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

### SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

#### 1<sup>st</sup> The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Llanglydwen 10.30 am Joint Holy Eucharist

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Bro Preseli 10.30 am Communion by Extension

#### 8<sup>th</sup> The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity: Racial Justice Sunday (Green)

Llanglydwen 9.30 am Morning Prayer

Llanwinio 9.30 am Communion by Extension

Clydau 11.15 am Communion by Extension

Llanfyrnach 11.15 am Communion by Extension

#### 15<sup>th</sup> The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Llanglydwen 9.30 am Communion by Extension

Llanfyrnach 11.15 am Communion by Extension

Mynachlog-ddu 11.15 am Communion by Extension

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity: (Green)

Llanglydwen 9.30 am Morning Prayer

Llanwinio 9.30 am Communion by Extension

Clydau 11.15 am Morning Prayer

Llanfyrnach 11.15 am Morning Prayer

#### 29<sup>th</sup> Saint Michael and All Angels (White)

Llanwinio 10.30 am Joint Communion by Extension

### GOODBY-EE

# A

n Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman walk into a bar. The landlord says: 'What is this, some kind of joke?'

That's typical of the sort of humour pouring gently from the mouth of that great Irish comedian Dave Allen (1936-2005). The best-known

*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*

aspect of his multi-faceted career was *The Dave Allen Show*, a must-see on BBC1 for millions week after week.

Do you remember him sitting on that famous stool, cigarette in hand and glass of unspecified liquor on a table by his side, poking fun at topics large and small, including religion? And do you remember the words with which he closed each show? *Good night, and may your god go with you.*

I often wondered whether or not 'god' had a capital 'G'. On the whole not, I decided. I think what Dave meant was *May you be successful in whatever goal you prize most in life.* That, after all, is your personal god.

The time has come for Susie and me to bid *you* farewell. It would be impossible to count the many blessings that our God has poured on us during my time in charge of first the Crymych Group and then later as Team Leader of Cylch y Frenni Local Ministry Area. But what are the main things we have achieved together?

The most important ones are intangible and immeasurable, of course: the growth of faith, fellowship – and fun! As early adopters of the Local Ministry Area concept we have been at the forefront in developing a strong Core Ministry Team of Focal Ministers, Pastoral Eucharistic Assistants and Worship Leaders, and emphasising the importance of lay ministry (in contrast to the old 'VDE' syndrome – Vicar Does Everything). Our fellowship and fun have included annual pilgrimages to St Davids Cathedral, annual outings (the last to Brecon, complete with boat trip), and gatherings such as our weekly House Group and our choir, Saint Cledwyn's Singers.

But there have been plenty of other achievements as well. Four of our five churches have undergone major restoration works, at a total cost so far of

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around £693,000. We have installed new heating systems: in one church people were seen actually stripping off for the first time in over 800 years. We have nearly completed the mapping of our churchyards, all of which have been photographed from the air. We have developed an attractive website, used among others by holidaymakers to find their nearest place of worship. We took over the old deanery magazine *Grapevine* and turned it into a colourful and profitable publication carrying both church and community news. All five churches are now equipped with the means of reproducing recorded music, and one also has a hearing loop system. We have developed a 'hymn bank' for occasions when we have no organist – and made this available to other churches through the diocesan website. We have completely updated our liturgy. Some of our places of worship have been temporarily adorned with flower festivals and craft exhibitions, and all with more permanent gifts of outstanding beauty and skill. We have run Lent study courses which have challenged our faith by delving deeper than usual into its foundations. We have hunted treasure, taken tea together, solved quirky quizzes and mounted uproarious variety shows. And our weekly Scrabble Group has been an oasis of togetherness, intellectual challenge and hilarity in equal measure.

And we have spread out into our communities, holding worship in pubs, restaurants and community centres, expanding our work with children, forging and strengthening links with our local schools and Plas Dwbl, and becoming regular and welcome guests in Bro Preseli, our local Extra Care Housing complex, now scene of a regular monthly Eucharist as well as carol services. We have also toured bars singing carols (not forgetting to sample their wares by way of fair exchange). We have cooked gallons of cawl in aid of Children in Need. We have welcomed our Bishop three times in eight years. Our annual joint Remembrance Sunday service in Crymych Market Hall has been a much-appreciated focus of thanksgiving and celebration for the whole immunity.

We have held duck races and ball races, supplied and manned cake stalls, listened to riveting stories of wartime escapes, eaten Italian, Indian and fish and chips, tossed pancakes in public, and been entertained by choirs both visiting and home-grown. We have celebrated Harvests of the Spirit, with craftsmen in our midst displaying spectacular pieces of work and explaining the forces which inspired them. We have not neglected the animal kingdom, inviting pets in to help us give thanks for the joy and healing they bring us. We have developed our involvement with charities both abroad and at home, through our Fair Trade scheme, through our special sponsorship of Mercy, the Ugandan girl injured in an accident and needing constant renewal of her prosthetics, and

through our energetic collecting of goods of all sorts for Pembrokeshire Action to Combat Hardship (PATCH), following special talks by their lynch-pin Tracy Olin.

Whenever I make lists of this sort I forget to mention something really important. Once, in my job at the BBC, at the end of a recording of *Songs of Praise*, I assiduously thanked the choirs, the congregation, the conductor, the flower arrangers, the people who had polished the brass in the church and given out the books – and was just about to wrap up my speech when someone mercifully whispered: ‘ORGANIST!’ So I’m not going to pretend that this is a complete record of what we have done together – and I’m certainly not going to start naming names. As my old head master used to say: ‘They know who they are.’

Nor am I claiming credit for any of the above: the whole point is that it has all been *team work*, and I shall for ever feel privileged to have been involved in steering that team.

There’s just one person I will single out, though, and that is the oft-unsung heroine Susie, my wife. Not only has she kept me (most of the time) on the strait (sic) and narrow, but she has also been Llanglydwen’s PCC Secretary, Easter and Pentecost banners creator, and focal point for innumerable initiatives requiring a special blend of organisational aptitude, tact and insistence.

But enough of the past. The future holds promises of even greater successes in our new, expanded LMA of 15 parishes under the capable leadership of The Revd Kingsley Taylor as LMA Dean. Who will be in charge specifically of our five parishes is as yet unknown, but it will be a full-timer, who will therefore have more than my theoretical three-fifths of a day a week to devote to each parish.

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So from her and from me, in the words of the incomparable Dave Allen: 'Good night – and may your God go with you.'

*Jonathan Copus*

## **PLANNING MEETINGS**

The future of the new Local Ministry Area will be the subject of two meetings. The first, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September in Station House, Whitland starting at 11.00 am, is for everyone who holds a licence from the Bishop, whether as a Reader, a Focal Minister, a Pastoral Eucharistic Assistant or a Worship Leader. The second is open to everyone, and will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, probably in the evening and probably in the Memorial Hall, Whitland.

## **HAPPY IS THE BRIDE**

. . . and the groom, of course! Gavin Thomas and Sally Jackson were married in Llanfyrnach Church on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August. The bridal party was welcomed into the church by Scottish piper John Campbell, from Cardiff. We wish Gavin and Sally and their family a long and happy life together.



## **CEGIN Y BYD**

Our recipe book *Cegin y Frenni – a Taste of Wales* has gone global. 'Deposit' copies have been requested by the Bodleian Library, Oxford University; the Cambridge University Library; the National Library of Scotland; the National Library of Wales; and Trinity College, Dublin.

## **CAKES 'N BAKES at the Nevern Show, 7<sup>th</sup> August**

We did enjoy the day – lovely small Show, always something to watch as you walk around, or sit close to the ringside. No blaring music, interesting stalls to browse, and of course there was the **Mynachlog-ddu CAKES 'N BAKES** stall.



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We had tried setting up the gazebo the day before but the strong wind whipped the canvas across our faces as it flapped around, and threatened to take off, so we left the bare frame up, severely pegged down for the night. In the morning we managed the final assembly, and the windy and sunny day added to the challenge of arranging our delicious goodies, moving them out of the direct sun, and selling them. We sold everything! And we had interesting conversations, met old friends and made new ones, and took it in turns to wander around the Show.

Many thanks to the people who baked for us (you know who you are!). We made £198.70, which is more than last year!

## **MERCY'S NEW WHEELCHAIR**

Thanks enormously to the generosity of Mercy's friends here in West Wales and beyond, we were able to fund a wheelchair for her which she received at the end of July. One of her first outings in it was to their Church – Fort Portal Cathedral. Her foster dad Kens reports that the backs of all involved in lifting and carrying her are improving fast. Thank you so very much – you know who you are!



## **Visit to Rouen Cathedral**



Elizabeth and I had a few days in France around our wedding anniversary last year during which we visited Rouen cathedral. It's too big to take a photo of, hence either the top or bottom of the façade is out of frame. It was briefly the tallest building in the world when a cast iron spire was added in 1876: the same year as St. Clydau's spire was added. Cologne cathedral exceeded its

height by 6 metres in 1880. Clydau's spire was demolished in 1973.

The first church on the site of Rouen cathedral was in use by the late 4<sup>th</sup> century. The first cathedral was contemporary with St David. That was destroyed by Viking invaders and presumably reconstructed by Viking settlers, as Rollo, founder of Normandy (north men's land) was baptised and later buried in it.

The oldest parts of the current building post-date the Normans adding England to their portfolio – at which time Rouen was capital of England. King Richard I invested in its enlargement during his lifetime. His grave within it, near the high



altar, contains just the Lionheart's heart. His entrails were probably interred near where he died in 1199 and the rest of him went to Fontevraud Abbey where his father King Henry II and his mother Eleanor of Aquitaine await the Day of Judgment.

The cathedral's dedication to Our Lady of Rouen is later, dating from Rouen's deliverance from the Black Death in 1347. The building has been extended, damaged by lightning several times, improved, damaged by Calvinists in the protestant revolution that didn't stick, again in the French revolution and in WW2 was bombed by the RAF in April 1944 and by the Americans in June that year.

What intrigued us are the statues. Carved in soft limestone, they used to adorn the exterior of the building as the heavy weathering shows: but look how tall they are. All the male figures are bigger than me and all the women are shorter than Elizabeth.



*Richard Law*

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**Above:**

**Local Independent chapels in the Whitland and St. Clears area on their annual pilgrimage .  
The picture was taken at Porthgain.**

**Left:**

**Mercy tries out her new wheelchair**

**Below:**

**Bridal cars at Llanfyrnach on the 10th of August.  
David Jones, Llanfyrnach, drove the bride in his  
own car and the other one was provided by  
Brian Hough from Carmarthen.**





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## Preseli Poetry Slam

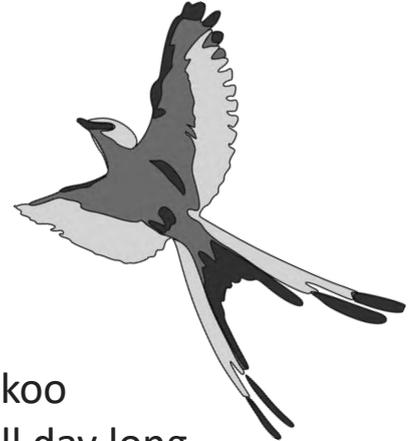
This summer Span Arts and PLANED have been hosting a unique bilingual writing project. Welsh poet Karen Owen has been working all over Pembrokeshire to inspire people to pick up their pens and write about their lives in the region. The event culminated in a celebration of the project at Newport Memorial Hall on Friday 19th July. Margaret Ware and Eve Brenan, together with two ladies from Bro Preseli, took part and here is what they wrote:

### *Our winged visitors*

The magpie comes a-tapping,  
my early morning friend,  
time to start my day again,  
my task is now to tend.

Like geese, we follow Mother,  
that's how it's always been;  
to follow her forever more,  
she was the first face seen.

We sit beneath the oak tree  
watching the world go by,  
the pigeons cooing softly  
to fledglings way up high.



A lazy baby cuckoo  
just sits there all day long,  
a tired little sparrow  
brings worms to feed its song.

Swallows come, they eat and sleep,  
two hundred came before...  
now, at night, I search the lines  
and fail to see a score.

*By: Margaret Ware, Ann Williams, Maureen Player and Eve Brennan  
in conversation with Karen Owen*

## Line Dance for Mercy

What a good evening we had on 20<sup>th</sup> July! Our house group member and line dance teacher, Hazel Jones, organised a charity line dance evening in Carew to raise funds for our little Ugandan girl with no feet, Mercy. I've tried line-dancing classes but my brain just can't cope so it was magic to watch it done properly! And a lovely shared buffet; raffle with hosts of prizes and a sales table of my crochet bells and bookmarks made a handsome sum towards care for our little one.

The event was even shared with the family in Uganda, courtesy of photos sent on line and a lot of interest came from them. Kens, Mercy's foster dad e'd 'we



have been watching Mercy line dance videos with our family and friends here in Uganda again, the truth is we can't imagine the movements - to-fro-back-side-left-right-centre! Our question is, do the dancers train as team so that they successfully match each step uniformly?' Hazel sent them a video of a dance with instructions (the internet can be wonderful!). I will leave the last words to Mercy - "I can do line dance when my legs gets better!" *Judy Webb*

## LANWINIO W.I.

There was no meeting in August. The September meeting, in a change to the printed programme, will be on the 3rd of September when Llanwinio will join forces with Trelech W.I. for a visit to the Hotter Shop in Carmarthen and a meal at Florentino's afterwards.



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# Meidrim and Merthyr

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## Services in September 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Meidrim	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.45 am	Y Cymun Bendigaid
	4.00 pm	Evensong
Merthyr	11.15 am	Holy Eucharist

8<sup>th</sup> Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

15<sup>th</sup> Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

21<sup>st</sup> Matthew, apostle and evangelist

Meidrim	12.00	Holy Eucharist
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22<sup>nd</sup> Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Merthyr	9.45am	Holy Eucharist
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Meidrim	11.15am	Matins
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29<sup>th</sup> St Michael and All Angels

Meidrim	10.30am	Holy Eucharist
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## Meidrim

Congratulations go to Miss Gwenllian Phillips, daughter of Mr Elgan and Mrs Annette Phillips of Penrhosyn, on obtaining an Honours degree in Mathematics from Swansea University. Gwenllian intends to follow a vocational course so as to qualify as a schoolteacher. We wish her well for the future. Pob dymuniad da.



**Left:**  
***Congratulations to Aiden Rainbow,  
Cwmfelin Boeth, on achieving a  
Bsc Maths at Cardiff University***

**Below:**

***Sally Jackson, daughter of Robert  
Jackson, Pantgwyddil Farm, Llanfyrnach  
and Gavin Thomas, son of Beverley and  
Philip Thomas, School House, Trelech at  
their wedding at Llanfyrnach Church  
on the 10th of August***



The Meidrim carnival and the sports afternoon which followed were well organised and well attended. It is good to record that Mr Tony Burns raised well over £500 for charity at this time. Whilst it necessitated his shaving off his hair it also means, we trust, that sufferers from cancer will benefit from his enterprise.

The Vicar read the lesson at the funeral of the late Mrs Martha Ann Nanette Thomas on July 27th at Llanfihangel Abercywyn when the Archdeacon of Carmarthen, the Ven. Dorian Davies, officiated in church and at the graveside. Nanette was widowed only last year when her husband Albert, formerly of Trefenty farm, passed away. She was born into a Meidrim family and maintained a lively interest in the village and the church here. We remember in our prayers her children, Edward and Valerie, and all who mourn her passing.

Please do not forget the evening meal in aid of church funds to be held at the Carpenters Arms at Broadway on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm.

### **Advance notices**

The Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held on October 6th. There will be a bilingual eucharist at 9.45 am and bilingual Evensong at 4.00 pm. This latter service will be followed by the Harvest Supper in the church hall. Tickets for a two-course meal will cost just £8.00. We shall welcome our guest preacher, the Very Revd Jonathan Lean, formerly Dean of St Davids.

The pre-Christmas coffee morning, stalls and raffle will be held at 10.30 am on the last Sunday of November. Please support this enjoyable event on Nov. 30th.



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## **Merthyr**

Congratulations go to Robert and Sian Davies of Brynhyfryd, Red Roses, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on July 29th. We wish them many more years of married life together.

Thanks go to Mrs Marilyn Davies for cleaning the church in July and for supplying the altar flowers in memory of her son, Andrew.

At the time of writing Mrs Margaret Jones is in Glangwili hospital. She has been unwell for quite a long time and has shown much fortitude throughout her illness. We assure her of our good wishes and prayers.

Our thanks go to all who made donations in memory of the late Mrs Joyce Walters. The church's funds have been much helped by such generosity.

In September the architect will carry out the inspection on the church building and then make detailed recommendations about the necessary works required. We hope to carry out such works as soon as possible.

## **Food for thought:**

“the sense of guilt is a self-centred attitude which causes a person to turn away from facing unwelcome facts. The sense of sin is an altruistic attitude in which a person bows before the supreme fact, namely Almighty God.” (Lindsey Dewar, 1949)

# Whitland, Cyffig, Llanboidy

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### Services in September

#### 1st Trinity XI

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

#### 8th Trinity XII

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

#### 15th Trinity XIII

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

#### 22nd Trinity XIV

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

#### 29th Michael and All Angels

St Mary	8.00 am	Holy Communion	KT
St Mary	11.00 am	Holy Communion	KT
St David	11.00 am	Matins	NJ

## What is going on?

Ignore rumours you may have heard (even if stated as fact). The future of the Parish is not that we are being merged with St Clears. On the promise of a full time Cleric in the Crymych area I have finally agreed to become LMA Dean of the East Landsker LMA which is 15 churches comprising our 5, Huw's 5 and Jonathan's 5.

What does this mean? Each church will run itself as normal except that the PCC will become simply the Church Council (CC) with its own Secretary and Treasurer (I can be chair of this unless someone else would like to do it!). There will be an overall PCC for the 15 churches as in effect the 15 churches will become one parish. There will be a representative from each church on this PCC which will have its own Lay Chair (not Huw or myself), its own Secretary and its own Treasurer (anyone who feels they would like to do this please let me know). Huw will still look after his churches, I will still look after my churches and the new guy will look after the Cylch Y Frenni churches

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### Nevern Show

*Left: A boa constrictor on display at Nevern Show. It was wrapped around the neck and arms of its handler who said you could touch it quite safely – it would only attack if threatened. Handsome beast.*

*Below: This is Ross, a co-worker from Plas Dwbl College in Mynachlog-ddu. He came to Nevern Show with a student who had made this wonderful Roman helmet from felt and willow'*



## **Moving Home**

Soon I will be moving into my new home. As you know I have never been particularly happy about this, so don't expect any celebrations and please respect my privacy. If you have official business come to the side door of the study where I will still be pleased to see you.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Aiden Rainbow on achieving a Bsc Maths at Cardiff University.

## **Thanks**

Thanks to Mike and Sue and all at Station House for a lovely Barbecue on Friday 9th August for St Mary's It was a pity about the weather but there is always a warm welcome.

## **Confirmation Classes**

Anyone interested in confirmation please contact the vicar, classes start soon.

## **Welcome**

Welcome to the Church family to Sydney Jane Kathryn Thomas baptised on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Aug at St Mary's.

## **In Memoriam**

It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of Mary Fletcher of Clunderwen. As the funeral hasn't taken place at time of writing I will give a fuller account next month.

## **Events so far**

September 22nd	2.30 pm	Harvest Festival, Cyffig
September 24th	7.00 pm	Harvest Festival, Llanboidy

## **Llanboidy**

It is with great sadness we report the death of Mrs. Margaret Sullivan in Newport, Gwent. Her funeral was at Newport Cathedral on the 12<sup>th</sup> August. Whilst living in Llanboidy Margaret and her husband Brian were very active in the Church and also in the Community. Our sympathies go to Brian and family.

Our thanks go to Jim and Katherine Lee and Sharon of Eastgate for clearing the brambles from some of the bushes in the Church Yard – it looks so much better now.

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## St Brynach 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 cannot manage the date then please let one of the Church wardens know.

September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Griffiths:	Flowers & Cleaning
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Stephanie Bolger:	Cleaning
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Eve Edwards:	Flowers

## WI

Next meeting - 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 in the Social Club at Llanboidy - Lindsay Halton will be talking about 'Reading Houses'.



## Coffee, Craft & Conversation

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

## Help!

Help is needed to decorate St Brynach's Church for the Harvest Festival services. Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10ish - all donations of flowers, food and produce will be much appreciated.

## St Brynach's Harvest Festival - Sunday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11.15 am

## St Brynach's Harvest Festival Supper

Tuesday September 24th at 7.00 pm followed by the Harvest Festival Supper afterwards in Llanboidy Market Hall.

## Autumn Tea fund raiser for Llanboidy Market Hall

Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> - advance notice to put in your diaries - more details in next month's Grapevine

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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# Whitland Male Choir



On Sunday 4th August, Nigel & Jayne Phillips organised an Afternoon Tea event at Dyffryn Taf School, Whitland. Family and friends helped out too, and it was very successful. £2,900 was raised for Breast Cancer Care. Jayne and family would like to thank all the friends and family who helped, and supported the event, plus raising a large amount.

On Friday 23rd August we have our annual BBQ at Cresswell Quay, starting at 5.30pm. It usually is a fun evening with the choir, and a singsong. Come along and join in the fun!

On Friday 30th August we have a Three Choir Bonanza concert with the Corran Singers, Whitland MVC, and Unlimited Voices (Yorkshire). It is at Laugharne Chapel, King Street, Laugharne at 7.30pm. Tickets £5.

***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***

## Eglwys Gymyn

At Eglwys Gymyn we seem to have been talking, worrying and waiting forever to finally get to the point when work can be started on repairs to the Chancel wall

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behind the altar which supports the main stained glass window. Well at last, in July, we received the Faculty approval to commence the work and we 'think' that by the time this edition of Grapevine is published our contractor will have probably finished the work. Our church, St Margaret's, has been here for many hundreds of years, so 6 months to achieve approval is really not very long, but that doesn't stop the impatience to fix a fault we find worrying and was identified in last year's Quinquennial report.

On July 7th, our sister church in Pendine took the opportunity to hold their Sunday service on the beach at Pendine. The service was led jointly by Pastor Hayden Wood and Rev Huw and, a sizeable congregation included members from Eglwys Gymyn and many holiday people enjoying an afternoon on the beach. Fortunately it was one of those ideal summer afternoons and all thought it was a splendid alternative to being enclosed in a warm church, and the way impromptu services would have been held in the Holy Land.

Special events in the autumn follow the pattern of previous years;

Saturday 21st September: Tractor run, gathering at the church car park at 10.00 and commencing the run at 11.00 am

Friday 4th October: Harvest service at 7.00 pm, followed by tea/coffee in the church hall.

Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Christmas Fayre from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Our Sunday services in September are as follows:

Sept 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd: 2.00 pm

Sept 29th: Combined service with all the group churches, at 10.30 am, Eglwys Gymyn.

### **'Biblical Fun' according to a Leprosy Mission tea towel!**

- 1. Who was the fastest runner in the Bible?**
- 2. What kind of car did the disciples drive?**
- 3. Who was known as a mathematician in the Bible?**
- 4. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?**

***Answers on page 34***



**Left:**

*Lewis Llewellyn who hails from Scunthorpe, comes and spends a large part of his summer holiday with his grandparents Marnie & John Llewellyn of Llanfyrnach, but does he rest when he is here? Definitely not. He gives a helping hand to one or two people in the village like Eve Brennan and Margaret Ware .*

*“He is a very pleasant chap, easy to work with and very willing to help if he is needed”, says Eve. Here is a picture of Lewis preparing to dig an out-of-control flower bed for Eunice Batchelor. He has been known to help out sometimes at Jacque’s the hairdressers in Crymych. Is there no end to his hidden talents? Obviously not!*

*Well done Lewis, and thank you for all your hard work.*

**Right:**

*Hazel and David Jones’s little granddaughter, Cerys, all dressed up for the Wales v England match at Twickenham on the 11th of August. No prizes for guessing which side she was cheering on!!*



## Afon Taf

### Gardening Club

At the August meeting John Shipton came to Whitland to talk about his travels to Japan where he saw many plants we have in our gardens in their native location. John is a keen plant and bulb collector and has travelled the world both as a collector and as a guide. He illustrated his talk with a large number of interesting photographs.

The next meeting is on the 19th of September when Eva Rich will talk about Guide Dogs for the Blind.

But on the 7th of September the Club is holding its annual show at the Town Hall,

Whitland. This is a splendid little show and there will be delicious teas and a plant stall. Doors open to the public at 2.30pm and trophies will be presented by the current Mayor of Whitland, Barry Chapman.

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## Services in September

### Bethel, Llanddewi

September 1st: 14.30: Thanksgiving Service at Bethel, Loveston  
led by Rev. Alex Maine  
September 8th: 14.00: Service  
September 15th: 14.00: Service (with Pisgah Chapel, Llandysilio joining us)  
September 22nd: 14.00: Service  
September 29th: 14.00: Service

### Tabernacle, Whitland

September 1st: 9.30: Communion Service  
September 8th: 11.00: Service  
September 15th: 9.30: Service  
September 22nd: 11.00: Service  
September 29th: 9.30: Service

*(Sunday School at 9.30 every Sunday)*

### Trinity, Llanboidy

September 1st: 11.00: Communion Service  
September 8th: 9.30: Service  
September 15th: 11.00: Service  
September 22nd: 9.30: Service  
September 29th: 11.00: Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Rhydyceisiaid

## Tabernacle

Our annual trip went to the St. Davids area this year. After spending the morning in St. Davids and having a chance to visit the cathedral, we then went to Porthgain where everyone ate their sandwiches in beautiful surroundings. It was then on to Harmoni Chapel, Pencaer for a service that was led by the Harmoni minister, Reverend Geraint Morse. During the afternoon one of our members - Gerwyn Williams, who is from the area - gave us the fascinating history of the area. It was then on to the Bush in Robeston Wathen for supper and to finish off a good day for everyone.

August is a quiet month when we join together for a joint service every Sunday. In September we will be back to normal starting with a communion service on September 1st. We have a big night coming up on Friday, September 27th, when we will be launching the first ever book on the history of the Tabernacle, Whitland. The author is Denley Owen and everyone is welcome to the launch at the Tabernacle on the 27th at 7 o'clock.

## Bethel Chapel

The Chapel was full once again for our Communion Service on 4<sup>th</sup> August for the baptism of Aron Redding, the youngest of five generations to worship in Bethel. The family said they were delighted with the atmosphere in the Chapel, and they later held a christening tea in the village hall.

This was the only service in Bethel with our minister in August as he took his well deserved summer break. The following Sunday we were at Trinity for a joint service taken by Ms Delyth Jones of Dinas. It was our turn to hold a joint service on the 18th when we were joined by Trinity and Tabernacle. The service was taken by Mr Hefin Wyn from Maenclochog. For the last Sunday we will be at Tabernacle for a service with Mrs Annalyn Davies officiating.



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We will not have a service on 1<sup>st</sup> September either as we will be going to Bethel Loveston for their Harvest Festival where the guest preacher is Rev Alex Mayne of Pembroke. Two of the regular worshippers at our chapel have connections there and we regularly join with each other.

## GLANDWR W.I.

A lovely June day (not too hot!) saw the Glandwr WI's annual summer outing. A coachful of members, partners and friends first of all visited the Lovespoon Workshop in Cold Inn, Kilgetty. We had a very warm welcome and a demonstration of carving. The Workshop has been a family business since 1975, and have every year carved a (large) Lovespoon of the Year featuring both worldwide and family events – wonderful to browse! I had never heard of this amazing place, but I urge everyone to visit! Prices are very reasonable and



everything is produced on the premises by a very talented father and son. The writer is in the process of commissioning a lovespoon for her grand-daughter's wedding next year; it will be carved within 15 miles of the home of her great great grandfather!

Then after a pub lunch we went on to Hilton Court where we enjoyed visiting the pottery, gift shop, plant sales, cafes and beautiful gardens. Altogether a very enjoyable, memorable day.

*Judy Webb*



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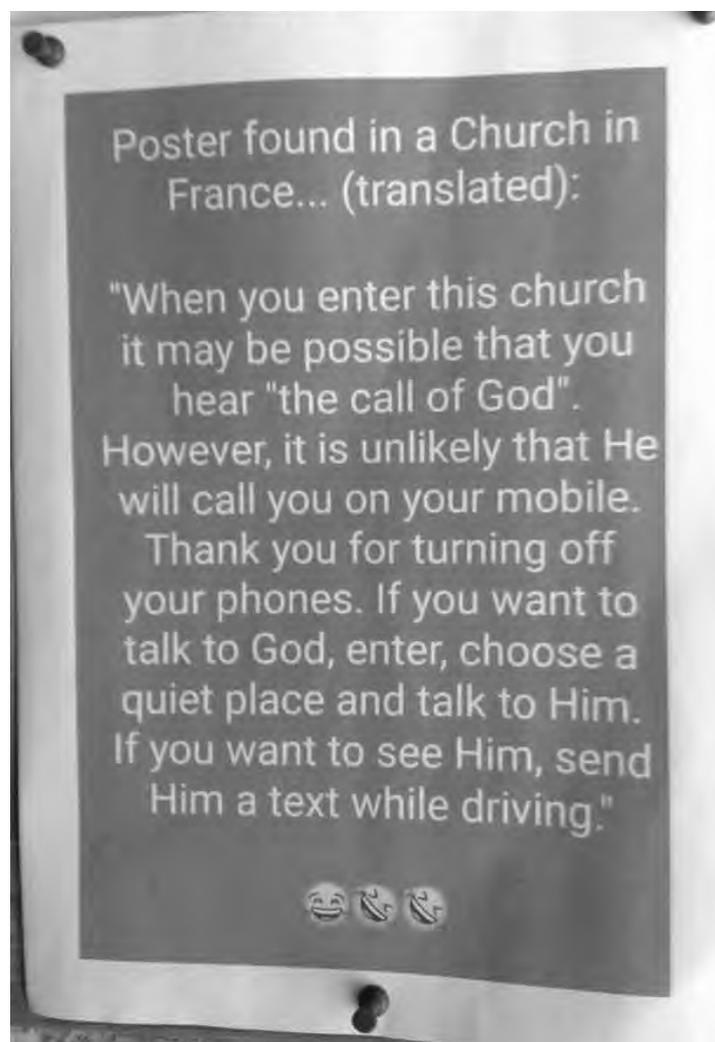
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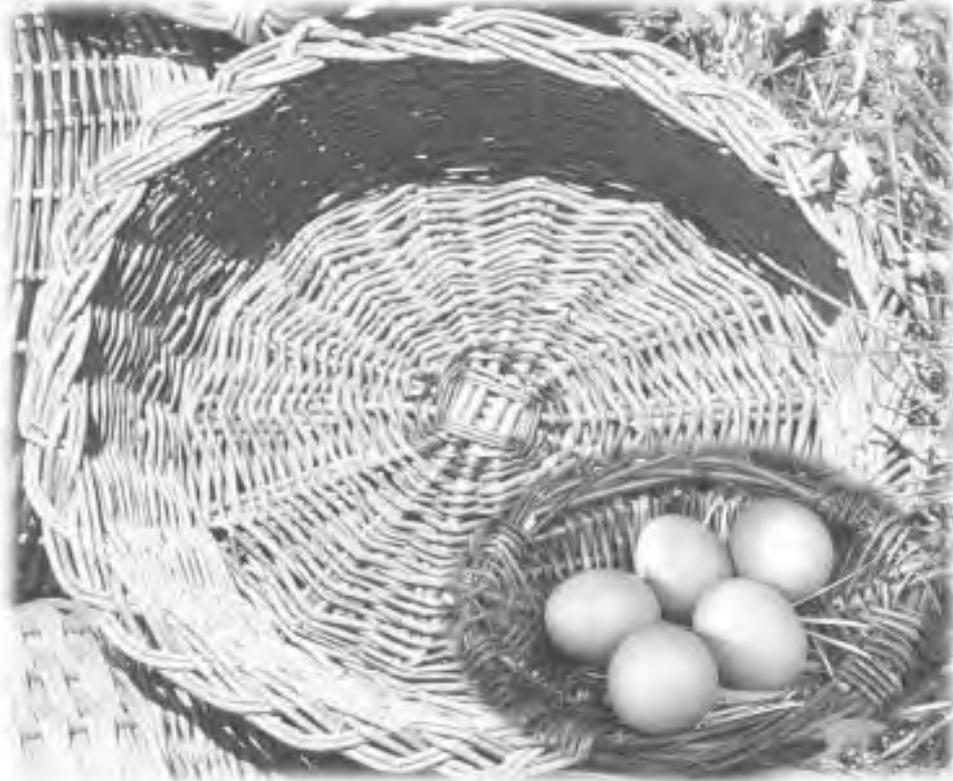
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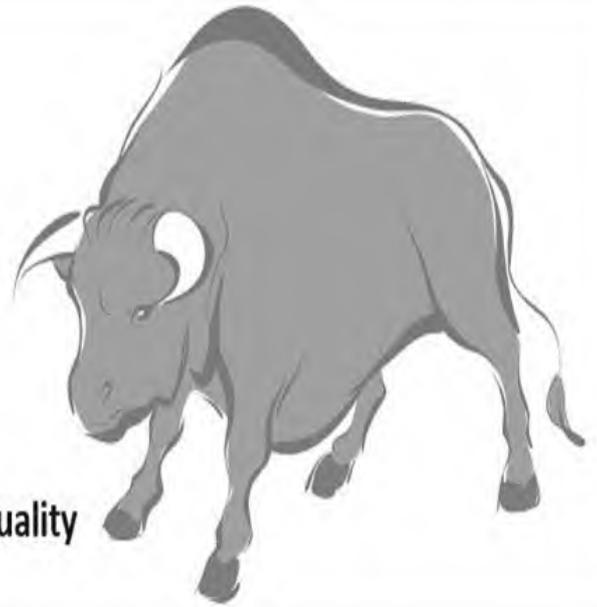
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***Answers:***

1. Adam - he was first in the human race
2. A Honda because the Bible says they were all in one Accord
3. Moses - he wrote the book of Numbers
4. Because Noah was standing on the deck

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