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Editorial

Dear friends,

It is very likely that your holiday plans may have been disrupted this year. Eagerly anticipated travels to foreign climes have had to be postponed or even cancelled and many have been disappointed whilst others have taken the opportunity to spend their holidays somewhere in the British Isles. Ministers of religion take holidays like other people. Chapel ministers seem to prefer taking the month of August as an extended holiday period and, the Anglican clergy are entitled to four Sundays away from parochial duties and twenty eight days away in all. Mindful of this latter provision I managed to get away for a few days recently and enjoyed the beauty of the area around Denbigh in North Wales. One afternoon I visited the village of Llansannan, the birthplace of William Salisbury who was one of the translators of the New Testament into Welsh in 1567. He is commemorated by a statue in the centre of the village. Sadly the parish church, as well as the nearby chapel, was locked and doubtless had been so since the start of the period of lockdown. There was no sign of any intention of resuming public worship in those two buildings either and in that regard Llansannan is in no sense unique. The same appears to be true of many communities in Carmarthenshire

Yet the experience left me feeling perturbed. That may have been so because I was mindful of a conversation that I had had the day before with a devout chapel lady from that part of the world. She was disappointed that there were no plans to resume public services, and contrasted it with the fact that the local

tavern had reopened the previous week. Is the consumption of beer of more importance to the people here, she asked, than the worship of Almighty God? Is watching a service on Zoom the same as being present at worship with your fellow Christians in the flesh on Sunday morning? She thought not. The service she had seen on Zoom had assuredly been a laudable attempt to meet a pastoral need but somehow it had lacked something. That was her honest opinion anyhow and she was concerned that so many of her fellow chapel members seemed content with this provision for months to come.

Later on during this stay another conversation caused me to think. My host had copies of a publication dating from the 1970s which gave short accounts of the churches of the diocese of Bangor. This diocese claims that it is the oldest in the British Isles with its foundation by St. Deiniol as far back as 520 - over seventy years before St Augustine came to Canterbury from Rome. One thing proved startling. As I read out the names of the churches, my host said time and time again two little words in Welsh: ar gau, that is, closed. Not closed for the time being but closed for good, not closed because of an infectious disease but because of indifference.

Now we have been told many times that the Church is more than a building and that point is true. Church buildings as such are certainly not as old as the Christian religion itself. The earliest Christians met in houses. Indeed there are clear signs of a return to this practice. So it has been calculated recently that over twenty million Americans worship in house churches on an average Sunday, a very significant minority of the Christian worshippers in that land of over 4,000 denominations. What is the appeal? It may well be the sense of belonging to a warm and supportive group. Certainly if recent months have reminded us of anything they have underlined the truth that we human beings are social beings. It is not good for man to be alone. We thrive in relationship to others, not apart from them.

By hallowed custom we gather at this time of the year for Harvest Thanksgiving. We may not say exactly how we shall observe this custom in 2020 although we may presume to predict that the observance will, like so much else, be different. Probably the occasion will be marked by less decoration, no singing, no guest preacher or supper to mark the occasion. But one thing will remain a constant. Whatever our common efforts may have yielded - and the harvest is the result of combined harvesting as well as combine harvesters - the fruits of the harvest are only possible because others have laboured and we have entered into their

labours. Above all our thanksgiving is possible because of God's generosity in giving us life in the first place, in giving us the good earth to conserve, and in giving us purpose to our daily lives and work lives through His Son. If so many seem indifferent to such generosity then let us not prove disconsolate but rather ensure, where at all possible, that the doors of our churches and chapels are not only opened but that we and many others enter the house of the Lord with the spirit of thanksgiving in our hearts.

Pob bendith arnoch i gyd,

Jeffrey Gainer

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Llanglydwen

A PILLAR IS GONE

On 9th September, after a short stay in Glangwili Hospital, Llanglydwen Church stalwart Cliff Henneveld died at the age of 86. Bravely, his wife, Reader Maureen, conducted his funeral service at Parc Gwyn. She was assisted by the Revd Jonathan Copus, who gave the following address:

“It's my job to sum up the life and times of an 86-year-old friend I've known for nearly a quarter of his life in five minutes. And for my second miracle – I mean you can't possibly, can you? But we've got to say *something*, lest nothing be said.

So let's start with Cliff's youth – anything but misspent, because he was a prefect at his school, Kingswood Grammar, just a few miles east of Bristol, and eventually Head Boy. At the same school was a girl called Maureen, and soon they were hanging around together, and even going cycling. One of their



favourite routes took them through a shallow ford where a stream ran across the road. Maureen and her Head Boy were in the habit of pedalling through this ford without stopping: until one day Cliff suddenly decided to pull up and investigate the stream more closely. And of course, Maureen cannoned into him – and literally fell for him. It just shows you should never trust a man who pulls up in a Ford – especially a Prefect.

Fast forward a few years, and on 3rd November 1956 the pair were married. I'm tempted to use the old line: *Thus ended a beautiful friendship which had begun at school!* But in fact, the marriage stood the test of time and trial, and along the way produced two talented daughters: Nicola, who's a prizewinning author of short stories; and Petra, who's Office Manager for a private international school in the Netherlands, and with us by video link.

Petra used to call her Dad 'C', which sounds like someone out of a James Bond film. But she remembers Cliff's ability to always make her feel like his little girl. Once, when she was in her thirties and they'd gone for a walk together on a windy day, she got earache from the wind and complained about the pain to 'C'. He responded caringly: 'Don't worry, P – you'll grow out of it!'

'I so wish we were together again,' she told me, 'but for now I will cherish that feeling until we are.'

You will be, Petra, you will be.

As far as work was concerned, Cliff was an engineer, and spent pretty well all his working life in Bristol. Bristol is synonymous with tobacco, of course, with WD and HO Wills being the first British company to mass-produce cigarettes. The company later became British-American Tobacco. When they sold off redundant plant to the Chinese, it was Cliff's job to go to China and make sure it was installed properly. Sometimes he would take a team with him, and they would grumble because they couldn't get hold of proper butter; nor were they allowed to take it into the country. So Maureen would get the local grocer to pack up some butter specially securely, and make some sarnies as well, and hide them – perhaps with a tin of baked beans – in the machinery before it was shipped out to China.

Once, the grocer asked her why she wanted the butter wrapped up so carefully. She replied: 'Because I'm going to hide it in a cigarette-making machine and send it to China.'

'Oh, go on!' he said.

I wonder what would have happened if the Chinese had opened the crates first! 'Ah, so those are the secret ingredients of English cigarettes: ½ pound of butter, 12 cheese and pickle sandwiches, one tin of baked beans ...'

Memories, memories – so many of them, too many to share now. Susie and I remember Cliff driving us back in that wonderful old Humber from Llanglydwen Church after our wedding, complete with peaked cap. And our lovely long lunches together to celebrate Christmas, a birthday or an anniversary, or just nothing at all, at their place or ours. But often we'd just be driving back from – say – Clydau and we'd say: 'Let's call in on Maureen and Cliff!' There was always a warm welcome – plus a drop of single malt whisky (Susie was driving!). And I suspect when we take Maureen home today we might deem the sun to be over the yardarm for a modest toast.

But our most *poignant* memory must be of Cliff's final day in hospital. He was apparently unconscious, though they say hearing is the last sense to go. Maureen and Susie and I prayed together; I pronounced God's blessing; and Maureen gave him one last kiss on the forehead. That seemed to give him the permission he needed to let go: within an hour of our getting home, the phone call came.

I mentioned we prayed together, and those of us who attended Llanglydwen Church know what a pillar Cliff was of that worshipping community – playing in the hymns, mending the electrics, being a constant source of wise counsel, *there* whenever he was needed on a material or spiritual level. And of course, so supportive of Maureen in her role as a Reader.



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He was never very vocal about his faith, but it was real, and it was strong. He knew his Saviour, and we can be sure his Saviour welcomes him now to his loving arms. Just as old Simeon in St Luke's Gospel recognised the baby Jesus for what he was, took him into his arms, and uttered those immortal words which Susie is going to sing for us now:

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word,
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.
To be a light to lighten the gentiles;
And to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Maureen and family would like to thank everyone for the sympathy and kindness extended to them in their bereavement, and for the practical help and support so freely given by so many friends. Any donations, please, to Prostate Cancer UK through W J Kenneth Davies and Sons, Funeral Directors, Blaenwern, Clunderwen, SA66 7NQ (Tel. 01437 563319).

Llanfyrnach

Life during Lockdown

I have always been a person who cannot sit still and do nothing, but lockdown had exhausted my repertoire of things new to do.



My daughter had the bright idea of sending me a starter kit for Quilting. I had never thought of this and so I began to find out more about it.

The kit arrived together with some small pieces of material called charm squares, where you cut these into various shapes with the different coloured materials and then sew them all back together again!!! Sounds useless doesn't it.

The hardest part of it for me was the measuring. I am from the old school and work in inches, but today's people work

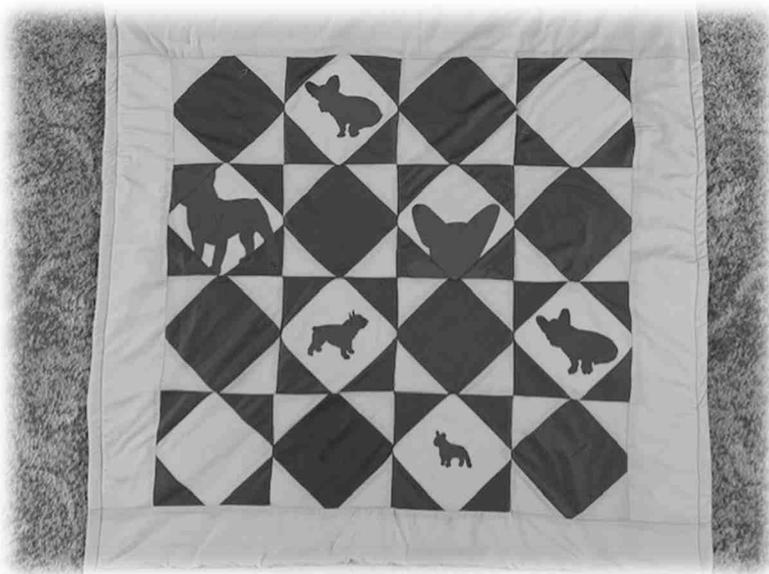
in centimetres, my first attempt at sewing two pieces together failed miserably as neither matched.

However, once I had got measuring and cutting with a rotary cutter under my belt it all began to take on a new life and within 6 weeks of cutting and scrapping sewing and binning the results, I was able to make sense of a small cushion cover using the Dresden design.

After that I made a couple of table runners, small some doilies and finished up making two dog blankets but stuffed them so swell they could have been dog eiderdowns!!

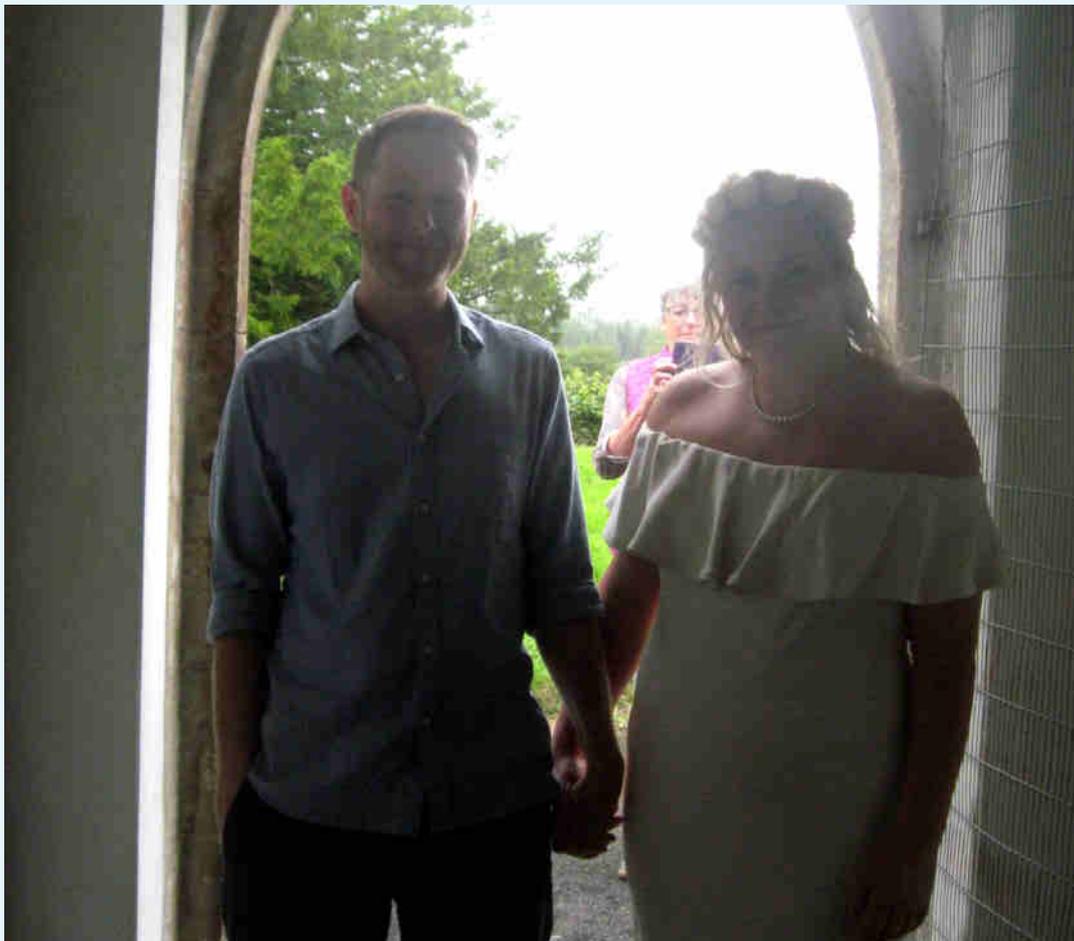
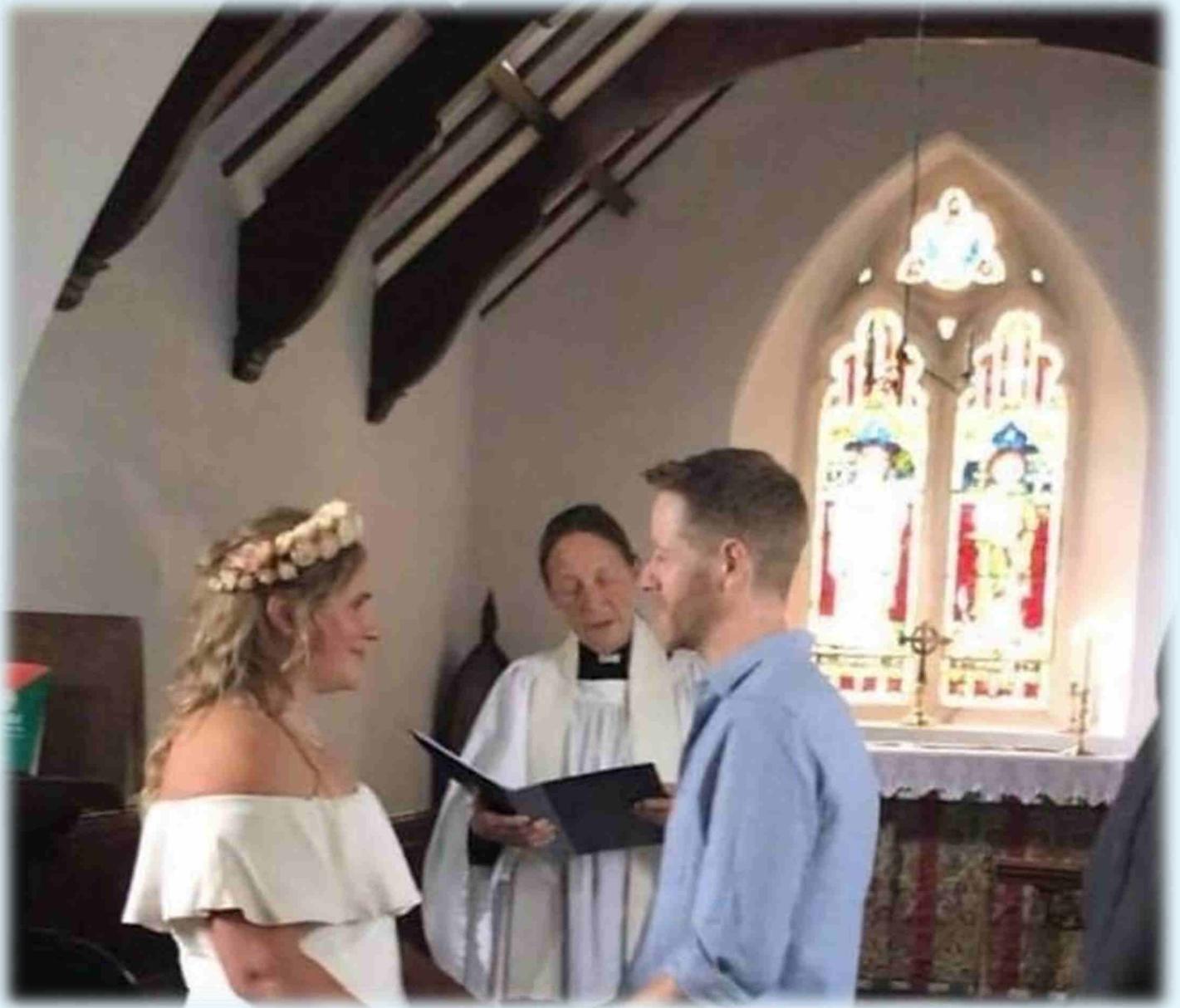
I am now looking for something a little bigger and more challenging than table runners and dog blankets. Any bright ideas?

Eunice Batchelor



A very happy birthday to Eve Brennan who celebrated her 80th birthday on the 4th of September. The planned big family celebration in Spain had to be scrapped because of Covid, but her friends and family came together at Ty Newydd on a sunny Saturday afternoon on the 5th of September for a lovely party in the garden full of reminiscences and fun and laughter. And of course wonderful food and drink!





***Anna Young
and Torrin
Smith who
were married
at
Llanglydwen
Church
recently.***

Llanglydwen

Our dear friend Carol Phillips has moved to Spittal to be near to her daughter. Carol has been our wonderful Church Warden for many years and will be greatly missed.

We wish Carol and Bob happiness and health in their new home. Carol has promised to come back to see us, so we hope it is only *au revoir*.

Jane Legg



Scrabble Group



'I've got to take a trip down South of the county tomorrow' (that's Pembrokeshire) I said to my dear friend and 'bubble-mate'. Do you want to come for a ride? 'Yes please' was the reply – poor misguided lady! So, our first stop was a socially distanced call on friends in Efailwen for them to have a look at some of my crochet-for-Mercy items (birthday present!) Then we stopped at CK, Narberth for a little light shopping including the ingredients for an in-car picnic (the weather was less than pleasant all day – no rain but plenty of greyness!)

Our next port of call was a place dear to both of us – the Lovespoon Workshop in Cold Inn, Kilgetty. I had commissioned a lovespoon from them as a wedding gift for my granddaughter Megan, and Ben – but hadn't dared have the wedding date – 20.8.20 - added, for obvious reasons. However despite everything the wedding did take place on that date so I needed to get the spoon finished. I had given it to Meg and Ben on The Day and then taken it back! Dai Lovespoons not only did a wonderful job but showed me something he had posted on YouTube showing him working on the spoon: <https://youtu.be/8VxZbTFu2x0>.

'My' lovespoon is a little over a minute into the post (the one with the stag's head). Kathie, my passenger, has also recently had a lovespoon carved there for her baby granddaughter. They have a wonderful range of hand-carved, ready-made spoons to which dates, initials etc. can be added and have just started taking pre-booked visitors again with social distancing very much in evidence.



Now they have a shortage of oak and mahogany and would love to hear from anyone who might have any seasoned oak, or old furniture that would be of use to them.



Then the fun really started! My next challenge was to track down great friend Carol Phillips and her husband Bob – until three days before residents of Llanglydwen & Churchwarden.

My mission was to deliver a bunch of flowers and a New Home card with love from our Scrabble Group which until lock-down had met



every two weeks in their conservatory.

We had a village name, house name and postcode. Together with my trusty satnav, what could possibly go wrong?! Well – circles, squares, octagons – we went round the lot!! Golden Hill will haunt us in our nightmares. But the Almighty sent us two angels without wings; a teacher loading children one at a time into cars outside Spittal

School; and a young lady called Josephine in Ambleston who Kathie spotted and who turned out to be a friend of Carol and Bob's daughter. Bless her, she said 'you'll never find it' and led us about three miles in

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her car to our destination. When we left we asked Carol the easiest way back to the A40. Her reply? Oh! Straight down this road and you'll be on it in a couple of miles

A good time was had by all and when we can Scrabble again I think I'll remember the way when we're invited to enjoy a game down South of the Landsker Line.

Meidrim and Merthyr

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Meidrim

Meidrim services

Each Sunday at 9.00 am, Morning Prayer. This will be followed at 9.45 am by a bilingual celebration of the Holy Eucharist at. The sermon will also be bilingual.

October

- 4 Thanksgiving for the Harvest**
- 11 18th after Trinity**
- 18 19th after Trinity**
- 25 20th after Trinity**

Sincere congratulations go to the Revd Malcolm Beynon of St Clears who is due to celebrate sixty years as a priest in the Church of God on September 24th. He was ordained in Llandaff Cathedral on September 24th 1960 by the Rt Revd Glyn Simon who was the archbishop of this Province. Fr Beynon served as a school chaplain for some years as well as the incumbent of Dale in this diocese and throughout this lengthy period of service has been nobly supported by his wife Joan. The Latin saying on these occasions is "ad multos annos". May he indeed be granted more years. The occasion was marked by a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at Meidrim church when Fr Beynon presided and the Vicar gave the sermon.



Above: Launching of the Narberth and Whitland Rotary Club calendar.

Below: Work under way by volunteers clearing branches and cutting back ready to create a cycle track round the field behind the car park and Market Hall, Llanboidy.



We congratulate two young ladies who have distinguished themselves at Trinity College, Carmarthen, by obtaining degrees in the subject of Early Years Education and Care. Our good wishes are extended to Emily Thomas of Llangynin and Sonia Jones of St Clears, both of whom have family connections with Meidrim church. Well done, ladies!

Other good news. Our heartiest congratulations and good wishes go to the following young people who have become engaged to be married:

Tomos Jameson of Cilhir Isaf and Angharad Richards.

Tom Fallon to Hannah Jameson of St Clears.

Robert Harris to Rebecca Moore, granddaughter of Mr and Mrs Bob Jameson.

We are grateful for the liturgical ministry of Canon Michael Lewis who kindly officiated at Meidrim while the Vicar was away early in September.

As numbers in church are restricted under the present circumstances it would be a help if those wishing to attend the Harvest Thanksgiving service on October 4th indicate their intention to attend to the churchwardens so that they may make provision to conform to the regulations in force to help prevent the spread of the Covid 19 virus. Diolch.

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We wish improved health to Mr Ben Evans of St Clears who has been in hospital for some weeks. Ben is the father of Mr Meirion Evans of Upper village, Meidrim and husband to Mrs Ray Evans who also has strong connections with Meidrim. We also remember Mr Delme Herbert, formerly of Meidrim, who has been in Glangwili hospital once more after a relapse but is now back in his home at Llangynnwr.

Merthyr

We assure Mrs Jean Morse of our thoughts and prayers after her rather rough involvement with a farm animal of late. We also remember her son, Stephen, who likewise has been in hospital.

The late Albert Rees passed away quietly in his sleep on Tuesday, September 8, after quite a protracted period of ill health. He leaves behind his widow, Mrs Brenda Rees, a most faithful worshipper at St Ann's, Cwmffrwd, as well as two sons, Chris and Jonathan. Albert came from a large family and will be sadly

missed. We assure the family of our sincere sympathy and prayers at this time, made especially difficult because of the restrictions on usual mourning customs. Albert's name is familiar to many in Carmarthen and beyond on account of his butcher's business which he built up over many years. He will be remembered too at Merthyr church where his daughter-in-law Ann has been an organist for many years and where she married Chris who is also a regular worshipper. Gorffwysed Albert mewn heddwch a bendith ar ei lwch.

All being well we hope to have resumed regular Sunday worship at St Martin's, Merthyr, by the time you read these notes. A word of thanks goes to all those who have made this possible in any way. Because of the restrictions in place and as a temporary measure services will be held on a fortnightly basis and further details will be announced in church.

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Services in October

Sunday 4th

11.00 am

11.00 am

3.00 pm

Trinity 17

Morning Service

Morning Prayer

Evening Prayer

St Mary

St David

St Brynach

KT

NJ

KT

Sunday 11th

11.00 am

11.00 am

2.30 pm

Trinity 18

Morning Service

Morning Prayer

Evening Prayer

St Mary

St David

Cyffig

KT

NJ

KT

Sunday 18th	Luke, Evangelist		
11.00 am	Morning Service	St Mary	KT
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	St David	NJ
Sunday 25th	Trinity 20		
11.00 am	Morning Service	St Mary	KT
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	St David	NJ
2.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Cyffig	KT

Somewhat Normal

Now, with more churches opening it is now worth putting times of services in Grapevine, my thanks to Nathan and his willingness to look after St David's because it would not be sensible for me to go to too many churches on a Sunday. I need to sort out St Tysilio as well but haven't at the time of writing.

In fact, my insertions in this esteemed publication are beginning to look a lot more normal!

In Memoriam

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Glynda Mary Jenkins of Maes-yr-hedydd, Llandissilio who passed away peacefully on 13th July aged only 56. The funeral was in Parc Gwyn on 17th July. It is sad when someone so full of life and adventure passes.

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Above: Eve Brennan from Llanfyrnach celebrating her 80th birthday on the 4th of September with Margaret. Below: Eve with her two lovely sisters, Tricia and Barna.



Also to the family and friends of P. Ann Mahiques of Brynbedw, Efailwen who passed away peacefully on 6th August aged 84 years. The funeral was in Parc Gwyn on 20th August. Ann is such a loss to the church as well as her family.

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Whispers in a Dream

Following in the footsteps of Wales' own Katherine Jenkins OBE, Hayley Westenra, soprano, of Christchurch, New Zealand, projects her beautiful voice worldwide with an arresting radiance of her own. But in recent times Hayley has added another string to her bow by writing spiritual lyrics; and this followed an invitation from Italian musical icon, Ennio Morricone, to put words to his celebrated *Gabriel's Oboe* composition. '*Whispers in a Dream*' is the outcome, a work of art that she has turned into a hymn – and what soothing words have been chosen. This piece is well worth getting to know, if only by sampling it online.

I understand that the lyrics were written in 2011 and one wonders if they were influenced by the earthquake disaster affecting Hayley's home city, Christchurch, at that time. What I do know, however, is that her words describe to me, almost perfectly, the surreal nature of the world in which we have been living for the past six months. The theme is of a positive awakening that follows adversity, one that sees people being able, eventually, to walk together in happiness and harmony



and with hope. Well done, Hayley, for it is a classic – and here are some of the closing lines:

'Whispers in a Dream

The world is quietly waiting

And all around the air is still

Then sings the angels

When all has come to pass

The storm has breathed its last

And the rain has washed our fears away

Love will fall on us all

And we can smile again'

Roger Penn

News from Llanboidy

Hoorah! - at the Church meeting on Friday 4th September it was decided to open the Church on the first Sunday of the month at 3.00 pm. One Service a month for the time being.

There have been lots of activities in Llanboidy village



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Cathy Davies writes:-

Update on New Dawn for Llanboidy

Work has started clearing branches and cutting back ready to create a cycle track round the field behind the car park and Market Hall. This way we should soon have something to show for the funding that has been raised, as this will be paid from the monies all generously donated.

We can't yet go ahead with buying the sports and leisure equipment as the grant funding hasn't yet been received but we expect this very soon. I'll keep you updated as things progress

Members of Llanboidy WI enjoyed an outdoor meeting at the home of President Chris on Thursday 10th September. Norah had written a letter of thanks for the flowers she had received from the WI on the occasion of her 90th birthday, and was congratulated on winning 3rd prize for her literature entry in the County show. A few items of business were discussed, including the formal cancellation of the Annual General Meeting - all officers agreed to carry on in their posts - and the postponement of the Group Meeting due to be held in Trelech in October. Potential new member Brenda was welcomed and everyone enjoyed tea and biscuits, and the first chance in a while to have a chat with friends.

Narberth and Whitland Rotary Club are promoting their latest fundraising 2021 calendar – the theme being 'then and now' and featuring old photographs with the 'then' photos provided by local historian, Roger Penn, and the 'now' captured on camera by Mary Adams – the calendar is sponsored by Jack Mason of Mason Bros.

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Councillor, Sue Allen and Mayor, Barry Chapman said they were delighted that the calendar sums up the character and landmarks of Whitland and reflects life in the town.

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Whilst Narberth and Whitland Rotary Club were having photos to promote their calendar I noticed the **beautiful blue bench** in the back ground and sought more information from Sue Allen, Councillor, who told me that it was a project funded by a heritage grant and that many of these grants could involve a commemorative sculpture.

It was felt that something more practical was needed in Whitland and the commission from Whitland Town Council went to a local sculptor and blacksmith Gideon Peterson who proposed a community seat with designs incorporated within the structure.

Local school children were consulted about what they felt were the most important features of Whitland and the children and young people decided on nine themes - Celtic myths and language, farming, the creamery, the railways, churches and chapels, sport, the Taf valley and fishing, both schools and Hywel Dda.

The lower part of the structure consists of a half round community seat and the upper part wrapping around the community seat are the nine heritage designs.

It was placed in Parc Dr. Owen which is owned by the community and in fact it is rather large so needed a suitable space....

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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Above left: Judy Webb presenting Carol Phillips with a bouquet of flowers from her Scrabble Group.

Above right: Carol Phillips on her new doorstep near Ambleston

Below: Key players in actioning the masonry work on Eglwys Gymyn. From Left to right Mr Michael Lewis, Church warden; Mr David Arnold, Architect Faculty inspector representing the Diocese and Mr David Siggery, the contractor used for the repairs.



CIFFIG

Almost October already, and the awful Covid 19 pandemic is still lurking about. If we have survived thus far unscathed, we must be very thankful.

On August 24th we met in Church to see how best we could prepare it for services.

We duly taped off pews, leaving only every third one open. If everyone observes social distancing as well, there is room for 14!

This would normally be enough space. But hopefully, on September 27th our Bishop will come to Cyffig to Confirm Mrs. Deb. Bowen-Rees. Alas, we will not be able to say "Everyone Welcome".

Cyffig will open for the first time on September 13th.

Now, at the time of writing, new restrictions have been announced, (only 6 persons can meet together) you will have to wait until next month to know what happened!

Thanks to everyone who has kept the Graveyard mown and tidy, in spite of the weather.

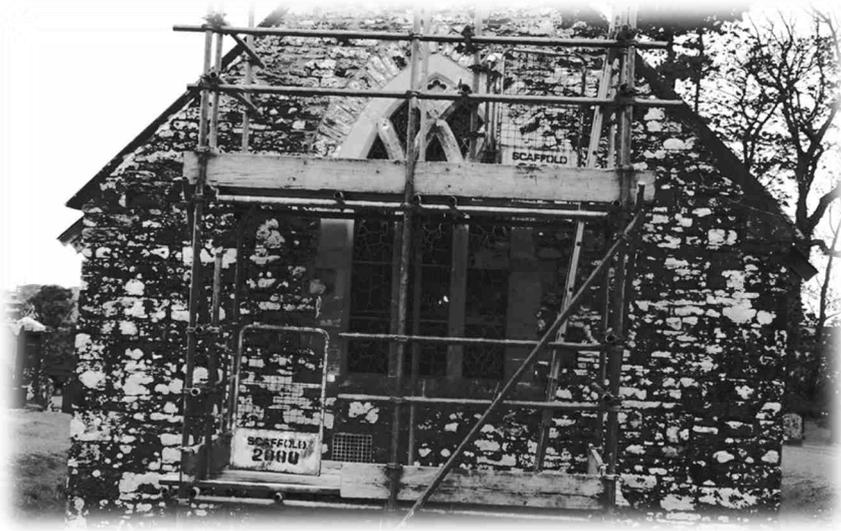
And also to Mr Colin Beynon for repairing and rehangng the stable door.

Also to Revd. Kingsley for his continued daily encouragement, without which, I for one, would have fallen by the wayside.

Lynn Werrett

Eglwys Gymyn

A touch of good news and not so good news this month. The not so good news is that our church St Margaret's Eglwys Gymyn will probably not start holding services before Spring 2021. This is unfortunately what we have come to expect in recent weeks with the pandemic apparently likely to return just as the country was hoping for things to get better. However some churches in our area like Whitland are currently holding Sunday services at 11.00 am led by Rev Kingsley and while the service lacks hymns we at least share the spirit of a Christian service. To date up to 30 have attended from different parishes and so far seven of the Eglwys Gymyn congregation have attended including by Mrs A Robison, Mr and Mrs Michael Lewis, Mr and Mrs Brian Nicholas and Mr and Mrs Roy Evans.



The good news is that after what seems like years, the repairs to the Chancel Wall in St Margaret's are now finished and we are well pleased with the improvement which will ensure that the church will stand in good condition for many years to come, just as it has for many centuries.

The photographs give a good view of the exterior wall and the replaced stonework, the scaffold as well as the key players in actioning the work, ie. from Left to right Mr Michael Lewis, Church warden, Mr David Arnold, Architect Faculty inspector representing the Diocese, and Mr David Siggery, the contractor used for the repairs.



The second good news is that the Red Roses remembrance service will, as in past years, be taken by Rev David Faulkner on Sunday November 8th. It will be good to see David again in his official capacity.

Roy Evans



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Wrth i'r 'Grapevine' fynd i'r wasg roedd capel y Tabernacl, Hendy-gwyn yn gobeithio ail agor ar Medi'r 13eg. Bydd Bethel, Llanddewi a Trinity, Llanboidy yn aros ar gau am y tro.



Dyma gerdd yn son fel y dylem fod yn bobl mwy Diolch gar pan fyd y feirws yma drosodd.

Guto Llywelyn

Bethel

Although Bethel has not restarted services yet, for the last two Sundays there have been services in Tabernacle and several of our members have attended. Indeed for some it was more convenient than going to Bethel. We were unable to sing hymns, but everyone was glad of the opportunity to worship in chapel again and everything was very well organised. The biggest difference in the opinion of many was not being able to stay and talk afterwards.

Mr & Mrs Talfan & Vera Evans, two faithful and conscientious members, celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary last April but were unable to invite friends to join them. However on 28/29th August they were able to hold an outdoor event at their home. In their own words, "after 40 years we need nothing more" and invited donations for two charities close to their hearts: Stillbirth & Neonatal Deaths Charity and Velindre Cancer Centre. We understand that to date some £2,000 has been collected.



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Trinity

No Sunday services were held in Trinity during August, but the situation is reviewed at the end of each month with the aim of resuming services as soon as it is practicable to do so.

Members were saddened to hear of the death of Mr. John Llewellyn. Mr. Llewellyn was the highly respected headteacher of Llanboidy C.P. School for many years and a valued member of the community. We send our deepest condolences to the family.

It is good to hear that members of the chapel and friends are keeping well and strong under these difficult circumstances

Hope

Hold on to hope, that little word
That means so much whenever heard.
What lies ahead is not yet clear
But with hope in our hearts, we shall not fear.

It is the gift that strengthens life
The power to ease this personal strife.
Hope is the sun we need in the day
The light in the dark that helps us pray.

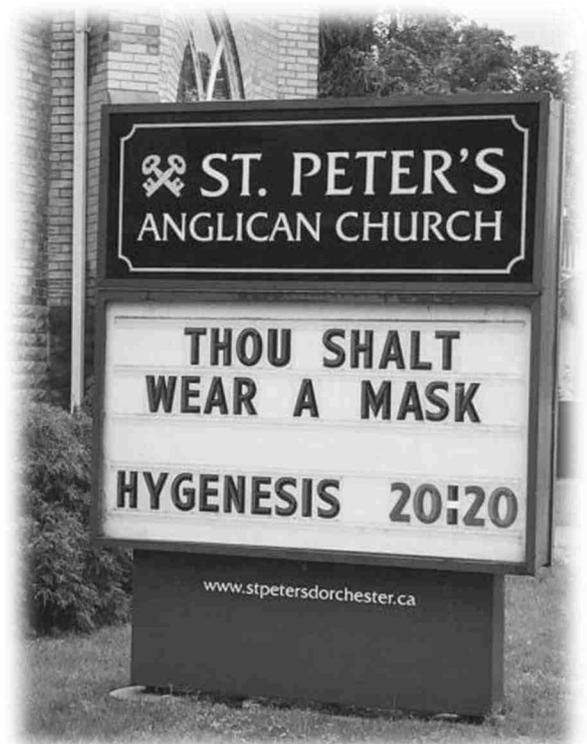
It kindles the warmth when hearts grow cold
Fueling our faith and making us bold.
The burden weighs heavy on this awesome road
Let hope be our courage to lessen the load.

We are frightened, unsure, with a future not clear
But with hope in our hearts we will win through this year.
We are sad, we are lonely, missing family and friend,
We will not be beaten, this is not yet the end.

For the seasons of life are yet to come
And the joy of a future brings hope to each one.
Facing the unknown our journey we make
Strengthened by hope, the gift we can take.

The pathway is different for you and for me,
But God in his wisdom gives hope generously.
So take the great offer as the future we face,
Let hope be our password, our strength and our grace.

Judy Thomas
Cowerton
March 2020



Pan fydd hyn i gyd drosodd

(Cerdd am y coronafirws gan Laura Kelly Fanucci
Cyfieithwyd gan Glesni Williams)

Pan fydd hyn i gyd drosodd
Wnawn ni byth eto
Gymryd yn ganiataol
Ysgwyd llaw gyda dieithryn.
Silffoedd llawn yn y siopau,
Sgyrsiau gyda chymdogion,
Theatr lawn,
Nos Wener allan,
Y ras i'r ysgol yn y bore,
Paned gyda ffrind,
Y stadiwm yn rhuo,
Pob anadl yn ddwfn,
Dydd Mawrth diflas
Bywyd ei hun.

Pan ddaw hyn i ben
Gawn ni ddarganfod
Ein bod wedi dod
Yn fwy fel y bobl
Yr oeddem eisiau bod ;
Y cawsom ein galw I fod
A gawn ni aros felly -
Yn well i'n gilydd

Oherwydd y gwaethaf.

(This is a welsh language translation of the poem "When this is over" by Laura Kelly Fanucci. The original can be seen on the internet and it says that we should all be more thankful as people when this pandemic is over)

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The lights from the parlour and kitchen shone out
Through the blinds and the windows and bars;
And high overhead and all moving about,
There were thousands of millions of stars.
There ne'er were such thousands of leaves on a tree,
Nor of people in Church or the Park,
As the crowds of the stars that looked down upon me,
And that glittered and winked in the dark.

The Dog, and the Plough, and the Hunter, and all,
And the star of the sailor, and Mars,
These shone in the sky, and the pail by the wall
Would be half full of water and stars.
They saw me at last, and they chased me with cries,
And they soon had me packed into bed;
But the glory kept shining and bright in my eyes,
And the stars going round in my head.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Submitted by Lynn Werret of Ciffig Church

Some members of **Glandwr WI** have busied themselves over the Summer making patchwork quilts:



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