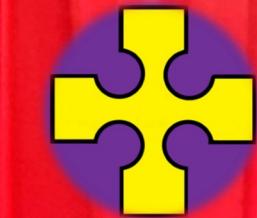


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SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

3rd The First Sunday of the Kingdom

Llanglydwen	9.30 am	Communion by Extension
Llanfyrnach	11.15 am	Communion by Extension
Mynachlog-ddu	11.15 am	Morning Prayer

6th Wednesday

Bro Preseli	10.30 am	Communion by Extension
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10th The Second Sunday of the Kingdom

Llanwinio	9.30 am	Communion by Extension
Crymych Market Hall	10.30 am	Remembrance Service

17th The Third Sunday of the Kingdom

Llanglydwen	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
Llanfyrnach	11.15 am	Communion by Extension
Mynachlog-ddu	11.15 am	Communion by Extension

24th Christ the King: The Fourth Sunday of the Kingdom

Llanwinio	9.30 am	Communion by Extension
Clydau	11.15 am	Communion by Extension
Llanfyrnach	11.15 am	Morning Prayer

Some Notable Dates not on a Sunday

5 th	Cybi (6 th Century) Abbot
6 th	Illtud (5 th Century) Abbot
8 th	The Saints of Wales
11 th	Martin (c397) Bishop
14 th	Dyfrig (6 th Century) Bishop
30 th	Andrew, Apostle. Patron Saint of Scotland

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

On a regular basis, the St. Davids Diocesan website contains a homily appropriate to the week's Gospel reading, for the use of those leading worship who aren't licensed to preach. I used this at Michaelmas in St. Gwynio's Church, Llanwinio and it was suggested that it deserved a wider audience – the readership of Grapevine.

Picture an angel.

Picture an angel and I will guess what you see.

Firstly, I am going to guess - wings. Angels are God's messengers- 'angel' means 'messenger'. When the messages you deliver are God's they must go wherever God wants them to be and fast, so we picture angels with wings. God's messages are important.

Secondly, I am going to guess - white or shiny clothes. Angels are God's messengers. God is holy and pure and exciting and beautiful, so we picture them shiny and glowing. God's messages are good.

Thirdly, I am going to have to guess - some sort of halo or light shining from them. Angels are God's messengers. God's messages bring light in darkness, wisdom in chaos, hope in despair, so we picture them crowned in light. God's messages shine out.

Did I get it right? Something along those lines is how artists down the centuries have tried to show us in pictures what God's messengers to us are like. I have never seen an angel like that. But I have heard God's message in the voice of a friend, or a preacher, or a storyteller. I have read God's messages in the Bible and in the world and hoped I have read them right and even though there were no wings, or halos or shiny frocks the messages were important and good and enlightening and holy.

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On the 29th September, we are asked to think about St. Michael and all angels. Michael is an archangel, a leader of angels. Christian tradition talks about four archangels in particular. There are many variations in the traditions. We really do not know much about angels and we guess a lot.

There is Gabriel. You will remember him from the story of how he came to Mary to tell her that she would become the mother of Jesus. He also announces the birth of John the Baptist and explains to the prophet Daniel the meaning of his troubling visions. His name means something like “The strength of God” and he seems to bring God’s messages at the start of great changes in the world. His first words from God are generally, “Do not be afraid”.

Then there is Uriel. He does not appear in the Bible as we have it, but in some of the apocryphal stories around it. His name means “God’s light” and he appears in the story as God’s messenger for repentance, new starts and second chances.

Raphael is the archangel of healing. His name means “God heals”. He appears in the apocryphal *Book of Tobit* and walks with the young man who seeks to resolve the problems facing two families. Because of the story he is sometimes shown holding a fish, guiding a boy and with a dog trotting along at his heels. Because of the story too, Roman Catholics call on him as a patron saint of travellers, students and matchmakers. God’s healing comes in a lot of different forms.

Then there is Michael himself. His name means “Who is like God?”. It is a battle cry, an assertion that no one is like God, no power greater. As St. Paul says in *The Epistle to the Romans* “Who can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord? Shall trouble, or distress, or persecution, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword? No. In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us” (Romans 8. 35-37). The prophet Daniel sees Michael protecting God’s people. He is spoken of in *The Epistle of Jude* and in *Revelation* leads the forces of Heaven against the powers of evil and triumphs. God’s power protects and saves. There is nothing like it.

So, one way of thinking about God’s messages and messengers today might be to ask yourself, how do I desperately need to hear God speaking to me (which could be phrased picturesquely as which angel do I pray will walk beside me). Do I need to hear that there is hope even in change and chaos, Gabriel?

Do I need the grace to change and start again, Uriel?

Do I need to find healing of body, mind, spirit, family or society, Raphael?

Do I need to remember that God is in charge and will triumph eventually, Michael?

Do I need all of that and more? Then we all need the feast of St. Michael and all angels. Just don't reject the answers when they come because the angels who bring them don't have white frocks, wings and halos.

Judy Webb

THE SILENT PASSENGER

We had some horrendous rain during the start of October when I needed to travel to Glangwili Hospital to see my husband Ted. The standing water on the roads, the floods down the lanes and the spray on the expressway all added up to stress and time delays and not to mention nerves as well.

The day that I was told I could bring him home was a delight to my heart, but part of me trembled at the thought of this heavy rain still pouring down at a fantastic rate. But it was all systems go and we got very wet with the transfer from the hospital into the car. Once in there I made him comfortable with blankets and put the heater on full. Time to go home.

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Carmarthen is busy at the best of times and on this day, it happened to be 5:00 pm as I joined the throng of cars all heading for home. I was stationary on Carmarthen Island heading for B&Q for about 20 minutes and there were cars to the front of me, cars to the right of me and cars to the rear and cars trying to push in on my left. And still the rain came down like stair rods.

It was at this point I prayed to the Lord to get me out of there and home safely. Ted was asleep by the side of me all swaddled in blankets, gently snoring. Suddenly I didn't feel so harassed, the rain didn't seem so hard, but all the cars and their lights were still there. There was a calmness in the car, and I knew we were not alone, still travelling about 2 feet every now and again. There was a presence in the car with us, it felt as though I had a second passenger in the back, but I couldn't see anything. After about half an hour of this slow travelling, things began to open up, and it was now time to change into second gear. We were moving faster, but the rain still came down in torrents and the wipers had a job to clear the screen. However, I felt a lot lighter as we entered the expressway knowing that we had help to combat that horrible snarl-up, and would soon be home. Thank you, Lord, for your company.

Eunice Batchelor

News from Mynachlog-ddu

On Sunday 13th October St Dogmael's Church held their annual Harvest Festival and Supper. Members of the community helped to decorate the church for the occasion and the lovely display from Plas Dwbl College can be seen in the photograph. We were delighted to welcome several new faces as well as those



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of familiar friends. The evening took the form of seasonal readings and songs and culminated in a shared supper with mulled cider. It was a good opportunity to catch up and enjoy the new space created for the community. The fairy lights down the path helped to make access easier for everyone, and with new heaters the church now gets very warm! Further events are planned leading up to Christmas and if anyone in the community has suggestions please contact the church wardens.

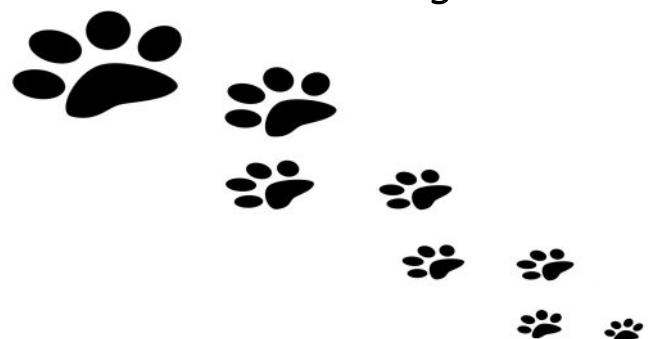
Libby

Almost exactly a year ago Libby, a rescue dog who had escaped from a vile puppy farm, was rehomed by Margaret Ware and Eve Brennan. Not only did Libby manage to escape from that dreadful place, but she led the RSPCA to it and liberated (hence the name!) all the other poor dogs who were incarcerated there. Eve and Margaret have transformed her from the thin, shivering, cringing wreck she was to the beautiful, glossy, happy dog she is now, and in return she has richly enhanced their lives. Margaret wrote these few lines to mark Libby's first year at Ty Newydd.

Libby the Labrador

Libby the Labrador has been here a year,
And she has lost all her fears.
She loves everyone and her boyfriend Fred.
She especially loves Eve, her rescuer!!
She only has love for me for the biscuits she receives,
She rolls on her back with her feet in the air, I tickle her tummy,
Then she smiles showing her beautiful white teeth.
The only problem she has so far is the household training,
But we don't mind, 'cause,
A love like this is hard to find.

Margaret Ware



GLANDWR W.I.

AND TEMPUS

A very appreciative audience in a well filled hall enjoyed a concert by the South Pembrokeshire vocal group, Tempus, on 11th October, under the baton of their conductor and choirmaster, Seimon Morris. The concert was organised by Glandwr W.I., and the choir sang a wide range of songs from spirituals to their take on a rap, and a wonderful performance of Rossini's Cat Duet opened the second half. A wonderful spread of food was laid on, and the evening was enjoyed by everyone.



LLANWINIO W.I.

October's meeting took place at the Community Hall, Trelech, by kind invitation of Trelech WI. The speaker was Lesley Cutler who won a bursary to learn how to thread pearls at Denman College. There is certainly a lot more to pearls than anyone realised, and we learnt all about sea-water pearls, fresh-water pearls and synthetic pearls. There are even pearls grown in mussels and



Brynach Higginson yn chwifio baner Gwynio Sant yn Siapan!



other shells! The vast majority of pearls are cultivated these days and it would be extremely rare to find one which has grown naturally around a grain of sand in an oyster. Pearls will take on the colour of the mollusc shell in which it has grown and they can be all sorts of shapes and sizes. The most highly prized ones, however, are those which are perfectly round. Lesley has learnt how to thread pearls and knot them on silk, which is quite a skill to get right, so that they don't move around too much, and she brought a selection of items she had put together herself, many of which were for sale. She also inspected pearls which members had brought along to see whether they were 'real' or not. Your Editor was a bit disappointed (although not entirely surprised!) to find that her mother's pearls, circa 1950, were very much synthetic—but at least she now knows she can't afford that cruise!!

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting and will take place at Llanwinio Community Hall at 2.00 pm on Tuesday the 12th of November. Please bring a plate of food to share.

***Meetings usually take place at Llanwinio Community Hall at 2.00 pm
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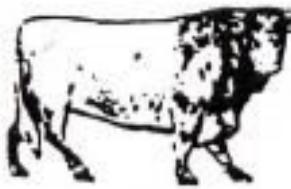


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Services in November

1st	All Saints Day	
Meidrim	10.30am	Holy Eucharist
3rd	Twentieth after Trinity	
Meidrim	9.00am	Boreol Weddi
	9.45am	Y Cymun Bendigaid
	4.00pm	Evensong
Merthyr	11.15am	Holy Eucharist
10th	Twenty first after Trinity Remembrance Sunday	
Meidrim	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	Holy Eucharist
	4.00pm	Hwyrol Weddi
Merthyr	11.15am	Y Cymun Bendigaid
17th	Twenty second after Trinity	
Meidrim	9.45am	Holy Eucharist (2004 rite, bilingual)
	4.00pm	Evensong
Merthyr	11.15am	Morning Prayer
24th	Sunday before Advent	
Merthyr	9.45am	Holy Eucharist
Meidrim	11.15am	Matins
	4.00pm	Hwyrol Weddi



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Meidrim

We wish better health to Mark, the son of Mr Archie and Mrs Ray Lewis of Lon Ddewi. Mark, who lives in Ammanford, has had treatment in hospital lately but has now returned to his home in Ammanford.

We also assure the Revd Rhodri Glyn Thomas of our good wishes and prayers. Mr Thomas has been a chapel minister in St. Clears for many years as well as serving as a member of the National Assembly in Cardiff. He has also been active in a key post in the National Library in Aberystwyth in recent months. We trust that his enforced rest will prove highly beneficial to him. Brysiwch wella!

We were grateful to the former Dean of St Davids, the Very Revd Jonathan Lean, for his sincere and succinct sermon on the theme of recognising God at work in the ordinary events of life, a sermon preached in the course of Sunday evensong on October 6th when we gave thanks for the harvest once again this year. Thanks also go to those who provided the tasty supper afterwards in the church hall. The former dean commented that sung Evensong is quite a rarity these days in this diocese. Nonetheless, with the experienced help of our organist, Mrs Elizabeth Jameson, the congregation rose to the challenge and the singing in Welsh and English alike was hearty and, more important we trust, from the heart. Our Treasurer, Mr Dorian Evans, thanked all who contributed to the Gift Day. Along with the proceeds of the auction, skilfully conducted by Mr Glyn James and Mr Jeffrey Harries, as well as the ticket sales for the supper, almost £800 was raised for church funds.

The Vicar writes just to let you know... we have had the provisional sum for the quota, or Ministry share, for next year and Meidrim is to have a substantial increase. In fact thirty one churches in this diocese, including this parish, will



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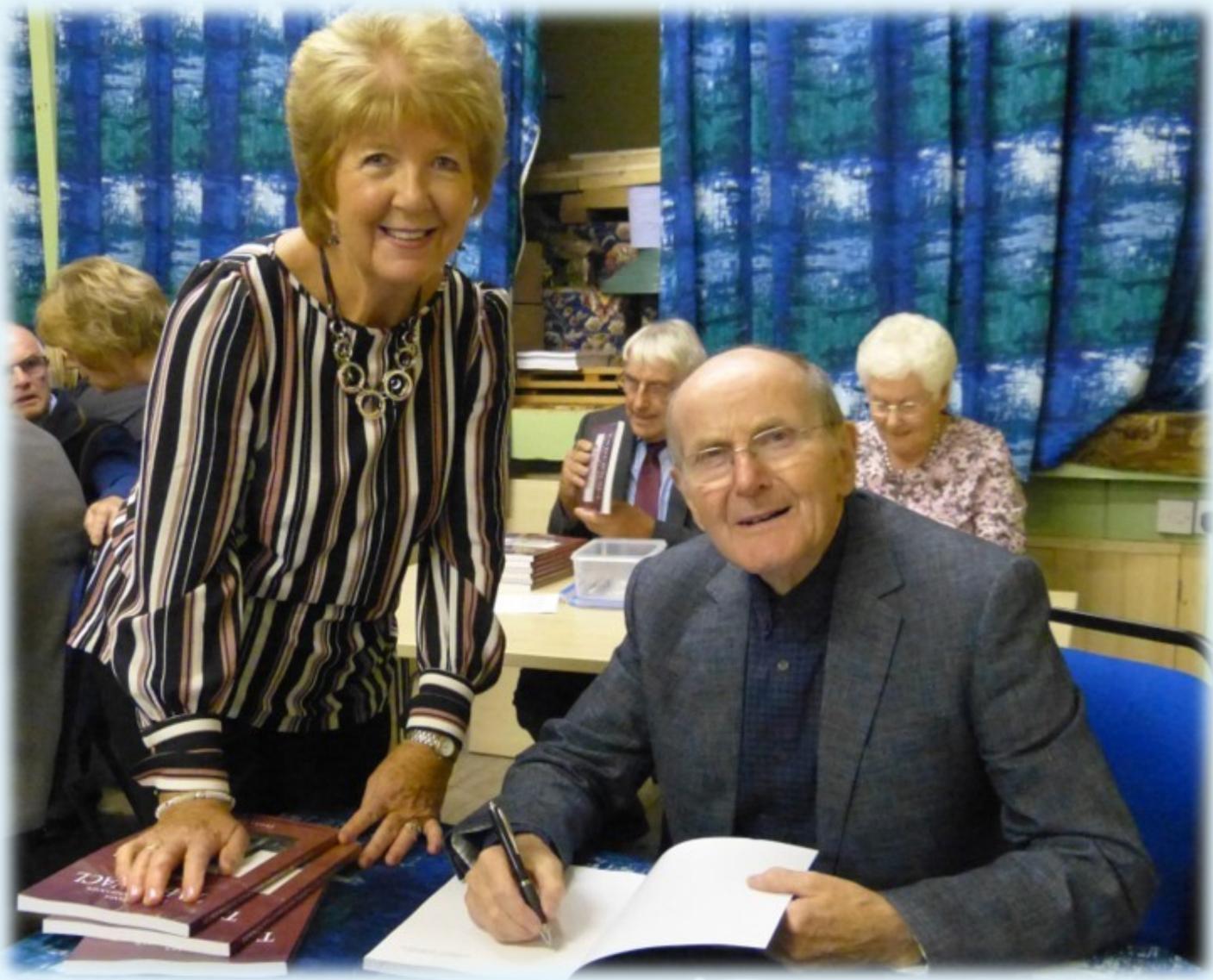
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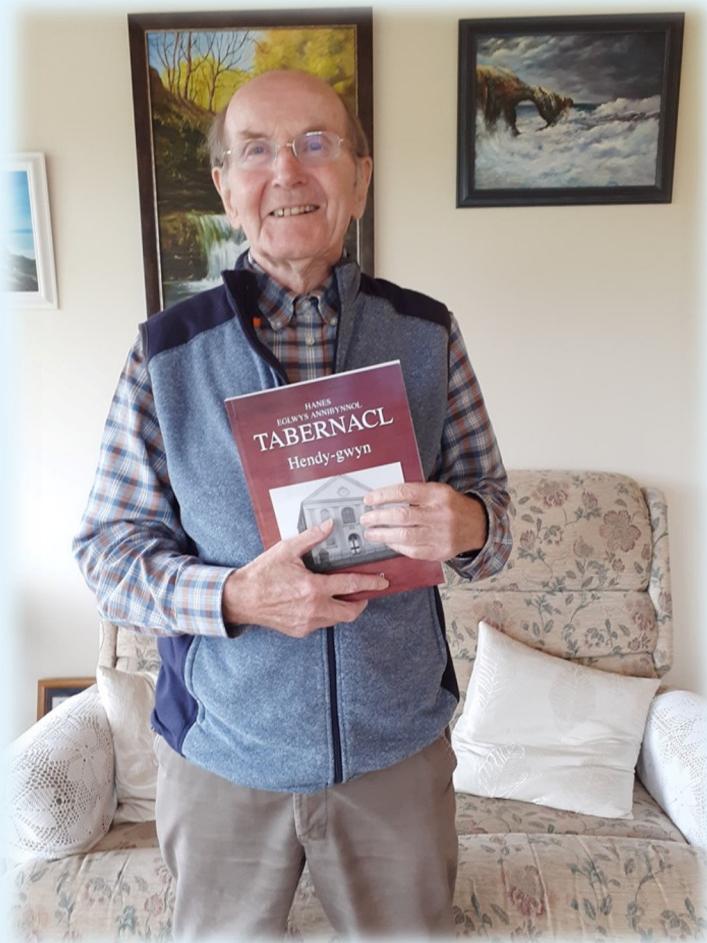


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Diwrnod hanesyddol wrth i'r llyfr cyntaf erioed ar hanes y Tabernacl, Hendy-gwyn. Yn y llun mae'r awdur Denley Owen yn dal y copi cyntaf. Hot from the press! Author Denley Owen holds the first copy of his book on the history of the Tabernacle, Whitland

have an increase of forty per cent in the quota next year. By contrast Merthyr parish is likely to have a slight, very slight, decrease. There is much to be said for following the pattern established some years ago of avoiding large increases and decreases in the quota wherever possible whilst maintaining the principle that churches contribute in proportion to their worshipping strength. Some parishes are now facing a situation that the chapels faced a generation or more ago and still face - closure. Parish churches, many of them of ancient foundation, are being closed because of lack of support. This reflects the growing dechristianisation of our culture and land as congregations get smaller and elderly. This trend is affecting most Christian traditions, including the Roman Catholic. It is a sobering fact that in some areas the key rites of passage, marking birth, marriage and death, which for centuries have been marked by Christian observance, are now kept without any reference to God or Christ. On a recent visit to Italy I met a retired Church Army captain who told me that in Hull, where he lived, 80% of funerals are now irreligious. He called it a "fashion". However it is more than that and reflects a major shift in belief and practice. Whilst in West Wales we may be somewhat more traditional there is no room for complacency.

We are glad to report that through the efforts of parishioners, young and old, we raised £400 at the recent parish meal at Broadway, and we are grateful to all those who will support the impending coffee morning and raffle on November 30 at 10.30am.

Sincere congratulations go to Mr Glyn and Mr Sally James, formerly of Sarnau farm, near Meidrim, who celebrate their wedding anniversary on the last day of



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October. They married in Gibeon chapel in 1959 when their best man was the late Deric Evans of Pentowin. Best wishes go to them for their Diamond Wedding anniversary. Their great grandson, Elis, resident in Sarnau now, is due to be baptised in the parish church in February next year and so at least four generations of this family will have a link with St David's church and with the Church Universal through these sacraments of baptism and Holy Matrimony.

The Vicar took a service in the village school on Thursday, October 17, when some of the children enacted the call of the first disciples as recorded in Mark's Gospel. The staff and children read, acted and sang whilst the Vicar gave a brief talk.

News of the clergy: we are saddened to report the death of the Revd Ceri Davies who for some years lived at the parsonage at Cynwyl Elfed and also looked after the parish of Trelech nearby. He apparently climbed Snowdon on Friday, September 20, on behalf of a charitable cause. Alas! The physical effort proved to be too much and he died there and then of a heart attack. He was 57 years old and leaves a widow, Ruth, and four children between the ages of 13 and 19. A native of Neath, where his parents still live, he was, according to a contemporary of his at St David's college, Lampeter, a gentle and prayerful man. May he rest in peace.

Merthyr

It was heartening to note the involvement of the children in our service of thanksgiving for the harvest and also the support for the local foodbank in Carmarthen. After the service many of us socialised in the community hall and our appreciation goes to all who provided the meal and worked so hard to ensure that everything went well. The guest preacher this year was an old

college friend of the Rector, Canon Robert Melville Capper, who came from Neyland, where he and his wife, Ros, now live in retirement. Our thanks also go to Mrs Phillips of County Stores, St Clears, who once again gave the Harvest loaf which was duly placed in front of the altar. An example of generosity of spirit and a kindly ecumenical gesture. Mrs Phillips is a worshipper at Cana chapel nearby.

Thanks also go to the Revd David Reed who travelled from Milford Haven to lead our worship on Sunday, September 22 and also on October 20. This worthy clergyman is well on in his eighties but always prepared to help where and when he can. We are indebted to him. We live at a time, when as a recent remark by Mr Iwan Evans, a local undertaker, made clear, the number of active clergy and ministers is decreasing and especially the number of those who are fluent in Welsh. This makes, or should make, our appreciation of the efforts of the retired clergy all the more sincere. As the saying goes, once a priest, always a priest.

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Good wishes go to our churchwarden, Mr Huw Evans, who has moved recently from Nant y Ci. He is apparently not unused to moving house but we are glad to note that he is able to continue to worship alongside us Sunday by Sunday. His fertility of ideas has led to several fruitful suggestions in our church life.

The architect's report on the state of the church building has now been received and we shall arrange a meeting of the Church Council in the near future so as to consider carefully her recommendations. One such is that we should pursue vigorously the matter of having St Martin's church placed on the list of buildings of historical and religious significance. As the researches and enthusiasm of our other churchwarden, Mr Ron Lewis, have made plain, there is a great deal of local and even national interest associated with St Martin's church. We need only mention the association with the Vaughan family of Derllys Court as also with Madam Bevan and the circulating school movement, which did so much to make the Welsh a literate nation.



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St David	11.30 am	Holy Communion	KT

10th Trinity XXI / Remembrance

St Mary	8.00 am	Holy Communion	KT
St Mary	10.55 am	Remembrance	KT
St David	10.55 am	Remembrance	Huw George
Cyffig	2.30 pm	Holy Communion	KT

17th Trinity XXII

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

24th Sunday Before Advent

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

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Welcome

Welcome to the Church family to Evie Josie Tiger-Lily Davies (family Wills) baptised on 15th Sept in St Mary's. Also to Madeleine Eloise Coates (of Clunderwen), baptised in St Mary's on 29th September.

In Memoriam

Our sympathy goes to the family and friends of Glenys May Halpin (née Rowlands). The family funeral was in St Mary's on Friday 18th October. The three sisters have come full circle since the sad time when they lost their parents and came to St Mary's for the funerals, and Whitland made them so welcome.

Events so far

Sat 30 Nov	10.30 am	Mince pies at Llandissilio
Fri 6 Dec		St Mary's raffle draw, venue to be announced.
Sun 8 Dec	7.00 am	St Mary's—Whitland Male Voice Choir Carol Concert

News from Llanboidy

The October meeting of Llanboidy WI was a real cracker. In fact Jo Walton demonstrated how to make crackers!

During the demonstration Jo talked about the history of crackers, and how she became involved in making them.

Crackers are not just for Christmas, although that is how we tend to think of them - Jo refers to them as 'Celebration Crackers' - they can be used for weddings, birthdays, Easter, to suggest just a few alternatives.

Jo was thanked by Gwen. Jo also judged the competition for a home-made cushion cover which was won by Norah, and also gave a cracker for a raffle prize which was won by Val, and the other prize went to Rosemarie. Refreshments were provided by Gwen and Mary Chorley.

During the business meeting members heard how busy the Llanboidy WI had been since last meeting - a trip to Scotland; a trip to Stratford; book quiz; Llanboidy social club quiz; the county fashion show and a beginners course for patchwork as well.

Arrangements were made for a programme planning meeting, the trip to NEC Birmingham, the county tip-it competition and the Group meeting in Meidrim. Trustees were voted for and county raffle tickets sold.



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Te'r Cynhaeaf - Autumn Tea was held on Sunday 13th October and what a success it was - a sumptuous spread of sandwiches and apple tarts, and luscious cakes galore served by the lively ladies of the Hall against a back drop of beautiful autumnal flower arrangements, and of course, a good chance to catch up with folks in between courses – see photo.

The President for the afternoon was our very own Llanboidy lady, Mrs Norah Heseltine of Spencer House, who was also joined by members of her family. Norah was the first woman to be secretary of the Llanboidy Market Hall Committee many years ago.

She was thanked by our Chairman Nigel Thomas and presented with a bouquet of flowers by our Hall Secretary Eiry Williams.

Congratulations to Jan Griffiths of Lan Farm, Llanboidy who won the trophy for 'Best entry in Vegetable Section' for '3 onions from sets' at the annual show of Afon Taf Gardening club on Saturday September 7th. Jan is Chairman of Afon Taf Gardening Club (which meets in Whitland town hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm) and anyone interested is welcome to come along.

Welcome to our newest member, Dion George Anthony, born 4th March 2019, whose Christening took place in the Harvest thanksgiving service at St Brynach church on Sunday 22nd September. He is the son of Ben Anthony & Diana Fairclough, and brother to Deri, who all live in Blaenwaun and farm at Frowen, Login. The godparents are Jane Evans, Dora Eynon, Rebecca Lewis, Gary Morgan and Ross Anthony.

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Dates for your Diary

Sunday 10th November – Remembrance Day Concert - Whitland & District Male Choir and Goodwick Brass Band – Ysgol Dyffryn Taf – 7.00 pm – promises to be a memorable night. Tickets £10 from Rodney in the Post Office.

Thursday November 14th–7.00 pm – next WI meeting is the AGM (please note earlier time for the Winter) in the Social Club at Llanboidy.

Friday 15th November at 7.30 pm – concert at the Llanboidy Market Hall to celebrate 40 years of Y Cardi Bach featuring Trystan Llyr Griffiths, Corlan and Dawnswyr Hafodwenog - tickets from Rodney in the Post Office.

Saturday November 23rd – 6.30 for 7.00 pm - Whitland & District Male Choir are having a Grand Charity Auction in aid of Peony Breast care at Broadway Country House- this is a ‘black tie event’ and a great opportunity to wear that glamorous dress – tickets to include evening meal £25 from Roy Morris – 07971 414105

Friday December 6th– 7.00 pm - Llanboidy Market Hall Christmas fair -- come along and enjoy entertainment by Ysgol Bro Brynach followed by stalls, raffle and refreshments - a good start to the festive season

Thursday December 12th–at 1.30 and 6.30—Ysgol Bro Brynach Christmas Show in Llanboidy Market Hall.

Saturday December 14th Whitland & District Male Choir - talent concert – in Llanboidy Market hall - a good evening of fun and laughter - tickets from Rodney in the Post Office.

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!!

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

Wednesday, November 6th at 12.45– roast dinner and pudding

Wednesday, December 4th at 12.45– roast dinner and pudding

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

Friday January 3rd Panto – put the date in your new diary - more details next month.



Above: Harvest Festival at Mynachlog-ddu on the 13th of October

*Below: Llanboidy Market Hall Ladies Committee preparing to serve
Te'r Cynhaeaf /Autumn Tea on Sunday 13th October*



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November 24th Liz Rees Cleaning and Flowers

December 8th Stephanie Bolger Cleaning

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.

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We had a lovely Harvest Festival on September 22nd. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the service. Thanks also to Mrs. Mary Morris who played the organ and to Mr. Brian Thomas who auctioned the produce for us after the service.

We would like to send our very good wishes to Revd. Jonathan and Mrs. Copus for a very happy retirement.

We should congratulate Cylch y Frenni on their LMA, it appears to be running very smoothly. Will that pattern work so well when rolled to cover 15 Churches? Seems doubtful. When we had the Landsker group we were very happy to have closer ties with the other Churches in the group. But there is surely an optimum size for an LMA, and if it's too big no amount of bureaucracy will make it work.

Church cleaning and Altar flowers in November: Mrs. Ivy Thomas

Whitland Male Choir

The annual choir dinner on 14th September was a great success. Charlie's Restaurant at Reynalton is a superb venue with efficient staff and quality food, all managed under the careful eye of Erika Wilson (Front of House Manager). Thanks to all involved for a tremendous evening.



On Friday 4th October we had a joint concert with the Marazion Apollo Male Choir from Cornwall. Whitland Town Hall was full - a great night of music, with the talented Evie Smith on Cello as guest Instrumentalist, from Laugharne.

On Friday 18th October we had a concert at Wiston Church.

On Sunday, November 10th we take part in Ex-Servicemen's Concert with Goodwick Brass Band and Huw George as Compère at Ysgol Dyffryn Taf at 7.00 pm. Tickets are £10, and are available on 01994 240556, or Station House, Whitland, or Llanboidy Post Office. It should be a fantastic evening.

Now is an ideal time to join the choir, and be part of a friendly group, raising funds for local charities at the same time as carrying on an old Welsh tradition. All you need is a voice, enthusiasm, commitment, and a sense of humour. 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.

Eglwys Gymyn

Although we are only a few days into October, the church social life at Eglwys Gymyn is in full swing.

On October 5th we celebrated our harvest service and despite the weather we were blessed with a sizeable congregation from other churches in our group, who enjoyed a really wonderful service led by Rev Huw and supported by our guest minister Rev Martin Cox. This was followed by an evening supper in the church hall and an auction (led by Mr B Nicholas) of a variety of farm produce. All the collection money raised will be donated to a local charity, nominated by our group congregation.

Prior to the service, Mr H Wilson who looks after our church ground, with a number of volunteers, spent a large part of the day, in the pouring rain, strimming and tidying the grounds ready for the evening.

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On October 7th, our sister church, Llanddewi Velfrey, held a lunch in their church hall to raise funds to support their church. As is our custom they invited people from their community, as well as members of the churches in the group. The meal was superb with plenty of opportunity for seconds, (particularly of the desserts), and it was a very convivial afternoon, (and surprise, surprise, the sun was shining!).

Services and events in November are as follows:

Our Sunday Services in November are at the usual time, 2.00 pm.

Christmas Fayre to be held at Eglwys Gymyn church hall, from 10.00 am until 3.00 pm, on November 23rd. Refreshments will be available and a raffle will be held at the close of the Fayre.

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Services in November

Bethel, Llanddewi

November 3rd: 14.00: Welsh Communion Service

November 10th: 14.00: Remembrance Sunday at Llanddewi Hall

November 17th: 10.30: Joint Service at Bethel

November 24th: 14.00: Joint service at Trinity, Llanboidy

Tabernacle, Whitland

November 3rd: 11.00: Communion Service

November 10th: 9.30: Service

November 17th: 10.30: Joint Service at Bethel

November 24th: 9.30: Service

(Sunday School at 9.30 am every Sunday)

Trinity, Llanboidy

November 3rd: 9.30: Communion Service

November 10th: 11.00: Service

November 17th: 10.30: Joint Service at Bethel

November 24th: 14.00: Joint service at Trinity, Llanboidy

Tabernacle, Whitland

We had an unforgettable night at the Tabernacle, Whitland recently when we launched the first ever book on the history of the chapel. The book was written by Denley Owen who is originally from Cefnpant but now lives in Llandovery. Over 160 people came to the service and over 100 copies have been sold

already. The book is of the highest quality and is available for £15 at the following places : Whitland Stores (Premier Stores) Whitland; Rose's Salon, Whitland; Llanddewi Garage; Caffi Beca, Efailwen; Siop Siân, Crymych; Glandy Cross Garage; Llanboidy Shop; Tavernspite Garden Centre or through the post from Dewi James—01267 237617 or Elizabeth White—01994 240344 for £15 per copy (plus postage of £2.33)

Bethel Chapel

Our first service in October saw the members taking part with readings and prayers. The service was based on the rugby world cup and the contrasts between countries, and led on to what the Bible says about perceived differences between people of different nationalities and beliefs.

On the 13th October our English service was also our Harvest Thanksgiving service. We were joined by members of Bethel Loveston and Ebenezer Cold Inn to hear a sermon on a text taken from the Book of Ruth. Both of these chapels have members living in Llanddewi, and after the service we had a chance to socialize over tea and cakes.

There was a joint service the following Sunday at Tabernacle when the guest preacher was Rev Wyn Vittle. The final service of the month will be an English Communion Service. Several of our members are unwell at present and we wish them a quick recovery and we also think of members who are confined to their homes or in Care Homes and unable to attend at Bethel.

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Trinity Chapel

The minister, Revd. Guto Llywelyn officiated at the services in Trinity during September. On Sunday 30th September, members joined Rhydyceisiaid chapel for the annual joint thanksgiving service. This year the service was led by the Revd. Guto Llywelyn.

On Wednesday 25th September, Trinity Sisterhood members launched their autumn programme. Following a brief business meeting, the remainder of the evening took the form of a social evening led by Wenfys Rees, president, and Delyth Dent, secretary. Members brought along mementos and keepsakes and described their personal significance. The tea and assortment of cakes prepared by Delyth and Wenfys were thoroughly enjoyed.

Chapel members wish to thank Hugh and Anne Lewis for the kind invitation to their home for a coffee morning in aid of the Madagascar appeal. There was an excellent response. We are indebted to Hugh and Anne, and to members of their family, for all the hard work and the preparation involved. Our thanks also to friends and chapel members for organising the raffle and providing prizes. During the year, members have raised over £200 to support the work of Christian Aid in Madagascar

Members wish to offer their deepest condolences to the family and friends of Miss. Elizabeth Phillips who passed away recently at Y Garreg-Lwyd Residential Care Home. We think in particular of her sister, Mrs. Norah Heseltine, at this sad time. Chapel members remember with gratitude Miss. Phillips's support and commitment to Trinity over many years.

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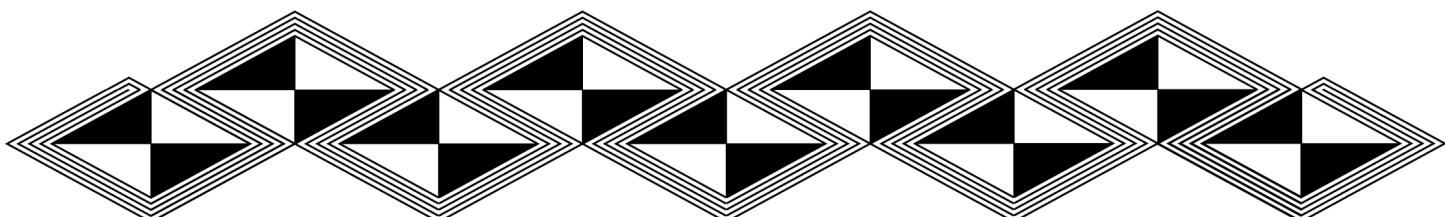
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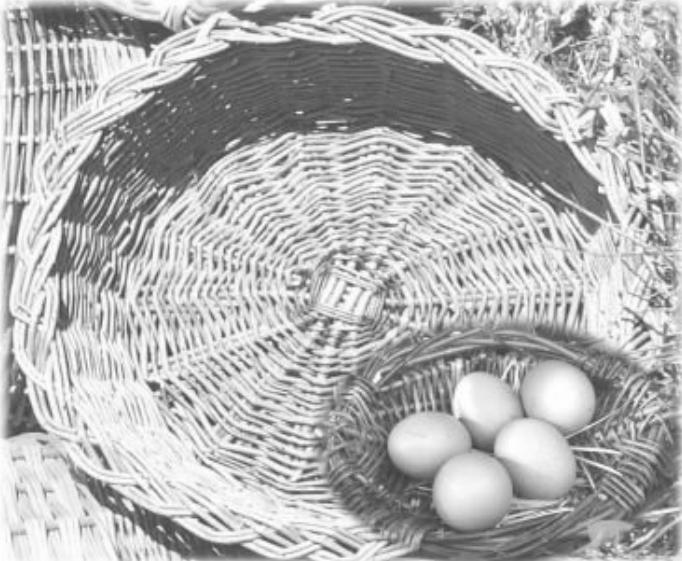
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