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Editorial

It is no new thing to observe that the young think differently from their elders. Recently two things have been noted here in Wales. The young are much more favourable to remaining in the European Union than their elders, the baby boomers of the immediate post war generation. Likewise, a recent YouGov opinion poll shows that a majority of young people between 18 and 25 are in favour of Welsh independence, something that is not true of their grandparents, it would seem. The so-called generation gap was commented upon in the 1960s, a period which, by general assent, marked major changes in attitude and behaviour and, as some would contend, in a more honest and open approach to controversial issues. The abolition of the death penalty, the change in the laws relating to censorship, the partial decriminalisation of abortion were all to have consequences. So whilst murderers are no longer sent to the gallows in this country, the unborn child may have his or her life terminated by law. Thus the United Kingdom permits the putting to death of nigh on 200,000 unborn children each year.

For some the 1960s mark a step in the right direction towards less hypocrisy, more honesty, more realism about life's challenges. Others however are not convinced and lament a decline in standards of behaviour, the weakening of family life with the readier acceptance of divorce from the Royal family down. The critics of the permissive society contend that self indulgence has prevailed over self discipline. What cannot be disputed however is that the changes noted above were effected by legislation passed by the older generation.

In the Christian church itself - at least in the Western world - the social changes have led to innovations which likewise elicit a mixed reaction. At present Anglicanism, as is well known, is rent by disputes between churches set in liberal societies and those in Africa and elsewhere which condemn some, at least, of the innovations effected elsewhere, especially in the area of human sexuality. We should not forget that the centre of Christian witness is no longer in Europe. There, since the 1960s, there has been a seemingly irreversible decline in the numbers of worshippers, a trend which has affected all the churches. In the 1960s in the Roman Catholic Church there was widespread questioning of papal authority, a steep decline in

vocations to the priesthood and the religious orders so that some Christians of the Papal obedience in Wales nowadays are reliant on clergy from overseas to maintain Mass centres. Nonconformist chapels have closed by the hundreds over the last half century and in the last decade well over a hundred Anglican churches in Wales have been closed for worship and it seems probable that more will be declared redundant in the next few years. In this area we think of Henllan Amgoed, Llandawke, Marros, Llangain, Llanmiloe and Llanfallteg to name but a few churches where public worship on Sunday has ceased. In 1977 there were 140,000 Easter communicants at Anglican altars in Wales. Nowadays the figure is much lower.

It is then easy to become sentimental about the 'good old days' of the 1950s when Sunday schools were packed - but then the baby boom in the post-war period had a lot to do with that. What we should not forget are the less attractive features of that period when Christians were antagonistic to one another. In Wales the protracted campaign to disestablish and disendow the Anglican Church led to much bitterness and strife, and the effects of this lasted for a long time in some quarters after 1920 when the Church-State link was broken here. Fortunately relations between the various Christian traditions are better on the whole and this may be due to the fact that all the Christian communities face much the same problem of indifference which manifests itself in the lack of young worshippers in many congregations.

Yet whilst we must guard against viewing a particular period as a golden age we need also to avoid the trap of thinking that the mere passage of time will automatically make us wiser or holier. This is where the Feast which is celebrated at the start of February may help us. On February 2nd the Church observes joyfully the occasion when the infant Christ was presented in the Temple at Jerusalem by the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Lord's stepfather Joseph. We call the Feast Candlemass because we greet the light of God shown to the world in the face of Jesus Christ. Understandably the young parents play a key role in the story but we should not forget the contribution of the much older participants, namely Simeon and Anna who are also mentioned in St Luke's account. They had

spent a life time expecting the coming of the Messiah, and towards the end of their lives their hopes were fulfilled. They had used those long years well in exercising the virtue of a patient trust in God and in stability. Is not Anna a splendid example for, as the evangelist tells us, she, a widowed woman of 84 years of age, worshipped with prayer and fasting night and day? As we prepare to enter the Lenten season with its call to repentance let us learn from young and old alike and pray that the time given to us in this solemn season of preparation for Easter may be well spent not in nostalgia but in a renewed resolve to do God's will in our lives day by day. That will is emphatically not the same as popular opinion, an unstable thing in itself, evanescent and fluctuating with the passing of the years. We are called as Christians not to be conformed to the world but to transform it. We may only do that as we are ourselves transformed by grace and sacrament into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

With every good wish to you and yours for a well spent Lent that may culminate in a truly joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection.

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SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2020

2nd The Presentation of Christ - Candlemas

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

5th Wednesday

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| Bro Preseli | 10.30 am | Communion by Extension |
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9th The Third Sunday Before Lent

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

16th The Second Sunday Before Lent – Creation Sunday

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

23rd The Sunday Before Lent: Transfiguration Sunday

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

26th Ash Wednesday

Llanfyrnach TBA Holy Eucharist with Imposition of the Ashes

Please check notice boards and Cylch y Frenni website for time

Some Holy Days not on a Sunday:

3rd St. Seriol – 6th Century Abbot

*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*

CAROLLING AT BRO PRESELI



A goodly crowd attended a Christmas carolling at Bro Preseli on the 18th December. The occasion was the debut of the 'Just Us' choir, which consists of residents of the complex who, as well as leading the carolling, sang several carols unaccompanied. The carols were interspersed by short items of poetry or

prose telling the Christmas story, read by a selection of residents and friends.

Tea, coffee and mince pies followed, to really get everyone into the Christmas spirit!

Judy Webb

ELIZABETH HORNE

Liz was a lady who was known to many. Living until 6 years ago in Llwyndrain, she then moved to Ty Rhys in Carmarthen where she remained until her death on 28th December at the age of 91. By the time you read this, her funeral will have taken place at Glanmor Evans' Chapel of Rest, Carmarthen followed by private cremation, and a reception at the Ivy Bush Hotel.



Liz was an amazing, inspirational lady. Many will have heard her talk about her teenage years. Born in Germany at the outbreak of the 2nd world war, her parents were arrested by the Nazi regime. Their crime was that her father worked as a manager in a works that produced china for the British

government. Her mother died in Gestapo HQ and her father was sent to a concentration camp. Finally she ended up as a teenager here in England without a word of English; I'm sure she said she was taken in by a Jewish family. She worked hard and achieved her matriculation in a very short time.



She married and raised a family of 2 daughters and 3 sons; sadly 1 daughter and 1 son predeceased her. Eventually she and her father found each other and he was able to visit her in England.

She worshipped in St. Clydai's Church, Clydau then St. Brynach's Church, Llanfyrnach, and regularly arranged dinner parties for her Church friends – her German dishes were legendary!

Speaking on a personal note, Liz was one of the first people I met when I moved to Tegryn nearly 23 years ago. We met at Bwlchgyroes WI, then a few days later I met her walking her 2 little dogs on Frenni Fach. She became a very great friend and I visited her every time I went to Carmarthen. She was always very keen to hear the news from our area. And more than 2 years ago, I was delighted to take on my oversize chihuahua, Nia, who had been bred by Liz's daughter Maggie. Having known each other since puppy days, Liz and Nia were always delighted to see each other.

Rest in peace, dear Liz. Thank you for your great friendship – I miss you!

Judy Webb

Post Script to the above

Elizabeth's funeral was held at Glanmor Evans's Chapel of Rest in Llangunnor on a bitterly cold, foggy, January morning. Nonetheless a large crowd of friends and family gathered to say their final goodbyes. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Jonathan Copus in a very sensitive and dignified manner. Liz's eldest son, Ed, spoke most movingly about his mother, who was born Alzbeta Marketa Kopka in Czechoslovakia in 1928, and whose life was turned upside down by the onset of World War II. Against all odds she survived and prospered and finally came to live in a country cottage in Llwyndrain. She was a wonderful cook and this seems to be an appropriate time to reproduce her recipe for Hungarian Goulash which featured a couple of years ago in Cegin y Frenni. Eve Brennan, for one, has cooked this recently in her honour. Enjoy!



Kathie Dubben

Hungarian beef goulash

Ingredients

- 2.5 kilos best Welsh braising steak
- 2 tbs plain flour
- 2 tbs olive oil
- 50 g butter
- 3 large onions, thinly sliced
- 2 to 3 cloves garlic, according to taste
- 2 to 3 tsp Hungarian paprika. This has cayenne in it.
- 2 to 3 tsp paprika, ordinary
- 2 tsps caraway seeds
- 200 ml beef stock
- 140 ml soured cream
- 2 red peppers, cut into strips
- 2 long red peppers, cut into strips
- ½ jar hot pimentos, finely chopped (*Dantza Pimientos del Piquillo*).
- 1 tbs fresh chives, snipped.

Method

Season flour and coat the beef.

Heat oil and butter in heavy casserole. Fry beef in batches until the outside is sealed and brown. Use slotted spoon to remove beef and set aside.

Fry onions gently with garlic until golden brown, add peppers and pimentos, cool for 5 minutes.

Stir in paprika and caraway, cook for 1 minute, and then pour in the stock.

Return beef to casserole, stir and bring to the boil. Cover and cook for 1½ hours.

Leave to cool and skim off any fat. Check seasoning.

Leave overnight.

Reheat for 15 to 20 minutes, add sour cream. *Don't let it boil!*

Serve with snipped chives sprinkled on top, baby potatoes and green beans.

Elizabeth Horne, Llanfyrnach



Christmas Party at the Tabernacle, 2019

We mentioned gifting Jonathan two 'Prutah' coins as a parting gift, so it seems a good idea to explain that a bit further. Prutahs were the small change of Biblical Judea: bronze coins a bit smaller than our half new penny. The idea of issuing coins was about 700 years old in Jesus' time. Athens did it first, minting a small silver coin with a little owl on it. The image makes a statement about the quality of the coin – which is what would interest money-changers in a society where bronze, silver and gold coins from numerous sources circulated freely. Exchange rates were calculated by weight and the trustworthiness of the source.



The image was a problem for Hebrews, since they had a law proscribing graven images. All the early Prutah coins just had patterns on, but by the time of Jesus, images on coins were quite common. Pontius Pilate was procurator of Judea from AD26-36 and coins issued then

depict a ladle used in the Temple on one side and an olive branch on the other. Both images suggest his administration reaching out to the Jews in hope of a peaceful time.

St Luke tells us (Ch21, vss 1-4) of the widow depositing two of these coins at the Temple and Jesus saying it was all she had. There's a bit more to it than that: only three coin types rate a mention in the Bible (the Old Testament 'talent' is a unit of weight) and the other two are the 'tribute penny' – a silver denarius of the



Emperor Tiberius (Matthew 22.21) and the 30 pieces of silver the Temple paid Judas Iscariot for Jesus' scalp. The silver penny was a common coin – the Roman ones are about the same size as the Greek ones and elsewhere the Bible suggests this was a day's wage.

This one is 18mm in diameter (3,68 grammes), so about the size of a 5p.

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The silver coins favoured by Temple were silver shekels minted in Tyre on the coast. These were 14 grammes of silver and 29mm in diameter: which brings us back to the widow's mites. Jews were supposed to 'buy' these Tyrean shekels from the money changers - the bunch Jesus threw out of the Temple (Luke 19, 45-48: also available in other Gospels) after his triumphant entry to



Jerusalem on a donkey. The point of the widow's mites anecdote is that she gave what she had: two bronze coins don't buy a large silver one, so her choice was to give them, or nothing.

The 1st Jewish revolt kicked off in AD66 and bring us another lesson about coinage. Coins are publicity: in many cases the images on them are the only surviving images of the monarch in whose name they were issued. The revolting Jews spread their message by over-stamping coins with a palm branch. As the revolt continued, they minted coins with their palm leaf image on them.



What goes around, comes around. Defacing coinage to project some other message happens from time to time, such as in the early 20th century when Suffragettes added their campaign slogan to pennies that passed through their hands.



When the State of Israel founded itself in 1948, the palm image of the 1st Jewish revolt was chosen as the face of the first coin minted in that geographical area for

1879 years.
Richard Law



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The late Rev. Roger Thomas



Roger's funeral took place at Eglwys Sant Cwrdaf, Llanwrda on the 6th of January. Despite the bitter cold the church was packed with new friends and old, all coming together to celebrate the life of this very special man. Deeply spiritual, yet full of fun, Roger touched the hearts of everyone who knew him. There were

representatives from all the four churches in the Crymych Group over which he officiated and the service was conducted by The Venerable Dorrien Davies. During the service Dorrien conveyed a personal message of love from Roger to Moreen. A watery sun managed to come out after the service and Moreen stood at the lych gate to greet every single person who had come to pay their respects. Cremation took place at Llanelli after the service, and generous refreshments were provided at the Plough, Rhos Maen.

Rest In Peace, Roger bach, you will be greatly missed.

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The first meeting of the year took place at Llanwinio Community Hall on the 14th of January. Despite the foul weather, all seven members turned out and a pleasant afternoon was spent discussing the new programme and playing games.

The next meeting takes place on the 11th of February when Peter Boyle will be paying a visit to talk about his stays on Caldey Island. Peter regularly goes on retreats to

Caldey and sees parts of the island that the casual day-tripper does not get to see.

New members will be warmly welcomed!

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

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Services in February 2020

2nd The Presentation of Christ in the temple. Candlemass

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| Meidrim | 9.00am | Boreol Weddi |
| | 9.45am | Y Cymun Bendigaid |
| | 4.00pm | Evensong |
| Merthyr | 11.15am | Y Cymun Bendigaid (sermon in Welsh) |

9th Septuagesima

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| Meidrim | 9.00am | Morning Prayer |
| | 9.45am | Holy Eucharist |
| | 4.00pm | Hwyrol Weddi |
| Merthyr | 11.15am | Holy Eucharist |

16th Sexagesima

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| Merthyr | 9.30am | Morning Prayer |
| Meidrim | 11.00am | Holy Eucharist (bilingual, 2004 rite) |
| | 4.00pm | Evensong |

23rd Quinquagesima

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| Merthyr | 9.30am | Holy Eucharist |
| Meidrim | 11.00am | Matins and Holy Baptism |
| | 4.00pm | Hwyrol Weddi |

Merthyr

The Crib service on December 22nd was well supported and the loose collection amounted to £175. This sum has been given to the local branch of Tenovus, a charity which helps people suffering from cancer.

We are grateful that Mr Robert Davies, Brynhyfryd near Tavernspite, came home from Morryston Hospital just before Christmas. We wish him much improved health.

Congratulations go to Mr and Mrs Wyn Evans, Ffynnon saint, on the birth of their granddaughter, Anni.

Our thanks go to Mrs Jennifer Bott for altar flowers and for cleaning the church. Also to Caroline Jones, Llangynin, for cleaning the church. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Those who like visiting St Davids Cathedral may like to watch the programme on S4C in Welsh on Sunday, February 23rd at 800 pm in the series Cynefin. The Rector will be speaking about the links between the cathedral and the Tudor dynasty. (Cynefin means "surroundings" or "environment" and the programme is concerned to look at places in Wales of beauty and historical significance).

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Meidrim

We were sorry to hear of the demise of Mrs Iris Mary Howells of Cydweli who died just after Christmas. Her son and daughter-in-law and her grandchildren are often seen in church, particularly on High Festivals. Indeed Timothy married Laura Harries, daughter of Mr Jeffrey Harries and the late Mrs Rosemary Harries, in St Davids, Meidrim, on August 9th, 2003. Mrs Mary Howells's funeral was held at Llanelli crematorium on January 17th when the Vicar officiated. We remember her family in our prayers at this time.

Sincere congratulations go to Aled and Lowri Evans of Cefnrcwth on the birth of their second child, Anni, on December 21st. That is the shortest day in the year but we take this opportunity of wishing Anni a long and happy life!

Lent begins, of course, on Ash Wednesday and the Holy Eucharist with the ceremonies of ashing will take place in church at 10.30 am on February 26th.

Once again we thank the Revd David Faulkner and Canon Michael Lewis for their willingness to officiate at Sunday services when the Vicar is on duty at St Davids. It is reassuring to the average church person to see a familiar and friendly face at the altar on Sunday morning. This, after all, is what the parochial system has given to the laity. What is essential however is taught in the Preface to our Prayer Book: "no person shall be authorized to execute the office of bishop, priest or deacon in this Church unless evidence can be produced of ordination with the laying-on of hands by bishops who are themselves duly qualified and authorized to confer Holy Orders."



Welcome to the world Gwenllian Mair Dyer! Gwenllian is the first born daughter of Sian (née Robinson) and Matthew Dyer who married at Llanwinio in 2018. Gwenllian was born on the 29th of November 2019 and weighed in at 6lb 4oz. She is first grandchild to Colin and Eirwen Robinson, Rhydcaernarfon and tenth great grandchild to Peter and Margaret Robinson, Waunllan.



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Services in February

2nd Candlemass

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

9th Septuagesima

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| 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 |

16th Sexagesima

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

23rd Quinquagesima

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| 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 |

26th Ash Wednesday

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| St Mary | 7.00 pm | Inauguration of East Landsker Ministry Area | |
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Oh no, the gesimas are here!

As soon as I see the word Septuagesima I realise how fast the time is going because it means Lent is round the corner, followed by Easter. How can we stop the steady progress of time? How can we possibly pause and reflect? Yet pause we must do or we become hamsters in a wheel. God gave us Sundays so we could do just that, but people fill Sundays and treat them like any other day and life becomes monotonous.

We must make a conscious effort to stop. 'Be still and know that I am God.' Remember Elijah, God was not in the storm, earthquake or fire but in the still small voice. Only when we are still can we hear him.

Thanks

Thanks to the people of each church who decorated each one so wonderfully for Christmas. Ann Brown always does a wonderful job in Whitland.

Thanks to all who took part in the various carol services, it must be a relief to hear other people read and not hear my voice all the time, it certainly was for me!

Especially can I thank Mary whose fingers must be worn out with all the carols all through this period in St Mary's and Cyffig.



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Pencil in the 22nd March, this is the proposed date the Bishop will be coming to Cyffig for a confirmation. Cyffig services are always at 2.30 pm and I propose not to have any services in any of the other churches so you can all come there.

Cyffig

December 22nd seems a long time ago, when we had lovely Carol Service in Cyffig. The Church lends itself to Christmas with Holly and Ivy and candles.

Thanks to everyone who came, our lesson readers and Mrs Mary Morris who played the organ. We enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

Our best wishes to Mrs Margaret James for a full recovery from her recent hospital treatment. Also, best wishes to everyone for this New Year into which we're already spinning headlong!!

A gentleman's umbrella (black with brown handle) was left in Church after the Carol Service.

Whitland Male Choir

On Saturday 14th December we had a Social Talent Evening at Llanboidy Market Hall. It was a great evening involving choir members and some of the partners. There was a Ladies' Christmas sketch, The Elderly Brothers, Colliers' Sketch, Huw Jones Headmaster lecture, News items by the two H's (Hugh & Hywel), Cinema Sketch, with everyone joining in with the Christmas Carols. Clive Edwards also sang and compered the evening. A thoroughly humorous and entertaining evening. Thanks to the Musical Team for their support as always.



On Tuesday 17th December we had our annual Christmas Social Evening at the Fishers, Whitland. It was another great evening with Christmas carols, and getting the locals to join in. A fun evening with humour, and a lovely buffet courtesy of Diane and Roger at the Fishers, as always.

Thank you both.

We have started back in practice from Thursday 9th January. We are still looking for new choristers to join our happy and professional choir. You can turn up to any of our main practices on a Thursday evening at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Whitland. No obligation. Come and listen, and see if you would like to be a part of our choir family.

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Eglwys Gymyn

After problems with the laptop in December, we returned from our family holiday near Ross on Wye to find we had no telephone or broadband. Normal service was resumed on Wednesday 8th January. So here we are at the start of another year of Grapevines.

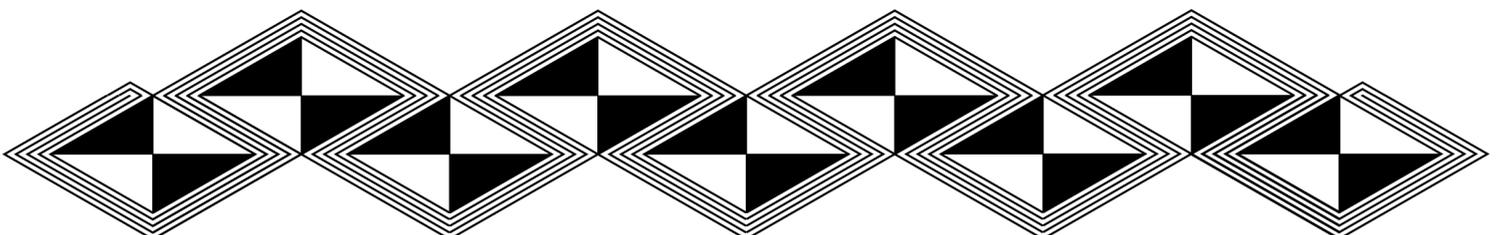
December always closes with the splendid occasion of the Carol Service and this year, on December 22nd, it was a very rousing event enjoyed by a large congregation. The service as normal combined the multiple readings connected with the birth of Jesus and was led by Reverend Huw. Our organist, Mr Brian Nicholas, raised the roof with his playing which in particular encouraged the fine voices from the ladies in the congregation. Following the service, mulled wine and mince pies had been prepared in the church hall.

On Christmas Eve, Reverend Faulkner led the Midnight Mass, as he has done for many years. His services for Eglwys Gymyn are very well appreciated by all members of the congregation and we wish him, his wife Barbara and family a very happy 2020.

2019 concluded without any repairs being carried out to the Chancel wall, despite efforts to find a slot in the builders agenda where the work could be carried out. To be honest the weather throughout October and November was not conducive to walking outside let alone repairs to outside stonework. However we are hopeful that good weather in Spring 'could' bring our project that started in January 2019 with applications to the Diocesan office and Carmarthen CC, to a final satisfactory conclusion.

During February there are no special events, and Sunday services will follow, the usual routine, ie

Sunday services—2.00 pm with Reverend Huw





Left:

***Elizabeth Horne,
late of Llwyndrain,
who passed away
on the 28th of
December, 2019***

Below:

***Residents and other
visitors at the Carol
Service held at
Bro Preseli on the
18th of December***



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Services in February

Bethel, Llanddewi

February 2nd 14.00: Communion Service
February 9th 14.00: Service through the medium of English
February 16th 10.30: Service at the Trinity led by
Mrs Elonwy Phillips
February 23rd 10.30: Gwyl Rhinwedd a Moes at the Tabernacle

Tabernacle, Whitland

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(Sunday School at 9.30 am)

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Tabernacle

Christmas was a busy time for us as usual at the Tabernacle, Whitland. At the start of the month we had a night held by the members on the theme of Christmas.

This was followed by the annual children's Christmas service. After giving us the Christmas story, the children had a party and there was a visit from Santa Claus.

The Christmas Eve service was held as usual by the chapel's young adults and the theme was Christmas traditions.

It was a pleasure for us as a chapel to acknowledge one of our organists, Sheila Bancroft, as she retired after 40 years of service to the chapel. She is popular with everyone and has given a great service to the chapel over the years.

Everyone are welcome to all our services. What about joining us on Sundays in 2020? – we will be delighted to see you.

Trinity Chapel

The minister, Revd. Guto Llywelyn officiated at the services in Trinity during December. On Sunday, 22nd December members joined St. Brynach's Church for the annual joint Christmas service. The service was planned and led collaboratively by Rev. Jeni Parsons, St Brynach and Rev. Guto Llywelyn with readings by church and chapel members. A collection was

made in support of the Carmarthen Foodbank charity. Following the service, Church members kindly prepared refreshments for those present. It is good to see that members who have not been well are now in better health.

Members wish to offer their deepest condolences to all those who have lost loved ones during the recent month.

Afon Taf Gardening Club Whitland



2020 kicked off in style on the 16th of January when the award winning photographer, Nigel McCall, came to Whitland to tell us about his trip to Antarctica. He showed an amazing collection of wildlife photographs and also the sheds used by Ernest Shackleton and Robert Falcon Scott during their epic expeditions, preserved over the years by the cold dry weather conditions.

The new membership cards were distributed containing the 2020 programme which is packed with interesting talks and trips.

The next meeting takes place on the 20th of February when Bob Wallis will visit Whitland to talk about The Treasures of Tadjikstan and Uzbekistan.

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

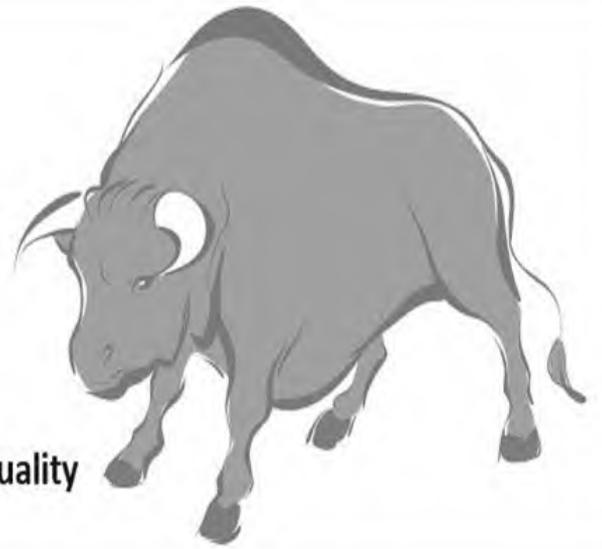
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St. Clears Walking Well Group



The first outing of the year took place on the 8th of January when Nigel Bailey and Peter Stopp led a 'hard hat' walk around the Regency Restoration part of the National Botanic Gardens of Wales. This historic parkland restoration project is now nearing completion and this fabulous

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landscape will soon be returned to how it was in its heyday at the beginning of the 19th century. When completed, the Garden will once more feature the necklace of seven lakes, cascades, falls and weirs created more than 200 years ago and again boast the Regency planting scheme that formed the heart of its parkland.

This project will rejuvenate the landscape for visitors to enjoy and will tell the story of more than 250 years of East India Company influence that shaped the landscape of this part of Wales.

The walk on the 22nd of January took the group around Pontargothi, and the next walk is on the 5th of February.

Meet at 10.00 am at St. Clears Leisure Centre in order to share transport to the venue.



Collection!

Please note that each church is responsible for collecting their own copies of the Grapevine from Reception at Dentron, Llys Myrddin, Efailwen.

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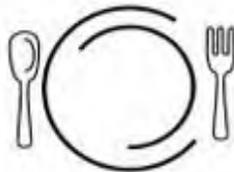
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