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SERVICES IN MARCH

3rd The Sunday before Lent: Transfiguration Sunday (Green)

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Llanglydwen	9.30 am	Holy Eucharist
Llanwinio	9.30 am	Boreol Weddi
Mynachlog-ddu	11.15 am	Holy Eucharist
Llanfyrnach	11.15 am	Communion by Extension

6th Ash Wednesday (Purple)

Bro Preseli	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist
Clydau	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist & imposition of ashes

10th The First Sunday of Lent (Purple)

Llanglydwen	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Llanwinio	9.30 am	Communion by Extension
Clydau	11.15 am	Communion by Extension
Llanfyrnach	11.15 am	Holy Eucharist

17th The Second Sunday of Lent: St Patrick's Day (Purple)

Llanglydwen	9.30 am	Holy Eucharist
Llanfyrnach	11.15 am	Holy Eucharist
Mynachlog-ddu	11.15 am	Morning Prayer

24th The Third Sunday of Lent (Purple)

Llanglydwen	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Llanwinio	9.30 am	Holy Eucharist
Clydau	11.15 am	Holy Eucharist
Llanfyrnach	11.15 am	Morning Prayer

31st The Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mothering Sunday (Purple)

Llanfyrnach	11.15 am	Joint Holy Eucharist
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Would readers please announce page numbers where given (and give people time to find the page!)
Page numbers refer to the bilingual copies of the New Testament
At Morning Prayer only the first and last readings are used; 'a' means the first half of the verse; 'b' means the second half of the verse

Some Holy Days not on a Sunday

- 1st David (6th century) Bishop, Patron Saint of Wales
7th Perpetua, Felicity and their companions (203), Martyrs
19th Joseph of Nazareth
25th The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

UNCERTAIN TIMES

‘Would you like to know whether it’s a boy or a girl?’ asked the midwife performing an ultrasound scan on the pregnant woman.

‘Oh, no, thanks – we’d rather have a lovely surprise when Baby is born.’

‘Fine,’ replied the midwife. ‘Only I wouldn’t want you wasting your money on anything pink.’

We all love a nice surprise for our birthdays or at Christmas. But most of us need a certain sense of certainty in our lives for most of the time. Railway timetables would be a complete nonsense if the trains didn’t keep to them. No, wait – that’s not a very good example.

‘Uncertainty over Brexit’ has stalked the corridors of Business for months. Manufacturers stockpile parts, pharmaceutical companies hoard drugs, and this month may well see panic buying of a whole range of foodstuffs (except, perhaps, Brussels sprouts).

You’d think science would provide a bedrock of certainty. But even at the heart of physics, there’s what’s known as *Heisenberg’s Uncertainty Principle*, which states that you can never be sure about both the position and the motion of a sub-atomic particle at the same time. Or, to put it simply, there is a limit to which a particle’s pairs of canonically conjugate variables can be simultaneously ascertained.

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Even worse than the uncertainty of the Unknown is the double jeopardy of unknown unknowns – things you don't even know you don't know – as US Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld famously observed during the build-up to the Iraq War (paraphrasing, no doubt, the 13th century Persian poet Ibn Yamin: 'One who doesn't know and doesn't know that he doesn't know... He will be eternally lost in his hopeless oblivion!').

Yet there is a limit to the limits of certainty. Heisenberg may not have been able to describe both the position and the momentum of a particle in the legendary apple which bopped Isaac Newton on the bonce, but he would have been surprised if it had fallen up instead of down. Uncertainty may rule in the detail; but zoom out and a more dependable picture emerges. Christians are familiar with this principle: there may be blips in their fortunes, but in the bigger picture they have learned through experience to trust that *the eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms to catch you when you fall.*

That quotation from Deuteronomy is not a bad slogan to carry you through all kinds of uncertainty, including Brexit. Though will that be postponed? We just can't be certain...



PATRONISING

March is a very holy month, containing as it does the name-days of two patron saints: St David of Wales on the 1st and St Patrick of Ireland on the 17th.

David's life is well known in these parts, especially his deathbed injunction: 'Do the little things that you have seen me do,' and the phrase *Gwnewch y pethau bychain mewn bywyd* ('Do the little things in life') has passed into common usage.

Legend has it that Patrick was born in Wales, since his grandfather Potitus was a priest from Banna Venta Berniae, a place identified with Banwen in Neath Port Talbot. However, both England and Scotland also claim him as a famous son. Not Ireland, though: of St George, St Andrew, St Patrick and St David, David is

the only one to be the patron saint of his native land. He and Patrick were said to have been educated in Llantwit Major, though not at the same time: Patrick most likely died on 17th March 493, while David's dates are usually given as c 500 to 1st March 589. However, a slight snag with this theory is that the church where the teaching took place was probably not established until 500 AD.



As well as Ireland, Patrick is the Patron Saint of Nigeria, Montserrat, the Archdiocese of New York, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark, Boston, Rolla, Missouri, Loíza, Puerto Rico and Murcia in Spain. He is invoked by the odd conjugation of engineers and legal assistants. Patrick's most famous

miracle is said to be ridding Ireland of snakes, driving them into the sea after they attacked him during a 40-day fast he was undertaking.

CONGRATULATIONS, SYBIL

'Do you know,' said Cefin the Post, 'in all my 23 years as a postman I've never delivered a 100th birthday card from the Queen.' But all that changed when he called at the house of Sybil Thomas in Efailwen: she notched up 100 years on 31st January.

Her Majesty wasn't the only one to send a card: Sybil's front room was crowded with them, including one from her friends in Llanglydwen Church, where she

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was a faithful worshipper for very many years. In recognition of that fact, Church Warden Beryl Williams had commissioned a professionally-produced photo album recalling Sybil's earlier times there.

Distinguished visitors included Cllr Dorian Phillips of Llanboidy and the Chairman of Carmarthenshire County Council, Cllr Mansel Charles.

We pray tribute to a gracious and ever-welcoming lady, a true friend and example to us all of gentle determination. Many happy returns, Sybil!

PARTY TIME

Last year's Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday was such a roaring success that we're going to do it all over again – even better. Crymych Market Hall is the place to be on Tuesday, 5th March, and proceedings (including races, and, of course, eating pancakes) will get under way soon after 6 pm. Bring a pinny and a frying pan if you'd like to race – standing still, incidentally, so there'll be no hills to puff up.



Above: Last year's Pancake Party



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BORN AND REBORN

Cadi Grug Owen was born on 10th February 2018 and reborn in Holy Baptism on 10th February 2019 in Llanfyrnach Church – where parents Steven and Teleri were married in 2015. It was actually a double occasion: the other candidate was Cadi's brother Dylan John Owen, born in 2016. So happy birthday, Cadi – and happy *new* birthday to both.

THANK YOU!

We took the proceeds of our pre-Christmas Soaparty and the many additions down to Milford Haven and came back with a very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who had given so generously. They say the next focus is on tinned fruit, pasta sauces, tinned meat meals, tinned spaghetti, shampoo, long life milk, powdered milk, coffee, sugar, pans, kettles and toasters. Every one of our five churches has a PATCH box and they're regularly emptied, so please contribute as often and as generously as you can.

CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

A team from Dyfed Archaeology will be coming to Llanwinio on Saturday 30th March to teach local folk how best to look after their parish churchyard. A presentation in the Community Hall at 9.30 am will be followed by a practical exercise in Llanwinio Churchyard. Anyone interested is welcome to turn up, although it would be helpful if Jonathan knew in advance. One outcome will hopefully be a map of the graves in the churchyard which can be used to start a register – something all churches should have but which many lack. Before then we might even have aerial photographs of all five of our churchyards, if

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conditions are favourable for Jonathan's son Antony to use his sophisticated drone to take them.

Clydau

During his works at St Clydai, architect Chris Thomas noticed the south aisle oil lamps had no glass chimneys and duly sourced replacements.

Inspired by the Christingle selection "give me oil in my lamp keep me burning"



we added some paraffin and now the lamps contribute a little warmth to our winter services.

Worshippers at St Clydai on the 27th January were greeted by the first of this year's daffodils in the churchyard, sprouting near the north door. Makes a change; it's early and the first one is usually in the shelter of the box tree further west.



Above: Cadi Grug and Dylan John Owen at their baptism at Llanfyrnach Church on the 10th of February. Cadi and Dylan are the children of Steven and Teleri who were married at the church in 2015

Below: Whitland Male Choir at Yr Egin Studio in Carmarthen on the 28th of January





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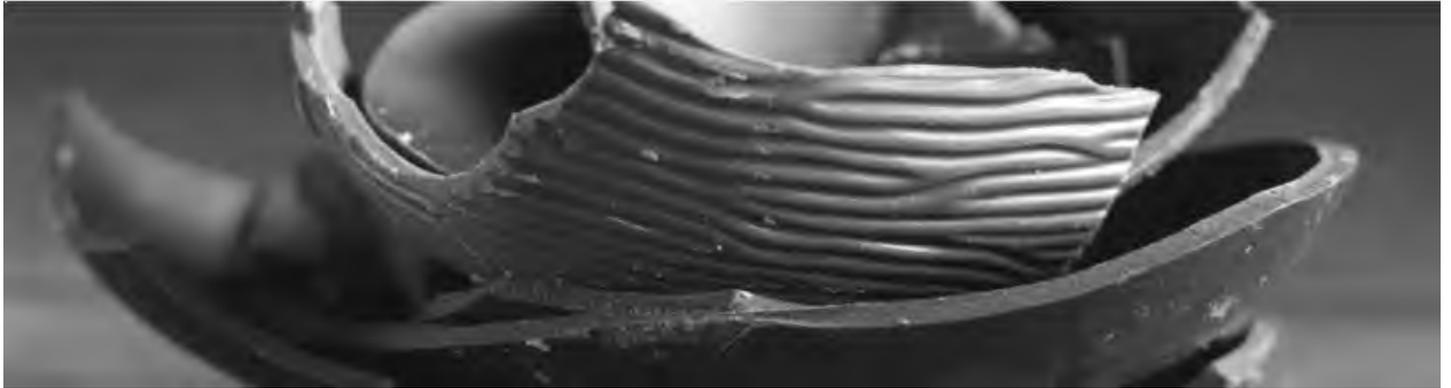
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pests. After the harvest, the ripe pods are cut open with machetes and the beans are taken out. The cocoa beans then need to be fermented, dried, cleaned and packed. When the beans are packed into cocoa sacks, the farmers are



ready to sell on for further processing and eventually to the chocolatiers.



LLANWINIO W.I.

February's meeting was spent decorating bottles to be used at the Group meeting on the 22nd of March. It certainly kept us all quiet! The next meeting will be on the 12th of March when we will be visiting Trelech WI.



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



Above: Sybil with Jonathan and Susie

Below: Sybil's photograph album



Meidrim and Merthyr

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Services in March 2019

Friday, 1 st	St David of Wales
Meidrim	10.30am Y Cymun Bendigaid
3 rd	Quinquagesima
Meidrim	9.45am Y Cymun Bendigaid
	4.00pm Evensong
Merthyr	11.15am Holy Eucharist
6 th	Ash Wednesday
Meidrim	10.30am Imposition of ashes, Holy Eucharist
10 th	First Sunday in Lent
Meidrim	9.45am Litany and Holy Eucharist
	4.00pm Hwylol Weddi
Merthyr	11.15am Y Cymun Bendigaid
17 th	Second Sunday in Lent
Meidrim	9.45am Holy Eucharist (bilingual, 2004 rite)
	4.00pm Evensong
Merthyr	11.15am Matins with Litany and sermon

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24th Third Sunday in Lent
 Merthyr 9.45am Holy Eucharist
 Meidrim 11.15am Matins with Litany and sermon
 4.00pm Hwylol Weddi

25th Monday, The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Meidrim 10.00am Holy Eucharist

31st Mothering Sunday
 Meidrim 9.45am Holy Eucharist
 2.30pm Holy Baptism (to be confirmed)

Merthyr 11.15am Holy Eucharist

Morning Prayer will be said in St David's, Meidrim, at 9.00 am on the first two Sundays and the last Sunday of the month.

Meidrim

Heartiest congratulations go to Mrs Katharine Alice Evans who was delivered of a daughter, Nansi Gwen, on the eve of Candlemass, February 1st, at Glangwili

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hospital. Kate was married to Mr Daniel Keith Evans of Pontiets in St David's, Meidrim, on September 3, 2016, and the proud parents hope that their little girl may be baptised ere long in the same church. We also congratulate the proud grandparents, who include our church treasurer, Mr Dorian Rees Evans and his wife Hilary, both of whom are stalwarts of their parish church.

Talking about baptisms.... A recent article in a church publication has pointed out a curious phenomenon in the diocese of London. This diocese has the largest population of any English diocese - well over four million inhabitants, that is more than the total population of Wales which has six dioceses – and for many years now London diocese has been bucking the trend by having growing attendance figures at church on Sundays. Some attribute this in part at least to immigration from countries with a stronger tradition of Christian worship than our own eg. many African countries where congregations are often huge. Whatever the reason for this steady growth over the last two decades it is disconcerting to note that baptisms in the diocese of London have fallen by 25% over the last five years. We may well be moving in the same direction here, that is a decline in the numbers of infant baptisms. In an increasingly post-Christian Wales it may well prove to be that adult baptisms will become the statistical norm and infant baptism the exception. We have not reached that situation in West Wales yet but it would be interesting to see whether an analysis of the baptism figures for this diocese over, say, the last decade confirms or contradicts this trend.

We are grateful to the proprietors of the Elaichi Indian restaurant in St Clears for their friendly welcome to their establishment. On Tuesday 26 February we shall have a meal together and the proceeds will go, as on previous occasions, to church funds. Our thanks go to those who have arranged this social event.

Recently Mrs Jayne Thomas of Llangynin, but formerly of Meidrim, gave a most interesting talk about dementia to the Corran Singers of Laugharne. In addition she presided at a social event in Ysgol Griffith Jones when various civic and county dignitaries were present. The Whitland Male choir also contributed to the evening's entertainment as did local schoolchildren. Amongst the speakers was another lady from Meidrim, Mrs Donna Lewis, who spoke movingly about being a carer for people suffering from dementia. It is good to hear of the good work being carried out locally and elsewhere by Dementia Friends who do so much to inform the public about the nature and effects of dementia.

We are pleased to note that twenty pew copies of the Church in Wales eucharistic rite (2004) are to be purchased for use by the congregation of

Meidrim church. The Vicar will dedicate these service books in memory of the late Mrs Dilys Martha James at a service when her family members will be present, it is hoped. The service itself will be held after Easter when it is also hoped that a good number will gather to mark the occasion. Further details in the next issue of the Grapevine.

Let us not forget- how could we? - that March 1st marks the Feast of St David of Wales, patron of this land, this diocese and this country. Accordingly there will be a celebration of the eucharist on the day at 10.30 am. In the evening of that same day we have an opportunity to join the parishioners of Merthyr in the community hall when there will be a meal (cawl followed by pudding) and traditional Welsh entertainment. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for schoolchildren. The proceeds will go to the community hall funds. Our thanks go to Mr Huw Evans for this initiative.

At the time of writing we still do not know the outcome of the Brexit negotiations and many are concerned about the future of this country and its industries as we approach March 29th, the date scheduled for our departure from the Union of which we have been a member for over forty years. Whatever our views about this matter - and no doubt there will be a split amongst our readership as there is in the country - we should not forget that the founding fathers of the European Union were all convinced Christians, Protestants and Roman Catholics, who wished to avoid the repetition of the carnage inflicted on two generations in the wars of the first part of the twentieth century. That is a noble aim and whatever the future holds for this country we do well to remember that it is in amity with our neighbours here and overseas that we shall best promote concord. The Queen herself made exactly this point at a recent meeting of the Women's Institute at Sandringham.

Merthyr

Our thanks go to the following:

December – for cleaning the church; Jennifer Bott; Sylvia Evans; Marilyn Davies.

Christmas Day - for the altar flowers; Jennifer Lewis.

January - for the altar flowers; Ann Rees (in memory of her parents).

We are glad to report that Mrs Sylvia Thomas, Parcmaen Street, is now home after a couple of weeks in Glangwili hospital and is feeling better after a testing few months.



***Above:
Sybil with her
birthday card
from the Queen***

***Right:
Beautiful Sybil
in her younger
days***

Mr Clive Bott is receiving treatment at Singleton hospital, Swansea, but was heartened by the visit of an old friend – they were boy scouts together sixty years ago - who called unexpectedly on him in early February.

We are glad to report that repair works of a minor kind have been carried out on the church building – the refixing of a few slates - and we also await a report on the electricity system in the church as we need a new certificate in readiness for the architect's quinquennial inspection report later this year. Mr Robert Thomas has kindly agreed to carry out the electricity tests.

Lent begins on March 6th, on Ash Wednesday, and there will be the imposition of ashes at the Holy Eucharist at Meidrim on that day at 10.30 am. During Lent we are invited to make acts of self denial for the sake of others and through fasting to deepen our sense of dependence on God as we prepare over the forty days of Lent for the most solemn and yet most joyful season of the Church's year in Holy Week and Easter. We shall begin Holy Week this year with a joint service at Merthyr on Palm Sunday, April 21, at 11.15 am. Weather permitting, we shall bless and distribute the palm crosses in the community hall before processing into church singing the hymn "All glory, laud and honour".

Food for thought: "It is the possibility of communion with the Lord that is found in aloneness. It is the acid test of faith and prayer to turn to the unseen God when one is unseen". (Andy Hawes)

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Services in March

3rd Quinquagesima

St Mary 10.00 am Holy Communion

St David 11.30 am Matins

10th Lent I

St Mary 8.00 am Holy Communion

St Tysilio 9.00 am Holy Communion

St Mary 11.00 am Matins

St David 11.00 am Matins

Cyffig 2.30 pm Holy Communion

St Brynach 4.00 pm Holy Communion

17th Lent II

St Mary 8.00 am Holy Communion

St Mary 11.00 am Matins

St David 2.30 pm Holy Communion

24th Lent III

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

31st Lent IV / Mothering Sunday

St Mary 8.00 am Holy Communion

St Mary 11.00 am Holy Communion

Lent

Lent is a time for us to examine our spiritual selves, to think about our relationship with God and with one another. A time to take seriously our failings. So that when Easter comes we are ready for God's call to spread the good news.

In Memoriam

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Jean Jenkins. The funeral took place on 22nd Feb at St Andrews, Narberth and Parc Gwyn and was led by Rev Martin Cox.

Events

Shrove Tuesday 5 March: Llanboidy Beetle Drive with pancakes in the Lamb.

Sat 11th May 10.00 am: Coffee Morning at Pen Y Lan for Cyffig

Easter Vestry:

Whitland Monday 1st April 7.00pm

Clynderwen Monday 8th April 10.30 am

Llanboidy Monday 8th April 7.30 pm

Cyffig Sunday 24th March 3.30 pm

Llandysilio Monday 25th March 10.30 am

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Eglwys Gymyn

To start off with some good news, Mr W Phillips, one of the oldest members of Eglwys Gymyn, who spent Christmas and New Year in Glangwili hospital, has now been judged well enough to leave hospital and move to Y Garreg Lwyd in St. Clears. Mr Phillips, known affectionately as 'Willy Boot', is one of those rare characters who can feel relaxed in any surroundings and he has already met old friends and made new ones at Y Garreg Lwyd.

We wish 'Willy' much happiness for the future.

Perhaps, still good news, our PCC group is now immersed in the planning phase to deal with the issues raised in last year's Quinquennial audit. A large number of items can be corrected using our own hard work (and some have already been actioned) but some will need outside contractors and will take some of our limited resource. However where the heart is willing!!!!

Lastly a reminder that afternoon services at Eglwys Gymyn now permanently start at 2.00 pm each Sunday with Rev Huw.

Cyffig Notes for January 2019

Spring must be on it's way, the crocuses are bravely blooming. Like everyone else they would love to see some sunshine, instead of the constant battering by wind and rain. But if the crocuses can be optimistic then so must we.

Our congratulations go to Justin Rees ("Avola" Red Roses) and his partner, Anna, on the birth of their little son, Harri.

Very best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Evelyn Hicks (Cole) St. Lawrence, Marros. And also to Mr Willie Phillips, Eglwys Gymyn, who we hope by now is out of hospital.

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We are hoping to have a Coffee Morning at "Pen y Lan" again this year, on Saturday, 11th. May. More details later.

Happy St. David's Day to everyone!



Whitland Male Choir

On Monday evening 28th January we were invited to sing on Jonathan's Programme at Yr Egin Studio in Carmarthen. It was a great evening with everyone enjoying the humour and banter. It was a nice change to be invited to this popular programme with Jonathan Davies, Sarra Elgan, and Nigel Owens. The guests were Aled Pugh and Rhodri Gomer Davies. Taking part were Samba Doc and DanceFit Cardiff, plus Whitland Male Choir.

On Friday 1st February we took part in a concert and presentation evening with Laugharne, St Clears, Whitland and surrounding areas Dementia Friends Action Group. It was at Ysgol Griffith Jones, St Clears. There was light refreshments before proceedings, and the school hall was full. It was organised by Jayne Thomas, Locality Manager. Taking part were Marcia Vale - Alzheimer's Society, Assistant Chief Constable Vicki Evans, Reg Wyeth-TAF QT Club, Donna Lewis -Carer, Corran Singers, Mansel Charles - Chairman of the Council, Ysgol Griffith Jones School Choir, Barry Chapman—Chairman Dementia Friends Action Group, and Whitland Male Choir.

Please note that the choir website is on whitlandmalechoir.net and not whitlandmalechoir.co.uk. We are also on Facebook.

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

Afon Taf Gardening Club, Whitland

The March meeting of Afon Taf Gardening Club takes place on the 21st of March when a great favourite of the club—the inspirational Carmel Richards—will talk about seasonal jobs in the garden.

*Meetings usually take place at 7.30 pm at Whitland Town Hall
on the third Thursday of the month.*

*For more information please contact the Chairman, Jan on
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Bethel, Llanddewi

March 3rd: 14.00 St. David's Communion Service

March 10th: 14.00 Service (through the medium of English)

March 17th: 10.30 Joint Service at Bethel led by Mr Arwel Evans

March 24th: 14.00 Communion Service (through the medium of English)

Tabernacle, Whitland

March 3rd: 11.00 St. David's Communion Service (and taking the photo for the new book on the chapel and followed by a cup of tea)

March 10th: 11.00 Service

March 17th: 10.30 Joint Service at Bethel led by Mr Arwel Evans

March 24th: 11.00 Service

(Sunday School at 9.30 every Sunday)

Trinity, Llanboidy

March 3rd:	9.30	St. David's Communion Service
March 10th:	9.30	Service
March 17th:	10.30	Joint Service at Bethel led by Mr Arwel Evans
March 24th:	9.30	Service

Bethel Chapel

Our last service in January was a joint Service of Praise with Tabernacle at Trinity. Members of the three chapels took part with readings and prayers and were treated to tea and refreshments in the vestry afterwards.

On the first Sunday of February we had our Welsh communion to which we welcomed the family of the late Mrs Nana Eynon. There was a short service in the cemetery afterwards when her remains were interred in the family grave.

The following Sunday was our English service when we welcomed several friends who often join us for these regular services. The minister based his sermon on the word "grace", with special reference to the hymn Amazing Grace. We joined with Trinity at Tabernacle on the 17th with the guest preacher being Mr Alun Lenny of Carmarthen.

There will not be a service at Bethel on the last Sunday of the month. There is a special event at Rhydwylym chapel which will be attended by members of all chapels from a wide area. The guest preacher will be Rev Tom Defis. After many years as a serving minister of religion he moved to work with Christian Aid and is now the area secretary for the charity.

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Tabernacle, Whitland

The pastorate came together at the Trinity, Llanboidy at the end of January for a "Songs of Praise" service. We had a lovely service which was led by the members and which was followed with a chance to socialise over a cup of tea.

It is great to see a dozen children in the Sunday School these days. It is held at the Tabernacle Vestry every Sunday morning at 9.30 and all children are welcome.

Lowri Davies from Peniel was the guest speaker at the chapel's cultural society meeting. We had a memorable talk on her career as a vet including using pioneering methods to heal animals.

Best wishes to one of our members, Emyr Davies, who celebrated his 50th birthday recently.

On a sad note, we have lost Jean Jenkins during January. Others have also lost family members as well and we sympathise with all the families who have lost loved ones.

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With so many problems with us all and with so much pressure on everyone these days, we have started a new initiative recently. And that is that Guto, the minister, will be at the vestry every Wednesday morning between 10 and 12 if any one wants to call in for a chat. A problem shared as we know is a problem halved.

Looking forward, Sunday morning, March 3rd will be a big day with us. As well as our usual St. David's Day service, we will be taking a picture of the whole congregation. This picture will then be used for the book on the history of the Tabernacle which is being prepared by Denley Owen. We hope that as many as possible will be there on March 3rd.

And talking of the books, the first draft has been written, and we are busy at the moment putting names to all the people in the photos. There is a final request, to anybody who might have photos of the Tabernacle, Whitland and the events over the years, to contact Guto on 01269 851 655. It would be a pity if there are old photos out there and that they are not included in the new book.

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Trinity Chapel

During January, the Sunday services were led by the minister, Revd. Guto Llywelyn. On Sunday, 27th January the annual 'Service of Praise' was held at Trinity. Members from the three chapels introduced hymns, led prayers and read from the Bible. Following the service, members enjoyed refreshments in the vestry.

The guest speaker at Trinity Sisterhood's January meeting was Mr. Huw Davies from Llandovery. Mr. Davies brought along a selection of artefacts of historical or cultural interest which members then sought to identify and name. Members enjoyed a very interesting evening. Tea and biscuits were provided by Susan, Gwenda and Dorothy.



*Here at the Grapevine we wish
all our readers
a very Happy Easter!*



Below is a romantic display at Sharon Edge's son's wedding reception at the Beggars Reach Hotel, Milford Haven. If you look carefully you will see Judy Webb's Mercy Bells adorning the top of the letters! Judy is still busy crocheting away (some new colours are now available!) and I am sure she is still open to commissions because as you can see, they are not just for Christmas!





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