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*Front Page — Jonathan and Susie cut the cake as Jonathan retires as Ministry Team Leader of the Crymych (Cylch y Frenni Circle of Churches) group.*

# Cylch y FRENNI Circle of Churches Clydau, Llanglydwen, Llanfyrnach Llanwinio and Mynachlog-ddu

## SERVICES IN OCTOBER

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

Bro Preseli                      10.30 am      Communion by Extension

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

Clydau                              7.00 pm      Harvest Service

### 6<sup>th</sup> The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Llanglydwen                      9.30 am      Communion by Extension

Llanfyrnach                      11.15 am      Communion by Extension

Mynachlog-ddu                  11.15 am      Morning Prayer

### 13<sup>th</sup> The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Llanwinio                          9.30 am      Harvest Service with  
Communion by Extension

Clydau                              11.15 am      Morning Prayer

Llanfyrnach                      11.15 am      Morning Prayer

Mynachlog-ddu                  7.00 pm      Harvest Service

### 20<sup>th</sup> The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Llanglydwen                      10.00 am      Harvest Morning Prayer

Llanfyrnach                      11.15 am      Communion by Extension

Mynachlog-ddu                  11.15 am      Communion by Extension

### 27<sup>th</sup> Bible Sunday: One World Week Begins (Green)

Llanwinio                          9.30 am      Communion by Extension

Clydau                              11.15 am      Communion by Extension

Llanfyrnach                      7.00 pm      Harvest Service

### Notable Holy Days not on a Sunday

4<sup>th</sup>                                      Francis of Assisi (1226) Friar

15<sup>th</sup>                                     Teresa of Avila (1582) Teacher of the Faith

17<sup>th</sup>                                     Ignatius (c117), Bishop and Martyr

18<sup>th</sup>                                     Luke, Evangelist

23<sup>rd</sup>                                     James of Jerusalem, Bishop and Martyr

28<sup>th</sup>                                     Simon and Jude, 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*

## WE'RE ALL DOING TIME

I am sure you will agree with me when I say we all want to feel good; to feel complete and satisfied with the way our lives are going. We may be searching for enlightenment but we are all doing our time according to our best guesses.

Being human, our best guesses are not based on instinct, but on a great deal of thought and many sleepless nights. We have so many choices, that some of our decisions are bound to be bad ones, for the choices we make often leave a lot of unanswered questions making us feel less complete and less satisfied.

If we were very clever our lives could be a continuing process of adventure and discovery, but that isn't likely, for we would have to be bright enough to find the secret of making every choice a good one. Choices that help us rather than hurt us. Instead we tend to bury ourselves in work or play to take our minds off things while we await the inevitable.

Some turn to drink or drugs to obtain that good feeling and that leads to destruction and unbearable pain. Robbers hope to steal some contentment, to ease their craving for an easy life. The confidence tricksters have one ambition and that is to separate their victims from their money in order to make life more pleasant and secure for themselves.

When we look at the world today we find that many societies and governments have done much the same, but on a far grander scale. The world of insecurity and desire shares similar motivations from the lowest to the highest.

A few lines from Bob Dylan's song 'A Sweet Heart Like You' sums this up beautifully - "Steal a little and they throw you in jail, steal a lot and they make you a King".

However, since the very beginning of human life on this earth, amid all the bloodshed and endless quests for pleasure, riches and power, a few people have got together to pursue the Truth. Truth with a capital "T".

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The search for Truth – for all that makes sense of life, for the deep mystery that connects all creation – has never stopped or even paused for a moment. So, what is the Truth?

We know the road through life is not easy and “We’re All Doing Time”, but take heart! That road, has already been walked and the One who walked it before us said, “I am the Way, *the Truth* and the Life”- hence we have no need to search further for the Truth: only to believe.

*The heading I have used for this Editorial is the title of a book written by  
Bo Lozoff* *Maureen Henneveld*

## **LAST WORD**

I want to use my very last words in this venerable publication to offer a very big ‘thank you’ for the wonderful warmth and humbling generosity shown to Susie and me by individuals and parishes – and finally by the LMA as a whole gathered in Llanfyrnach Church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September (my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, as it happened). We arrived in good time for a 7.00 pm start – only to discover that everyone else had been ready for the off an hour earlier.

So it was with extra relish that we all tucked in to the magnificent spread, culminating in a cake made and exquisitely decorated with the LMA logo by Jan Newbury. When I get to the Pearly Gates, I will have just one suggestion for *homo sapiens* mark 2: separate orifices for eating and speaking, so you’re neither rudely silent nor showering your listener with crumbs.

We were showered with thanks and gifts, and left on a wave of good wishes which will buoy us up for a long time to come.

Professional protocol forbids us from taking part in parish activities for at least a couple of years; but the friendships we have made are measured in lifetimes, and for them we are truly grateful.

*Jonathan Copus*

## **We had a Ball!!**

The great annual Ball Race took place on the 10th of September beside The Bont at Llanglydwen. The sun shone down and helped to make it a perfect day. Musical entertainment was provided by Shaz (Sharron Woolley) and Simon who gave up their time on the hottest Bank Holiday for decades to perform for us free of charge. It was a pleasure just to sit in the Bont beer garden with a pint of beer and listen to the music.

The weather was actually a bit of a double edged sword as the sunshine obviously tempted a lot of families to head for the coast, and after all who could blame them?! Nevertheless a substantial sum of money was raised, see below.

There was the usual diverse array of stalls which were all well patronised and raised a lot of money for Group funds. Details as follows:

Sponsorship (after distribution of £50 prize money) - £581.00; Pre-loved Stall—£20.25; Cream Teas—£74.00; Hamper Raffle—£95.00; Treasure Hunt—£4.20; Christmas Tree Raffle—£31.00; Ice cream—£11.74; Names of dog and chicken—£31.05; Bran Tub and Splat The Rat—£46.88; Cakes and Produce—£134.75; Barbecue - £66.02; Tombola—£73.00. This all totals up to the grand sum of £1,168.89.

***Well done everybody and thank you for all your hard work!!***

The winners of the Ball Race were as follows:

First prize (£25): ball number 49, Alex Alexander  
Second prize (£15): ball number 555, Wyn Owens  
Third prize (£10): ball number 510, Susie Copus

## **Preseli Poetry Slam**

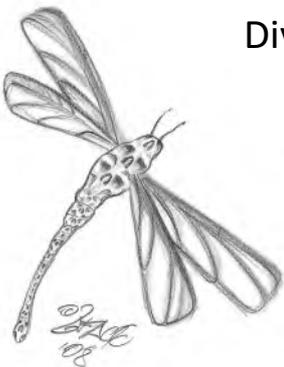
Preseli Poetry Slam Celebration was preformed at Newport Memorial Hall on Friday July 19<sup>th</sup>. It was a very enjoyable thought-provoking evening and well attended. All those who took part were passionate about the area they lived in and the Preselis. Several of the contributors had only been learning Welsh for a couple of years and had written poems in Welsh!

Margaret Ware wrote the following which did not appear in the last Grapevine:

### **Our Preseli Pond**

We dug a pond half an acre in size,  
I wondered how I would fill it.  
In less than a week it was full to the brim, I wondered why!  
I took the rods into our fields:  
Divined them across and found an underground stream  
Running under the house 30ft down.  
On a hot day I took a swim  
The surface water was warm but then  
I dived to the bottom,  
Dieu Dieu it turned my digits blue.

*Margaret Ware*



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## **A Fond Farewell to Jonathan from Llanfyrnach, Llanglydwen and Mynachlog-ddu**

What a wonderful send off Susie & Jonathan had! The celebration was at Llanfyrnach church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September joined by Llanglydwen & Mynachlog-ddu members,

the other two Churches having already made individual presentations. It was also Jonathan's 75th birthday.

The number of attendees was in the forties which included locals who have supported Jonathan over the years. The food was overwhelming - we had the usual high standard of home cooking from the congregation.

Mynachlog-ddu supplied a huge selection of "boxes" including heart shaped ones which were gluten free, large square "boxes" with a choice of hors-d'oeuvre & delicious savouries & mouth watering desserts. The lady responsible for presenting this wonderful food is named Rhiannon and she works from Maenclochog. Jan Newbury from Llanglydwen baked a huge cake laced with brandy, iced & decorated with the Cylch y Frenni logo which went down very well.

The presentation was made by Maureen Henneveld. Susie & Jonathan were overwhelmed by our generosity. We sang Happy Birthday to You followed by Daisy Bell – a reference to the greetings card which showed a couple on a tandem – maybe now Jonathan has more time, Susie's bike could be traded in for the 2-saddle variety! There was a lot of laughter, tinged with sadness as we said good bye.

Finally we have to give Betty, her sister Sara and her daughter a massive 'thank you' for all the clearing up afterwards– everywhere was all sparkling and pristine when they left Friday night. Very many thanks. A new chapter begins for all of us now as we look forward to the arrival of a new incumbent in, hopefully, the not too distant future. Let's hope we can carry on Jonathan's legacy and keep our churches open.

In the meantime please contact our Lay Reader or the appropriate Focal Minister as listed in Grapevine.

***We all wish Susie and Jonathan a happy and restful retirement,  
and we look forward to seeing them around!***

*Eve Brennan on behalf of Llanfyrnach Church*



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## Clydai's Farewell to Jonathan

When the Revd. Jonathan Copus retired in September 2019 – eight years to the day after his appointment to our group of parishes – we bade him farewell at a PCC meeting and party at his home on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2019 attended by nearly all Clydai's regular communicant members. It was a special occasion, marking the end of eight years of the stability of having a priest in charge.

Before Jonathan, we'd had the Rev'd Roger Thomas for five years and Ann Howells for eighteen months. Her induction in 2004 marked the end of a seven-year interregnum that started with Gwynedd Watkins's retirement due to ill health in 1997. So with great sadness, we enter another period of interregnum, but at least this time we, along with all the other churches in the group, have focal ministers to lead our routine worship.

Saying goodbye is hard, so we said it with flowers, a generous financial donation and a couple of biblical widow's mites from the late Tony Law's coin collection. Known as prutahs, these little coins were the small change of first century Judea and provide a solid connection for anyone holding them back to the time when Jesus lived there.

In Roger's last year as priest in charge, he made moves to have Llanfyrnach's yew tree cut back, as it was starting to press on the nearest gravestone. Jonathan set the plan in motion, with Richard Law and Michael Davies doing the work. They've been processing logs for sale to benefit Clydai's funds for some fifteen years now; starting with the ash trees around Clydai church, so the usual 'deal' is that the timber pays for the work. The tree had been 'coppiced' in about 1820 – cut back to a stump. From this stump new growth emerged and developed into four opposing branches, which balanced the tree nicely and supported the enormous canopy. To reduce this, Richard and Michael took two opposing limbs off and then left it to generate new growth. Eventually, one would remove the other two limbs, thus to encourage straight growth reaching skyward that will provide the canopy and shade for another two hundred years before further attention might be required.

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We kept the cuttings under cover for a few years and then had them planked, so Richard has been using some of that material to make Jonathan a replica of the blackamoor cardboys he used to make for pocket money when he was a student. Sadly, it wasn't ready to give Jonathan at the PCC meeting, but we hope to hand it over soon. Unpainted - yew wood is too nice a grain to paint over.

*Elizabeth Law*

## **Final Service at Llanwinio**

After the final service conducted by the Rev. Jonathan Copus on 25th of August in St. Gwynio's Church, Llanwinio, he and Susie were presented with a large planter bearing an image of the draig goch and an envelope containing what would be necessary to plant something inside it. Keith Taylor, Warden, and Judy Webb, Focal Minister thanked both of them for all their hard work and devotion to all the Churches within the Group.

It is hoped that the Group will have a new, permanent incumbent within the next nine months. Meanwhile the Churches will still be 'business as usual' - contact details in the front of this magazine.

*Judy Webb*

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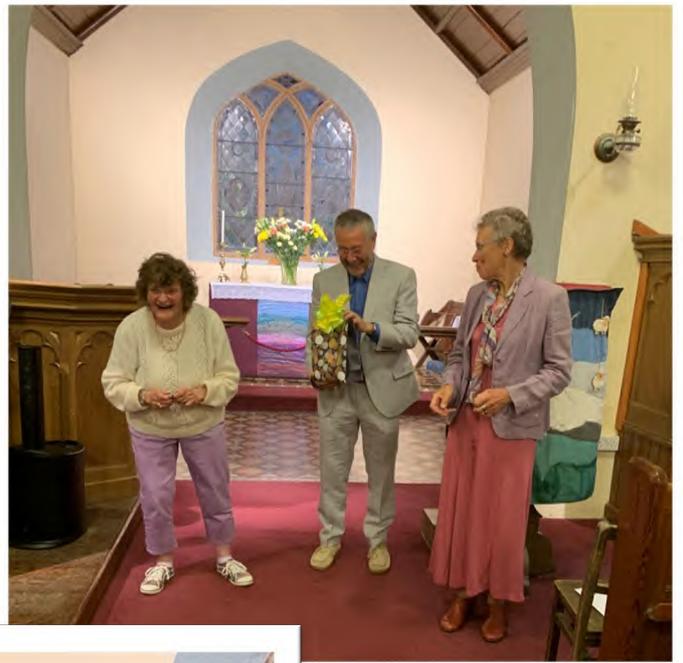
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## Mercy Update

It's been a busy couple of months for Mercy in Uganda. As well as taking delivery of her first-ever wheelchair, thus allowing her foster-parents' and friends' backs a chance to recover after having to carry her, she's now back on her feet again, with comfy new legs. Now we must restock the bank account – please don't forget the crochet bells and bookmarks that will help this. Contact – Judy Webb, Focal Minister of Llanwinio Church. Dare I say – shop early for Christmas?!



## LANWINIO W.I.



On the 3rd of September Llanwinio joined forces with Trelech WI for a visit to the Hotter Shop in Carmarthen and enjoyed a lovely meal at Florentino's afterwards. The next meeting takes place on the 8th of October when Llanwinio WI will be the guests of Trelech WI to welcome Lesley Cutler—The Pearl Lady. Bring your pearls!!

***Meetings usually take place at Llanwinio Community Hall at 2.00pm on the second Tuesday of the month For more details contact the President, Anne Summerbell on 01994 484278.***

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## Services in October

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Meidrim:	Harvest Thanksgiving.	
	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.45 am	Bilingual Eucharist
	4.00 pm	Bilingual Evensong.
Merthyr	11.15 am	Holy Eucharist

### 13<sup>th</sup> Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Merthyr:	Harvest Thanksgiving	
	11.00 am	Bilingual Eucharist
Meidrim	9.00 am	Boreol Weddi
	4.00 pm	Evensong

### 20<sup>th</sup> Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Meidrim	9.45 am	Holy Eucharist
Merthyr	11.15 am	Morning Prayer

### 27<sup>th</sup> Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Merthyr	9.45 am	Holy Eucharist
Meidrim	11.15 am	Matins
	4.00 pm	Hwyrol Weddi



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## Merthyr

On Friday September 13 the mortal remains of the late Mrs Margaret Sarah Violet Jones, formerly of Llwynpiod, St Clears, were interred in the churchyard of St Martin's, Merthyr, in the presence of her sons, Arwyn, Dylan and Dafydd. The Rector officiated at the service as he had at the public funeral at Parc Gwyn crematorium on August 28 when the members of the large congregation were able to pay their respects. Margaret died on August 19th at the age of 74 after a long illness which she bore with courage and dignity. She will be remembered affectionately for her unassuming presence, her quiet geniality, her friendship and her unostentatious but genuine faith and, in her family circle above all, for her love and care. Her late husband, Nicholas, who predeceased her in 2007, was churchwarden here. They are now, we trust, reunited as they were once in this life united in Holy Matrimony and in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

We are looking forward to our celebrations for the Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday, October 11 when we shall welcome as our guest preacher the Revd Canon Robert Capper. A native of Newport, Gwent, he was educated at Clifton College, Bristol, and Cambridge University where he read English. There to he met his wife, Ros, who was studying medicine. After an incumbency at Malpas, he served for many years as the Vicar of Gabalfa, Cardiff. He loves sailing and appropriately has retired to Neyland where his home looks out over the Cleddau. We extend a warm welcome to all to join us at Merthyr at the service which begins at 11 am and thereafter at the lunch in the community hall. Tickets for the lunch are available from Mr Hugh Evans. Cost: £10 for adults, £5 for school children. If you can help with decorating the church for the Festival we should be delighted to see you too.

On the fifth Sunday of the month when we have a shared service with the parishioners of Meidrim we usually give the loose collection to a worthy cause. It has been suggested that the next collection at Merthyr should be given to a charity helping those suffering from cancer. Tenovus Cancer Care has written recently asking for financial support. What do you think?

The late Mrs Anne Kathleen Joyce Jenkins was a native of Derbyshire but found a husband in Wales. For many years she and Glanville lived at Berthlwyd, Merthyr, although for some years Anne was cared for at Waungron, Whitland, She passed away on August 14<sup>th</sup> and her burial took place at Cana Chapel graveyard on August 30th. We extend the assurance of our sympathy to her brother, David, and her family at this time.

Our thanks go to Mrs Sylvia Evans of Ffynnon saint for donating the altar flowers in August and for cleaning the church in the same month.



## Meidrim

Our guest preacher at the Harvest Thanksgiving this year is the former Dean of the Cathedral. The Very Revd. Jonathan Lean is a native of the Fishguard area where his elderly mother still lives. He retired last year to Tenby. He served all his ministry in this diocese and, since he has a fine voice himself, he has always been keen to maintain the high standard of choral singing at the cathedral services. We look forward to welcoming him to the bilingual Evensong on October 6th at 4 pm and afterwards at the supper in the church hall.

One of the changes that has affected us in recent months has been the necessity to sing the services without the accompaniment of the organ. The reason for this situation is that church organists are increasingly in short supply. As the numbers attending services continue to decline in most denominations in this country, this should not surprise us perhaps although the lack of organists, especially in the countryside, is no new problem. The rubric after the third collect in the old Book of Common Prayer of 1662 reads: "In Quires and Places where they sing, here followeth the Anthem" which implies that there were places where people did not sing. We are of course indebted to those who still give time and effort to assist us by playing the organ at Divine service but are also mindful of the need to ensure that people with musical abilities should be encouraged to offer themselves for this particular form of Christian service. It is therefore heartening to note that that splendid organisation, the Royal College of Church Music, is sponsoring a course locally to teach the art of organ playing to those interested and able to benefit from this initiative. According to a recent news item on the Welsh language news of S4C it appears that some of the lessons are to be given at St Peter's, Carmarthen. Do we have any budding church organists in our locality?

**Coming up:** November 30 at 10.30 am. The pre-Christmas raffle and coffee morning with various stalls will be held in the church hall. Please book the date. It's a good opportunity to socialise.



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Our thanks go to the Revd David Reed for leading worship here on September 22 and to the Revd Canon Lyndon Harrison for doing likewise on the following Sunday, the Feast of St Michael and all angels. It is so important to maintain the regular pattern of weekly services so that parishioners know that they can expect a service to be held at the stated time. Moreover one of the great advantages of the parochial system, by contrast say with the Wesleyan system of a circuit ministry, is that the parishioners know who will be officiating from Sunday to Sunday as the cure of souls given to the parish priest includes the right ordering of worship in the parish church. The clergy are entitled to four Sundays each calendar year for the purposes of holiday and refreshment. No more, no less.

Food for thought: “Angels present a problem for the theory of knowledge, because in their proper being they are not perceptive to our senses ... it is surprising that many Christians allow that part of the Faith which deals with the angels to remain a dead letter, flying in the face of that revelation to which they profess allegiance, and of the experience of the Church to which they profess loyalty ... an angel is a being whose life is all contemplation and worship.” (H.A. Hodges, formerly Professor of Philosophy at Reading University).

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## Llandysulio, Clunderwen

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### Services in October

#### 6th Trinity XV1

St. Mary	10.00 am	Harvest Festival/Holy Communion
St. David	11.0 am	Holy Communion

#### 13th Trinity XVII

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	2.30pm	Holy Communion
St. Brynach	4.00 pm	Holy Communion

#### 20th Trinity XVIII

St. Mary	8.00 am	Holy Communion
St. Mary	11.00 am	Matins
St. David	2.30 pm	Harvest Festival

#### 27th Trinity XIX

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

### Welcome

Welcome to the Church family to Samuel Harry Oliver Bansal who was baptised in St. Tysilio on Saturday the 17th of August, and to Eadie Rose Stephens who was baptised in St. Mary's on Sunday the 25th of August.

## In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of Mary Fletcher of Clynderwen. The funeral took place in St. David's, Clynderwen and then at Parc Gwyn. It was good to see how many people attended both funerals which shows how much people loved and respected the families. Our sympathies go to the families.

## Events So Far

Thursday 3rd October	7.00 pm	Llandysilio. Harvest Festival followed by supper
Sunday 6th October	10.00 am	Whitland Harvest Festival with supper in the Dairies Club on Monday
Sunday 20th Oct.	2.30 pm	Clynderwen. Harvest Festival
Tuesday 1st October	7.00 pm	Memorial Hall. Open meeting about the East Landsker Ministry Area
Saturday 30th Nov.	10.30 am	Mince Pies at Llandysilio
Friday 6th December		St. Mary's raffle draw. Venue t.b.a .
Sunday 8th December	7.00 pm	St. Mary's. Whitland Male Voice Choir Carol Concert

## News from Llanboidy

**Llanboidy in Bloom:** The results of the Llanboidy in Bloom competition were announced at an afternoon tea held at the social club in Llanboidy on the 18th of August.

Norah Heseltine, as the oldest female resident of Llanboidy, presented the judge, Barbara Howells of Blaengelli, with a bouquet of flowers. Barbara said that she had thoroughly enjoyed looking at all the gardens from the road side (as was her remit) and that a lot of effort had been made by villagers to make their front gardens as colourful and attractive as possible

Winners of the 'pot and basket garden' were John and Elizabeth Rees of Erwlon. Barbara commented that their pots of plants were outstanding. Winners of the 'landscape garden' were Ken and Lyn Kendall of Crudawel whom Barbara said had made excellent use of terracing their sloping land into 3 very attractive terraces. She also wished to mention the hanging baskets in Number 3 which were very attractive and well planted.

Ken mentioned that the stone walls of his terraces were made with recycled stone from a barn nearby which was being demolished at Rest farm 30 years ago – Ken built the walls himself, commenting 'he was a lot younger then' with the help of his son David.



## St Brynach's Cleaning and Flower Rota

A reminder to all that the rota is in the Church porch (you should all have received a copy earlier this year). If you can not manage the date allocated to you then please let one of the Church wardens know.

October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie Bolger	Cleaning
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Eve Edwards	Flowers
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Liz Rees	Cleaning and Flowers

**Coffee, Craft + Conversation** - Join Jacqui in the Market hall, Llanboidy, on every Thursday morning from 10-12 noon, £4 including coffee and cake. Personal projects, skill sharing and group learning plus lots of laughter – bring along your knitting, sewing, patching etc and enjoy !!

**Te'r Cynhaeaf - Autumn Tea** – a fund raiser for Llanboidy Market Hall - Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> - 2pm to 4.30pm – tickets £8 available from Rodney's Shop and Post Office in Llanboidy. Come along and enjoy a sumptuous tea and a good chance to catch up with folks whilst supporting the Hall

**Ysgol Bro Brynach – Cinio Gymuned** – enjoy a Community Lunch in the School Hall - £5 - phone the week before to book a place on 01994 448636:

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 1pm: fish and chips and a pudding

Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> 1pm: roast dinner and pudding

A good opportunity to catch up on local news and friends and support the School as well - let Jonathan, the Chef, do the cooking for you!

## Llanboidy WI



The September meeting of Llanboidy WI was held in Llanboidy Social club on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, and was definitely a meeting of two parts. The Speaker was Mr Lindsay Halton, a qualified architect, who has become a house reader. Some of the stories he told were quite amazing and it was interesting to hear how peoples' homes can reflect or even govern their lives. He was thanked by Anna. Refreshments were served by Anna and Merle, and Merle

won the raffle. The competition was for the highest points scored with three darts - although some darts did not reach the board! - and was won by Eiry. Everyone enjoyed the competition with a difference, and there was great hilarity! During the business meeting items from the county newsletter were discussed, quiz questions answered and several members signing up for Tip-it, Patchwork, create a leaf, the county craft day, walks and the trip to NEC Birmingham Simply Christmas show. Val and Mary Chorley were due to set off on a county trip to Scotland at 3am after the meeting. Val and Norah were congratulated for being prize-winners at the county show in July. President Chris reported that the trip to National Wool Museum in July,

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with a conducted tour, and tea and cake to follow, had been thoroughly enjoyed by those who went along. Members were reminded of the Autumn Group meeting to be held in Meidrim on Friday 25th October. The October meeting of Llanboidy WI will be on Thursday October 10th, at 7.30 pm, when the speaker will be Jo Walton who will demonstrate making Christmas crackers. She will also have kits available for you to buy – get busy now for Christmas!!!

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

E-mail: sue@llanboidycheese.co.uk Phone: 01994 448303 Text: 07530 523813

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## Cyffig

September and Harvest Festival season already. Ours is on September 22nd at 2.30pm. We shall probably have celebrated it by the time you read this! Before we know it we shall be into the Christmas count down again. We're all very concerned about Climate change and its consequences, but "what's happening to time?" that's what I want to know.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Bingo Night at Red Roses Hall on August 21st. It was a fun way to spend the evening while raising some money for Church. We raised over £300. Many thanks to everyone for helping, especially to Colin and Dave for calling and checking cards and making the evening very entertaining. We look forward to another Bingo Night next year.

Church Cleaning and Altar flowers in October

Mrs. M. Beynon



## Whitland Male Choir

On a glorious summer's evening, the 23rd of August, Whitland Male Choir held a fund raising event and barbecue at Cresswell Quay in aid of Breast Cancer.



*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 7.30 pm. You can sit and listen or join in, no obligation. You can also contact our Secretary, Hugh Lewis on 01994 240437*

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## Eglwys Gymyn

Projects that have been held over pending completion of the repairs to the Chancel wall, (which now should be finished in September), are now at the front of a review by our Church Warden.

Several points that were raised in the 2018 Quinquennial report, namely the replacement of the lightning conductor and repairs to the Lych Gate , are now assuming a priority. A contractor has been in discussion over the replacement of the existing lightning conductor with the modern equivalent. The new technology is much more complicated than a simple 'copper' wire stretching from the highest point near the bell into the ground. We will probably need a site visit and more expense before a quote can be obtained.

The second issue on the agenda is replacing part of the 'Listed' Lych Gate wooden structure. Closer examination has shown it will be a more extensive and larger process because more of the structure is suffering from wood rot. So again we will need an in-depth examination to establish our best way forward. Time will tell if our resources will enable us to complete what we believe is necessary.

On August 25th, while Reverend Huw took a very necessary break, our Sunday service was led by Reverend Michael Lewis. Our normal service always gives us thought for some of the finer points that have been covered, and this Sunday was no different, in that we all felt uplifted at the end and during the following conversations.

Services in October are as follows:

Friday October 4th: Harvest Service at 7.00 pm, led by Rev Huw and guest minister Rev Martin Cox, and will be followed by a raffle and dinner in the Church Hall, (donations for the meal will be gratefully received).

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Our Sunday services in October are at 2.00 pm, led by Reverend Huw on October 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th.

Further points for your diary:

Remembrance Sunday Service at 10.00 am, on Sunday November 10th at Red Roses War Memorial, will be led by Rev David Faulkner.

Also, Rev David has agreed to lead the Eglwys Gymyn Christmas Eve service at 11.30 pm on December 24th.

## **Trinity, Llanboidy, Tabernacle, Whitland and Bethel, Llanddewi Velfrey**

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### **Services in October**

#### **Bethel, Llanddewi**

October 6th:	14.00	Welsh Communion Service
October 13th:	14.00	Harvest Thanksgiving Service
October 20th:	10.30	Joint Service at the <b>Tabernacle</b> led by Rev. Wyn Vittle
October 27th:	14.00	English Communion Service

#### **Tabernacle, Whitland**

October 6th:	11.00	Communion Service
October 13th:	9.30	Children & Young People Harvest Thanksgiving Service
October 20th:	10.30	Joint Service at the Tabernacle led by Rev. Wyn Vittle
October 27th:	10.30	Harvest Thanksgiving Service at <b>Nasareth</b>

***Sunday School at 9.30 every Sunday***

#### **Trinity, Llanboidy**

October 6th:	9.30	Communion Service
October 13th:	11.00	Service
October 20th:	10.30	Joint Service at the <b>Tabernacle</b> led by Rev. Wyn Vittle
October 27th:	9.15	Service



**Top:**  
**Tabernacle**  
**Chapel's visit to**  
**St. Davids**  
**Cathedral.**  
**Below:**  
**Judges and Prize**  
**winners of**  
**Llanboidy in**  
**Bloom**



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## Trinity Chapel

On the first Sunday in August, members were invited to a special service at the English Congregational Chapel Whitland to celebrate Whitland Week. The remaining services during August were joint services with Tabernacle and Bethel chapels. They were led by guest preachers Delyth Jones, Hefin Wyn and Annalyn Davies. All the services were well attended.

We are pleased to hear that Doreen Eynon and Wyn Makepeace who have recently been in hospital are making good progress. We send them our best wishes. We also wish a speedy recovery to all those who are not in the best of health at present.

Members send their warmest congratulations to Caroline and Owen Jenkins, Llangynin on the birth of their young daughter Abbie, a sister for Rhydian. Congratulations also to grandparents Delyth and Peter, and Nancy and Martyn on the new addition to the family.

## Tabernacle, Whitland

The annual trip is an important day for many chapel and this year our trip went to the St. David's area. Again this year we joined up with the Independent Chapels in the St. Clears area.

St. David's was the first stop. Some went down to see the cathedral while some went for a mid-morning coffee. It was then on to Porthgain and it was here that everyone ate their sandwiches. After lunch the bus went to Harmoni Chapel, Pencaer where we joined in a service led by the minister Geraint Morse. To finish the day we had supper at the Bush, Robeston Wathen before turning for home. Throughout the day one of our members Gerwyn Williams explained the history of the area as he returned to where he was born.



Looking forward, we have the children and young people's Harvest Thanksgiving Service on October 13th at 9.30. And then on October 27th we will be joining our friends at Nasareth for their Harvest Thanksgiving Service which will be led by Mr. Emyr Phillips.

## **Bethel Chapel**

We did not have our usual Communion Service on 1<sup>st</sup> September as Bethel Chapel, Loveston were celebrating their Harvest Thanksgiving which we attended as always, and enjoyed a fine tea afterwards. That evening several of us went to Ebenezer Chapel Cold Inn for their service which included a Christening and again, tea after the service. We stayed in our own chapel on the 8<sup>th</sup> for our English service and the following Sunday we were joined by members of Pisga Chapel Llandysilio for a Welsh service and again tea afterwards.

We look forward now to the publication of the book on the history of Tabernacle Chapel which will be launched at a service there on 27<sup>th</sup> September. On the 29<sup>th</sup> we will have our regular English Communion.

We send our best wishes to members who are unwell and not able to come to chapel and to those who are being looked after in Care Homes.

# GLANDWR W.I.

## MEETING ALFIE

Ginny from the Pembrokeshire Hogspital, Haverfordwest, came to speak at a recent meeting of Glandwr W.I. We were surprised to learn that, due to global warming, hedgehogs are now frequently giving birth twice a year. Sadly the hoglets from the second brood aren't able to get heavy enough in time to survive the winter, and many are found out and about during the day. When they go into the hogspital the babies need feeding every 2 hours, day and night, until they reach the correct weight and then kept until the weather is suitable before they can be released back to the wild. If possible, a hedgehog is always released in the area where it was found; it seems that they have an inbuilt knowledge of their home area. A hedgehog out by day, whatever the size, is a hedgehog in distress. It can be picked up with for example gloves or newspaper and Ginny assured us that neither the Pembrokeshire Hogspital or Hedgeley Hogspital in Abercych have ever received a hedgehog with fleas. They think that due to the sparse population hereabouts they just don't have that problem. However they do have problems with strimmers, traffic, bonfires and many other dangers.



***As things stand at the moment there is every possibility that these lovely little creatures – so useful to the gardener – could become extinct in the next 10 years.***

The highlight of the evening was our introduction to Gordon and Alfie! Gordon, a fully-grown hog recovering from injury, wasn't quite brave enough to face a room full of W.I. ladies. All we saw was his nose before he changed his mind and curled up tightly. However young Alfie, a few weeks old youngster, was delighted to be the centre of attention and to be passed round his adoring fans. It's Alfie in the picture! Ginny, Gordon and Alfie returned home with a supply of meaty dog food in jelly, dried cat food, kitchen rolls, bin bags and other things to make life easier, while our members returned home with a selection of pens, bags, little knitted hedgehogs etc. Ginny appealed for wire cat baskets/animal cages; both hogspitals average 200 hedgehogs a year and are always desperately short of cages for them. The 2 hogspitals run solely on donations of money, food etc. and as well as speaking to groups such as ours Ginny is particularly interested in visiting schools to educate

children on both hedgehogs and more exotic creatures – she and her husband Russ used to run Silent World aquarium in Tenby.

If you find a hedgehog in distress or out during the day, the numbers you need are:

**Pembrokeshire Hogspital, Haverfordwest 07974681659**

**Hedgeley Hogspital, Abercych**

**07792676112**

Judy Webb

## **AFON GARDENING CLUB**

On the 7th of September Afon Taf Gardening Club held their annual show at the Town Hall, Whitland. There was a wonderful display of flowers, vegetables, fruit and home-made produce. Trophy winners were Pat Price, Kathie Dubben, Beryl Gibbin, Anne Robinson and Jan Griffiths. The winner of the trophy for the highest number of points was Beryl Gibbin.





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On the 19th of September the speaker was Eva Rich who gave a very interesting talk about her experiences as a blind person and the various guide dogs who have helped her as well as the work of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

The next meeting is on the 17th of October which is the AGM.



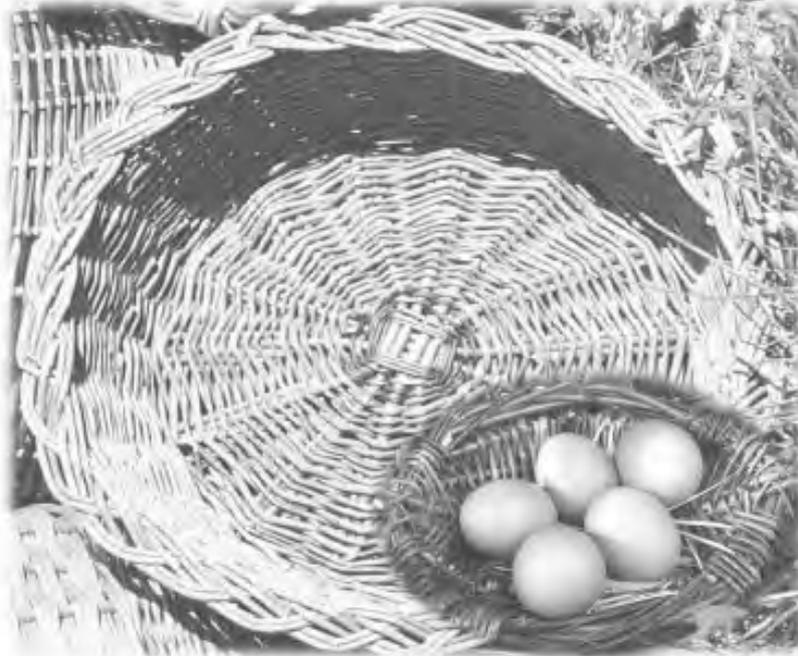


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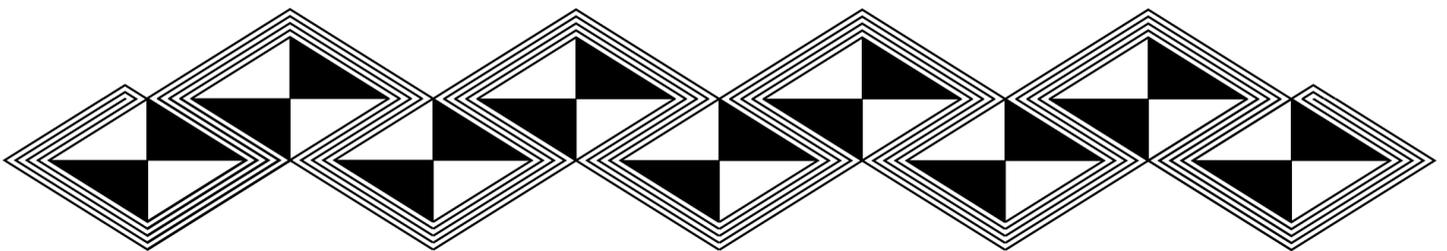
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