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Services for September 2025

3rd September - Holy Eucharist - Bro Preseli -10.30

7th September - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

PLACE	TIME	SERVICE	
Llanglydwen	9.30	Holy Eucharist	CC/JW
Llanwinio	9.30	Boreol Weddi	PH
Llanfyrnach	11.15	Holy Eucharist	CC/EB/HJ

14th September – Holy Cross – (Red)

Llanwinio	9.30	Holy Eucharist	CC/PH
Mynachlogddu	*10.30*	Morning Prayer	JW
Clydau	11.15	Holy Eucharist	CC/EL
Llanfyrnach	11.15	Morning Prayer	HJ/EB/JW

21st September – Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist (Red)

Llanwinio	9.30	Boreol Weddi	PH
Mynachlogddu	*10.30*	Holy Eucharist	CC/JW

28th September – The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Llanwinio	9.30	Holy Eucharist	CC/PH
Llanfyrnach	11.15	Holy Eucharist	CC/EB/HJ
Clydau	11.15	Morning Prayer	EL

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Services in September

Sunday 5th September - Trinity XVI

10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Whitland	KT
10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Tysilio's Church, Llandissilio	SE
11.00 am	Matins	St David's Church, Clynderwen	NJ
11.30 am	Holy Communion	St Brynach's Church, Llanboidy	KT

Sunday 12th September - Trinity XVII

10.15 am	Matins	St Brynach's Church, Llanboidy	PM
11.00 am	Matins	St Mary's Church, Whitland	KT
11.00 am	Holy Communion	St David's Church, Clynderwen	SE
2.30 pm	Holy Communion	Cyffig Church, Cyffig	KT

Sunday 19th September - Trinity XVIII

9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Tysilio's Church, Llandissilio	KT
11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Whitland	KT
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	St David's Church, Clynderwen	NJ
11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Brynach's Church, Llanboidy	JP

Sunday 26th September - Trinity XIX

11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Whitland	KT
11.00 am	Holy Communion	St David's Church, Clynderwen	SE
2.30 pm	Evensong	Cyffig Church, Cyffig	KT

EDITORIAL

It is a great Honour and Privilege to be asked to edit the Grapevine, following in the footsteps of Kathy, Richard and Shirley as part of a great team, with Sarah Eynon in charge of collating and printing, Phil Morgan as treasurer, Eunice Batchelor as proof reader, Hazel delivery and posting.

The ethos of Grapevine will continue to be a service to the churches and community of East Lansker LMA informing the community of coming events including Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, as well as follow up articles of the event. Welsh language articles are especially welcome.

As not all of our community are internet connected, so, if you post about an event on social media, please copy to Grapevine.

Churches and community groups from the wider area who have events planned are encouraged to post an article which will attract visitors to the event.

V-J day August 15th, commemorates the end of the war with Japan following the dropping of 2 atomic bombs, one at Hiroshima on August 6th and one at Nagasaki on the 9th.

This ended the most bitter fighting and massive casualties ever known in world history.

Allied forces involved every nation within the (then) British Empire and featured such atrocities as the Burma road, immortalised in the Film "Bridge over the River Kwai".

Events to commemorate the ending of the hostilities in Europe, the far East and Pacific are held in most countries of the world. One such event was held in the National War Memorial in Staffordshire in the presence of King Charles and Queen Camilla. Many former servicemen, from the commonwealth, of whom most are now over 100 years old, served in the

conflict in the far East and Pacific. To honour the sacrifice of those who fell, at this service, like most others, the Kohima Epitaph was read:

When you go home
Tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow
We gave our today

These few lines were composed at the end of the First World War by a Cambridge classicist turned wartime codebreaker. They are inscribed on the memorial in the cemetery at Kohima, an area on the Burma - India border, to commemorate the huge loss of allied soldiers in the vicious battle which prevented Japan invading India at that point.

David Jones



We send our condolences to the family of Brenda Worthing, who attended Llandissilio Church. Brenda's funeral will be held at the Crem. on 16th September at 1.45 pm.



NEWS FROM LLANFYRNACH CHURCH

Congratulations to MDS Distribution on celebrating 150 years in business. It all began on the station yard when the railway track arrived enabling the trains to bring goods into the area.

Our condolences go to Sian Jones, and her family, Tryston, and Betsan Llysmyrddin, on the death of her dear husband, father and grandfather. Gerwyn Vaughan Jones was a school headmaster for decades before his recent retirement.

Condolences also to David and Hazel, Caerllinos, both have lost their only siblings in recent months.

We are all very pleased to hear that Betty Morgan, Y Villa, is home from hospital. Get well soon Betty.

Another former regular worshipper at Llanfyrnach Church has also made front page news in the “Clebran”. Professor Martin Johnes lived with his brother Richard and parents Rev. and Mrs Philip Johnes at Bryn Villa, Hermon, when his father was curate at Cardigan Church before taking on the Llanegwad Group of Churches as Rector. Martin has published a 400 page volume titled ‘Welsh Not: Elementary Education’ which is the first academic study of the infamous Welsh Not, and the Anglicization of Nineteenth Century Wales. He has been Professor of Modern History at Swansea University for a good number of years, and specialises in the histories of Wales and popular culture in modern Britain. He was the author and presenter of the 2019 BBC television series Wales - England’s Colony?.



Angharad James, a Welsh professional footballer who plays as a midfielder for National Womens’ Soccer League club Seattle Reign and the Wales National team. Angharad attended Brynconin Primary School, Llandissilio, before attending Ysgol y Preseli and began playing football at Clarboston



Road. Her grandparents, the late David Carter, former church warden at Llanfyrnach Church, with his wife Janet, who is present church warden, were often called upon to take her to training and to matches as and when the time arose. Internationally she has represented Wales since her debut in 2011 and was named Players' Player of the Year for Wales win 2017, having previously been twice named Wales Women's Young Player of the Year in 2013 and 2014. Angharad is the youngest ever Cymru player to accrue 100 caps for her country in a World Cup Qualifier against Slovenia. She was appointed Cymru captain in 2024.

Joyce Williams

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The Feast of the Transfiguration – 6th August

*Matthew Ch 17 v 1 – 8. ‘Six days after, Jesus took Peter, James and John his brother,
And brought them by themselves to a high mountain’.*

The Transfiguration according to the gospels took place on ‘a high mountain apart’, and since the 3rd century Mount Tabor has become the place that pilgrims identify with this event.

The solitary mount rises skyward from the Plain of Jezreel and has a commanding view over many miles, across the fertile countryside of the plain beneath. The road to the top is narrow, and seems to be one long spiral – with a sheer drop on one side; coaches cannot negotiate this road and pilgrims either take advantage of a fleet of taxis, or walk the steep and rugged path.

Stepping from the taxis at the top you begin to breathe again, and try not to think about the number of ‘dead taxis’ you have spotted over the drop on your ascent, and the fact you have to return later, via the same route!

A new Basilica by the architect Antonio Barluzzi was erected in 1924 in the Roman- Syrian style of 4th century (the first Basilica was built here in the 4th century).

There are two chapels just inside the entrance, under the towers, to honour the memory of Moses representing the Law, and Elijah representing the Prophets.

These chapels are a reminder of the ‘booths’ that Peter felt moved to offer on that awe inspiring occasion.

One of the most memorable things about this church and others by this architect is his wonderful use of mosaic pictures in the most brilliant of colours, depicting the gospel stories connected with the site. Here, the main altar is an awe-inspiring shining golden representation of the Transfiguration.

Christ in the centre with Moses on the left, and Elijah on the right, with Peter, James and John depicted below.

As you look at this picture and allow yourself to be drawn into it, you begin to realise the magnitude of this event and the effect it must have had on Peter, James and John.

Here on the top of a mountain set apart, they witnessed a brief glimpse of Heaven, and the presence of God Himself.

They saw Jesus transfigured, changed from His earthly body into His heavenly glory, and the splendour and light was too much for His disciples, and they fell on their faces, and hid their eyes.

And what of us, we who claim to be followers of Jesus, His present-day disciples, do we fall on our knees in awe, at the knowledge of our Lord Jesus in His heavenly splendour, might and power?

Lord help us as we come to the 6th August to give a little time to think and ponder on the momentous event of the Transfiguration, and give to You, O God, our heartfelt thanks for the precious gift, of your of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Jeanette Hooper

CYFFIG

I know the weather has been amazing this Summer, but alas my veg.plot is in the process of “Re-wilding itself”.

The roses were beautiful in June and now the hydrangeas are taking over. I didn't like them much at first, but they are bright and cheerful and don't need too much attention.

July is not a good time to “take your your eye off the ball” where a garden is concerned. I was enjoying visiting my brother in law and wife in Alberta. However, all is not lost, the houseplants which got bundled into the greenhouse in my absence actually look perfectly happy, especially the bougainvillea.

And the brambles which had taken-over the now collapsed fruit cage are producing some lovely blackberries.

Congratulations to Alice, grand daughter of Colin and Muriel at Blaenwaun Fm. She was Whitland Carnival Queen recently and fulfilled the role very splendidly. Well done to all the children who took part.

Best wishes to members and friends who are not as fit as they'd like to be.

Cyffig Harvest Festival will be on Sunday, September 28th, at 2.30pm.

A poem by Seamus Heaney (1939--)

BLACKBERRY--PICKING

Late August, given heavy rain and sun
For a full week, the blackberries would ripen.
At first, just one, a glossy purple clot
Among others, red, green, hard as a knot.
You ate that first one and its flesh was sweet
Like thickened wine; summer's blood was in it
Leaving stains upon the tongue and lust for
Picking. Then red ones inked up and that hunger

Sent us out with milk-cans, pea-tins, jam-pots
Where briars scratched and wet grass bleached our boots.
Round hayfields, cornfields and potato-drills
We trekked and picked until the cans were full,
Until the tinkling bottom had been covered
With green ones, and on top big dark blobs burned
Like a plate of eyes. Our hands were peppered
With thorn pricks, our palms sticky as Bluebeard's.

We hoarded the fresh berries in the byre.
But when the bath was filled we found a fur,
A rat-grey fungus, glutting on our cache.
the juice was stinking too. Once off the bush
The fruit fermented, the sweet flesh would turn sour.
I always felt like crying. It wasn't fair
That all the lovely canfuls smelt of rot.
Each year I hoped they'd keep, knew they would not.

Lynn Werrett



CAULIFLOWER, CHICKPEA & SPINACH MASALA

Ingredients:

- * 2 tbsp olive oil or ghee
- * 1 large onion, finely diced
- * 4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- * 4 cm piece fresh ginger, peeled and grated
- * 1 green chilli, finely chopped (optional)
- * 2 tsp ground cumin
- * 2 tsp ground coriander
- * 1½ tsp ground turmeric
- * 2 tsp garam masala
- * 1 tsp mild chilli powder (adjust to taste)
- * 1 medium cauliflower (about 800g), broken into small florets
- * 1 × 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- * 250ml vegetable stock
- * 1 × 400g tin chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- * 200ml coconut cream
- * 200g fresh spinach leaves, washed
- * Juice of ½ lemon
- * Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- * Fresh coriander leaves, to garnish

Method

- * Heat the oil in a large pan over medium heat. Fry the onion for 8–10 minutes until softened, then add garlic, ginger and chilli for 1–2 minutes.
- * Stir in cumin, coriander, turmeric, garam masala and chilli powder, cooking for 30–60 seconds until fragrant.
- * Add cauliflower and stir to coat in spices. Pour in tomatoes and stock, bring to the boil, then reduce heat and simmer covered for 12–15 minutes until tender.
- * Stir in chickpeas and coconut cream, cooking for 3–4 minutes. Add spinach in handfuls until wilted. Season with salt, pepper and lemon juice.
- * Garnish with fresh coriander and serve with basmati rice or chapatis.

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We look forward to seeing you there!

LLANGLYDWEN

On a lovely Saturday afternoon Llanglydwen village gathered for a village Barbecue outside the pub.

The burgers and sausages were delicious. The Ball Race was a great spectacle. Splat the Rat and raffle added to the fun.

But most of all it was an afternoon of friendship and community, of people working together for their village.

The money raised is for the Playground.

The church was invited to be part of it and do teas and cakes.

Beryl, Sally, Jayne and I thoroughly enjoyed being there and cakes made a good pudding.

A happy afternoon for all.

Jane Legg





Ken Davies A'i Fab

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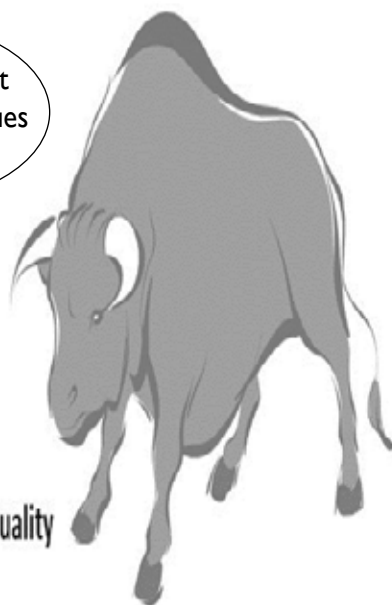
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Midway Motors Vintage Show, 17th August.

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There were vintage tractors from the very earliest, to the most modern of all sizes and shapes. Huge steam engine alongside delightful miniature steamers huffing and puffing their way around the field. Commercial vehicles from every age, from the little grocers van to the big Heavy Goods Vehicles that have been and still are seen on our roads today. representing all types of deliveries. Buses and coaches to take us shopping or away on holiday in bygone days.

Stationary engines, popping away to themselves, seen on most farms powering water pumps, electricity generators milking machines and many others, in the days before mains power and kept in standby in case of a power cut. Working farm implements including a portable threshing machine and hay bailers, all familiar sights on farms within living memory. Motor cycles from all ages, for pleasure and basic transport were well represented.

Cars from all era's from the 1910's up to the 1970's again, familiar sights on our roads to many of us ranging from everyday transport to exotic sports cars. The big Marquee with live music all day to sit and listen too or dance your socks off, suiting every taste. Craft displays selling a wide range of produce, local honey, cakes, Jams and Preserves besides beautiful hand made crafts for every taste. Hot, fresh cooked meals did a roaring trade as did the bar which was well supported.

Activities in the the ring showed off the skills of the motorcycle stunt team with thrilling jumps and tight manoeuvres. Blindfold steering competitions, slow tractor races and many other events. Displays of tractors and motor cycles. Outside the arena stalls selling a wide range of goods to interest one and all.

The Fire Brigade and other Emergency services provided a static display and advice on home safety. Fast food outlet and Ice cream vans were on hand to satisfy every appetite and taste

A Grand Day Out for the multitude of visitors to the show, meeting up with old friends, some not seen for a while, meeting new friends, sharing a common interest.

Thanks to the Midway family for putting on the show and the volunteers who provided excellent road traffic management in and out of the show and were on hand to assist the show goers with their needs.



ST. CLYDAI CHURCH

Saturday 2nd August 2025.

St Clydai church held an open day and BBQ to raise funds for the 2026 Eisteddfod. We revised the church history booklet and created a special fund-raising edition for sale on the day at £5 each with £4 from each sale going to the Eisteddfod fund – and there are a few copies still in church for sale. The church is open to the public 9am-5pm every day.

The seven windowsills were theme decorated. Helen Law put ‘water into wine’ on the east window above the altar while the churchwardens brought out the harvest and nativity displays. Helen also put an Easter montage on the east window of the south aisle and a ‘burning’ bush behind the vicar’s stall. The west end window got a tribute to the feeding of the 5,000, which features in all four Gospels.

Clydey School used one south aisle windowsill to tell the Jonah and the Whale story, while the other featured Moses in the bullrushes, created by the Clwb Gwarw.

On the north side, the Bwlchygroes W.I. made a beautiful Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve, the serpent and the apple and Cylch Meithrin used the other windowsill to display their Noah’s Ark. A big thanks to all the decorators.

Being open 11.00 am until 4.00 pm. to greet visitors we also ran the barbecue and asked visitors for £5 inclusive of touring the church and their lunch during which we sold raffle tickets. This all raised a total of £206 for the Eisteddfod.

Elizabeth Law



Bible Readings for September from

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE 2025

- 01 Proverbs 25:6-22
- 02 Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
- 03 Philemon
- 04 Psalm 139:1-12
- 05 Psalm 139:13-24
- 06 Luke 14:25-35
- 07 Deut. 30:1-10
- 08 Deut. 30:11-20
- 09 Psalm 56
- 10 1 Timothy 1:1-17
- 11 Exodus 32:1-14
- 12 Exodus 32:15-35
- 13 Luke 15:1-10
- 14 Numbers 21:4-18a
- 15 Psalm 113
- 16 Amos 8
- 17 1 Timothy 1:18-2:7
- 18 Luke 16:1-13
- 19 Mark 2:17-28
- 20 Matthew 9:1-13
- 21 Luke 5:27-39
- 22 Jeremiah 32:1-15
- 23 Amos 6
- 24 Psalm 146
- 25 1 Timothy 6:3-21
- 26 Luke 16:14-31
- 27 Daniel 10:1-14
- 28 Daniel 10:15–11:4
- 29 Daniel 12
- 30 Lamentations 1





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On Thursday 21st August 2025, we gathered in St Nicholas' Church, Dundalk for the Service of Institution of Revd Shirley Murphy as Rector of the Group of Parishes, conducted by His Grace, the Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Revd John McDowell. It was a very special evening for our parish and community.

If you weren't able to join us, you can now watch the service on YouTube.

Revd Carol Court





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Baseball – Author Unknown

Bob and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team. The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the 9th inning with two outs. They continued to watch as a batter stepped up to the plate whose name was Love. Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single because Love never fails.

The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works with Love. The next batter up was named Godly wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch. Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass: Ball one. Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked because Godly wisdom never swings at what Satan throws.

The bases were loaded. The Lord then turned to Bob and told him He was now going to bring in His star player. Up to the plate stepped Grace. Bob said, "He sure doesn't look like much!" Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace.

Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen. But Satan was not worried; his centre fielder let very few get by. He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing on the ground; then it continued over the fence for a home run!

The Lord's team won. The Lord then asked Bob if he knew why Love, Faith, and Godly Wisdom could get on base but could not win the game. Bob answered that he did not know why. The Lord explained, "If your love, faith and wisdom had won the game you would think you had done it by yourself. Love, faith, and wisdom will get you on base...but only My Grace can get you home. My Grace is the one thing Satan cannot steal.



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In 1875 following his redundancy from the lead mines in Llanfyrnach John Davies of Penybont Llanfyrnach set up in business as a lime coal and grain merchant, trading as Davies Merchants.

John Davies at around 1879 John bought off the church 2 fields which is where the company to this day has its main depot and head office. John built himself a house Gleblan in 1880 which is where Sasha has made her family home with her husband Jamie. Mansel built himself a home at Maesyllan in the early 1900's where Scott is currently living.



John was joined in the business as a merchants clerk by his youngest son Mansel in 1901, Mansel had a brother Walter who trained as a engineer at Humber motor cycles in Birmingham before later settling in Nant y Moil as a engineer with the railway.

Under the guidance of Mansel the business continued as a Coal and agricultural merchant and as technology developed moved from horse and cart to lorries, all the goods were delivered to Llanfyrnach by train on the cardi bach and vehicles were used to deliver the goods to local farms.

Mansel had one son Stanley who worked as a animal feed sales representative for Levers Feeds before later joining his father in the business, Stanley unfortunately following a unsuccessful spine operation was forced into early retirement in 1963.

Stanley and his wife Dilys had 2 children, Val the eldest and Kaye. Kaye leaving school at the age of 15 became a apprentice motor mechanic at Evans motors Carmarthen before doing National service in the Army based

in North Wales, he would travel home on weekends to service and repair the vehicles before going back to North Wales by Monday morning. Kaye came out of the army 1959 and joined his father and grandfather in the business, Kaye took over the running of the company in 1963 when Mansel was 85 years old and Stanley retired.

At the time Kaye took over the business they were running in the region of 15 vehicles delivering animal feed and carrying lime and stone out of the local quarries.

In 1963 under Beechings cutbacks the Cardi Bach railway line from Whitland was closed which Kaye took as a opportunity to expand the business as there was a requirement to go further afield to collect goods to serve agriculture in West Wales.

In 1979 Stephen joined the business which at the time had expanded to around 80 vehicles, over the next period Stephen and Kaye worked to further expand the business and looking at new opportunities, in 1982 Mansel Davies became Volvo Truck main Dealers and in 1990 Pembrokeshire Freight was formed to move unaccompanied trailers between Ireland and the UK. In 1990 Stephen married Shan who worked in the office and continues to run the accounts department with her team.

In 2016 Sasha joined the business working in the operations office and in 2021 following obtaining a degree in Mechanical engineering at Harper



Adams University Scott joined the business running the Volvo dealership. The Group today operates 150 HGV vehicles (all Volvo Truck) and 250 trailers from 4 sites, Llanfyrnach, Letterston, Carmarthen and Temple Bar. The Group employs 290 full time staff, and is made up of 4 companies, Mansel Davies and Son Ltd, MDS Distribution Limited, Pembrokeshire Freight Ltd and Truck and Bus Cymru Ltd.

The main activates of the transport company are still agricultural based, we are the largest milk transport company in Wales collecting 1.5 million litres of milk daily from 300 farms and for 6 different milk processors, a high percentage of this milk is re loaded onto larger milk tankers for delivering all around the UK.

The company has expanded steadily over the last 150 years and the drive and ambitions of the sixth generation Sasha and Scott is to continue to drive the business forward with continued growth for the next generations to build on and to continue giving employment to the locality and serve agriculture in Wales for many more years.





Cyflymder ar ddwy olwyn

Mewn rasys cynharach, roedd beiciau modur yn cystadlu'n uniongyrchol yn erbyn ceir. Wrth i fwy o bobl gystadlu, newidiodd hynny. Cynhaliwyd ras feiciau modur swyddogol gyntaf Pentywyn ar ddiwrnod flaith ym mis Awst 1905. Yr enillydd oedd Mansel Davies, sylfaenydd y cwmni cludiant adnabyddus. Chwaraeodd y beic modur ran bwysig yn y Rhyfel Byd Cyntaf – a rhoddodd hynny hwb i'w poblogrwydd gartref.

Speed on two wheels

In early races, motorcycles competed directly against cars. As the line-up grew, that changed. Pendine's first official motorcycle race was held on a damp August day in 1905. The winner was Mansel Davies, founder of the well-known haulage firm. Motorcycles played an important part in the First World War – and that boosted their popularity at home.

MERCY'S UPDATE

Four-year-old Mercy Aber was brought to Keith and Cheryl Taylor whilst on their holiday in Uganda in November 2015. She was in a sorry state. Her little feet had been burnt off in an accidental house fire. She had a temperature and was clearly unwell. Keith and Ken, his Ugandan friend, took Mercy to a children's clinic run by a Doctor Sarah who quickly diagnosed malaria and a little later Sickle Cell disorder. Sadly, Mercy's leg bones were beginning to grow through her stumps and needed more specialist medical attention. This would have to be paid for. What we take for granted in Wales, free medical services, free education, laws which support



people with disabilities, these facilities are not available in developing countries. They have to be paid for. Mercy's home in Northern Uganda was too remote; Mary and her partner agreed to take Mercy into their home. We said we would support Mercy financially for her medical expenses and school fees. The Rwenzori Medical Fund was set up for this purpose, it was further agreed that Mercy should not be privileged within her foster family i.e. other children in the family would be offered a place in the same fee-paying school and we would pay for any hospital fees for them also. Mercy is a fully integrated family member.

The one and only hospital to specialize in missing and damaged limbs is in Entebbe on the Northern shore of Lake Victoria. It is called CoRSU Hospital. It is part funded by the UK charity, Christian Blind Mission based in Cambridgeshire here in the UK. Mercy has been a frequent visitor to CoRSU Hospital and workshop.

A big 'thank you' to readers of the Grapevine and members of Crymych

Circle of Churches for their support over the years. Mercy is now a young teenager and will finish her primary education, together with her foster sister Betty this Christmas, (the end of the Ugandan school year).

If you would like to donate to Mercy and her family's well-being; cash gifts can be given to RMF President Mrs. Judy Webb or RMF Secretary Mrs. Hazel Jones.

Our bank details

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There's work to do, deadlines to meet;
you've got no time to spare.
But as you hurry and scurry,
Always Say A Prayer.

In the midst of family chaos,
"quality time" is rare.
Do your best, let God do the rest,
And Always Say A Prayer

It may seem like your worries
are more than you can bear;
Slow down, take a breath,
And Always Say A Prayer.

God knows how stressful life is;
He wants to ease your care,
And He'll respond A.S.A.P.
When you Always Say A Prayer.

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