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**Front Cover: Revd. Carol Court, new Priest in Charge in the LMA with  
 primary duties to the Cylch y Frenni Group of Churches. Welcome Carol!**

# Cylch y Frenni Circle of Churches

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

### SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2022

<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Second Sunday of the Kingdom</b>	<b>Red</b>
Llanglydwen	9.30 am Holy Eucharist	CC
Llanwinio	9.30 am Boreol Weddi	PH
Llanfyrnach	11.15 am Holy Eucharist	CC
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
Bro Preseli	10.30 am Home Communion	JW/EL
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>		
Crymych Market Hall	10.45 am Service of Remembrance	CC
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	<b>White</b>
Llanwinio	9.30 am Boreol Weddi	PH
Mynachlog-ddu	11.15 am Holy Eucharist	CC
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The First Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>Purple</b>
Llanwinio	9.30 am Holy Eucharist	CC

### Important message from the Editor

I know everyone is very busy, but if the Grapevine is to survive into next year I need more contributions from you all! Sue Jones has had to give up her Llanboidy section due to other commitments, and this alone is going to leave a big hole in the magazine. I can only print what I receive, and I can only report on what I actually attend, so I desperately need your help on this. If you struggle to send me things electronically, I can help you with it, and there is always Snail Mail!

Please, please help so that we can keep this little magazine going.

Many thanks,

*Kathie, Editor*

# EDITORIAL

## A New Beginning

**O**n Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of October we celebrated the licensing of the Revd. Carol Court as Priest in Charge of the Cylch y Frenni Group of Churches at St Gwinio's. It was a joyous event. Archdeacon Paul officiated with our Dean, Kingsley, and it was wonderful to see so many clergy from almost every area in the Diocese who came to show their support for Carol in her new calling. In addition to the Wardens and members of Llanfyrnach, Llanglydwen, Clydau, Mynachlog-ddu and Llanwinio, we were blessed with the presence of members from throughout the East Landsker LMA.

In defiance of the wet and blustery weather, many of us enjoyed tea together in the hall afterwards, and we are most grateful to the Llanwinio Community Association for both its use and their support. Indeed, to those of us who tidied and locked up at the end of the evening, it seemed like a new beginning; an end to a period of darkness and uncertainty, and an opportunity to look forward at last.

Covid, of course, has not gone away. But look what we have been through over the last two years. On the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 schools and colleges were closed; retail, hospitality and travel curtailed and the whole nation entered lockdown. For some, there was a brief period of elation, as people who would otherwise be at work enjoyed the opportunity to walk in the warm spring weather. For other, heartbreak and loss – we think especially of Undeg and her family, and all others who lost loved ones.

As the lockdown took hold, there followed a deeper realization that we are social creatures, and that involuntary isolation is not good for the human soul. Doctors,



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nurses, and other key workers faced increasingly difficult conditions in the workplace, returning to families incarcerated in their own homes.

Looking back to April, May and June of 2020, it seemed that everyone was embracing electronic media as the answer to social isolation. *Zoom* and *Teams* were used by millions to keep in touch, and they certainly helped. As a teacher, however, I soon came to see that they were a poor substitute for the true meeting of minds that occurs when human beings are gathered together, communicating not merely with words and facial expressions in a mechanical “turn-taking” mode, but with the whole range of paralinguistic features that make face to face interactions rich and meaningful.

The tragic case of Mollie Russell has made us all aware of the dangers of social media; of how algorithms can trap individuals in a vortex of dyscontextualised content that is truly hellish. The consequences of over a year of physical isolation on a generation of children and adolescents is only starting to emerge.

Our church in Llanwinio was dark for a whole year – we reopened on Good Friday 2021 with a service of meditation – and Archdeacon Paul has kindly nursed us with twice-monthly celebrations of Holy Communion since then. It seemed wholly appropriate that it was Paul who officiated at Carol’s licensing.





*Above: The Licensing of Revd. Carol Court as Priest in Charge of the Cylch y Frenni Group of Churches at Llanwinio on the 4.10.22  
Below: Farewell and thanks to Ven. Paul Mackness at Bwlch-y-Groes Community Hall on the 25th of September*



And so – a new beginning. Carol is now living in the Vicarage in Crymych, and I am looking forward to taking her into Ysgol Bro Preseli to meet the Head, Mrs Rhonwen Morris. Pob bendith, Carol, a chroeso i eglwysi Cylch y Frenni!

On the dangers of isolation, let me finish with this well-known meditation by John Donne, the 17<sup>th</sup> century Dean of St Paul's (his family came from Cydweli, by the way!)

*No man is an island entire of itself;  
every man is a piece of the continent,  
a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea,  
Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were,  
as well as any manner of thy friends or of thine own were;  
any man's death diminishes me,  
because I am involved in mankind.  
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;  
it tolls for thee.*

**Phil Higginson**

The three-year interregnum in the Cylch Y Frenni Crymych Group of Churches, resulting from Jonathan Copus retiring in 2019, came to an end in October with a flurry of associated services and events. Archdeacon the Venerable Paul Mackness stood in to anchor the group as a priest in charge for six months and, courtesy of 'events' had to stay with us until last month – three years altogether!



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Plans were afoot to install a new priest in charge early in 2020. The Group's vicarage in Crymych was acquired by the diocese when it was built in 2006 and was home to the late Revd. Roger Thomas during his tenure as Priest in Charge until he moved on in 2011. Jonathan Copus did not need it as a residence as he was already domiciled in Llanglydwen parish. The diocese would not let him use it as an office, meeting room or retreat for lunch between services and instead rented it out to a secular tenant – who was served notice to vacate shortly before the pandemic brewed up.

The Covid 19 pandemic and consequential lockdowns thus set plans for a new incumbent back through 2020 and 2021, during which time Mynachlog-ddu's Sharon Edge was studying for ordination.

The sequence of events through which Paul was able to step back into his proper role as archdeacon – expanded somewhat by Bishop Joanna being on sick leave - went thus:

25<sup>th</sup> September: combined Holy Eucharist at St Clydai followed by a farewell reception do at the work-in-progress Bwlchygroes Community Hall – another project delayed by the pandemic.

1<sup>st</sup> October: Sharon Edge was ordained as a deacon in the packed St Davids Cathedral by retired Bishop Wyn followed by another bunfight, this time in Maenclochog village hall.

4<sup>th</sup> October: Carol Court licensed to the group as priest in charge at a service in Llanwinio followed by yet another party in the hall opposite.

The photos from these events really tell their own story, from the well-attended farewell 'do' in Bwlchygroes to the packed cathedral for four ordinations to the crowded Llanwinio for Carol's launch into our community as Priest In Charge.

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Carol became 'available' as a full-time clergy-person after retiring from her post at the Department of Work and Pensions, so she is confronted all at once with new geography, new digs and a lot of new people who have been short on pastoral care for several years, not to mention the practical management of forthcoming events.

The importance of social gatherings outside of worship and services should not be underestimated, hence we have had harvest festival suppers, a bunfight after the Remembrance Sunday service – if we can find a venue this year – and the feast of Christmas to look forwards to, pausing briefly to mourn the passing of Grapevine subscriber, widow of the late Revd. Anthony Bailey, Mrs M Ilar Bailey at the Graylyns Nursing Home in Letterston on the 9<sup>th</sup> October.

**A**fter the solemnity of Carol Court's induction into the Cylch Y Frenni group at Llanwinio on the 4th of October - which was also the group's last sighting of the Venerable Paul Mackness - she had to hit the ground running! Her first service was Holy Eucharist at St Clydai on the 9th, and oops, focal minister Elizabeth Law was away, for the partial interment of her brother Alex's ashes (in his back garden, never a good idea) and then taking the holiday she had put off because of the induction. That left Carol to find a strange church, where the only person she knew was Gaynor Evans Parcau - who fortunately is a church key holder and knows the secrets of the chalice. Next up was a baptism at LLanglydwen on the 15th and then Holy Eucharist at Mynachlog-ddu on the 16th.

*Richard Law*

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## **In Memoriam**

We are sad to announce the death of Mrs. M. Ilar Bailey, widow of the late Revd. Anthony Bailey, who passed away at the Graylyns Nursing Home, Letterston on the 9<sup>th</sup> October. The funeral was held at Parc Gwyn on Monday the 24th of October.

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## **Announcement**

It appears that Churchwardens and Worship Leaders now need to do a safeguarding and DBS course.

FRIDAY      12th JANUARY

MONDAY     16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

FRIDAY      27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

We have suggested the above three possible dates for the course to take place at Bwlchygroes community hall. Please let Jane Legg or Elizabeth Law know which

date would suit you best. We need to have more than six people to make it worthwhile for the tutor to come along.

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## The Inner Drive of the Human Ego

### Mark 10:34-45

**W**ith the passing of Queen Elizabeth and the out-pouring of respect for her late majesty, there are lessons we can learn from her life, service, duty and devotion. Although she was a Queen, she had the human touch and her faith - which was so much a part of who she was - gave the basis on which she lived her life. She was not only Queen but carried the title, Head of the Anglican Church and Defender of the Faith. There is the account given when Billy Graham first came to this country. He was not popular with the religious establishment but the Queen asked him to preach at Windsor Castle. They talked after the service and he admitted that he had been unsure what to preach about and had considered preaching about when Jesus told the sick man to arise. He said her eyes twinkled and she said, "That is my favorite."

Of all the books written about the Queen, there was only one book that she wrote the foreword for. It was called, "The Servant Queen and the King she serves." At the age of 21 she promised, "My life, whether it be long or short, my life will be devoted to your service." This was the essence of her life, the servant Queen and the King she served. The greatness, which she knew was not from her position that had been bestowed on her, but from the position she took of service.



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It shows us what it truly means to live and belong to Jesus Christ. It answers the question of what is truly important to us in our lives. We find it here in this account of the two disciples of Jesus, James and John. They came to Jesus and wanted something from Him. They wanted to be at His right hand in His Kingdom. They wanted the most important place around the table at the throne. They wanted important positions at the top table of the one and only Kingdom which is of glory and everlasting. This is the Kingdom that belongs to Jesus who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. They wanted what is natural to each and every one of us. They desired to be important. This is the ego that we all have and which is the real driving force in our lives. Martin Luther King said, "We march to the drum beat of this instinct. We have the ego to be first for attention and for recognition." It was not only that these two wished it but the rest of the disciples also desired the lime light and prominence.

Jesus responds with these words, "Whoever wants to become great amongst you must be your servant." We remember this as we remember our servant Queen and the King she served. (Mark 10;42-44). Whoever desires to be first shall be the slave of all. The Queen signed her letters, "Your Servant." Much of her character was shaped by the experience of her uncle, who did not fulfil that role, and the model of her father who was a believer. He himself had taken this path during the war and all that it meant. But most of all the Queen followed the path of the great King Jesus Himself.

Think of the truth of it, "Whoever desires to be great among you shall be your servant." The problem with any kind of power is that it has a way of corrupting. If you give someone any kind of position, even the most insignificant, e.g. chief bottle

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washer, before you know it you have a tyrant on your hands. They call the shots. It is their way or the highway. It is good to see people who are in the service of others but you know what is said, "They only want to serve themselves." It is part of human nature and so much so that if someone is not in a respected position, they will not serve. All the service that had been done up till then was tied into the position that they held until it is questionable if it was a real service for others or for themselves.

Consider also that the Lord Jesus does not just get it right about what makes someone great but also about what we truly desire in our lives. Is it that we wish to be first and the most important? Jesus is very good at pointing out the things that are wrong in our lives and in our hearts. He tells us what the human heart is like and the things that need to be corrected and the sins that need to stop. He calls people to repentance. On this occasion, dealing with these disciples, he does not reprimand them but teaches them. This is what you desire but this is how it has to be. This is how it works. "The first shall be last and the last, first." All this, the Queen learnt from her faith.

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This is not only learned from the lips of Jesus but also from the life of Jesus. When Jesus spoke these words He then points to Himself as an example. He is the One who has come into this world, not to be served, but to serve as the Saviour. Only through His life can we be truly free to know that it is not all about us being important but that God must come first and our neighbour comes second, and we come last.

This is one of the great claims of Jesus, who He is, why He came and what He came to do. The Son of Man is the one figure we have in the Old Testament. The Son of Man will come in glory and power in the clouds. He is the Ancient of Days who has a Kingdom and He is the King that the Queen served. Kings and Emperors and the great and powerful of this world have also known Him. At the end of the day, you will notice, it is Him we worship and praise.

And although all authority belonged to Him, He came and lived and served others. He humbled Himself and became a servant. He ministered to all sorts of people. There was no section of society neglected. He served the outcasts, the mad and those who were psychotically, physically and spiritually marred. He gave to the poor but not only this, He gave of Himself. He laid down His life. No one took it from Him. He laid it down. In His serving others, no one has given more. This great King laid down His life as a ransom, to set us free. If there is anyone who needs help in whatever way, Jesus the King Himself will help you and minister to your life.

He came from heaven for this task so that you and I can be free to serve and to worship God. Bow the knee to Him and know Him as their Lord and Saviour.

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# Clydau

The Cylch Y Frenni welcomed the Revd. Carol Court to our circle, among the other happenings of the last few weeks, which started when we said 'au revoir' to our archdeacon, the venerable Paul Mackness. He stepped back from the role he took on in our circle of churches for six months – three years ago.

The sort-of expected, but nevertheless untimely, death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the 8<sup>th</sup> September threw a kind of spanner into the works, and that was just the most recent spanner after Covid 19 and the lockdowns. That turned the 11<sup>th</sup> September service into a memorial one, as the diocese were quick to provide the service template, prayers and the new words of the national anthem. We also cobbled up a commiserations card, which hung around Clydau until the 25<sup>th</sup> when we collected autographs ready to post it to the palace.

We celebrated, although that's not really the right word, Paul's stepping back at the end of September. His last official function for our group was the combined Holy Eucharist at St Clydai on the 25<sup>th</sup> followed by the less traditional but necessary social bunfight at the Bwlchygroes Community Hall, where we made sure he was the first signature on the condolences card.

And that was our second bunfight in 24 hours, as the day before we had one in Maenclochog Village Hall in celebration of the Revd. Sharon Edge having been ordained deacon by (retired) Bishop Wyn in St David's Cathedral on the 24<sup>th</sup> September.

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“Oh, him;” said Paul when I showed him a photo of the elegantly dressed Germanic-sounding (and quite deaf) ‘Pater Peter’. I first saw him in enthusiastic conversation with Bishop Wyn outside the cathedral after the ceremony and caught up with him at the top of the steps – I’m grateful for that as I needed to pause for breath (taking such steps two at a time is not my thing anymore, as I discovered half way up) – in conversation with an Indian family, the head of whom had come forwards for communion with us during the service.

Holiday visitors, they were blessed for coming to see our place of worship. I don’t know what they made of Pater Peter, and Paul did not expand on his earlier comment above, except to say he is often seen at services. As is Paul, doing in that service what his office calls upon him to do and while he denigrates his role somewhat as ‘meetings’, somebody has to be the glue holding our traditions and purpose together – and he’s in the hot seat, the more so because Bishop Joanna was off sick during this period.

The next bunfight wasn’t until 4<sup>th</sup> October, when Carol was licensed as priest in charge of the Cylch Y Frenni circle of Churches at Llanwinio with a party in the hall

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after. We hope Carol felt welcomed 'cos Elizabeth and I slipped away after that for a few days, leaving her to take charge of Holy Eucharist at St Clydai on the 9<sup>th</sup>: an 11.15 service after taking a 09.30 one at Llanwinio. Sharon was going to support her at both services and thus perform the delicate and necessary induction everybody needs for finding St Clydai.

Elizabeth and I married on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1976 – exactly a decade to the day before Dai and Gaynor Evans, Parcau, tied the knot at St Clydai. For many years, we have made the first week of October a short break week, usually in France. Having put the trip back to see Paul off, Sharon ordained and Carol licensed, we hot-footed it to London for the ceremony of Alex's ashes.

On plan 'A' we'd have had the week in France and seen to Alex on the way back, but because of the parish commitments, Alex was our first port of call on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Elizabeth's brother Alex was the piper at her mother's funeral and was thus known to those who came to support us at that

ceremony. For him to die just 32 days later was untimely: not to mention queue-jumping as it wasn't his turn. Nobody chose him in the 'who's next sweepstake', so the fund rolls over to the next family event.

The Mexican saying is that you die three times; firstly when you cease to breath and nobody can hear you again: Alex has beaten that one as undertaker Colin Phillips has the video and Alex will play at numerous funerals in the future. The next time you die is when you're buried and nobody can see you again. Alex has beaten that one because we have the photographs that were compiled for the funeral service and we sent hard copies to those who could not be with us.

The third time you die is when the last person who remembers you passes on. If that's the case and looking around the assembly at the ashes ceremony, it'll be nearly a hundred years before that happens.

Christians bury the dead in hope and expectation of the resurrection of the body promised us by our Lord. Cremation was, and is, practised in other cultures, usually for practical reasons. Northern Ireland church leaders were against the pagan practice until they ran out of cemetery space and then suddenly embraced it. The rest of us are more practical, but the enduring problem is what to do with the ashes afterwards?

Back in May, we scattered Elizabeth's mum's ashes under a rowan tree in Scotland. The same tree as hosted Elizabeth's sister Alice's ashes in 2018 and those of her dad in 1997. At least trees are patient. Alex did not want his ashes there, so his are separated. At the 9<sup>th</sup> October ceremony, the main portion were interred in a planter barrel in his back garden: a movable remembrance that can move with the family. We scattered some ashes from a salt shaker in the garden and some will go to the opposite end of Loch Venachar to his dad's.

What we do with our dear departed is much more about us than it is them. St Clydai has a swelling gallery of funeral service sheets, among which is that of Victor Chambers, late of the Llwyndrain Post Office. He's on top of his widow Helena's wardrobe. Her plan is that his and her ashes will be scattered together when the time comes. It's as good a plan as any and at least there's a plan.

The night before the ashes ceremony, we got a phone call from Carol on the 8<sup>th</sup> – two problems: Sharon, she who was supposed to help at the two services on the 9<sup>th</sup> had cried off, having tested positive for Covid 19 – which meant that aside from missing the services she could also not be admitted to hospital for a planned procedure on Monday 10<sup>th</sup>.

Second problem, where is St Clydai? I'm not the one to ask, as I was lost the first time I found it. I was on car park duty for the confirmation service some years ago when Bishop Carl (the one we don't talk about) arrived late, following a farmer who had agreed to show him the way off the Frenni Fach and into our expectant community. We delegated explaining how to find Clydai to Gaynor, as she has done it many times before, but probably not from Llanwinio.

It is what's called an inauspicious start to one's ministry – having no guide to reaching the faithful but Jesus himself, but then what more do you need but faith? And some faithful.

*Richard Law*

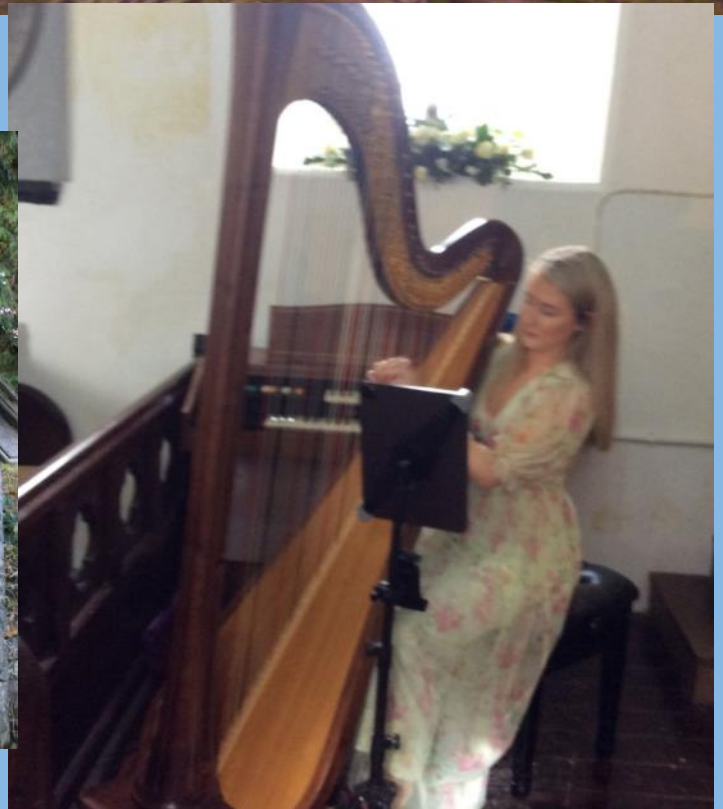
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## **Llanglydwen**

Bonnie Harding and Rhys Davies were married recently at Llanglydwen Church. The harpist was Marged Rees. We wish the young couple every blessing.

*Beryl Medi*

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## Llanwinio

### ***Eglwys Llanwinio Church Diwrnod Rhodd/Gift Day on Dydd Sadwrn 19eg o Dachwedd/Saturday 19th November***

The church will be open between 1.00 pm and 4.00 pm. Light refreshments will be available. We are hoping to raise money to pay for the repairs to the ceiling. The cost of repairs is likely to escalate once the ceiling is taken down and the beams underneath exposed. Please come along to support your local church which now desperately needs help if it is to survive into the future.

Thank you,

***Phil Higginson***

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## Clydau

The Ven. Paul Mackness held his last service with congregations from the five Churches in the Cylch y Frenni Group. The service was held in Clydau Church on the 25th of September, following the Ordination of Sharon Edge to Deacon in St. Davids Cathedral on the 24th of September. Sharon preached her first sermon and afterwards a buffet lunch was held in Bwlchygroes Village Hall. We look forward to welcoming our new Minister the Rev. Carol Court. Her Induction Service took place on the 4th of October in Llanwinio Church, and afterwards in Llanwinio Community Hall.

***Richard Law***

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## Services in November

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

#### Kingdom II

9.00 am	Holy Communion	St David	KT
11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary	KT
11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Brynach	JP
3.00 pm	Holy Communion	St Tysilio	SE

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Kingdom III

10.55 am	Remembrance	St Brynach	KT
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	St David	NJ
2.30 pm	Holy Communion	Cyffig	KT

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Christ the King

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 27<sup>th</sup>

#### Advent

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

# Welome

We welcome Revd. Carol Court to the LMA. Carol has pastoral responsibility for the Cylch Y Frenni group of churches. Her licensing was on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October in St. Gwino's Llanwinio. Every blessing in your new ministry Carol.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to William Phillip Morgan and Marie James who married in St. Brynach's, Llanboidy on the 1st of October.

*Kingsley*

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## News from Llanboidy

It is with regret that I have decided that this will be my last contribution to Grapevine. Times are changing and I feel it is now time for someone else to take over the collating of Grapevine news from Llanboidy - if you are interested, or know someone who might be, can you please contact our Editor, Kathie, on, [editorgrapevine@frennichurches.org.uk](mailto:editorgrapevine@frennichurches.org.uk), or one of the Church wardens—Vanw Thomas or Philip Morgan

Thanking you all for your support and help over the past years with Grapevine news, it's been a pleasure, but now is time for a change.

With the approval of Revd. Taylor, a **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** will be held at St. Brynach's on Sunday 6th of November at 11.00 am, with Holy Communion, which Canon Jeni has very kindly agreed to officiate.

It has been suggested that instead of donating fruit and vegetables we could bring tins of food or any dried food and take them later to the local food bank. Possibly we could have a cup of tea at the end of the service?

**Wedding congratulations** to Philip Morgan and Marie James who were married on October 1<sup>st</sup> at St Brynach's Church.

Marie was given away by her brother, and her daughters were bridesmaids.

Philip said they had a wonderful day and thought the church very photogenic, as can be seen from the photos.

The reception was held at Llety Cynin and was excellent.

**Whitland Male Choir** are in for a busy time over the coming weeks.

They performed at Cae Elen School in Haverfordwest on the 27th of October; will be partaking in a Remembrance Day Service in St Mary's Church Whitland on the



evening of Sunday the 13th of November, and singing at a Charity Concert at the Queen's Hall, Narberth on Thursday the 17th of November.

**Further details can be found on their web site – [www.whitlandmalechoir.net](http://www.whitlandmalechoir.net)**

***Below: Whitland Male Choir performing at the English Congregational Chapel, Laugharne on the 21st of September***



### **LLANBOIDY COMMUNITY CONSULTATION 2022 UPDATE:**

Following the recent public meeting, Cathy Davies has kindly sent me the following –  
'In 2019 the Community Consultation received the following response to its questionnaire:-

- 75% OF PEOPLE WANTED TO SEE A PLAY AND LESISURE AREA CREATED IN THE PARK
- 75% OF PEOPLE WANTED TO SEE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HALL AND MORE EVENTS AND WORKSHOP SESSIONS
- 20% OF PEOPLE WANTED IMPROVED MOBILE AND BROADBAND RECEPTION
- 14%+ WANTED TO SEE A WALKING GROUP, MORE FOOTPATHS OPENED AND CYCLETRACKS. THEY ALSO WANTED TO SEE SOMETHING DONE ABOUT THE MAESGWYNNE ARMS
- 13% OF PEOPLE WERE CONCERNED AT THE LACK OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT
- 9% OF PEOPLE WANTED TO SEE BETTER PAVEMENTS AND TRAFFIC-CALMING MEASURES

9% ALSO WANTED BETTER COMMUNICATION ABOUT VILLAGE EVENTS

**WHAT THEY HAVE ALREADY DONE:**

RAISED £5,000 FROM CALOR COMMUNITY FUND TOWARDS EQUIPMENT FOR THE PARK AND HALL.

RAISED £5,000 FROM THE COMMUNITY TOWARDS EQUIPMENT FOR THE PARK AND HALL AND INSPIRED A COMMUNITY MEMBER TO RAISE ANOTHER £2,000.

CREATED A CYCLE TRACK IN THE PARK, AND GOT THE PARK FENCED AND RAILED.

INSTALLED ADULT LEISURE EQUIPMENT AND PICNIC BENCHES IN THE PARK.

RAISED £4,921 TO PROVIDE TASTER SESSIONS IN THE HALL, A LAPTOP, SCREEN, TRIPODS, DVD PLAYER AND IPADS AND PROVIDE WIFI IN THE HALL.

RAISED £7,200 TO BUY MORE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDING A LARGE SCREEN TO SHOW FILMS; DIGITAL PROJECTOR; A SMART TV; GRAPHICS PAD; WIFI ENABLE ALL AREAS OF THE HALL; CAMERAS AND MICROPHONES ETC. TO ENABLE US TO LIVESTREAM EVENTS.

**FINALLY:** AFTER 3 YEARS – GOT PLANNING PERMISSION TO IMPROVE THE HALL, AND PLANNING PERMISSION FOR A NEW PAVEMENT WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED SHORTLY.

SUBMITTED ANOTHER 5 FUNDING APPLICATIONS WHICH WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL.

**WHAT THEY'VE GOT PLANNED:**

A FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL LOTTERY.

AWARDS FOR ALL FOR A PAVILION/GAZEBO FOR THE FIELD –UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

FOLLOWED BY AN APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL LOTTERY PEOPLE AND PLACES FUND FOR FUNDING FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE FIELD.

APPLYING FOR FUNDING FOR MORE TASTER SESSIONS IN THE HALL.

APPLYING FOR FUNDING FOR UPGRADING AND IMPROVING THE HALL.

**WHAT ELSE SHOULD THEY DO?**

WHAT ELSE DO YOU WANT?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP:

- Get involved with the Llanboidy Grant Group or the Hall Committee;
- Help with applications for funding;
- Help by fundraising in all sorts of ways;
- Keep on telling them what you want.



*The wedding of William Philip Morgan and Marie James at St. Brynach's Church, Llanboidy, on the 1st of October.*



- Understand that when things take forever to happen that they are dependent on funding bodies and there's lots of competition for funding

Other suggestions??

### **Church Services:**

Sunday November 6th at 11.00 am with Jenni officiating - Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 20th at 4.00 pm with Kingsley officiating - Holy Communion

*That's all for now – Cheerio, Sue Jones*

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**T**hank you so much, Sue, for your hard work and dedication in keeping readers of the Grapevine informed about what is going on at Llanboidy—and there is always so much! We are extremely sorry to lose your contributions and I very much hope that there is someone out there who will step into your shoes.

Very best wishes,

*Kathie, Editor*

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## **Cyffig Notes for November**

**A**utumn has arrived, quite suddenly the evenings are dark really early. Time seems to pass even faster since Covid lockdown (BC), how can that be?

We had our Harvest Festival service on September 25th. when the congregation numbered 15, enough of us to sing the Harvest hymns.

The Church was festively decorated, everyone donated very generously for the produce which raised £75.00.

We are sad to learn of the death of Mr. Wally Rainbow, and send our sincere sympathy to Maureen and all the family.

Wally was well known at Cyffig for reading lessons at our Christmas services. He will be sadly missed by all.

Also our sympathies go to the family of Mrs. Morfydd Price, late of Willow Glyn.

And to Mrs. Deb Bowen-Rees on the sudden death of her sister.

Thanks to Dorian Phillips Ltd. Builders for repairing the frame of the West door at Cyffig.

Last, but by no means least, thanks to Revd Kingsley for his constant support at Cyffig in spite of our usually small congregation.

Here's a poem by Jim Reeves,(1909—1978) (the poet not the singer!)

### **SPELLS**

*I dance and dance without any feet --  
This is the spell of the ripening wheat.*

*With never a tongue I've a tale to tell --  
This is the meadow-grasses' spell.*

*I give you health without any fee --  
This is the spell of the apple-tree.*

*I rhyme and riddle without any book --  
This is the spell of the bubbling brook.*

*Without any legs I run forever -  
This is the spell of the mighty river.*

*I fall forever and not at all -  
This is the spell of the waterfall.*

*Without a voice I roar aloud -  
This is the spell of the thunder-cloud.*

*No button or seam has my white coat -  
This is the spell of the leaping goat.*

*I can cheat strangers with never a word -  
This is the spell of the cuckoo-bird.*

*We have tongues in plenty but speak no names -  
This is the spell of the fiery flames.*

*The creaking door has a spell to riddle -  
I play a tune without any fiddle.*

**Submitted by Lynn Werrett**

**Ken Davies A'i Fab**

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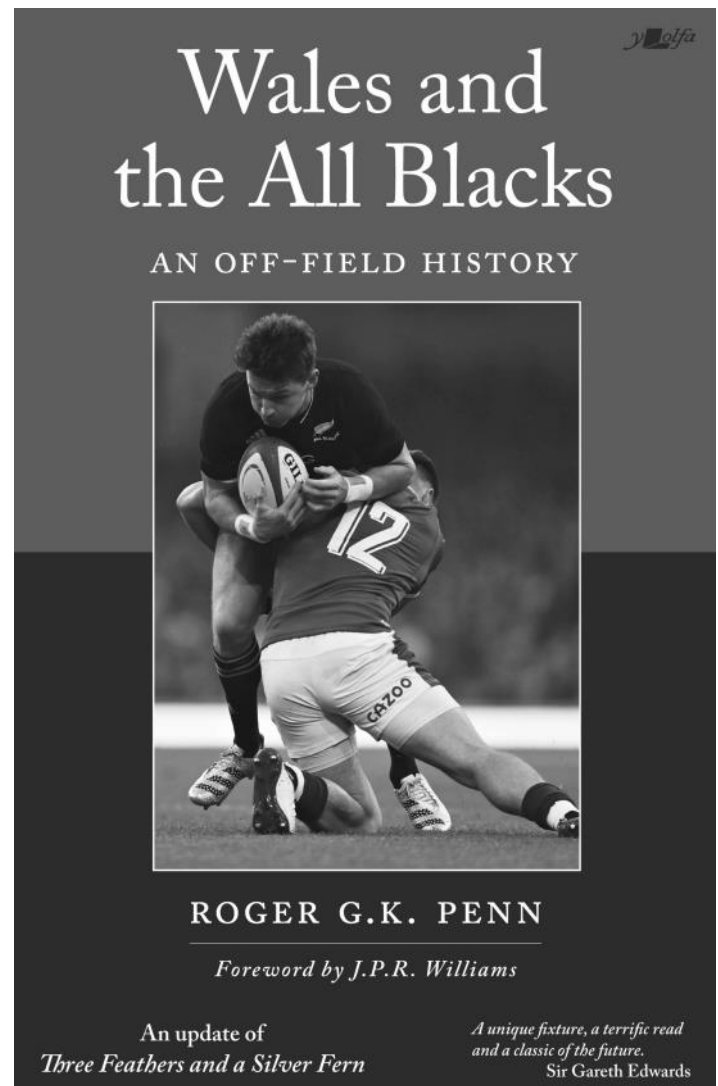
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## **Wales and the All Blacks – an Off-field History**

In the past Roger has submitted articles indicating the good fortune he experienced whilst researching for his rugby book *Three Feathers and a Silver Fern* in New Zealand. One story describes the visit he made to the Anglican Church in Palmerston North when he walked into the company of a number of influential people. Well, this same sporting volume is once again rolling off the print lines into readers' homes in the form of an updated re-release. This time entitled *Wales and the All Blacks – an Off-field History*, and with an additional chapter, the book is, according to experts, "a terrific read."

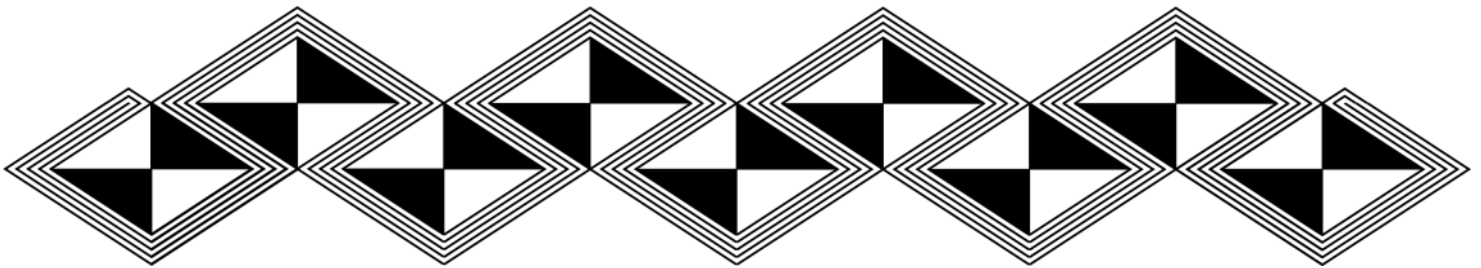
It was in September 2012 when Roger took a break from ringing the bell at St Mary's Church on Sundays for five weeks of eye-opening travelling. Exploring libraries, archives and museums, and talking to devotees, officials and players of the game, Roger returned home with a wealth of rich material, including anecdotes from past and present All Blacks whom he met along the way.



“I next tackled our own Welsh greats,” said Roger, who came across J.P.R. Williams when the legendary fullback was speaking alongside former All Black Sir Colin Meads at a pre-match luncheon in Cardiff in 2012. “J.P.R. showed immediate interest,” said Roger, “and put me in touch with Sir Gareth Edwards,” Not long afterwards, a convincing story about this unique fixture was being compiled from the perspective of an off-the-field history.

Now, publishers *Y Lolfa* of Talybont are sending the book out into the world as far as Canterbury, South Island, New Zealand, to Nationwide Book Distributors, suitably re-styled and in a smart, new, eye-catching jacket. Complete with a ‘Look Inside’ e-book version, *Wales and the All Blacks – an Off-field History* is available at all mainstream bookshops and online, and is a book rugby lovers will enjoy talking about.

We wish Roger and the book every success.



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