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# EDITORIAL

Dear friends,

Please note that I am writing these words over forty days after the Russian incursion into the land of Ukraine and at the invitation of your hardworking editor.

At the start of the lamentable conflict in Ukraine I was struck by the surprise that some people showed at such a conflict happening in Europe. On one level the reaction is understandable. After all, Western Europe has fortunately avoided a major military conflict since 1945 - although there were periods of tension during the so called Cold War. Nonetheless in Eastern Europe in the 1990s we saw on our television screens the horrors that attended the demise of Yugoslavia as the Serbs settled old scores with the Croats. (In the 1940s the Fascist government in Croatia had tried to force the Orthodox Serbs to submit to the Papacy. In fairness I should add that some senior Papal diplomats expressed opposition to such brutal methods of religious conversion at the time).

On the whole relations between different Christian traditions have improved in Western Europe over the last half century even if reunion schemes have foundered. One good example of fruitful co-operation was the resolve by those political leaders, Protestant and Roman Catholic, who, after the Second World War did their best to ensure a lasting peace between Germany and its neighbours. So in the early 1950s there was created an economic partnership which became the precursor of what we now call the European Union. Adenauer, De Gaulle and Schumann were men who were resolved to avoid the bloodshed that had marked their own youth in the first half of the twentieth century. They were successful in achieving that laudable aim. But now, even as Ukraine seeks admission to the same European Union, her people face attack from a powerful neighbour to the East. The name Ukraine means "borderland". Mr Putin, it seems, is intent on restoring the borders of the former Soviet Union and has publicly denied the distinctiveness of Ukraine. He regards it as Russian territory even though the western side of Ukraine once belonged not to Russia but to the Austrian province of Galicia and its capital, Lviv, was once known by its Germanic name of Lemburg.

Another note of surprise struck at the start of the conflict was that such a thing should happen in the twenty-first century. Yet once again this seems to show a failure to acknowledge that war is going on in many other places in this century and Russia's involvement in the destruction of Aleppo should not be forgotten, nor the strife in the Yemen. Perhaps then such a sentiment hints at a belief that, at least in some places, men have advanced beyond resolving disputes by military methods. Not so. We may be technologically more advanced than the so called Third World and we

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are certainly richer in material terms but we should not conclude that the incubus of Original Sin has somehow left Europeans alone and that we are above doing what Arabs and Africans may be doing to one another in time of war. The evidence suggests otherwise, alas.

Curiously enough the same underlying attitude of a cultural superiority inherent in European culture influences people in their approach to Christianity, not least in Western Europe. It is not unknown for some to expound Christianity in a way which, whilst boasting of being radical, does not in fact go to the root of the matter. We may recall in an Anglican context how some are agnostic about the credal statements about the Lord's conception of the Virgin Mary or the claim that the Lord rose from the dead in a glorified body. Such interpreters claim to have a pastoral purpose in commending the Faith to people in Europe and elsewhere. They wish to make the Faith both intelligible and indeed acceptable to modern people, especially such as are influenced by the Enlightenment with its emphasis on reason and scientific discovery (but also its denial of Divine revelation!). The Enlightenment, with its denial of the possibility of the miraculous, is very much a western European phenomenon. Nonetheless in fairness to the revisionists, if we may presume to call them such, we must acknowledge that they have a point inasmuch as they still believe that Christianity is of relevance and worth. Accordingly they seek to drop what they argue is an antiquated understanding of Christianity. However their approach has at least two fundamental weaknesses. First, their revision is not so much an exposition of the Faith which commends itself to the consensus of the faithful across space and time as a contradiction of that consensus as expressed through the ecumenical councils of the Church. The end result is very often a practical Unitarianism. Second, they forget that the apostolic witness as attested in the New Testament Christianity has always challenged our assumptions and has

never, at least when wholeheartedly accepted, been an easy option. St. Paul reminded the converts in Corinth that the Cross and the Resurrection remain a stumbling block and an offence to Jew and Gentile alike.

If the reaction to the Ukraine war has exposed a vein of cultural superiority amongst some Europeans then we are not the first to feel this. In the first century the Faith of Christ gave a jolt to the Jewish sense of racial and religious superiority. It was not enough to be descended from Abraham, Paul told his hearers. Faith and trust in Jesus Christ were, and remain, necessary. The well-educated Gentile philosophers at Athens were likewise challenged by the same Apostle when he preached uncompromisingly the resurrection of a crucified Messiah. On another occasion, also described by St Luke in the Acts of the Apostles, a Roman official called Festus dismissed Paul and his claims as being the product of insanity. Interestingly enough there is some evidence that during the atheistic persecution of Christians in Soviet Russia - a period of seventy years - some were accused of insanity because they too held fast to traditional Christianity.

Here in Wales, as in much of Western Europe, all the churches, with the possible exception of the free charismatic congregations, are declining in numbers and the worshippers are very often elderly. Our situation in this respect is very different from what obtains in much, but not all, of Eastern Europe. Nonetheless we have reason to be grateful that there abundant signs of vitality amongst the suffering believers of the Ukraine. Likewise we have reason for concern that the leadership of the Russian Orthodox church has become so closely aligned with the policies of President Putin. Church leaders need to maintain a critical distance from the powers that be! Nationalism too, as Alexander Schmemmann said long ago, is the bane of Eastern Orthodoxy. Yet one of the great strengths of Orthodoxy is its awareness that it is the whole body of the Christian faithful (including the monks and nuns) which maintains the Church in the Truth and not just the hierarchy. That these ancient churches have withstood the hostility of the Ottomans and the persecution of the Bolsheviks and at the same time have affirmed the historic Faith of the Church should be a cause of thankfulness to many. In addition I should like to say on a personal note that what has impressed me a lot since my retirement from parochial work six months ago is the evidence of dedicated service by laypeople in North Ceredigion where it has been a privilege to lead worship in a number of parishes, both in the town of Aberystwyth and in the surrounding rural areas. How often have I met an obviously committed fellow Christian who gives gladly of time and effort to ensure the maintenance of Christian worship and witness. I saw this in the parishes where I served for 29 years in rural Carmarthenshire and now see it in Ceredigion too. The experience has been most heartening. I hope that this may be



**Left:**  
**Rev. Kingsley Thomas preparing for his Way Grand Tour which commences at Clydey on the 1st of May and concludes after 64 miles at Pendine on the 1st of August.**



**Right:**  
**Faith Penn, Whitland, surrounded by daffodils (and the Very Hungry Caterpillar!) on her fourth birthday**

your experience too for wherever we may live we are all one in Christ.

My thanks go to your worthy editor for inviting me to contribute his editorial. Please be assured of my prayers for her, for you, your family, and your communities throughout Eastertide.

*Yours sincerely, Jeffrey Gainer.*

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## **Message from the Arch Deacon**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I always think of the period from Passion Sunday to Palm Sunday as one of the oddest weeks in the Christian year. Crosses and ornaments are veiled, making the starkness of Lent more apparent, and whilst our minds turn more to the events of Holy Week, it isn't yet Holy Week. It feels like a sort of doldrums, waiting for a big event to happen, the anticipation of things to come. Much of life currently feel like this, we know that the restrictions have ended and we await the future with baited breath, yet know we aren't quite there yet. It feels very much as if something big is going to happen soon and yet we're not sure when. I suppose though the reality is for us all that the time is now, rather than in the future at some unknown and unspecified date. We can wait forever if we are not careful, before moving forward, perpetually waiting to hear what comes next. Perhaps for the Church in Wales its Kairos moment is now. We have to start to re-engage fully with everyone and everything if we want to survive. However, two years of restrictions have left us all a little hesitant, a little nervous – and this is perfectly understandable. Passiontide marks the start of Jesus' Kairos moment to put God's plans into action, to show his hand and to make the sacrifice he came to make – that doesn't mean that he did it with no doubts or fears, as was evident by the agony in the Garden at Gethsemane or the words from the Cross, "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" Seizing the future, taking the chance that this is that Kairos moment, has inevitably elements of risk involved. But if Jesus, the apostles and the early church didn't take risks, then we wouldn't be here. The difference is that they, like us are not taking risks with wanton abandon – know we are taking risks in the Faith of God, we are taking risks in the hope and belief that we are doing so because it is God's will and purpose for us to take them – we take risks because we believe we are doing so to serve the Lord. Do not be afraid to step out in Faith as we emerge from the restrictions, rather trust to God and the guidance of His Holy Spirit. Easter promises the hope of new life and this is what we must hope and pray for the Church. We may falter, we may fail, or we may succeed and flourish or maybe a mixture of both, but the important thing will be that we have tried, we have seized the opportunity to renew and refresh and rebuild

the Church. If we truly believe we are here to serve God, to serve Christ's gospel then we need to have faith to do everything we can to do this. Let us be people of faith not fear. Please be assured of my continued support and prayers .

*Paul Archdeacon of St Davids*

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### **SERVICES IN MAY 2022**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>The Third Sunday of Easter - White</b>		
Llanglydwen	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	SE
Llanwinio	9.30 am	Boreol Weddi	PH
Llanfyrnach	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	EB
	<b><u>The Way of the Cross Grand Tour</u></b>		
Clydey	6.00 pm	Holy Eucharist	KT
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday</b>		
Bro Preseli	10.30 am	Home Communion	EL/JW
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday of Easter - White</b>		
Llanwinio	9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	PM
Clydey	11.15 am	Holy Eucharist	PM
Llanfyrnach	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	HJ
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Fifth Sunday of Easter - White</b>		
Llanwinio	9.30 am	Boreol Weddi	PH
Mynachlog-ddu	11.15 am	Holy Eucharist	PM
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>The Sixth Sunday of Easter - White</b>		
Llanfyrnach	10.30 am	Joint Benefice Holy Eucharist	JP
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Seventh Sunday of Easter - White</b>		
Clydey	10.30 am	Joint Benefice Morning Prayer	EL

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## Llanwinio

We are very sorry to report the passing of **Anne Summerbell**, Pant-y-maen last week and we send our deepest sympathy to husband Paul, her children Rachel & Gareth, James, Alex & Athina, and grandson Henry. Anne's parents lived at Strata Florida and Anne moved to London in the 70s for work. There she met Paul, who was a fireman at the time, but they yearned to farm. They rented a farm in Essex for about 20 years before moving to Llanwinio in 1998. Anne was a long-standing member of Llanwinio W.I. and has been President since 2011. She will be greatly missed in the community.




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Following her recent surgery in Bronglais Hospital and subsequent admission to Glangwili Hospital, **Judy Webb**, focal minister of Llanwinio, would like to thank her friends for all their valuable help and support during what turned out to be a very difficult few weeks. She especially thanks Rev. Euryl Howells, Hospital Chaplain, who went out of his way to bring her Holy Communion and went to see her every day while she was in Glangwili. Judy is recovering at home now, though feeling very tired, and preparing to attend Singleton Hospital for a course of radiotherapy.

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## Tribute to Margaret Robinson, Waunllan

### Teyrnged i Margaret – a Tribute to Margaret

Gwir ffraind ac anrhydedd yw talu teyrnged i'n chwaer ni, Margaret – it is indeed an honour and a privilege to pay tribute to our sister Margaret Robinson; a sister to those of us who are members St. Gwinio's Church, of course, but a great-grandmother, a much-loved grandmother to Alan, Dawn, Karen, Gary, Delyth, Sian, and Owen, a dear mother and mother in law to Daphne and Nigel, Colin and Eirwen, and, of course, for 71 years, the faithful, beloved spouse of Peter.



No one will feel the loss of Margaret as deeply as Peter, Daphne, Colin, and the immediate family, and we feel for them and pray for them in their sorrow, and their grief. But this is not the end. Margaret and Peter shared a deep Christian faith, and we are here to celebrate her life, and all that she achieved, in the full and certain understanding that she has passed through pain and suffering to a better place, in the presence of God.

In celebrating her life, I would like to share with you some of my memories of Margaret. Shortly after I became the vicar's Warden, some 30 years ago, Margaret took over from Peter as the treasurer of St Gwinio's – as always, as they did in everything, they worked as a team! Fel rhywun newydd i'r ardal, oedd wedi symud o



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Sancler i Lanwinio, roeddwn i'n ychydig yn nerfus, ond roedd Margaret o hyd yn garedig a chroesawgar, ac roedd llawer i gyfarfod y PCC yn Waunllan wedi dechrau gyda disied o de wrth Margaret, a bennu gyda glasied o wisgi gyda Peter.

In PCC meetings, when Margaret spoke, everyone listened, because whatever she said was "to the point", constructive, and, as I recall, right. She was unfailingly courteous and kind, and, speaking to Colin on Wednesday, we both noted that we had never heard her utter an unkind or unjust word about anyone. Under her kind and unassuming manner, however, there was a backbone of steel.

On more than one occasion, after a new vicar's first service in the church, we would be in the vestry, Margaret counting the collection while I sorted the altar ware out. "Were you happy with the service?" the new incumbent would ask, and I would wonder how I could point out, diplomatically, that it had been almost all in English. "We want more Welsh here in Llanwinio, Vicar", Margaret would say, leaving him in no doubt as to the views of the congregation. I loved her for that.

I have such fond memories of our times together in this church. We are not renowned for our singing in Llanwinio, and when she took over as organist I moved to sit in the pew directly behind her to provide "moral support" – although I'm not always fully in tune, I can "belt it out". Margaret made a special wooden stand to fit like a glove on top of the organ, and developed an ingenious rubber band system to keep the bulky pages of the hen nodiant edition of Caneuon Ffydd open on the correct page. Over the years we started to play duets together on the organ and mandolin, especially during Advent and over the season of Christmas. We had fun making music together – happy days...

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***Above:  
A recent photo  
of Anne  
Summerbell and  
her family.***

***Right:  
Anne and Paul  
on their  
wedding day***



In the vestry we have a safe in which we keep our important registers and documents, together with the chalice, plate and patten for Holy Communion. It is a beast of a thing to shut and lock, because the air pressure created by slamming it shut causes the door to bounce back fractionally, making it difficult, if not impossible to engage the handle and then lock it. For years we would all watch as Margaret in her 70s and 80s would gently close the door and then, with a delicate, almost imperceptible sleight of the wrist, gently turn the handle. No one else could do this - in spite of watching her probably on over one hundred occasions, I still have to brace my back against the wall and force the handle with one foot in order to achieve what she did with the bare minimum of effort. This is emblematic of the expertise, dignity, and grace with which she carried out everything in her life.

Roedd rhywbeth chwareus yn natur Margaret, sy'n esbonio efallai pam yr oedd plant a phobl ifanc yn cymryd ati gymaint. Her grandson, Owen, once played a trick on her by carefully planting some *dail tafol* – dockplants, in her carefully tended garden. As we all know, docks are the most undignified of weeds – ‘where there’s dung, there’s docks’! Margaret took this in good humour, and she carefully and discretely cultivated one as a pot plant, which she solemnly presented to Owen weeks later, tastefully adorned with a ribbon.

If you go to St Paul’s Cathedral in London, there is a memorial plaque to its architect, which reads “*si monumentum requiris, circumspice*” – “if you need a monument, look around you”. This is true of our beloved sister Margaret. Look around – this is her monument, which she built and maintained – the church to which she gave so much, and the wonderful family that she loved.

Diolch, Arglwydd, am fywyd Margaret Robinson.

**Phil Higginson**

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## Llanfyrnach

Farewell to a very special lady. Joyce Boulton passed away peacefully on the 16th March. Our deepest sympathies go to Bill, her husband of 76 years, and all the family.

Joyce moved with Bill to Wales in 1961. Farming was their life and they worked well past retirement age, continuing to help Neville on the farm into their old age. Joyce had an accident in her early forties, which left her profoundly deaf. She cheerfully accepted her condition and just got on with life. She was a loyal member of Llanfyrnach church for the past 50 years. Joyce was an excellent flower arranger, and particularly liked doing the Harvest Festival and decorating the church at Christmas. We were very sad when we were told that we were not allowed to have flowers in the church for her funeral because it was

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Lent—she loved flowers and we very much wanted to fill the church with flowers for her. We did however manage to slip in two pots by the door! Because of her disability we always made sure that we gave her plenty of written notes, so that she didn't miss out on any event. She was always the first with home-made cakes, trifle and cawl for Children in Need. She enjoyed and attended all our social events, always giving most generously. Joyce was very close to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She would have been very proud of Naomi who read her eulogy so beautifully. All of us who had the privilege of knowing this special lady will miss her greatly. May she rest in peace. God bless.

*Eve Brennan on behalf of Llanfyrnach Church*

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## Clydau

After four months as the Grapevine's treasurer, I still have not done anything. What with Barclays Bank huffing and puffing about adding our signatures to the account and the complications of not being able to collectively go in and sort them out since Jonathan moved to England and they moved online to work from home after closing most branches, I've been paying the bills from my company account. More accurately Elizabeth does that: trying to talk to the bank means hanging on the telephone for an hour or more at a time. We have a grant for the Grapevine from the diocese and can't access it to pay the printer.

Anyway; my mother-in-law's quite sudden death from a stroke last month was a timely reminder that we are all mortal; ***"the time of our life is threescore years and ten; and if they be of strength fourscore years..."*** as the Domine Refugium Psalm 90 puts it. Bonn made an 11.25% profit on the fourscore years deal by reason of her



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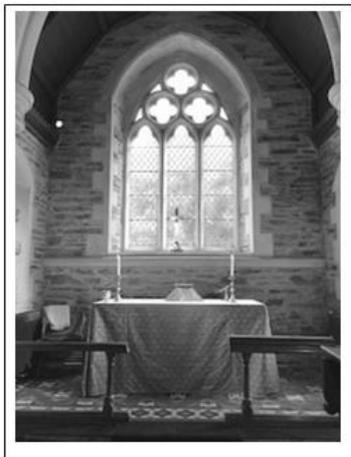
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great strength in adversity; *“labour and sorrow”* verse 10 continues, *“for it is cut off quickly and we flee away.”* In her case to Scotland to rest as ashes and dust with her husband and daughter Alice to await the resurrection at the end of days.

Psalm 90 is attributed to Moses and he had no concept of retirement from God’s purpose, however long one lives: *“for all our days are passed in thine anger. We have spent our years as a thought”* says verse 9, which Jonathan quoted to me once when I asked him about retirement after he hinted in a telephone conversation with Elizabeth that he was dithering about a part-time call back to the cloth in England.

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for not doing so and we all know how dangerous retirement can be. You only have to remember how short it was for Nicholas Parsons – barely four months – or Alistair Cooke – barely four weeks – to understand why serving God’s purpose and keeping going are the stuff of life – as demonstrated by Her Majesty the Queen.

I was reminded of ‘threescore years and ten’ by my approaching 70th birthday. I first encountered Psalm 90 in the 1898 novel ‘Moonfleet’ by J Meade Falkner. John Trenchard loots a silver locket from the coffin of Colonel John ‘Blackbeard’ Mohune. The scroll within it quotes verses of the Bible that contain a code leading to treasure and Psalm 90’s contribution to the code was ‘fourscore’.

It is not a psalm I ever sang as a choirboy; in the common worship lectionary it only features a couple of times in part at weekday services during Trinity but it is used in full in the 1662 Common Prayer book burial of the dead service and comes out in translation somewhat differently to the way it appears in my Breeches Bible.

*LORD, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another.*

*Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made: thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.*

*Thou turnest man to destruction: again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.*

*For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday: seeing that is past as a watch in the night.*

*As soon as thou scatterest them, they are even as a sleep: and fade away suddenly like the grass.*

*In the morning it is green, and groweth up: but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.*

*For we consume away in thy displeasure: and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.*

*Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee: and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.*

*For when thou art angry, all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.*

*The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong, that they come to fourscore years: yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.*

*But who regardeth the power of thy wrath: for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.*

*O teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*

*Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last: and be gracious unto thy servants.*

*O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.*

*Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us: and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.*

*Shew thy servants thy work: and their children thy glory.*

*And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handywork. (GLORIA)*

As a choir, we were never used at funerals as they were always on weekdays and I have never attended a funeral where it has been used; the book of Common Prayer having fallen into disuse in churches.

The prayer book seems to complicate verse 9, which was hard enough to start with. I change 'anger' to 'shadow' in my mind to understand it better. It makes sense as walking in hearing distance of God and thus ready to do his will.

"Teach us to number our days" is the first hint of time and motion studies – to make the best of the time we have as "so soon passeth it away, and we are gone." Lost time is never found.

**Richard Law**

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We sadly mention that our focal minister, Elizabeth Law's, mother died last month, aged 89. Alice Violet Wilson was dubbed 'Bonnie' by her late husband Alex – so she was known as Bonn or Bonnie to everyone except her 6 children, 18 grand children and 26 great-grand children.

She moved to Pembrokeshire with her husband and late daughter Alice in 1986. They lived in the granny annexe of Elizabeth's Llanerchymedwr property for a while and then moved to Crymych, where she worked in the fish and chip shop until her husband died in 1998.

After that, she and her daughter moved to Hadstock, Essex, from which Bonn returned to Bro Preseli after Alice went into residential care and her own health was declining. The Covid 19 lockdowns and the resultant isolation felt by all the Bro Preseli residents seemed to accelerate her mental health decline and she spent the last few months of her life – still living it up – in Pencoed nursing home at Wooden, Saundersfoot. She suffered a severe stroke and died in Withybush two weeks later.

Her crematorium funeral was on the 12th April and her ashes will be scattered by Loch Venachar on the 8th of May – which would have been her ninetieth birthday. She chose the location, it being a favourite fishing spot when the family lived in Glasgow in the 1950s and 60s. She scattered her husband's ashes there in 1998 and those of her Down's Syndrome daughter Alice in 2018.

**Richard Law**

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### Services in May

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Third Sunday of Easter

9.00 am	Holy Communion	St David	KT
10.30 am	Morning Prayer	St Tysilio	PM
11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary	KT
11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Brynach	JP

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

11.00 am	Matins	St Mary	KT
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	St David	NJ
2.30 pm	Holy Communion	Cyffig	KT

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Tysilio	KT
11.00 am	Matins	St Mary	KT
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	St David	NJ
4.00 pm	Holy Communion	St Brynach	KT

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary	KT
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	St David	NJ
2.30 pm	Evensong	Cyffig	KT

# The Way of the Cross Grand Tour

Landsker Ministry Area was inaugurated just before the lockdown. It seemed an impossible task to form such a spread out group of churches, from the mountain to the sea, into one. Because of the Lockdown I was able to keep in touch with a daily email and we were able to come together and form the council because of the internet and the willingness of people to get involved. After the restrictions have been lifted how do we physically stay as one group? A proposal we have been working on was to take a large cross and walk from church to church with it to all the 15 churches. And so 'The Way of the Cross Grand Tour' took form. Beginning with a service of Holy Communion at St Clydai, Clydey at 6.00 pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, the cross will then be walked from church to church every Monday until it finally arrives at St Margaret, Pendine. Rev Kingsley Taylor will walk every section and will be glad to accept the company of anyone who wishes to walk with him either for all or part of the way. Anyone who wishes to sponsor this in any way the money raised will go towards aid in Ukraine, details on how to do this are being worked out. Below is a link to the Fundraising web site:

[www.https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wotcgt](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wotcgt)

The route is as follows:

Clydau to Llanfyrnach	5 miles	2 May
Llanfyrnach to Llanwinio	5 miles	9 May
Llanwinio to Llanboidy	4.5 miles	16 May
Llanboidy to Llanglydwen	4 miles	23 May
Llanglydwen to Mynachlog-ddu	5.5 miles	30 May
Mynachlog-ddu to Llandysilio	6 miles	6 June
Llandysilio to Clunderwen	2 miles	13 June
Clunderwen to Llanddewi Velfrey	5 miles	20 June
Llanddewi Velfrey to Princes Gate	7 miles	27 June
Princes Gate to Lampeter Velfrey	3 miles	4 July
Lampeter Velfrey to Whitland	5.5 miles	11 July
Whitland to Cyffig	2.5 miles	18 July
Cyffig to Eglwys Gymyn	5 miles	25 July
Eglwys Gymyn to Pendine	4 miles	1 Aug

What happens at Pendine is yet to be decided.



***Above: Beautiful Mrs. Joyce Boulton who passed away on the 16th of March.***



***Left and Below: A very pretty and youthful Margaret Kedward who passed away on the 22nd of March.***

***We send our sincere sympathy to both their families.***



## In Memoriam

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Iviona (Ivy) Webb who passed away peacefully on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. The funeral at Carven Chapel on 26<sup>th</sup> March was taken by Rev Hywel Brown and assisted by Chancellor Geoffrey Morris and Rev Kingsley Taylor. Ivy was a much loved person in the community and is sadly missed.

Also to the family and friends of Margaret Robinson, Llanwinio, who passed away peacefully on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March. The funeral took place at St Gwinio's, Llanwinio on 18<sup>th</sup> March and was taken by Rev Kingsley Taylor and Mr Philip Higginson. Margaret was a dedicated member of the church and a much loved and respected lady in the community.

And to the friends and family of Conrad William Sharpe who died on 1<sup>st</sup> March. His funeral took place at St Mary's and Soar Chapelyard on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Please remember the families of these people in your prayers.

## Achievement

Well done to John Seeley who has now given 60 pints of blood, an achievement indeed. John has special blood that can be given to young children, I am sure many people have been helped over the years by his donations.

*Kingsley*

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## News from Llanboidy

**Llanboidy Market Hall** -It has been all go again in April with the weekly Tuesday coffee mornings and workshops featuring taster sessions ranging from Welsh and Pilates to Therapy Dog and Local History - these have been well attended and were great fun for us all.

**Helen from Criad Pet Therapy**, came on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, and brought along her dog Milo, who behaved impeccably, to explain about their work and operation. They are based at Haverfordwest and visit hospital wards, care-homes, mental ill-health units, primary and secondary schools and also people who are socially isolated in their own homes, or who lack the confidence to go back out into the community post covid restrictions. Milo was thoroughly spoilt with attention from our coffee group and happily received all the petting and attention.





Helen also brought along Freckles, one of their toy dogs, who woofs and moves and is extremely cuddlesome - he is given to bedridden people to provide comfort. I must admit he was very adorable and popular with our coffee group who all wanted to hold him!



Denley Owen, local author, came on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March and gave a fascinating talk on Llanboidy's history focusing on WRH Powell MP who lived at Maesgwynne and, to quote Denley, 'he was a Philanthropist, Sporting Great and Radical Hero'.



Powell Bach, as he was affectionately known, was an amazing benefactor to Llanboidy building the primary school, the Market Hall and Piccadilly Square houses to mention just a few of his works. Denley kindly presented four of his books on Llanboidy to representatives of the Market Hall Committee to go into the library.



**Some of The Elderly Brothers (Huw, Cyril and Philip)** entertained the Tuesday Coffee Morning group on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April with a 'singalong session'. A lively sing-along of old favourites from the 60s and 70s was enjoyed and it was great for them to be singing with a live audience again after 2 years. Their next event is at the revived Living Memories Group at Narberth Rugby Club on the 14 of April at 1.30 pm, and hopefully every 3rd Thursday of the month thereafter.

**Basic Computer training was ably led by Alan Thomas** on April 12<sup>th</sup> – all thought it pretty good and it ended up as an unstructured session where people at different levels chatted and helped one another to gain experience – worthwhile and practical for all.

**Plus the Saturday Club** for children with workshops of Games and Art - the latter also proved particularly popular with parents and grandparents!!

These activities are all free to us at the moment, intended as a 'taster' to encourage others to run classes and activities in the Hall when the funding ceases in April .

Cyril tells me there has been a good response to his questionnaires about what folks would like to have in the Hall and there is a big demand for Dance, Drama and the Arts – is there anyone who would be able to help with these, and if so please let me know and I'll pass them onto Cyril.

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**Clothes Swap Ladies Evening** – was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April in our beautiful old Llanboidy Market Hall which is steeped in History – I'm sure old Walter Powell who built the hall in 1881 would have been delighted!

It was a fun evening of laughter and chatter for all the ladies with a bonus of food and drinks and all being able to leave with pre-loved outfits ranging from evening dresses to day outfits including handbags, hats and shoes.

And, the added bonus was that just under £700 was raised to be split between The Hall and Ataxia Charity – well done Helen and Gil and their willing band of helpers!

## **LLanboidy WI**



The Market hall is available for us to use in the evenings from April till October, second Thursday in the month, so Jan will book this for us, meetings will start at 7.00 pm.

Everyone was in agreement that we should not meet in August, but maybe have an outing instead.

**Margaret Kedward** passed away peacefully on March 22nd after a short stay in hospital.

# **G. Williams**

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They started married life in a tied cottage, David working on the local farm. Daughters Jan and Hazel were born there. They moved to a council farm in 1958 and Rod was born

there soon after. In 1967 they made the big decision to buy a farm in Llanboidy. Jeff and Chris arrived within a few years.

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### *Whitland Young Farmers of Old*

*Here we have a nice photo and I suspect many of us know these faces. But, as a clue, the handsome gentleman sitting on the left in the front row is a recent Vicar's Warden of St Mary's Church, Whitland. Photo submitted by Roger Penn.*



Margaret in particular was very involved in the community. Church was important and she was for many years a Sunday school teacher. She was a keen WI member and did a lot of craft work - even organising craft groups in the farmhouse at Hafod. Margaret was on the Social Club Committee for many years and was a Trustee until the year before her death.

Her happy place - particularly in later life - was her garden and she was a member of Afon Taf Gardening Club for many years. Family and community were very important to Margaret - She will be greatly missed by her 5 children and their partners, 9 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, 4 step grandchildren, relatives across the country and the many friends in the community of Llanboidy and further afield.

### **Church Services:**

Sunday, May 1st at 11.am with Jenni officiating—Holy Communion

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm with Kingsley officiating—Holy Communion

We wish all who have been unwell or in hospital during the last few weeks a speedy recovery, and remember, if you would like a visit from the Vicar please get in touch with one of the Wardens - they do “lift your spirits” you know!

Keep well and safe everyone, and enjoy what we all have which is a beautiful and friendly area in which to live - and remember a problem shared is a problem halved, so please ask for help if you need it, or just want a friendly ear to listen to you, and I will certainly try and help you – my contact details:

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**Phone: 01994 448303 Text: 07530 523813**

And 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 – Thank you.

*Sue Jones*

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## CIFFIG

The time is flying faster than ever, it's hard to believe it's almost Easter already! Time to be watching out for Swallows!

We continue to send best wishes and love to Colin at Blaenwaun as he bravely recovers. Best wishes to all our members and friends.



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Special good wishes to Revd. Kingsley who is shortly going to set off on one of his epic walks. This time it's The way of the Cross Grand Tour.

Beginning in Clydau on 1st May and ending in Pendine on 1st August, visiting every Church in the Landsker Ministry area, walking a distance of 64 miles. We hope to join other congregations at some stage to follow Cyffig Cross. *Lynn Werrett*

Here's a poem by Seamus Heaney 1939 -

## **FOLLOWER**

**My father worked with a horse-plough,  
His shoulders globed like a full sail strung  
Between the shafts and the furrow.  
The horses strained at his clicking tongue.**

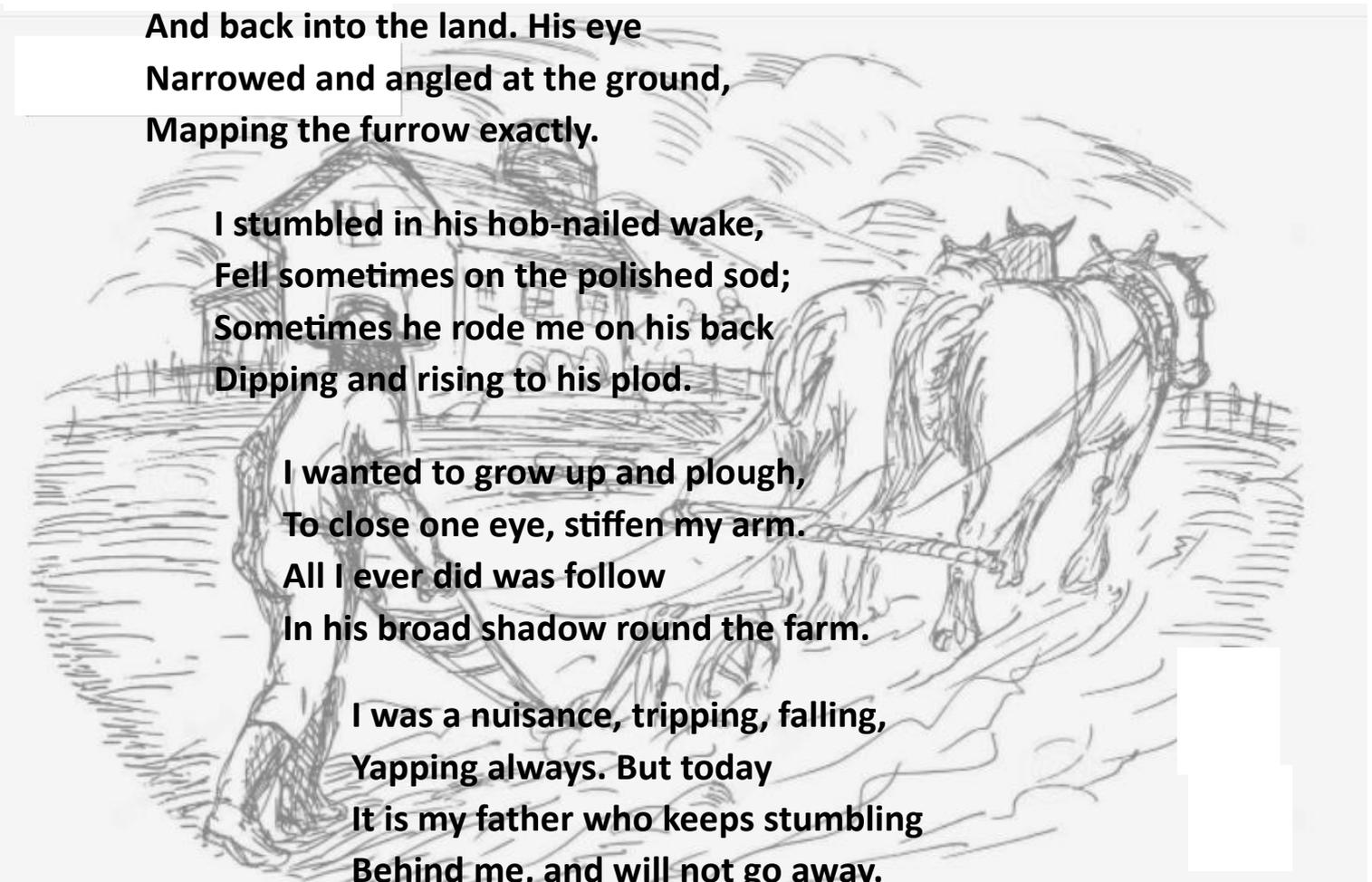
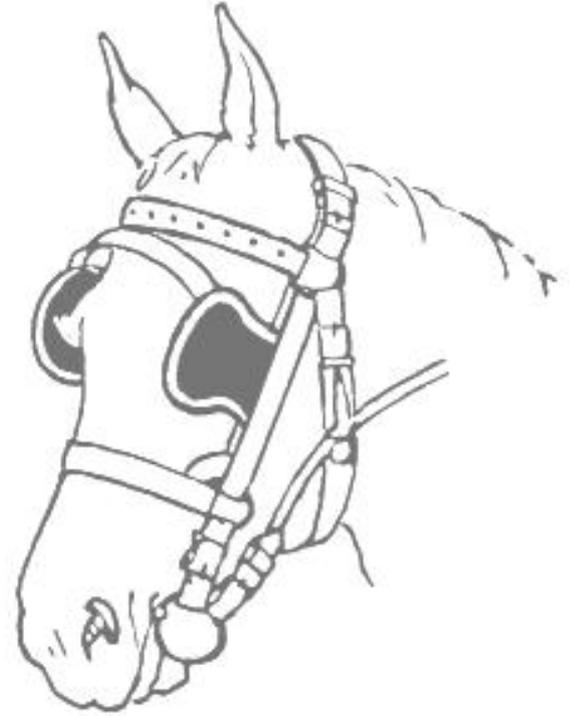
**An expert. He would set the wing  
And fit the bright steel-pointed sock.  
he sod rolled over without breaking.  
At the headrig, with a single pluck**

**Of reins, the sweating team turned round  
And back into the land. His eye  
Narrowed and angled at the ground,  
Mapping the furrow exactly.**

**I stumbled in his hob-nailed wake,  
Fell sometimes on the polished sod;  
Sometimes he rode me on his back  
Dipping and rising to his plod.**

**I wanted to grow up and plough,  
To close one eye, stiffen my arm.  
All I ever did was follow  
In his broad shadow round the farm.**

**I was a nuisance, tripping, falling,  
Yapping always. But today  
It is my father who keeps stumbling  
Behind me, and will not go away.**





**Ni angen chi**

**We need you**

**Ni angen aelodau newydd i ymuno ein Côr croesawgar, er mwyn cario mlaen gyda hên draddodiad cymraeg. Yn arbennig, i ni yn chwilio am tenoriaid i ymuno ein teulu hapus.**



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