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SERVICES IN JUNE

2nd The Seventh Sunday of Easter (White): Ministry and Calling Sunday

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

5th Wednesday

Bro Preseli	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist
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9th The Day of Pentecost (Red)

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

16th Trinity Sunday (White)

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

23rd The First Sunday after Trinity (Green)

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

30th The Second Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Mynachlog-ddu	10.30.am	Joint Holy Eucharist
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Some Holy Days not on a Sunday

11 th	Barnabas, Apostle
20 th	Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)
24 th	The Nativity of John the Baptist
29 th	Peter and Paul, Apostles

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

FORGIVING THE UNFORGIVEABLE

The drubbing which the public in England and Northern Ireland gave to the two main political parties in the local elections last month has been variously interpreted. *A plague o' both your houses* was the quotation most often used (Mercutio in Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, Act 3 Scene 1), suggesting that the public was thoroughly fed up with both the Conservatives and Labour for – for what? Not delivering Brexit? Threatening to deliver a no-deal Brexit? Internal bickering? Refusing to consult the electorate in a second referendum? The ballot paper did not have a 'reasons' box.

To be fair, the Liberal Democrats had a good night, making gains in 154 areas and ending up with 704 extra seats, putting them in a healthy third place on 19% against the two main parties' neck-and-neck 28%. But what does this swing mean? And would it be sustained in a general election? The pundits are usually more self-assured (even if they got it all wrong last time). Now, even they are treading water. And then there's the newly-formed *Brexit Party* and *Change UK*. Are we really witnessing the dawn of multi-party politics at Westminster?

Although they are plagued (that word again) by the Westminster model, saddled as it is with its confrontational layout, perhaps the Welsh Assembly and the Scottish Parliament are more like the democracy of the future. There, coalition and co-operation are rather less extraordinary. Tune in to BBC Parliament to see how the Celts might be able to offer the English a lesson or two. In one televised session of the Scottish Parliament, the Presiding Officer told off two MSPs for talking – a ruling which was not met with bays of 'Disgrace' as would probably have happened in London.

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By the time you read this (though after it was written) we may well know the result of the elections to the European Parliament. Will our MEPs be resolutely upholding the interests of the United Kingdom in an alliance we will have decided we were mad to contemplate leaving in the first place? Or will they be doing their best to obstruct the business of the Parliament at every turn, having been sent by a disillusioned British electorate to do just that?

‘Zounds, a dog, a rat, a mouse, a cat to scratch a man to death!’ That’s how Mercutio goes on after his ‘plague’ outburst. Are those apt descriptions of our current politicians? Is that why the public delivered such a stinging rebuke to the two principal players?

And yet, when you see and hear politicians as individuals, and not part of the herd, a very different picture emerges: men and women of principle, standing up for what they believe in. How many of us would take the public risks some of them have taken to defend their core values?

Brexit apart, one of the most significant and moving statements ever to be uttered in the House of Commons must surely have come from former Conservative Party Leader Ian Duncan Smith, a Roman Catholic Christian, who in the wake of the Easter Day bombings in Sri Lanka had the courage – amid all the outrage and the calls for retribution – to remind the House that above all, Easter was for Christians a time to practise forgiveness. Implicit in his short intervention was the recognition that even the apparently unforgiveable was a call to understanding and love, rather than hatred and vengeance.

Without any party-political reference whatsoever, as long as we have representatives of that stature, men and women whose faith informs their fundamental beliefs, perhaps there is hope for our nations yet.

THE MAN WHO LOST HIS HEAD

Talking of standing up for your principles, let’s hear it for John the Baptist, whose birthday commemoration falls on the 24th of this month. Scholars tell us that we Christians were nearly his followers rather than those of Jesus, and there is certainly thinly-veiled evidence in the New Testament of a struggle between his adherents and those of our Lord. Some even say that Mary’s song *Magnificat* was originally all about John.

Now, who was it who first said:

Repent - for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Prove your repentance by the fruit it bears.

The axe is laid to the roots of the trees: every tree that fails to produce good fruit is cut down and thrown on the fire.

The man who has two shirts must share with him who has none.

The answer in all cases is 'John the Baptist'. John attracted an enormous following from all over Judaea and Transjordan, and triggered off violent disputes. The ruling classes at the time were offended by his moral criticism and afraid he might lead a revolution. Some of his disciples were sure he was the promised Messiah, the national champion who would free the Jews from the domination of Rome; and he was the centre of a sect which had branches as far afield as Egypt and Asia Minor. Many people said the defeat of a Jewish army shortly after he was beheaded was a punishment from God.

Beheaded? Yes, because he was brave enough to stand up for his principles and denounce the puppet-king Herod Antipas, who was one of the sons of Herod the Great and who married his sister-in-law Herodias. Here followeth the legendary 'dance of the seven veils' by Herodias' daughter Salome, who asked for the head of John the Baptist on a platter.

And don't forget it was John who kick-started Christianity, by baptising Jesus.

Two other kick-starters are commemorated this month, on the 29th: Peter and Paul. The disagreements between them and the subsequent shake-and-make-friends recorded in *Acts* may gloss over the original, deep-rooted divisions in Christianity, but there's no denying the key contribution each made to this breakaway Jewish sect.

The lesson? There really was no 'golden age' when everybody in the Church was lovey-dovey, in contrast to today's divisions between 'Catholic' and 'Protestant',

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But please, don't lose your head.

MILK OF AMNESIA

Saturday, 12th May saw the launch of *Cegin y Frenni – a Taste of West Wales*, a book full of recipes reflecting the taste and culture of our region. The event took place in the Residents' Lounge in Bro Preseli – thank you! – and was attended by hungry diners who paid £5 for the privilege of sampling a selection of the recipes in the book. Many of the contributors to the book literally ate their words, lifting them off the page and onto the plate by cooking samples to taste on the evening.

They say that if you remember the sixties, you weren't there; and certainly if you sampled Jonathan's *Milk of Amnesia* coffee liqueur your memories of the evening might be hazy. Others will remember that they had a great time, and may even have been sufficiently delirious to buy a copy of the book at £5 a throw. It's on sale now in local food outlets, raising funds for Cylch y Frenni Local Ministry Area. The book has already raised £206.00.

EASTER OFFERING

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners from the 5 parishes, I have been able to send a donation of £200 (= £250 with Gift Aid) to Prostate Cancer Research UK. My choice of charity reflects the number of my friends who have been visited with this often-curable disease.

Jonathan Copus



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Flower Festival

There will be a Flower Festival at Hermon Chapel, Brynmyrnach Chapel and Llanfyrnach Church on Saturday July 6th 11.00am—3-30pm.

Afternoon teas will be served at Hermon Community Resource Centre from 12 noon – 3-30pm. £5 per person.



LLANWINIO W.I.



On the 14th of May Llanwinio WI challenged Trelech WI to a few games of short mat bowls at Llanwinio. Many of the balls (sorry, woods!) were slightly off line (!), but we did improve as time went on! Llanwinio won the match — but only by one point!



The next meeting will take place on the 11th of June when Peter Kay (no, not that one!) will be teaching us some gentle yoga exercises.

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

Meidrim and Merthyr

Canon Jeffrey Gainer 01994 231378

Services in June 2019

6th Sunday after Ascension Day. Sixth Sunday after Easter

Meidrim	9.00am	Boreol Weddi
	9.45am	Y Cymun Bendigaid
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer
Merthyr	11.15am	Holy Eucharist

9th Pentecost: Whitsunday

Meidrim	9.45am	Holy Eucharist
Merthyr	11.15am	Holy Eucharist

16th Trinity Sunday

Meidrim	9.45am	Holy Eucharist (2004 rite, bilingual)
	4.00pm	Hwyrol Weddi
Merthyr	11.15am	Morning Prayer

23rd First Sunday after Trinity

Merthyr	9.45am	Holy Eucharist
Meidrim	11.15am	Matins
	4.00pm	Evensong (for the Nativity of John the Baptist)

30th Second Sunday after Trinity

Meidrim	9.00am	Boreol Weddi
Merthyr	10.30am	Joint service. Holy Eucharist

Abernant

The concert of sacred and secular music by Cantorion Llanddowror was a joyful occasion, so much so that a rather large bird decided to join us in church and for a minute or two kept the audience preoccupied by its presence as it flew from one end of the church to the other! As usual the visiting choir was treated to delicious refreshments kindly supplied by the good ladies of St Lucia's. In addition Canon Gainer sang two items, namely G.R. Woodward's "This joyful Eastertide" and "Pan oedd Iesu dan yr hoelion", the latter to the tune Coedmor. It would seem to be true that the choir members enjoy coming to this simple



Left:

One of the bouquets of flowers left out at Llanboidy for people to take home. This is an annual event organised by members of The National Association of Flower Arrangement Society.

Below Left:

Janet Carter with the Easter Egg covers she produced for Llanfyrnach Church.

Below right:

Richard Law tackles a stump at Mynachlog-ddu.





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country church and assuredly the congregation enjoys welcoming them too. Unfortunately one of the choir members was unable to be with us because of ill health. Mr David Bryan has since moved to a home in Newcastle Emlyn where on May 14th he celebrated his 89th birthday. We send him many happy returns of the day, albeit somewhat belatedly.

We are sorry to note that Mr Robin Williams of yr Hen Dafarn has been unwell again. This has necessitated another visit to Morriston hospital. We wish him better health and are glad to note that he is now back home..

The Annual Vestry meeting was held after service on May 6th when the wardens were re-elected. We wish Mrs Ann Young and Mr Hugh Davies well for their new term of office which should include the formation of the Local Ministry Area of Bro San Cler with all the consequent changes. Meanwhile the congregation of St Lucia's has planned a series of events. Please book the following dates!

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| Friday, June 22: | BBQ at Tynewydd, the home of Mr and Mrs Hugh Davies; |
| Sunday, Sept. 30 | 4pm. Harvest Thanksgiving service followed by tea party; |
| Friday, October 19 | 8pm Bingo evening at Tafarn y Cwm |
| Sunday, Dec. 9 | 3pm: carols and seasonal music by Cantorion Llanddowror. |

Meidrim

Congratulations go to Catrin and Peter Young on the safe arrival of their daughter, Mia Jane on April 5th, a great granddaughter for John and Patsy Lewis of Upper Village, Meidrim.

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It is good to note that the relevant organising committee had arranged an evening at The Carpenters Arms, Broadway, on Wednesday, May 23 when a good number enjoyed good company and the tasty carvery.

We are grateful to the ladies of the congregation who gave up their time on the recent Bank Holiday to clean the church ready for the wedding of Miss Kathryn Walters and Phillip Murray which took place on the following Saturday. The organist was Mrs Elizabeth Jameson, the officiant was the Vicar. The reception was held at Wolfscastle, Pembrokeshire. We wish this young couple a long and happy life together.

Some of you reading this may recall the visit of the Bishop of Montana, the Right Reverend Frank Brookhart and his wife Susan, some ten years ago before the 2008 Lambeth Conference. The good bishop is due to retire this summer as he has reached the age of seventy. He hopes to cross the Atlantic again and may well pay us another visit. He enjoyed visiting Wales very much and not least the hospitality accorded to him in the homes of this parish.



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The plans for the creation of the new Ministry area are proceeding at a leisurely pace and we have had the benefit of the counsel of the diocesan registrar, a key legal officer, on this matter. Mr Anthony Jenkins is also a very keen supporter of Swansea football club, ever since his schoolboy days. He must be somewhat saddened with his club's performance this season however. The Swans will have to swim in a lesser lake next season, it appears!

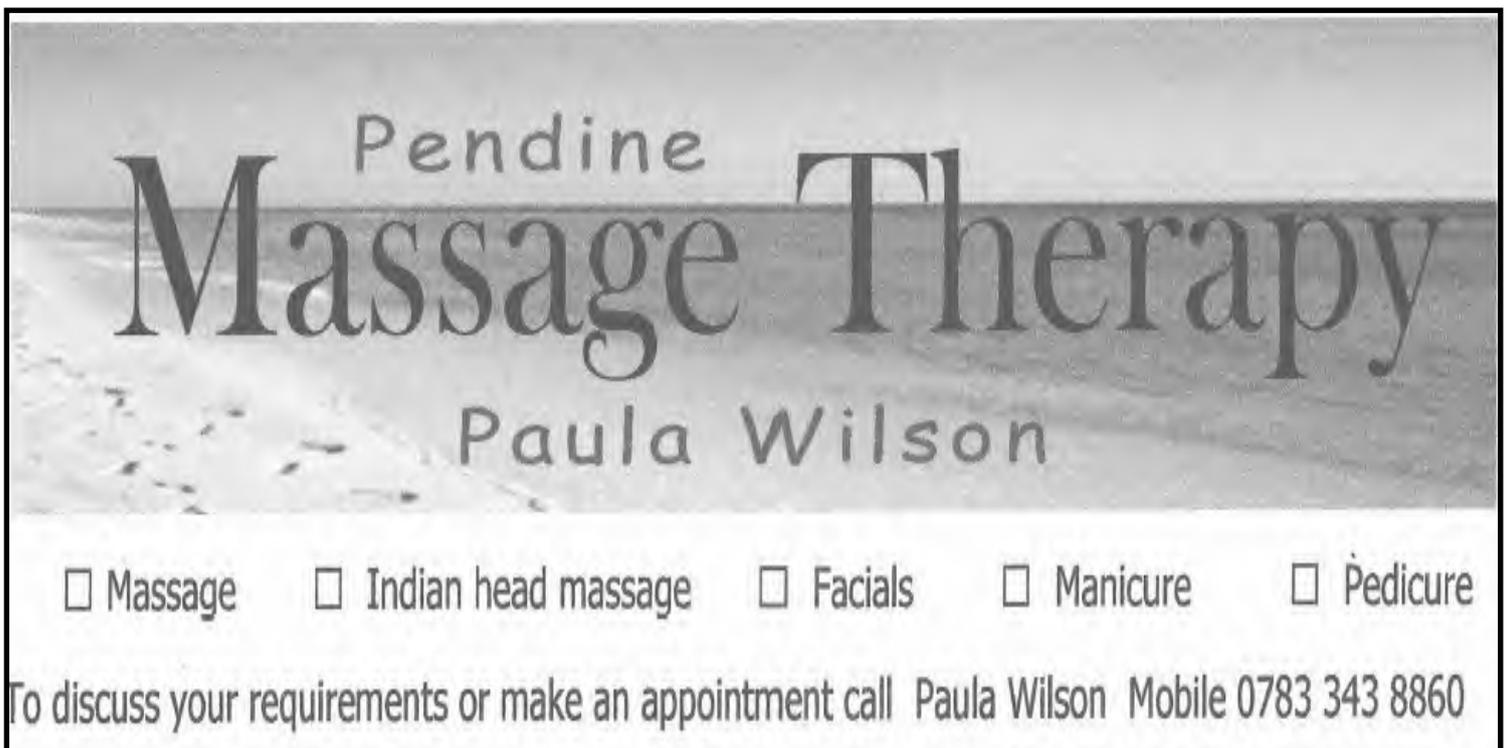
Merthyr

On Sunday, May 11th several members of the congregation enjoyed lunch together at the Fox and Hounds, Banc y Felin. This was the suggestion of our warden, Mr Huw Evans. We were particularly pleased to see Mrs Jennifer Lewis on this occasion as we have missed her genial presence at church as she is still recuperating after extensive treatment at Singleton Hospital.

Also recently we had a successful bingo evening at Tafarn y Cwm when Mr Lyn Bowen of Pen y Bont was the caller. We are grateful to him and to Mrs Marilyn Davies and Mrs Jennifer Bott for all their hard work with the practical arrangements. With the proceeds from the Grand Raffle included well over £1,300 was raised for church funds. A truly excellent result.

Our thanks also go to Mrs Sylvia Thomas who donated flowers for the altar and also cleaned the church in April. These gifts of time and substance were made in memory of the late Mrs Innie Thomas, formerly of Rectory Farm.

Good wishes go to Mrs Ann Rees after her recent operation and also to Mr John Spong. We also remember our local authoress, Mrs Elizabeth Cragoe, who went into hospital in mid-May.



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Jonathan remembers to serve his Milk of Amnesia liqueur to parishioners and residents of Bro Preseli at the launch of the LMA cookery book.

Trelech

We are grateful to the Revd Wyn Maskell who accompanied the Welsh Holy Eucharist on May 6th. We extend our good wishes also to the Revd and Hon Adam Bruce. Both these men are due to be ordained as presbyters of the Church in Wales soon and will continue as assistant curates in Carmarthen and Llanllwch respectively.

Food for thought: "The spiritual Pentecost must precede the spiritual Ascension. The Holy Ghost must descend into our hearts and minds, before they can rise to Heaven." Our Prayer Book declares that Ascension Day is one of those days at which members of the Church "ought to be present at Divine Service." The spiritual insight of Dean E.M. Goulburn, cited above, as well as the regulation combine to challenge all of us.

Soon again the Trinity season will be with us. This year the sermons for the first weeks of this, the second half of the Church's year, will be based on the theme of "Being Christian, a guide to the duties of church membership." They will refer to the summary issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York under the headings of bearing witness, prayer and devotion, faithful worship, loving service, stewardship, and marriage and family life.



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Services in June

2nd

Sunday After Ascension

St Mary	10.00 am	Holy Communion
St Mary	11.00 am	Mayor's Service
St David	11.30 am	Holy Communion

9th

Pentecost

St Mary	8.00 am	Holy Communion
St Tysilio	9.00 am	Holy Communion
St Mary	1.00 am	Matins
St David	11.00 am	Matins
Cyffig	2.30 pm	Holy Communion
St Brynach	4.00 pm	Holy Communion

16th

Trinity

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

23rd

Trinity I

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

30th

Trinity II

St Mary	8.00 am	Holy Communion
St Mary	11.00 am	Holy Communion

Summer

Let us hope we have a nice summer. There are so many things organised as you can see below. Always remember, events are primarily for us to get together socially (raising money never hurt). So make the most of the opportunities.

Welcome

Welcome to the Church Family to Cian James Seeley, Baptised on 28th April at Cyffig Church, the latest in a long association of the James family with Cyffig and the Seeley family with St Mary's.

Events so far

Sat June 8	10.00am	Gift Day, St David
Sat June 22	2.00 pm	Summer Fete, Llanboidy
Sat June 29	2.00pm	Cream Teas, St Tysilio
Fri July 5	6.00 pm	Barbecue at Station House (St Mary)
Sat July 27	2.00pm	Cream Teas, Red Roses (Cyffig)
Thu Aug 15	7.00pm	The History of Whitland from the last ice age by the Vicar at St Mary's
Sat Aug 17	10am – 4pm	Gift Day, St Mary's
Wed Aug 21	7.00pm	Bingo, Red Roses

Eglwys Gymyn

May is one of those odd months when there are no events to celebrate in our church. There are many activities of a routine nature which will be familiar to all churches, like cleaning the church, arranging flowers as well as cutting the grass in the church yard. This year after the quite warm weather, combined with enough rain, the grass seems to have grown quite long and tough so we needed a team of 3 volunteers, Mr H Wilson, Mr H Bowen and Mr R Johns hard at work using strimmers, grass cutters and lawn mowers to make the area around the church look presentable and it still took most of a day.

The Easter Vestry PCC meeting was held at the end of April and as with most meetings the main focus was finances and planning funding events, both items linked to either 'the Quota', or repairs outstanding from the recent Quinquennial report. By the time this edition of the Grapevine is published we should have received the Faculty approval to repair the Chancel wall and our builder will be standing by, hopefully to commence repairs in June.

The first festival in the Eglwys Gymyn summer calendar, which is not for fund raising, is St Margaret's Day which has been held on the 2nd Sunday in June for countless generations and celebrates St Margaret from whom our church gets its name, ie St Margaret's Eglwys Gymyn. Following the 2.00 pm service on June 9th, light refreshments as always will be provided in the church hall.

Services in June follow the regular pattern, ie

2.00 pm every Sunday led by Rev Huw

St Margaret's Day service, 2.00 pm Sunday 9th June

Cyffig

Are we really half way through another year already?! It must be true, as I can see the sun setting from my kitchen window and just now it's getting very close to that furthest point on the Preselis where it will set on the longest day. Then all of a sudden the sun starts its trek back again to that point behind the big oak tree where it will set on the shortest day and it will be Winter again. Does anyone find this fascinating or is it just me?

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*Above: Jonathan serving his homemade orange wine to parishioners
and residents of Bro Preseli*

*Below: Hungry diners enjoying the Sampler Supper launching the recipe book
Cegin y Frenni, a Taste of West Wales*



We had a Christening in Cyffig on April 28th which was a very joyous occasion when Rev. Kingsley baptised the little son of Esther and Jonathan Seeley, a grandson for Ann (Gt. Pale) and great grandson for Mrs. Joan Seeley. It was lovely to see the Church so full of happy people.

Our Coffee Morning will take place tomorrow, we look forward to some Sunny weather for our usual band of generous supporters.

Church cleaning and Churchyard grass in June—The Bowen family, West Rose.

Cyffig Diary Dates:

Cream Teas	Sat. 27th July	2--4 pm	Red Roses Hall
Bingo Night	Weds 21st August	7 pm for 8 pm	Red Roses Hall
Harvest Festival	Sun. 22nd September	2.30 pm	

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Chairman's Charity Dinner was held on Saturday 13th April at Llanboidy Market Hall. It was a very successful and enjoyable evening, £3000 was raised for Breast Cancer Care Cymru.

On Friday 26th April we held our Patrons Concert at Ysgol Dyffryn Taf. Even though the weather was very stormy, we had a successful evening with over 300 in the audience. We actually had 50 choristers taking part that night. Parti Harmoni mesmerised the audience with their unaccompanied singing, their talent shone through. Goodwick Brass Band were superb as usual, under the baton of Matthew Jenkins. The band recently won the 1st section of the Welsh Regionals Contest at Wrexham in March 2019 and are hoping to repeat their success of 2015, when they return to the National Championships of Great Britain at Cheltenham later this year in September.

The positive comments and standing ovation for the choir, is a testament to the Musical Team, Hefina Jones, Owain Lewis, and Heather Jenkins. The choir is going from strength to strength, and the future is looking bright.

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

On the 16th of May Gareth Davies from Usk visited Whitland to talk about his gardening year.

He illustrated his talk with a series of excellent slides, full of colour.

The next meeting will be on the 20th of June when Peter Whittaker (beekeeper) will give a talk on pollinators.

***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 janlanfarm@yahoo.co.uk

Llanfyrnach Parish Heritage Group

On the 1st of May the author and historian, Brian John, came to Llanfyrnach to talk about the myths and stories which have always surrounded the Stonehenge Bluestones which came originally from the Preselis.

The next meeting will take place on the 5th of June when Audrey Davies will share her memories of the Lamb Inn, Blaenwaun.

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Meetings usually take place on the first Wednesday of the month at the Brynach Room at Canolfan Hermon at 7.30 pm

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Services in June

Bethel, Llanddewi

- June 2nd: 10.30 Anniversary Services at Bethel, Loveston led by Rev. F. Baker
- June 9th: 14.00 Service through the medium of English
- June 16th: 10.30 Joint Service at Trinity led by Mr. Hefin Wyn
- June 23rd: 14.00 Members Service
- June 30th: 14.00 Communion Service through the medium of English

Tabernacle, Whitland

- June 2nd: 11.00 Communion Service with members taking part
- June 9th: 9.30 Service
- 15.30 Service at Dolyfelin Home, St Clears

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(Sunday School at 9.30am every Sunday)

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Tabernacle, Whitland

The Wales Window of Alabama was the theme of the Good Friday Service this year. This was the window that was designed by John Petts from Lansteffan and sent to Alabama, America, after a church attended by black people was bombed in 1963.

Hefin Wyn was the guest preacher on Easter Sunday and the service was held at Nasareth, Whitland. We had a lovely service under his guidance and we look forward to welcoming him back to the pastorate in June.

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Another recent highlight was the christening of Mali James. Mali is the daughter of Mathew and Rebecca James and sister to Hari. Best wishes to Mali and the family from everyone at the Tabernacle.

We now look forward to our June services and as usual everyone are welcome to all services.

Trinity Chapel

During April, most of the Sunday services were led by the minister Revd. Guto Llywelyn. On Friday 19th April, members attended the Good Friday Service at Tabernacle. Following the service, refreshments were provided in the chapel vestry. On Easter Sunday, a communion service was held in Trinity. On Sunday, 28th April members from Tabernacle and Bethel chapels joined Trinity for a joint service led by Mr. Emyr Phillips from Cilgerran.

On Thursday, 25th April Trinity Sisterhood held a celebratory lunch at the Nantyffin Motel, Llandissilio. This was a very important occasion as the Sisterhood is celebrating its 50th anniversary since its formation. Mrs. Wenfys Rees, the president, welcomed everyone to the lunch and read out congratulatory messages from past officers and members. Mrs. Rees then welcomed the guest speaker, Mrs. Hazel Charles Thomas, the founding president. Mrs. Thomas recalled stories and events from the early years and focused on the key Christian values and principles which the Sisterhood endeavours to promote. Mrs. Haulwen Davies, who held the post of Sisterhood secretary for over thirty two years, thanked Mrs. Thomas and presented her with a basket of flowers arranged by the president. A celebratory cake, kindly

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Mali James who was christened at the Tabernacle, Whitland recently. Also pictured with Mali are her parents, Rebecca and Mathew James, and her brother Hari

made by Mrs. Norah Heseltine, was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. Mrs Anne Lewis thanked Mrs. Rees and all those involved in the planning of this special occasion.

We send our warmest congratulations to Sarah and Noir Jones on the birth of their son Elis Thomas Jones. Congratulations also to grandmother Bethan on a new addition to the family.

We wish to send our condolences to all members who have lost family or friends during the month.

Bethel Chapel

Our service on the first Sunday in May was a Welsh communion service with a small congregation of regular faithful worshippers. There was no service on the following Sunday as Tabernacle had their Annual Preaching Service. The guest preacher was Rev Jeff Williams from Brecon. All who were there agreed that it was worth attending just to listen to his message. That evening some of us went to Ebenezer Chapel, Cold Blow, for their Annual Service with Rev Huw George preaching and again it was an interesting sermon. Two of the members of Ebenezer live in Llanddewi and regularly come to Bethel, and we often attend each other's chapels.

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St. Clears Walking Well Group

On the 15th of May the group enjoyed a lovely walk through the bluebells at Llanwinio following a footpath by the side of Llanwinio church and down to a ford and bridges across the river Cynin.

Welcome refreshments afterwards in the Hall.



The next walk will take place on the 29th of May and will be an urban walk in Carmarthen following the line of the old Roman town walls. To car share meet at St. Clears Leisure Centre at 10.00 am.

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Beetle Drive

Many thanks to Lyn Davies for organising a highly successful evening with all seats taken and raising £276 for Church funds. Grateful thanks also to the ladies who provided refreshments and to Jacqui and Anthony from The Lamb for hosting this event

Easter Flowers

Thanks to the Ladies who provided the beautiful flower arrangements which were much admired

On Friday 3rd May Llanboidy village had a number of **bouquets of flowers** left out for people to take home. This is an annual event, which members of The National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies hope will brighten the day of all recipients – a really lovely gesture – see photo on page 10.

Churchyard Strimming

Many thanks to all who have set up standing orders to help to pay for this. However, there is still a shortfall and if you wish to contribute (perhaps in memory of a loved one buried there or to help keep the Churchyard looking attractive) either send a cheque for £25 made out to St Brynach's Churchyard

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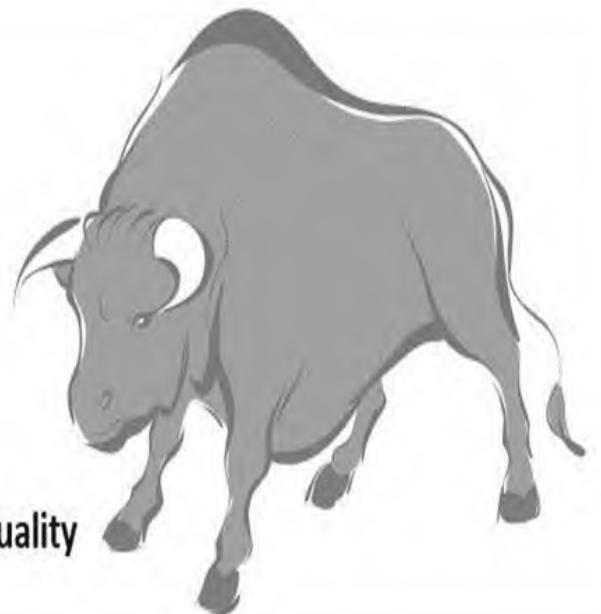
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Our thoughts are with the family of Mrs Win Jones, of Llanfach, Cefn y Pant, who died on the 17th of April having had a very good life, and was buried in the chapel yard at Cefn y Pant on 24th April. Win is the mother of our Reverend Jeni Parsons

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 13th June: Llanboidy WI. 'Saris and how to wear them', a talk and demonstration by Yuleeta Brimble – in the Trinity Chapel Vestry at 7.30 pm

Saturday 22nd June: St Brynach's Church Fete in the Market Hall, Llanboidy at 2.00 pm

Friday 28th June: Ysgol Bro Brynach's Duck Race, Sports and Fete on the Sports Field at 1.00 pm

Coffee, Craft + Conversation Join Jacqui in the Market hall , Llanboidy, on Thursday mornings from 10-12 noon, £4 including coffee and cake. Personal projects, skill sharing and group learning plus lots of laughter!

Please, please, please let me, Sue Jones, have any Llanboidy news for the next edition of Grapevine and I will forward to Kathie, our Editor.

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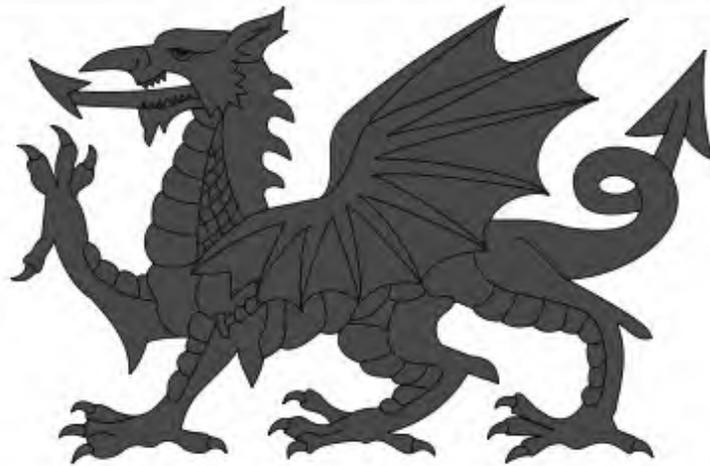
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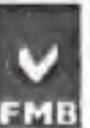


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