

Naturally, we took the opportunity to visit lots of ancient sites, including the acropolis at Athens, and near it the Areopagus, where St Paul delivered his famous 'Men of Athens' speech in an attempt to convert the locals to



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Christianity. And also one place where he succeeded in converting people to Christianity and wrote to them at least twice – Corinth. We were driven out to ancient Corinth from the modern city by a taxi driver so old he might actually have been one of the original recipients of those letters.



By the time we got there, it was nearly the site's closing-time, so I shot round it like a demented Japanese tourist, snapping everything in sight. But I consoled myself with the thought that the photos would bring back memories. Then I realised: 'Hang on a minute – WHAT memories? Memories of

insulting an ancient site by dashing round it snapping away like a demented Japanese tourist!'

By contrast, when we visited ancient Messene, I took a seat in the ancient amphitheatre and thought: someone was sitting right here watching a play over 2,300 years ago. And I just sat in silence, and I sat – and I just was. And that slow, funny feeling arose in my tummy – you know, the one



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you get in the presence of something really holy. What a contrast with the manic dash round ancient Corinth. Later, it reminded me of the Welsh poet W H Davies's poem Leisure: 'What is this life, if, full of care / We have no time to stand and stare?'

The modern idea of 'being in the moment' is a deliberate contrast with today's infective obsession with forever frantically planning for the future – when we're not living in the past, that is. It may not be one of the New Testament's central messages, but it's certainly there: the idea lies behind stories like Jesus preparing for his earthly ministry by spending time alone in the desert; or alone before his Passion in the Garden of Gethsemane. Mediaeval monks knew the value of meditation, of being alone with their God; and that's a tradition which persists to this day.

So although I personally have always been much more of a 'get-on-with-it' man than a contemplator, those precious minutes in ancient Messene have left me with a lasting sense of the value of being in the moment, letting go of the to-do list and just BEING.

And that's probably the best holiday photo I could possibly share with you.

*Jonathan Copus*

# **G. Williams**

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I recently received an anonymous email threatening to send all my friends a video of me watching a porn site, unless I paid the blackmailer \$2,000 within 24 hours. I didn't pay up, as you'll know by now if you've received pictures of some bored actors pretending to enjoy each other on the right and me on the left Skyping my cousin in Manchester.

Experts advise us to use a series of different, strong passwords which can't be guessed, even by a computer trying out billions of combinations a second. But who can remember `k^aSoGm,v01s8u*!;5r` for their bank account and `j498fk;LIJH*uj3mkl\^FRNJC` for Amazon? Especially since you're not allowed to write them down. A password manager like LastPass, Dashlane, RoboForm or KeePass means you only have to remember one password and the program will supply the website you're accessing with the correct, strong one. Or if it's offered, use 2FA – two-factor authentication, where you have to take two separate steps like typing in a number sent to your mobile phone.

Whatever you do, don't use your dog's name or something like `supocnahtanoj` – those take only two brain cells to crack. Pass phrases are a different matter, though, especially if the reminder is encoded. For instance, a reminder of 'Two Blue Eyes!' would remind me that my passphrase was my favourite Frank Sinatra song *Are You Lonesome Tonight?* preceded by the figure '2' and followed by an exclamation mark.

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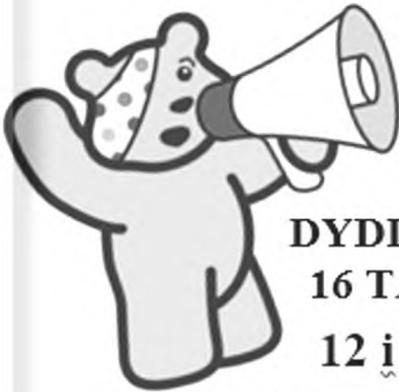
No system is 100% secure, though, and stolen credentials are just part of the price we pay for our marvellous digital world. Meanwhile, that really isn't my backside in the video: but please don't ask me to prove it.

*Jonathan Copus*

## Llanfyrnach

Llanfyrnach celebrated their Harvest Festival on 21st October at 7:00 pm. The service was conducted by the Revd Jonathan Copus and aided by Eunice Batchelor their Focal Minister. Most of the hymns were by congregation's request and were both in English and Welsh. The church was decorated with fruits of their harvest and looked beautiful. Afterwards light refreshments were provided by the ladies of the church to round off a very pleasant evening.

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## Mynachlog-ddu

Mynachlog-ddu was the first of our churches to celebrate harvest with a feast of hymns and readings both sacred and secular. The church was lavishly decorated by regular members of the congregation and Coleg Plas Dwbl, some of whose students attended the service. A literal feast followed, washed down with delicious mulled cider.



***Above: Harvest Festival at Bro Preseli, Crymych***  
***Below: New gates at the lych gate, Llanglydwen Church***



## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Many thanks to everyone who supported Mynachlog-ddu's Macmillan Coffee morning held in the Bethel Chapel Vestry. A big thank you to all at Bethel chapel for welcoming us all. We raised £226 to support the charity, which provides both information and Macmillan Nurses to care for those with cancer.

It was a very enjoyable morning of getting to know our neighbours, practising Welsh and making poppies for a display at the Remembrance ceremony to be held in Crymych Market Hall.

Several people left contact details so that they could be informed of future events in the village. Please let me know if you would like to be on the email list.

Thank you, *Sue Player*, Sueplayer25@gmail.com

## **Llanglydwen**

### **HEAVENLY GATES**

Despite temporary repairs over the years, the wooden gates of the lych gate at Llanglydwen Church had at last reached the end of the road. Rhydian Williams, grandson of Church Warden Beryl, took them away and constructed truly magnificent replicas from durable timber, fitting them mid-week as an astonishing surprise for worshippers arriving on the first Sunday in October. Rhydian's company, Rosecastle Joinery, is based at Rhos, Haverfordwest. His parents were married in Llanglydwen and Rhydian (and his three brothers) were Christened there, so there is quite a strong connection! Beryl said there was no need to mention that the gates are her gift to the church, but she has been out-voted by those of us who want to express our deep gratitude to them both.

## **Cylch Meithrin, Crymych**

Jonathan went to talk to the children of Cylch Meithrin, Crymych, at their Harvest Thanksgiving. The children had collected an amazing amount of produce destined for the food bank in Cardigan. Their superb Harvest Loaf was specially baked by Kirsty Fletcher, daughter of one of the regular helpers. Look for the mouse poised to devour it!

### **BRO PRESELI**

This year for the first time, a joint harvest supper was held in the dining room of the residential complex at Bro



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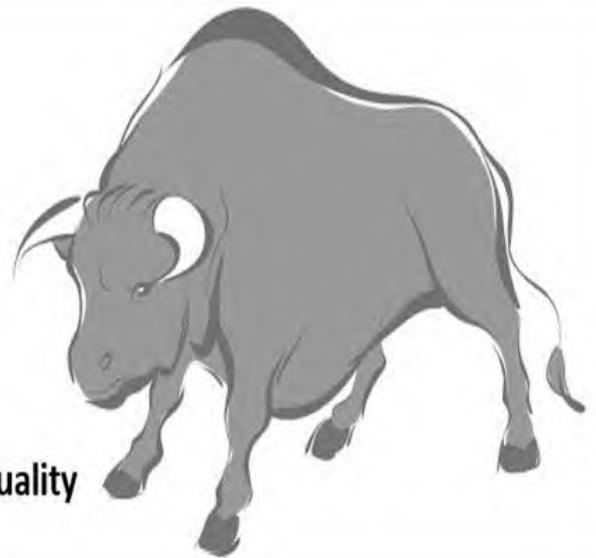


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Preseli in Crymych. There were 37 of us, residents, and people from our churches and the community. We sent a huge order to Y Badell Ffrio down the road, causing Elizabeth Law's chippy to run out of fish (chicken instead). Harvest hymns were sung, interspersed by readings, then the boxes of food arrived. There was a lot of laughter and teasing and fun (especially for those who opted to eat with their fingers!). Wine and softer drinks were shared, and we had the sweet treats of pies and little cheesecakes with tea or coffee. A real success. 'We must do it all again next year', people said.

**LLANWINIO W.I.**

The next meeting takes place on the 13th of November and will be the Annual General Meeting.



***New members are always welcome. Meetings are usually held at Llanwinio Community Hall at 2.00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information, contact the president, Anne Summerbell on 01994 484278***

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# Meidrim, Merthyr and Abernant, Trelech a'r betws

## Canon Jeffrey Gainer 01994 231378

### Services in November

<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twenty third Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	Meidrim	9.45am	Y Cymun Bendigaid
	Merthyr	11.15am	Holy Eucharist
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twenty fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	Meidrim	9.45am	Holy Eucharist
	Merthyr	11.15am	Y Cymun Bendigaid
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twenty fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
	Meidrim	9.45am	Holy Eucharist (2004 rite, bilingual)
	Merthyr	2.15pm	Evensong
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday before Advent</b>		
	Merthyr	9.45am	Holy Eucharist
	Meidrim	11.15am	Service of music and readings in preparation for Advent

Please note that Morning Prayer with office will be celebrated each Sunday at 9.00 am in St David's, Meidrim.

### Abernant

A valedictory message from Canon Jeffrey Gainer:

It was in the summer of 2007 that the then archdeacon of Carmarthen asked me to consider looking after Abernant parish. At the time the parish church had been closed for several months and urgently needed repairs. Various schemes had been suggested which included putting Abernant back with Cynwyl Elfed or rather the other way round for Cynwyl Elfed had once been a daughter church to Abernant. In the end I ended up having pastoral care of Abernant and have not regretted a moment of it.

The eleven years that we have worked together have enabled us to restore St Lucia's as a place for public worship although no one will deny that further work is required. Throughout this time I have been much indebted to the churchwardens, Mrs Ann Young and Mr Hugh Davies who have been active,



***Above: Members of Whitland Male Voice Choir at the Giant's Causeway  
Below: Plas Dwble students having decorated a window at Mynachlog-ddu Church  
with produce grown by themselves***



sensible, hard working and supportive - and good friends to boot. In addition the other officials and members of the congregation have been ever ready to work happily together to ensure the continuance and strengthening of the Christian witness at St Lucia's. We have been able to organise interesting lectures on local history, concerts by choirs as well as the occasional tasty tea party to mark special occasions such as the Queen's jubilee.

The late Peter Plumb of Llanboidy asked at the time whether there was a beating heart in Abernant. The answer is an emphatic "Yes". Another scheme is being implemented as the Local Ministry area is set up under the name of Bro San Cler. From henceforth both Abernant and Trelech will be receiving guidance from Canon Howells of Llanllwch. We can but hope and pray that these parishes and others will benefit from what may turn out to be a radical change.

Thank you , dear people of Abernant, for your welcome into your homes, your hard work and friendship. May God bless you richly in your future endeavours.  
Jeffrey Gainer

Please note that the services scheduled by the LMA dean for the month are both at 9.45 am. On November 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a bilingual eucharist at 9.45 am and on the 25<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer, also bilingual.

Cantorion Llanddowror are coming again to Abernant! On December 9<sup>th</sup> at 3.00 pm they will be singing seasonal music under the direction of Mrs Elizabeth Jameson. There will also be congregational carols. Do join us.

## **Meidrim**

We wish better health to two neighbours in the village, namely Matthew Morgan who has been in Glangwili hospital recently and to Mrs Glenda James who has also been receiving treatment.

The coffee morning on behalf of the Macmillan Nurses charity was held at the end of September and was attended by a goodly number who enjoyed one another's company in the Youth Hall. Our thanks go to all who helped raise over £300 for this charity.

Mrs Nora Davies, formerly of Lan, Meidrim, had to spend over a week in hospital and has now moved to Y Garreg Lwyd. Her daughter Isobel was able to come over from Canada and was pleased to see old friends too. We wish Nora a happy time with her peers in her new home.

The pre Christmas coffee morning with various stands will be held in the church hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 am when the Grand Raffle will also be

held. We are grateful to the local electrician, Richard Kavanagh, for fitting new lights and heaters in the hall in readiness for the winter. The money for these improvements has come from a grant made by the suppliers of the new turbine near Meidrim.

The church was decorated very attractively for the Harvest Thanksgiving and we are grateful for all who contributed to this. Our thanks also go to Gwenllian Phillips who played the organ at the morning service and to Mrs Elizabeth Jameson who did likewise in the afternoon. Once again many items of food were donated for the local food bank. At the bilingual Evensong Mr Jeffrey Harries read the first lesson in Welsh and Mr Glyn Harbour the second lesson in English. As is our custom, and as is suggested in the Prayer Book, the congregation sang the Benedicite, a great song of praise on behalf of all creation. The guest preacher, the Ven. Alun Evans, had never heard it sung before and was suitably impressed. His sermon pointed out how the Church's year links up changes in the seasons with the Church's various blessings of, and intercessions for, those who work on the land. Afterwards we enjoyed a tasty supper and one another's company before Mr Glyn James and Mr Jeffrey Harries conducted the auction of fruit, flowers and vegetables. Our thanks go to all who contributed to the Gift Day too. In all over £700 were raised for church funds.

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## Trelech

Services are as follows in November.

4 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Holy Eucharist, English.
11 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Evening Prayer
18 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Y Cymun Bendigaid

## Merthyr

Our thanks go to Mrs Sylvia Evans and Miss Rachel Rees for the altar flowers and for cleaning the church in August and September respectively.

# Whitland, Cyffig, Llanboidy Llandysulio, Clunderwen

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## Services in November

### 4th Trinity XXIII

St Mary	10.00 am	Holy Communion Harvest
St David	11.30 am	Holy Communion Harvest

### 11th Trinity XXIV/Remembrance

St Mary	8.00 am	Holy Communion
St Brynach	10.55 am	Remembrance
Cyffig	2.30 pm	Holy Communion

### 18th Trinity XXV

St Mary	8.00 am	Holy Communion
St Mary	11.00 am	Matins
St David	2.30 pm	Holy Communion

## 25th Sunday before Advent

St Mary	8.00 am	Holy Communion
St Tysilio	9.00 am	Holy Communion
St Mary	11.00 am	Holy Communion
St David	11.00 am	Matins
St Brynach	11.15 am	Holy Communion
Cyffig	2.30 pm	Evensong

## **Rememberance**

It is 100 years since the end of The Great War, the war that was to end all wars. But humanity never learns. As we look back this year it is worth examining ourselves - are we somewhat to blame because we cannot live at peace even with our close neighbours.

## **In Memoriam**

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Eileen Olive. Her funeral at St Mary's on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October was taken by the Vicar and Rev David Faulkner.

## **Events**

Saturday 24 Nov 10.00 am Mince Pie morning at Llandysilio

Friday 7 Dec 7.30 Raffle and entertainment in Whitland Rugby Club for St Mary's

## **EGLWYS GYMYN**

September is often a busy month with carry over from the August Bank Holiday and late summer holidays for members of the congregation. At Eglwys Gymyn Church it is no different and this month there were three main events.

First in date sequence was the PCC meeting on September 19th to discuss our response to the recent Quinquennial report. The report summary had three categories listing items for short term action, those with a 18 month deadline and lastly those with a 5 year low priority. This summary was used before the meeting to produce our own list of issues for in-house corrective actions and those needing contractors inputs.

To date several of the in house issues have been addressed, leaving many which, although minor, will need addressing throughout the autumn and winter.



***Harvest Festival at Mynachlog-ddu***



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Secondly, on September 29th we held what now seems to be an annual event. On a really nice Saturday morning some 15 tractors arrived and after their tea/coffee and ham rolls took off for a rally lasting 3-4 hours. Upon their return there was a repeat treat of tea/coffee cake and biscuits provided by Eglwys Gwynn Ladies. Many photographs were taken and have since been circulated to the 'combatants' and some are included in this magazine.



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Thirdly and lastly this month we hosted a combined 5th Sunday service for all the churches in the Velfrey Pendine group of churches. Some three dozen parishioners attended a really joyful service which was followed by a buffet in the church hall.

One very final point for this November magazine, it was the icing on the cake for one of our congregation, Mr John Lewis-Tunster, who put a lot of effort into creating his Lego display over the Bank Holiday, when his photograph appeared in the October copy of the Grapevine. Little things mean a lot.

Funds raised by this display were used to install extra heaters which add to those installed in the church in 2017.

Normal Services will be held through November, ie

1st and 3rd Sundays: 2.30 pm with Rev Huw

2nd and 4th Sundays: 10.30 am with Rev David

## **Cyffig Notes for November 2018**

The months are whizzing by so fast, this year seems shorter than the last!

Thanks to everyone who came to our Harvest Festival Service on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, a lovely Sunny afternoon.

Special Thanks to Mary Morris who played the organ and Brian Thomas who auctioned the fruit and vegetables afterwards.

Thanks to everyone's generosity £45 was raised. It was very nice to welcome new faces to Church.

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Quite a number of parishioners enjoyed Revd. Kingsley's talk on Celts and Druids and Kings in St. David's Clynderwen on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Makes you think!

## Whitland Male Choir News for October 2018

A successful BBQ was held in Creswell Quay on Friday 24th August, despite the weather. An enjoyable evening for all who ventured out for a song and BBQ food. The choir appreciates the continued support from faithful supporters, as well as meeting new ones.



On Friday 21st September the choir went to Ballyclare, Belfast, Ireland to perform in concert with Ballyclare Male Choir. We had a very warm welcome by all. Meeting Deputy Mayor Alderman John Smyth and members of Ballyclare choir at Mossley Mill Civic Centre and Museum at Belfast on Saturday morning. In the afternoon we visited the Titanic Museum, which was well worth a visit. In the evening we were in concert at the school hall. All tickets sold out, with extra chairs being brought in. A wonderful evening with Ballyclare Conductor Paul Briggs B.Ed. and Accompanist Sheelagh Greer B.Mus. ATCL Dip. ABRSM. Plus our Conductor Hefina Jones LRCM. And Accompanist Owain Lewis.

On Sunday we went to visit the Giant Causeway and the beautiful countryside. In the evening we met up with Ballyclare choir at Ballyclare Golf Club for an afterglow/entertainment evening. Our very own Chorister David Thomas was compere for the evening, as well as singing as part of the Elderly Brothers. Another great evening of songs and humour with our fellow Celts.

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On Saturday 29th September we were in concert with Tamar Valley Male Voice, at Tabernacle, Whitland. A fantastic evening of music, with our Conductor Hefina Jones and Accompanist Owain Lewis. Tamar Valley Conductor was Rosemary Cole and Accompanist Jenny Coomb. The soloist for the evening was 16 years old Elin Fflur from Pwlltrap, who goes to Ysgol Bro Myrddin. A very talented young artiste. Compère for the evening was our very own David Thomas (chorister). He made sure the evening went along seamlessly and with some humour. A brilliant evening with the largest number of our choir taking part in a concert. Money raised was for the Wales Air Ambulance, with their representative Rhys Watkins explaining their work to us and thanking us for our support.

On Saturday, November 10th we have a Joint Remembrance Concert with Tenby MVC at De Valance, Tenby at 7.30pm.

On Sunday, November 11th we have a Remembrance Concert at the Town Hall, Whitland.

Please note that the choir website is on [whitlandmalechoir.net](http://whitlandmalechoir.net) and not [whitlandmalechoir.co.uk](http://whitlandmalechoir.co.uk).



We are still looking for new members to join our choir. If you are interested please attend our practice sessions on Thursday evenings at the Memorial Hall, Whitland at 7.30pm. You can sit and listen or join in, no obligation. You can also contact our Secretary Hugh Lewis on 01994 240437



***Left: Glenmarie Chaplin of the Tabernacle, Whitland who celebrated her 80th birthday at the beginning of October. Below: Food collected by the children of Cylch Meithrin, Crymych, for the food bank in Cardigan***



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We see chapels and churches closing and we sympathise with them and move on. However, if we stop and think, this is more worrying than it looks. Since the time that man started walking on two legs and moved away from animals, and started communicating with other men and women, we have always had religion in one form or another. There is every reason to believe that whatever way civilisation develops we will always have religion. If we look back through history, since the start of civilisation religion has played a very important part in our lives. I must also admit that religion has been the cause of many wars and it has taken mankind much conflict and bloodshed to get to where we are today. I cannot stress enough the importance of maintaining our present system or we will soon revert back to pre-historic times before the birth of Jesus Christ with religion but not Christianity It would be a great tragedy to give up what we have achieved.

### Collection!

***Please note that each church is responsible for collecting their own copies of the Grapevine from Reception at Dentron, Llys Myrddin, Efailwen.***

***They will be ready for you after 3.30 p.m. on the Saturday immediately preceding the last Sunday of the month.***

I am not suggesting that our way is perfect, but it is accepted by the majority of the people, although not visible judging by the number who attend services on Sunday and the divisive way that we choose to worship.

We were all happy to worship under the Roman Catholic faith until Henry VIII—who did not like keeping his wives for long—was refused divorce. He fell out with the Catholic faith and created the Church of England for his own convenience. Many resented this and broke away from the new church and created what we accept today as the chapels. The people felt so strongly that they built these chapels with their bare hands and give what little money they had to the cause, free of any state funding.

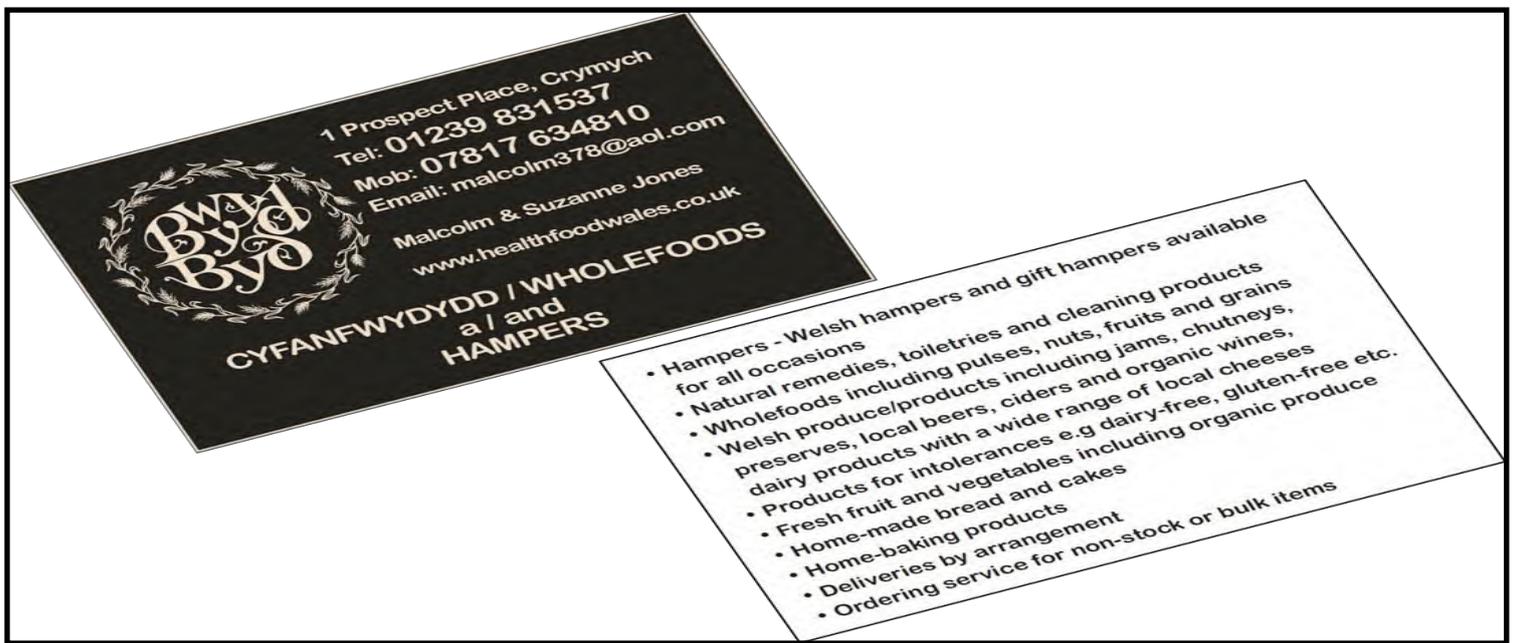
The Church of England, which was very powerful and had the backing of the state, created a tax called tithe and this was imposed on all landowners. This did not go down well with the farmers who owned their farms and resisted the payment very much, including myself, and were taken to court for non-payment. Some even went to jail and others emigrated to America rather than pay the tax.

In the end the state found this new tax too expensive to collect and threw the towel in, and the church members, like the chapels, now have to finance their churches themselves, although they still have large investments, but these are dwindling fast.

## **Services for November 2018**

### **Bethel :**

November 4th:	2.00	Communion Service
November 11th:	2.00	Remembrance Day Service at Llanddewi Hall
November 18th:	10.30	Joint Service at the Tabernacle
November 25th:	2.00	Service by the Hywel Dda area chapels at Henllan Amgoed



**Tabernacl :**

- November 4th: 11.00 Communion Service
- November 11th: 9.30 Service
- November 18th: 10.30 Joint Service at the Tabernacle
- November 25th: 10.30 Service to launch our appeal for Madagascar

***Sunday School every Sunday at 9.30 a.m***

**Trinity :**

- November 4th: 9.30 Communion Service
- November 11th: 11.00 Service
- November 18th: 10.30 Joint Service at the Tabernacle
- November 25th: 9.15 Service to launch our appeal for Madagascar

**TABERNACLE CHAPEL**

The 2nd of September was our Communion Service with our Minister Rev Guto Llywelyn officiating.

The second and third Sundays during the month our Minister officiated the services and Sunday School started back after the Summer holidays. The 23rd of September was our Harvest Thanksgiving service together with Nazareth chapel and other members from neighbouring chapels. The guest preacher was a former minister the Rev Llewelyn Picton Jones, Pontarddulais. The collection was donated to Withybush Hospital and Glangwili Hospital. Everyone enjoyed light refreshments after the service. The last Sunday of the month we joined

with Trinity chapel for their Harvest Thanksgiving and the guest preacher was Mr Alun Lenny, Carmarthen

The annual sponsored walk for all the chapels in the area was this year organised by Glandwr Chapel and over 50 people walked including a few members from Tabernacle Chapel to raise money for local charities.

During the month one of our members, Mrs Cynthia Evans of Templeton, passed away. She had not enjoyed the best of health for some time and our thoughts are with all the family in their loss.

Some of our members have been unwell during the last month and we wish them a speedy recovery.



## **Bethel Congregational Chapel**

Our first service in October was, as usual, a Welsh communion service with a moderate number in the congregation. The following Sunday we held our Harvest Thanksgiving with a large number present including many from other chapels to hear our minister preach an excellent sermon based on the miracle

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of the loaves and fishes. A collection was made for Christian Aid which raised £100 for women's groups in Africa. An European Union scheme increases every pound raised to £5 which makes a really worthwhile amount. After the service we all enjoyed a tea prepared to their usual high standard by the ladies of Bethel. The next Sunday was a joint service when we were joined by members of Tabernacle and Trinity with the preacher being Mrs Sian Elin Thomas. The last Sunday sees us going to Tabernacle for a joint service with a group called Coda Ni (Raise us) which works for charity and which collects clothing to take overseas.

## **Trinity Chapel**

The minister, Revd. Guto Llywelyn officiated at the services in September. On Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, members were joined by family and friends for the baptism of Rhydian, the son of Caroline and Owen Jenkins, and grandson of Delyth and Peter Dent, and Nancy and Martyn Jenkins. Also present were Rhydian's godparents Christopher Dent, Kate Richards, Caryl Jones and Steve Feare. The family orientated service was greatly appreciated by all those present.

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This year, the last two Sundays in September were earmarked for the annual thanksgiving services. On 23<sup>rd</sup> September, members joined Tabernacle and Nasareth chapels for their thanksgiving service held at Tabernacle. The guest minister was the Revd. Llewelyn Picton Jones. On 30<sup>th</sup> September, members from Rhydyceisiaid and Tabernacle joined Trinity for a joint thanksgiving service led by Mr Alun Lenny. Both services were very well attended.

Trinity Sisterhood launched their autumn programme on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 under the stewardship of the new officers, Mrs Wenfys Rees, president, and Mrs Delyth Dent, secretary. The meeting took the form of a social evening and included a discussion of the programme for the coming year followed by a quiz. The tea and assortment of cakes were thoroughly enjoyed.

Once again, Sisterhood members wish to thank the three officers who recently retired from their posts. Mrs Haulwen Davies held the post of secretary for over thirty years. Her hard work and commitment contributed significantly to the Sisterhood's success. The past president, Mrs Anne Lewis, and vice president, Mrs Norah Heseltine, provided unstinting service and support to the Sisterhood's work for over eighteen years.

Members send their warmest congratulations to Angela and Gareth Murray on the birth of a new grandchild, a son for Richard and Non. Congratulations also on the recent marriage of son Phillip and Kath Walters.

It is good to see Mrs Lynn Kendall in better health and able to rejoin the Sunday services which she enjoys and values so much.

Members wish to thank Mrs Anne Lewis for representing the chapel in the charity walk to raise money for good causes locally. Thank you also to the minister who also participated in the event.



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