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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends

This edition of our magazine covers 3 great seasons of the Christian year, Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. These are the seasons of REJOICING, RECEIVING, REVEALING.

The Advent Carol, O come, O come Emmanuel is the carol of Rejoicing and has the words, “O come thou dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight; Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel”.

We need this message for our world and for ourselves. The ongoing situation in Ukraine and the financial worries we are experiencing fill us with the “gloomy clouds of night” but as Christians we have the Advent Hope. Jesus has come and will come again to bring us God’s gift of love. His love comes through our families and friends.

No matter how lonely or distressed we may feel, God will not forsake us. This is the Advent Message and it comes true as we celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas – the ultimate gift of love.

The shepherds, the ordinary people of that time RECEIVED the good news of Jesus’ birth and went to worship him. We too Receive. Not just presents, however pleasing that is, but the everlasting Present - Jesus.

The well-loved carol, In the Bleak Midwinter, has the words “What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.” Give as we have Received!

Epiphany is the REVEALING season. This is when Jesus is Revealed to the world beyond the Jewish faith. Jesus is Revealed as the nature of God himself. He shows us, reveals to us what God has to offer and what God wants for us and from us.

Our young children and grandchildren tell us what they want for Christmas and this is better than giving and receiving gifts that we don’t really want or need (like the 27 pairs of socks I received one year!).

The Epiphany hymn, Brightest and Best concludes with the words, “Vainly we offer each ample oblation(gift), vainly with gifts would his favour secure; richer by far is the heart’s adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor”.

My we REJOICE, RECEIVE, REVEAL the true meaning of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. And be thankful (even for 27 pairs of socks).

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St. Mary's News

With Christmas looming, we will be putting up the Christmas Angel Tree this year. Angels will be £3.00 each. Lists will be put at the back of church during Advent.

Also, the Holy Family will be travelling again after a break of two years. If you would like to take part, the list will be in church. We start the journey on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Church Committee Meetings

There will be a scheduled Church Committee meeting on Wednesday 7th December at 7.00pm in the Parish Room.

The Archdeacon has asked to meet the Church Committee regarding the vacancy at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th December.

St. Mary's Readers for 9.30am December 2022

4th Kath Nicholas	11th Edwin Atkinson	Cymraeg Dorian Reeve
18th Jean Geiss	25th Angela Tonge	

January 2023

1st Maureen James	8th Brenda Evans	Cymraeg Gareth Harries
15th Mary Atkinson	22nd Kath Nicholas	
29th Edwin Atkinson		

February

5th Jean Geiss

Wednesday readers for St. Mary's 9.30am service -readings as Sundays unless stated otherwise

07/12/22 Kath Nicholas 14/12/22 No service 21/12/22 Maureen James

28/12/22 Jean Geiss

04/01/23 Brenda Evans 11/01/23 Kath Nicholas 18/01/23 Maureen James

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11th Ken Denman and Jeff Davies

18th Heather Davies and Liz Antoniazzi

25th Maureen James and Angela Tonge

January 2023

1st Mandy Jones and Lynne Davies

8th Kath Nicholas and Alec Flaherty

15th Ken Denman and Jeff Davies

22nd Heather Davies and Liz Antoniazzi

29th Maureen James and Angela Tonge

February

5th Mandy Jones and Lynne Davies

Flower List

Altar Flowers

Christmas Day/New Year's Day/January 8th Christine Hughes

15th/22nd January Brenda Evans

29th January/5th February Ceris Harries

12th/19th February June Lloyd

Lent – no flowers

Over Christmas other stands will be prepared. Lady Chapel – Brenda Evans;

Organ Stand – Maureen Evans

Pulpit Stand Mothers' Union

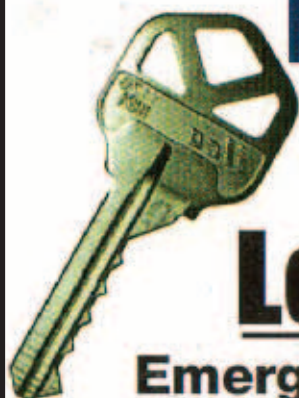
Epic Explorers continue to meet at 5.30pm in the Parish Room.

On Thursday 22nd December we will be holding a Christmas Party and Service in the Parish Room when the Posada will be brought back to church and the Advent Sheep Trail results will be announced.

Flower Arranging

We will meet on Tuesday 6th December in the Parish Room at 7.00pm.

There will be no class in January.



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Results of the Harvest Draw – with thanks to all who took part.

- > A short break at Tanylan Farm --- won by Ann Wesley Cydweli
- > Voucher for £50.00 ---- Alyson Rees Cydweli
- > Cash of £50.00 ----- Toya Morgan Cardiff
- > Luxury Hamper ----- Louanna Hughes Pembrey
- > House of Commons Malt Whisky--- Brian Lewis Cydweli
- > Voucher for £25.00 ----- Sarah née Lewis Edinburgh
- > Voucher for £25.00 ----- Julie Dobner Cydweli
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- > Voucher for £25.00 ----- Liz Antoniazzi Cydweli
- > Voucher for £20.00 ----- Dan Evans Pencader
- > Voucher for £15.00 ----- Hazel Davies Cydweli.

Where did the Wise Men come from?

Magi from the East – it isn't a lot to go on. The Magi had originally been a religious caste among the Persians. Their devotion to astrology, divination and the interpretation of dreams led to an extension in the meaning of the word, and by the first century the Magi in Matthew's gospel could have been astrologers from outside of Persia. Some scholars believe they might have come from what was then Arabia Felix, or as we would say today, southern Arabia.

It is true that in the first century astrology was practised there, and it was the region where the Queen of Sheba had lived. She of course had visited Solomon and would have heard the prophecies about how one day a Messiah would be born to the Israelites and become their king.

Matthew's gospel (chapter 2) is clear that the Magi asked Herod: 'Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.' So it is possible that in southern Arabia the Queen of Sheba's story of how a Messiah would one day be sent to the Israelites had survived. Certainly, there are a number of other early legends that connect southern Arabia with Solomon's Israel.

To many people this makes sense: that the ancient stories of a Messiah, linked to later astrological study, prompted these alert and god-fearing men to the realisation that something very stupendous was happening in Israel. They realised that after all these centuries, the King of the Jews, the Messiah, was about to be born.

One more interesting thing that gives weight to the theory that the Magi came from southern Arabia is this: if you study any map of Palestine as it was during biblical times, you will find that the old Arabian caravan routes all entered Palestine 'from the East'.

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St. Mary's Christmas Appeal

This year, we will be collecting for Plant Dewi either with money or donations in kind for the Baby Bundle project. For those who are not familiar with what Plant Dewi is, here's a brief history:

In 1990 the DCSR began to focus on an area of work to meet the needs of children, young people and their families. A partnership with The Children's Society, a leading national charity, was established and a project known as the St Davids Community Development Team was created.

The team's brief was to work alongside children, young people and their families in their communities to establish facilities that improved the quality of their lives.

Community development techniques were successfully used to empower people to gain the skills and confidence to bring about a change in their lives for themselves.

Unexpectedly in 2001 and one year into a new five-year partnership agreement between the Diocese and The Children's Society, the latter decided to withdraw from all its activities in Wales.

The work of the team evidenced throughout the Diocese was immense and too valuable to lose, and therefore, the Council, under a TUPE transfer employed the project staff and renamed the team Plant Dewi.

Plant Dewi has now been operating in the Diocese for 20 years. Our local contact for the Baby Bundle Project is Wendy Evans from St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen.

The Baby Bundle Bank... in partnership with the Mothers' Union makes life a little easier for new or expectant young parents in need. Baby Bundle Bank provides essential resources and equipment to welcome a new baby into the family home, relieving young parents of the worry and anxiety of how they will be able to afford to provide them.

List of items needed for the Baby Bundle bank. We go up to age 2.

Babygro/vests/outfits – All sizes but mainly newborn and 0-3 mths. (Unisex is very useful for smaller sizes)

Baby Toiletries – not talc. (Low on wipes at the moment)

Nappies – all sizes but mainly NB/0-3mths/3-6mths.

New baby towels. Blankets and Knitted items – no "holy" patterns.

Sheets – Moses basket and cot sizes. Toys – cuddly toys must be brand new with labels.

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- 04/12/22 To our loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Ieuan Hughes, on his 80th birthday. Penblwydd Hapus, llawer o gariad wrth Julian, Juliette, Michelle, Rhys, Kurt, Megan, Amy, Aaron, Toby, Leo a Evie. Xxxx.
10/12/22 In loving memory of our dear sister and aunty, Gill, 'Gilly Jolly', on her 73rd birthday. Miss you every single day, Love always, Lala, Jacky and all your nieces and nephews
10/12/22 Birthday memories of Glyn xx
- 24/12/22 Treasured memories of my dear parents Joan and Sid Cray at Christmastime. Love always Avril. Xx.
24/12/22 Pum'theg mlynedd o atgofion annwyl. Xx.
25/12/22 Er cof am Mam, Dad, Monica, Aunty Mary, Derek, Janice, Jean ac Aunty Dec. a'r wyl y Nadolig. Gweld eich eisiau yn fawr, Ieuan.
25/12/22 Mr. John Evans, thinking of you at Christmastime and always. Love Carol and Julian.
25/12/22 Thinking of you, John, at Christmastime and always. Love Kath, Robert and Ann Marie. Xx.
25/12/22 Treasured memories of John, Verina and Derrick Kilvert at Christmastime. Forever in our thoughts, Brian, Jean, Richard and Jonathan.
26/12/22 Cherished memories of our dearly loved son, Martin, who passed away on the 26th of December 2014. Missed more than words can say, Mam, Dad, Robert and family. Xx.

January 2023

- 03/01/23 In memory of my great friend Derek Dalton, on what would have been his 76th birthday. Greatly missed and always remembered, your devoted friend Ieuan.
06/01/23 In loving memory of Glyn, who died 5 years ago today.
14/01/23 Happy birthday John. Thinking of you every day, with love from Kath, Robert and Ann Marie. Xx.
22/01/23 Loving birthday memories of Verina Kilvert, a dear mother, mother-in-law and mamgu. Brian, Jean, Richard and Jonathan.
23/01/23 Cherished birthday memories of Derrick, a dear brother, brother-in-law and uncle. Brian, Jean, Richard and Jonathan.
20/01/23 Loving memories of my dear mother, Rose Smith, on the anniversary of her death. Always in my heart. Love Sheila. Xx.

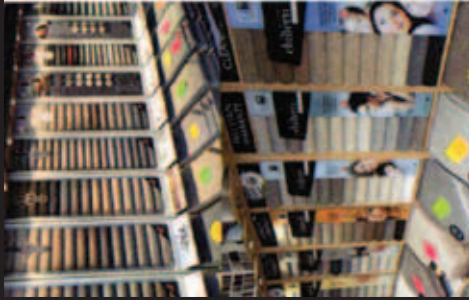


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28/01/23 Er cof am fam a thad annwyl sef Effie ac Emrys Hughes. Dyddiad marwolaeth dad oedd ar yr 28ain o Ionawr 1985, a dyddiad marwolaeth mam oedd ar yr 28ain o Ionawr 1993. Atgofion melys am rhieni cariadus. Ieuan. Xx.

Season's Greetings

Carol and Julian Evans would like to wish friends and neighbours best wishes at Christmas and for the New Year.

Christmastide Blessings to all our family, friends and neighbours, and a happy and peaceful New Year from Christine and Garry. Xx.

To all my friends in Kidwelly wishing you peace and happiness at Christmas. I will not be sending local cards this year but instead giving donations to the Ghurkha Welfare Trust, Salvation Army and Marie Curie Cancer Care. Dymuno Nadolig Hapus a phob bendith i fy ffrindiau. Ieuan Hughes.

Wishing all friends and neighbours a very Happy Christmas and a Happy, healthy New Year. Brenda xx

Rev. Roger and Diane would like to wish all parishioners and readers of the magazine, together with their families, a blessed and peaceful Christmas. With sincere thanks for the care and support shown to us both in the past year.

Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year to friends, neighbours and parishioners from Sheila Nash and Vanessa Grasso. Xx.

December 4th Osmond – an immigrant before Brexit

Osmond is the saint for you if you regret Brexit, and believe that immigrants can bring good to Britain. Osmond came to England from France back in the days before EU regulations. It was shortly after 1066, and he was a Norman, following William the Conqueror.

Osmond himself was no soldier, but a gifted and godly man, with a great gift of administration. He became royal chaplain, and then chancellor in 1072, producing numerous royal letters and charters for the king. In 1078 he was made bishop of Salisbury. As such, he completed and consecrated the cathedral, and formed such an outstanding chapter and constitution that it later became a model for other English cathedrals.

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St. Teilo

Sunday 11th December 6.00pm Annual Community Carol Service
Sunday 18th December 2.30pm Christmas Eucharist

St. Maelog

Sunday 18th December 7.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve 8.00pm Christmas Eucharist

We wish all parishioners a blessed and peaceful Christmas and a healthy happy 2023.

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Would you be interested in becoming a Friend

Friends of St. Mary's are attempting to contact people who have either a connection with the Church or would like to support its work. The minimum annual subscription of £15

Anyone can become a Friend. In particular we have thought of people who no longer live in the locality but who have had some previous contact with the Church through family links such as baptisms, weddings or through the burial of relatives in the Churchyard.

The Friends would also like to aim this part of our appeal to those who do not necessarily share our faith, but who, for a variety of reasons, might wish to be associated with St. Mary's.

If you are interested in becoming a Friend or want more information, contact: Chairman: Mr. I Hughes 01554 89-682 or Publicity Officer Mrs. Christine Hughes 01554 890235



Branch News –

Our Carol Service will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 4.00pm followed by refreshments in the Parish Room. All welcome.

Before that, on Wednesday 7th December at 2.00pm, we are invited to join Carmarthen Deanery at Abergwili Church for an Advent Service.

There is no meeting in January.

Subscriptions for 2023 will be £23.00. If you already pay by Direct Debit there's no need to do anything. Otherwise please let Alice have your subs during January. If you would like to pay by Direct Debit, let me know and I will arrange for a mandate form to be sent.

Advent Sheep Trail – thanks to all the businesses that took part in this project.

16 Days of Activism November 25th – December 10th 2022

16 days of Activism – Prayers will be on the St. Davids Diocese Mothers' Union Facebook page.

Saturday December 10th – meet at 4pm in Carmarthen Guildhall Square for candlelight witness walk to St. Peter's Church for quiet service to conclude the 16 days. Wear something purple.

Even if you're not a member do come along and support this important issue that faces so many at these difficult times. #MUEndAbuseTogether

Annual Gathering in York

Next year the Annual Gathering will take place in York. I have arranged a trip for this occasion, details as follows:

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Deposits are due in December. If you would like to join us, please let me know as soon as possible.

To all our members/Indoor members, may this Christmas season bring you many blessings from above, and may the coming year be filled with peace, joy and love. Pearl.

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Town News

Thanks – I should like to thank everyone who helps to keep the magazine viable throughout the year; advertisers, contributors, distributors, and subscribers. Without your help and support, there would be no magazine. If anyone has any new ideas they would like to see in the magazine, do let me know. Brenda

Congratulations

Mr Don Lester of Lady Street celebrates his 90th birthday on January 11th. Happy birthday wishes and much love from daughter Ann, son-in-law Keith, and granddaughter Ella. All your friends at St. Mary's send their very best wishes for your special day.

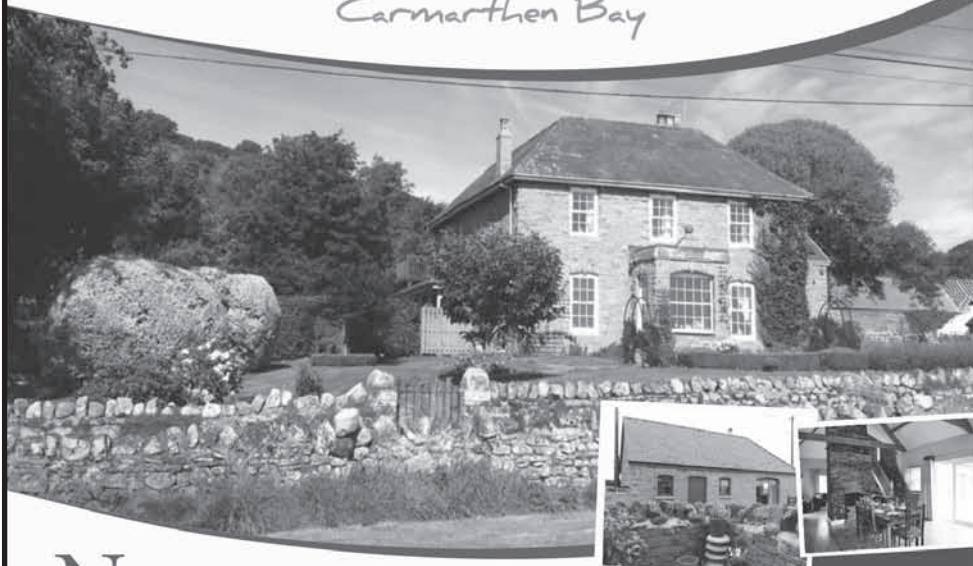
Obituary

It is with sadness that we report news of the death of Mrs. Peggy Blackburn, 98 years old, known locally as 'Peggy the Forge'. Peggy until three years ago lived in the cottage by the castle arch, Castle Street, Kidwelly. She moved to Kendal, Cumbria in 2019 to be near her son. Her funeral has been held near Kendal on 26th October. It was her wish that her ashes be brought back to Kidwelly to be interred in the family grave at Capel Sul Cemetery. Condolences are extended to her daughter, Mrs. Susan Thomas, Suffolk, and her son, Mr. Andrew Blackburn, Kendal, Cumbria.

It is also with sadness that we report the death of Mrs Mattie David, née Evans, daughter of the late Glan and Territh Evans. Mattie died at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on October 22nd 2022 aged 87 years. Mattie was educated at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School for Girls, Carmarthen and Swansea College where she trained as a teacher, following which she taught in Islington, London. After her marriage she moved to Llantwit Major where she became deputy headmistress at St. Illtyd's School in St. Athans RAF Camp until her retirement. As a young girl she excelled in music and at the age of 12 years won the pianoforte competition at the Welsh National Eisteddfod following which she was invited to play the piano on the BBC Radio programme called 'Ein Tre Ni'. Sincere sympathy is extended to her son, Brenig David and family, Hereford, Terry Evans, her brother in Newport and to her first cousin, Ieuan Hughes, Kidwelly. Following the cremation at Bridgend Crematorium, it was her wish that her ashes and those of her late husband be interred near her parents' grave in Capel Sul Cemetery,



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Royal British Legion

Our branch meeting will take place on Monday 5th December at 7.30pm in the Old Borough Offices. A welcome is extended to anyone who would like to join us. Thanks to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal this year. At the time of going to press the total amount has not been finalised.

Kidwelly Senior Citizens

The weather was blustery, with showers that were timed to catch you out, but our intrepid members still turned up for our November meeting. Unfortunately, our speaker, Karen Hickin, couldn't come so we had to postpone our Christmas wreath demonstration until next month. We were pleased to hear that Joan Osborne, who had broken her hip, was out of hospital and we send our very best wishes to her for a speedy recovery, and to all members who are not well. Happy Birthday Wishes to members who have birthdays in December and January, especially Ieuan Hughes who will be 80 on Dec 4th. Penblwydd Hapus, Ieuan.

Our Christmas 'Do' will be in the afternoon of Wednesday December 14th, at the Red Lion. The bus will leave at 2pm, usual pick-ups, and we will eat at 3pm.

Our next meeting will be on 7th December, 2pm, at the Rugby Club. This will be our last meeting of this year, and we will resume on 1st February 2023. So we would like to wish all our members and everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year that brings you everything you wish it to. Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda.

Prayers: We remember in our thoughts all those families for whom Christmas is not a happy time; those who have lost loved ones, those who are ill just now. *Loving Lord, we give thanks for our life and our health. We remember before you all who are suffering alone with no one to help. We remember those who are in hospital at this time. Thank you that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. We ask that we might share in your healing love and bring peace to troubled souls. Amen.*

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Campaign to tackle ‘devastating’ impact of Wales’ cost of living crisis:

A new campaign launched in Wales , The Food and Fuel Campaign, is aimed at putting pressure on the Government to address the spiralling costs that force families to choose between heating or eating.

With foodbanks across Wales struggling to meet the increasing demands for donations, the campaign includes an open letter to all supermarkets calling on them to increase their range of basic essential items and to donate more items to food distribution charities.

The Food and Fuel campaign has launched with a microsite campaign hub which includes campaign videos, social media graphics and resources for churches to help them support those in need in their community. The Food and Fuel Hub will be the Church in Wales’ one-stop-shop for anyone wishing to join the campaign.

Announcing the launch of Food and Fuel campaign, The Archbishop of Wales, Andrew John, said, “Our churches are witnessing first-hand the devastating impact of the cost-of-living crisis in Wales’ communities. With more and more people struggling to make ends meet, the collective voice of the Church in Wales is best placed to advocate on their behalf.

“It is scandalous that foodbanks were only intended to be a short-term emergency service but have now become an essential part of everyday life for so many. I find it outrageous that as the sixth largest economy in the world, the UK has so many families struggling to pay for food and heating.”

The Bevan Foundation’s Snapshot on Poverty report found that between January and July this year 57 per cent of families in Wales cut back on heating, electricity and/or water, and 39 per cent cut back on food for adults.

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Newyddion St. Teilo News

Over 50's Club, Our last meeting of the year in November was spent casually amidst the force of the weather around us at the "Neuadd". The transport for our Christmas lunch on Wednesday the 7th of December was finalized, the raffle was drawn and won by Ann Moon, refreshments served as usual by Gina and Carl, and the bingo was aptly won by Carl. Marian our chairperson announced the date for our first meeting of 2023 which will be on Wednesday 1st of February at 2.00pm at the "Neuadd", the Mynyddygarreg hall. Our AGM will be during our 1st of March 2023 meeting when new officers will be elected. Looking forward to a prosperous New Year for our over 50's Mynydd Club, where a warm welcome awaits you. Wishing all members past and present a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. Xx.

Neuadd Mynyddygarreg's two annual events were once again a resounding success. The Halloween family Fancy Dress saw huge crowds with games and entertainment provided by Andrea Gower who did a wonderful job. The fancy dress by young and old was very creative and the Neuadd was suitably decorated.

The Fireworks display was amazing as always, with a capacity crowd enthralled by the display and although it is team work that produces a successful event, thanks must go to Firework display officer, Simon Reeve for ensuring the safety of the hundreds of people attending. The Committee appreciate and thank the public for the huge support annually. They also, on behalf of the community, thank Cydweli Town Council for their generous donation towards the purchase of Fireworks.

Many Congratulations to Miss Leila Bebb, younger daughter of Richard and Lynne Bebb of Bryn Teilo, Heol Horeb, on her recent solo Art Exhibition titled "Parallel Universe Experimentations" at the Elysium Gallery, Swansea. It will run till the end of December. Leila is an amazingly talented artist for one so young and along with her parents and sister, the village is very proud of her and we wish her huge success in her work, which she so delights in.

The Morris family wishes to thank everyone that offered their condolences and, attended the funerals of Vivian Owen Morris and Rosalie May Evans. The cards, flowers and most importantly, the support from family and friends meant a great deal. They would also like to thank the Rev. Roger Morley-Jones for his sincere and beautiful services.

Ysgol Mynyddygarreg pupils visited Sant Teilo to hold their service of Harvest Thanksgiving. The children gave a delightful service both in verse prayer and song and Canon Bryan Witt gave a lovely address which enthralled the children. The donations of food was made to Burry Port Foodbank and the collection taken on the day donated to the school's charity project of many



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years, The Luhimba project. Thank you to all members of staff for preparing the children in presenting the service. Diolch i chi gyd yn yr ysgol am eich gwaith da yn paratoi y plant.

The School Concert will be held on the 14th December at Capel Horeb and the **Christingle** service will be held at Sant Teilo on Thursday 22nd December 2.15pm. A warm welcome to all. Croeso mawr i bawb i'r ddau wasanaeth.

Sant Teilo's Annual Community Carol Service will be held on Sunday 11th December at 6.00pm. Mince pies and Refreshments will be served with the collection going towards Church funds. We look forward to welcoming everyone to this Christmas event. **The Christmas Eucharist with Carols and Lessons** will be held on Sunday 18th December at 11.00am.

Christmas Tree. We at Sant Teilo's Church welcomed the recent planting of a tree in the grounds, the gift of Jeff and Jean Peace in memory of Jean's niece Clare, who passed away earlier this year at a young age. Rev.Roger conducted a little service of blessing of the tree at our United service and we look forward to witnessing its growth and to seeing it lit during the Festive season, offering light and hope to everyone. We, along with Clare's family, thank Jean and Jeff for this lovely gesture.

Our very best wishes go to Nevin Davies, Gelliwerdd, following a hospital procedure. We all hope he makes a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back amongst us. Dymuno iechyd da i ti Nevin, a gwellhad llawn yn fuan.

Very best wishes also go to Mrs Frances Kaisin who is unwell and is currently in Hospital. We wish you a good recovery Frances, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Capel Horeb will hold their Christmas Service on the Friday 23rd December, Christmas Eve at 7.00pm. They extend a warm welcome to everyone wishing to join them. Parchedig Ian Sims will be officiating.

Finally, from everyone at yr Eglwys Fach Sant Teilo, Christmas Blessings and Health and Happiness in the New Year to our friends in sister Churches and in the Community. To our faithful Clergy and families, our thanks and appreciation for your care of us and long may you continue. Diolch yn fawr am eich gofal a ffyddlondeb. **DR**

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We are half way through the Autumn term and we have lots of news and dates to bring you.

The annual Thanksgiving service was held on the last Friday before half term and what a lovely service it was! It had been 2 long years without a service with a congregation and it was worth the wait. The church looked beautiful, the children sang joyously and the congregation revelled in the atmosphere. Thank you to Canon Bryan Witt for his entertaining sermon and to Peggy who dressed as 'Hen fenyw fach Cydweli'.

After the service a food donation was given to the local food bank in Burry Port. Two of the year six pupils and Mr Gullick went to Aldi and had a trolley full of canned and dried food. The school council decided to keep some of the money to give a donation of fresh produce closer to Christmas.

The collection during the service was for the Luhimba project in Tanzania. Paul and Wendy Temple came to school last week to receive £117.78 and they also did a talk on the project and life in Luhimba and sang some songs.

Years 5 and 6 have been to a football competition in Carmarthen. They thoroughly enjoyed their day and won the school with the best behaviour award. Da iawn chi!

The school marked Remembrance Day on Thursday the 9th of November with a service in the village hall with Canon Bryan Witt.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE - we are very proud to announce the new school website that Mr Gullick has been busy creating -ysgolmynyddygarreg.org please take a look and you can also get in touch through the website.

PTFA news- We are thrilled to announce that we have been chosen as one of CO-OP's community charities. If you want to choose us as your chosen charity you will need to log in to the coop account with your membership number and our charity is called Gobaith Mynyddygarreg PTFA. Here is the link - membership.coop.co.uk/causes

We had a successful cinema night at the school for years 3-6 where they watched a suitable Halloween film, ate hot dogs, popcorn and some juice. The younger class will have theirs on the 29th of November.

A few dates to remember - Tuesday 29th of November at 7pm there is a night of mediumship organised at Mynydd y Garreg hall tickets are £8 and include refreshments and nibbles. All proceeds to be split between Cylch Meithrin and the PTFA. For more information and to purchase tickets call 07581057227 or Facebook Della Lines-Zechermann.

Sunday November 27th 12-4 Mynydd y Garreg hall Christmas craft fair- the school will be selling hot drinks and food from the kitchen and the children will



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Christingle service-22nd of December at St Teilos church at 2.15pm.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely Christmas and New Year!

Wordsearch – A Miracle Baby

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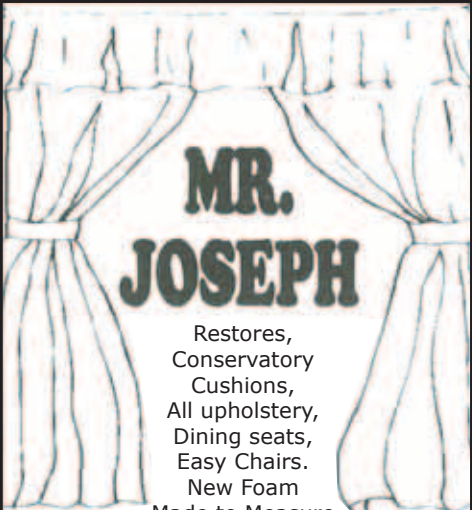
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Newyddion St. Maelog News

Congratulations to John and Helen Davies on your recent golden wedding anniversary.

Congratulations to all members of St Ishmaels YFC that took part in the recent county Eisteddfod, winning the sketch competition and Dafydd Evans gaining second place in the solo from a musical. They were also victorious as a club, in the county indoor sports night, gaining the highest number of points overall. Llongyfachiadau mawr i chi!

The hall committee will hold their annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Monday December 5th. A warm welcome to all.

A nine lessons and carols service will be held on Sunday evening 18th of December at 7pm. Lessons will be read by members of local organisations. Warm welcome to all.

Our annual Christmas Eve service will be held at 8pm.

On January 8th at 3pm, a special service will be held to commemorate the tricentenary anniversary of Peter Williams. The Bishop of St David's and the Archdeacon of Carmarthenshire will be present alongside family members to celebrate the occasion. Following the service refreshments will be served at Llandyfaelog village hall.

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i chi gyd!
Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all!

Readers

4th December - Helen Davies 11th December - Kath Williams

18th December - Lessons and Carols

24th December - Mary Atkinson

1st January - Rheinallt Jones 8th January - Peter Williams Service

15th January - Sarah Walters 22nd January - Edwin Atkinson

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Flower List

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8th/15th January Alison Williams

22nd /29th January Helen Davies

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Parish Readings for December (with Red Lectionary pages)

4th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

Eucharist: Isaiah 11. 1-10; Psalm 72. 1-7; [18, 19]; Romans 15. 4-13 Matthew 3. 1-12 (p4)

Evening Prayer: Psalm 11; [28]; 1 Kings 18. 17-39; John 1. 19-28

Reader: Ted Rowlands

11th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

Eucharist: Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm 146.5-10 or Magnificat; James 5. 7-10; Matthew 11.2-11. (p8)

Evening Prayer: Psalm 12;[14]; Isaiah 5.8-30; Acts 13.13-41

Reader: Jenny Jones

Sunday 18th December 4th Sunday of Advent

Eucharist: Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-7;[17-19]; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-25 (p12)

No Evening Prayer – Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

Eucharist: Isaiah 9.2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2. 11-14; Luke 2.1-14[15-20] (p15)

No Evening Prayer

Sunday 1st January 2023 Naming of Jesus

Eucharist: Numbers 6.22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.15-21

No Evening Prayer

Sunday 8th January The Baptism of Christ 1st Sunday of Epiphany

Eucharist: Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17 (p42)

Evening Prayer: Psalm 46;47; Joshua 3. 1-8,14-17; Hebrews 1.1-12

Reader: Jenny Jones

Sunday 15th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Eucharist: Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-11; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42 (p45)

Evening Prayer: Psalm 96; Ezekiel 2.1-3.4; Galatians 1.11-24

Reader: Kath Nicholas



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Sunday 22nd January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Eucharist: Isaiah 9.1-4; Psalm 27.1,4-9 or 27.1-9; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4. 12-23 (p49)

Evening Prayer: Psalm 33 or 33.1-12; Ecclesiastes 3.1-11; 1 Peter 1.3-12
Reader Brenda Evans

Sunday 29th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Eucharist: 1 Kings 17.8-16; Psalm 36. 5-10; 1 Corinthians 1. 18-31; John 2.1-11 (p56)

5th Sunday so no Evening Prayer:

Sunday 5th February 3rd Sunday before Lent

Eucharist: Isaiah 58.1-9a,[9b-12]; Psalm 112.1-9,[10]; 1 Corinthians 2.1-12,[13-16]; Matthew 5.13-20 (p65)

Reflecting Faith – To the Glory of God. The Rev Dr Jo White continues her series:

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But it doesn't end there. We put into the building things that are important to us and again reflect not just our specific denomination but our ways of worship. Imagine visiting someone in their home whom you are just getting to know and have a look around at the decorations, photos, wall hangings, books, music etc. What are their hobbies? How do they enjoy spending their time? Who is important to them? Well our church interiors are like that.

In most church buildings each week there will be a display of flowers. Venues vary from being large and elaborate to simple and homely and so do such arrangements. Of course, much depends upon finance and the availability of flowers as well as the interest and skills of the arranger.

Flower arrangements 'should' be in keeping with the church season or the occasion that is being celebrated. During Advent (Latin meaning 'coming') while we anticipate the birth of Christ at the Feast of Christmas most places of worship show restraint in their arrangements and often decline to use any coloured flowers using only evergreen leaves.

Then nearer to Christmas itself everything changes and either flowers are added to the original evergreens or they start completely new. Colours change to red for love and Christ's death and passion, white and gold for importance, royalty and celebration: with green alongside for the hope of new birth and spring.

This month: Have a look at the flowers used in a church near you. What do they 'say'? Perhaps there will be poinsettias, lilies or even irises. Each has a different story to tell of the glory of God.



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Why were Joseph and Mary there?

What did Mary dress her baby in?

Where did Mary lay her baby and why?

Why were the shepherds afraid?

What good news did the angel tell?

What did the shepherds do after they had seen the baby?

Who appeared praising God, what did they say?



ALL • DECREE • JOSEPH • DAVID • BETHLEHEM • MARY • BIRTH • SON • LAID • MANGER
INN • SHEPHERDS • FLOCK • NIGHT • LORD • GLORY • GOOD NEWS • JOY • DAY
SAVIOUR • CHRIST • SIGN • BABY • GOD • PEACE • ANGELS • GO • SEE • TOLD • PRAISE

On giving the after-dinner speech:

The Rectory St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I have been slightly surprised that in your ministry so far, you have never been asked to give an after-dinner speech. Now you have delivered your first one, I can understand why. Speeches after any dinner come at the point where stomachs are dealing with a little too much food and brains with about the same quantity of wine. They should be short and witty; yours was neither.

An hour-long speech on the Herodians and Second Temple Judaism at the time of the birth of Christ was not quite what we had expected. I applauded your enthusiasm, but I was the only one; the rest of them were asleep. Long after you had left, the catering staff gently vacuumed the carpets around the audience, and it was only when the night security guard arrived that the last diners were woken and politely sent home. I suspect you will have put many marriages under strain as husbands, returning home in the early hours of the morning, had to explain to wives why they were so late. Their truthful answers would have been unbelievable.

When the head waiter appeared in a dressing gown and started placing chairs on tables, even you must have suspected that hints were being dropped and I have never heard of a hotel manager interrupting a speech to place his keys on the top table and asking if the last person to leave would kindly lock the main door.

I know that your clerical attire is more usually T-shirt and jeans, but borrowing the curate's dinner suit from your next-door parish was also not a good idea. He is a foot taller and several stones heavier than you. The result was quite worrying – several people wondered if you had just recovered from some dreadful disease that had made you shrink.

In the light of your qualified success, thank you for offering to come to repeat your speech after our annual Christmas dinner, but no thank you. The verger's son wants to share with us how many potholes he has counted in and around the town, and that should be most interesting.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace.

Some Useful Phone Numbers

Churches & Chapels

Capel y Morfa: Mr. Gwynnaf Jones
01554 753868

Our Lady and St. Cadog:-
01554 832520

Trinity Methodist: Mrs. Margaret
Morgan 01554 890200

Health

Kidwelly Health Visitor 01554 890560

Minafon Surgery 01554 890234

Chemist 01554 890279

West Wales General Hospital,
Carmarthen 01267 235151

Prince Philip Hospital, Llanelli
01554 756567

Local Authority

Kidwelly Town Council 01554 890203

Llandyfaelog Community Council
01267 267647

Carmarthenshire County Council
01267 234567

Halls

Princess Gwenllian Centre, Kidwelly
Staci Sylvan 01554 891801

Llandyfaelog Welfare Hall
01267 267142

Mynydd-y-Garreg Welfare Hall: Andrea
Gower 01554 890670

Schools

Ysgol-y-Castell 01554 890762

Ysgol Gwenllian 01554 890523

Ysgol Mynydd-y-Garreg 01554 810670

Glan-y-Mor Comprehensive School,
Burry Port 01554 832507

Youth

1st Kidwelly Scouts - Shan Cheesman
01267 267620 or 07790117904

St. Ishmael's and District Young
Farmers Club 01554 890266

Youth Council – Jeanette Gilasbey
01554 892729

Senior Citizens

Llandyfaelog Senior Citizen Association
Mrs. Maureen Howells 0127 223768

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Marian Lewis 01554 890187

Kidwelly Senior Citizens Association:
Mrs. Bobbie Hope, 01554 890520

Kidwelly Welfare Committee: Mrs.
Helene Cresser 01554 890550

Other Organisations

Ail Gyfle: Mr. Gethin Davies
07811207200

Cor Meibion Dyffryn Tywi: Mr. Derek
Rowlands 01269 860996

Country Cars: Mrs. E. Nicholson
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Kidwelly Town Forum: Mr. Malcolm
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Mothers' Union: Mrs. Pearl Rowland
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December 2022/January 2023

St Mary's, Kidwelly

04/12/22	2nd Sunday of Advent
9.30am	Choral Eucharist
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
11/12/22	3rd Sunday of Advent
9.30am	Choral Eucharist
11/00am	Cymun Bendigaidd
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
18/12/22	4th Sunday of Advent
9.30am	Choral Eucharist
5.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
24/12/22	Christmas Eve
11.30pm	Midnight Mass
25/12/22	Christmas Day
9.30am	Holy Eucharist
No Evening Prayer	
01/01/23	The Naming of Jesus
9.30am	Choral Eucharist
No Evening Prayer	
08/01/23	Baptism of Christ/Epiphany 1
9.30am	Choral Eucharist
11.00am	Cymun Bendigaidd
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
15/01/23	Epiphany 2
9.30am	Choral Eucharist
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
22/01/23	Epiphany 3
9.30am	Choral Eucharist
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
29/01/23	Epiphany 4
9.30am	5th Sunday in St. Mary's United Service
05/02/23	3rd Sunday before Lent
9.30am	Choral Eucharist
5.00pm	Evening Prayer

Church Committee meetings:

07/12/22 7.00pm & 13/12/22 7.30pm

Epic Explorers meet at 5.30pm

08/12/22; 15/12/22; 22/12/22 Christmas

Party start back on 12th January 2023

MU

14/12/22 4.00pm MU Advent Carol Service

Wednesdays at 9.30am

Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing

Services

December 2022/January 2023

St Maelog's, Llandyfaelog

04/12/22	2nd Sunday of Advent
11.15am	Holy Eucharist
11/12/22	3rd Sunday of Advent
11.15am	Boreol Weddi
18/12/22	4th Sunday of Advent
7.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
24/12/22	Christmas Eve
8.00pm	Holy Eucharist
01/01/23	Naming of Jesus
11.15am	Holy Eucharist
08/01/23	Baptism of Christ/Epiphany 1
3.00pm	Peter Williams Commemoration Service
15/01/23	Epiphany 2
11.15am	Holy Eucharist
22/01/23	Epiphany 3
11.15am	Holy Eucharist
29/01/23	Epiphany 4
In St. Mary's	
05/02/23	3rd Sunday of Lent
11.15am	Holy Eucharist

St Teilo's, Mynyddygarreg

04/12/22	2nd Sunday of Advent
11.00am	Bilingual Eucharist
11/12/22	3rd Sunday of Advent
6.00pm	Community Carol Service
18/12/22	4th Sunday of Advent
11.00am	Christmas Eucharist
01/01/23	Naming of Jesus
11.00am	Bilingual Eucharist
15/01/22	Epiphany 2
11.00am	Bilingual Eucharist
29/01/23	Epiphany 4
In St. Mary's	
05/02/23	3 before Lent
11.00am	Bilingual Eucharist