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## Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends

You will be aware that we have been over the last year or so taking care of people and worship services as best we can. This has been due to the long term illness of our dear friend in Christ and Vicar, Trevor Copeland. As time has passed, the retired clerics and Brenda Evans have been meeting to organise practical and pastoral matters. Whilst this has gone well, it has been decided by the LMA Council that each congregation and area need to have someone who is the "go-to" person - a named person you can ask for information about anything relating to each area. There may be an occasion when someone would appreciate a visit. Indeed, you may hear of someone who wants to celebrate a life event in church. You will now be able to refer them to the "Go-to" person. We do not want to hold up God's work in our area - we want to help, and that is why this interim provision is now in place.

### From April 1st

St Mary's, St Teilo's and St Maelog's will have a nominated priest as a lead contact for pastoral matters supported as necessary by other LMA clergy and retired clergy at least until the situation is resolved over our Vicar. The following have agreed to take this on:

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St. Maelog	Rev. Sian Wight	01267 267539	<a href="mailto:sianwight@btinternet.com">sianwight@btinternet.com</a>

*(assisted by Rev. Philip Johnes)*

You will receive personal attention from these known and trusted individuals. They will share with each congregation the task of bringing people together and growing interest in the church as a hub in each community. They will help manage times of services for festivals and provide continuity. So please engage with them as they volunteer for this act of service.

I wish to draw your attention to the detailed work our Lay Chair, Edwin Atkinson has put in over the whole Local Ministry Area enabling us to provide clearer pointers of communication and team working. We owe him our gratitude and respect. We thank him for his continued work and enthusiasm.

As we head through Lent towards Easter – we must re-open our doors and keep the knowledge of the Love of God alive in our witness and Christian service.

God Bless us in who we are and how we are with each other.

Affectionately,

Dennis

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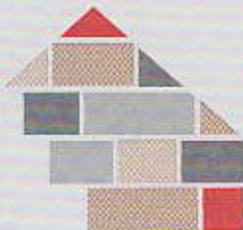
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## St. Mary's News

### St. Mary's Flower List

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Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> April Liz Antoniazzi

1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> May Brenda Evans

**Compline and Lent Course** continues to be held in the Parish Room on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm The theme is songs from Les Miserables led by Canon Bryan Witt.

### New Children's Group –

We are starting a new weekly Children's session. It will launch in the Parish Room on Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am, and then will be every Tuesday from 5.30 to 6.30 pm. We will start with 'Epic Explorers' a 5 week children's resource from Christianity Explored. Volunteers are very welcome to help, whether you can help weekly or fortnightly. DBS checks will be required. Please pass the word to any children you know aged 4-11 also. Thank you.  
Kathyn

### .From Christmas to Easter

Last year we had a new project which we will repeat, decorating the Christmas Tree Cross with flowers. Please leave your messages in memory or thanksgiving at the back of church together with your donation of £3.00. Money raised will be for church funds.

**Plant Dewi** has a Random Club (100Club) which we have been asked to publicise. Costing £2. 00 a month , we have forms at the back of St. Mary's if you are interested in supporting Plant Dewi in this way.

We remember in our prayers all those who are unwell, either at home or in hospital:*Lord, in all times of fear and dread, grant that we may so cast our burdens upon you, that you may bear us on the holy wings of the Spirit, to the stronghold of your peace. Amen.*

For the bereaved in the parish we pray: *God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all that you have made and rejoicing in our communion with all your faithful people, we make our prayers through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.*



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**Thank you** -- June and Keith Morris would like to thank family and friends for the numerous cards and gifts they received on their recent Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 3rd of March 2022. Diolch yn fawr.

John and Mary Filer would like to thank family, friends and lovely neighbours for gifts and cards received on their recent 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary. Many thanks also to Debbie who did the catering for our lunch in the Rugby Club with all our family. Perfect.

05/04/22 Cherished birthday memories of Evelyn, beloved Mam, Nan, and Great-grandma, from loving daughter Gwyneth, Alan, Ann and families.

08/04/22 Loving and cherished birthday memories of my father, Russell Hawkins. Love always, Jan. Xx

14/04/22 In loving memory of our beloved mother, Margaret, on the first anniversary of her death. With love, Stephen and Mark.

15/04/22 Penblwydd hapus iawn i ti Megan yn un-deg-wyth oed heddiw. Dymuno pob bendith a gwell iechyd i ti. Cariad Tadcu. Xx

17/04/22 Ar Wyl y Pasg meddwl yn fawr a chofio am Mam, Dad, Monica, Aunty Mary, Derek, Jean, Janice ac Aunty Dec. Mae yr hiraeth yn parhau, a'r gwacter heb ei lanw. Cariad Ieuan. Xxx.

18/04/22 Loving and cherished memories of Eric, from wife Ann, Lee, Becky and family, and from sister Gwyneth, Alan and family.

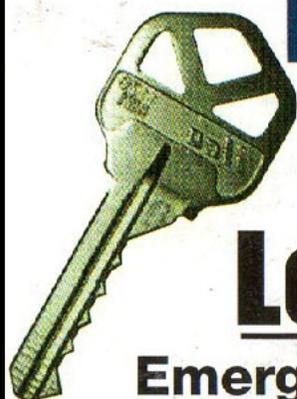
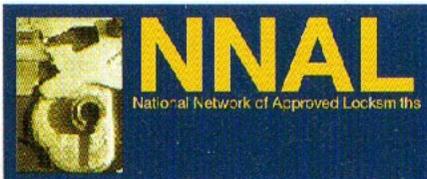
**LMA News**

The Annual LMA Easter Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in St Mary's Parish Room, Kidwelly..

The Church Wardens of several churches in our Local Ministry area (LMA) of Bro Cydweli have written in the last few months to the Archdeacon largely concerning the stewardship of their churches and the vacuum resulting from the unfortunate ill health of Rev Trevor Copeland. Whilst most fortunate in having available the excellent services and most valuable input by Ven Dennis Wight and the retired clergy, the absence of a Parish priest has been seen by these churches as having a negative effect in a number of regards.

Following discussion with all those involved, the LMA Council and the Archdeacon have agreed to a number of measures to address these problems. A number of factors mean that these may only be temporary or interim.

St. Anne's Cwmffrwd. In addition to the taking of services, St Anne's sought a 'pastoral contact' to whom they can turn in the moment of need. Rev. William Lambert and Rev. Heidi-Maria de Gruchy have kindly agreed to take St. Anne's into the St Ishmael's pastoral group of churches, supported as requisite by other



**G.G**

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LMA clergy and retired clergy. The Church Committee has agreed to this. Arrangements are being made for them to meet with Rev William and Rev. Heidi.

St Mary's, St Teilo's and St Maelog's. Here also, a prime request has been that each church should have a nominated priest (active, retired active or retired) as a consistent lead contact for pastoral matters supported as necessary by other LMA clergy and retired clergy at least until the situation is resolved. The following have agreed to take this on in the Kidwelly area:

St. Mary's	Canon Bryan Witt
St. Teilo	Rev. Roger Morley-Jones
St. Maelog	Rev. Sian Wight (assisted by Rev. Philip Johnes)
Schools	Canon Bryan Witt

For weddings and funerals please contact the relevant priest

This new way of doing things will start on 1<sup>st</sup> April.-

The existing arrangements in St Twrog, St David and St Cyndeyrn and in the St Ishmaels group of churches are working well with thanks to all concerned and will continue unchanged.

Our prayers go out to Trevor and Dee and we all offer our support and best wishes.

### **Holy Week and Easter Services**

St. Mary's

Palm Sunday	9.30am Blessing of Palms & Eucharist
	5.00pm Evening Prayer

Maundy Thursday	7.00pm Commemoration of the Last Supper and Watch
Good Friday	10.30am Children's Club

2.00pm-3.00pm Last hour devotion Rev. Sian Wight

Wednesday	9.30am Eucharist with prayers for healing
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Easter Sunday	6.15am Sunrise service & breakfast
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9.30am Holy Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

St. Teilo's

Easter Sunday	11.00am Bilingual Eucharist
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St. Maelog's

Good Friday	10.30am Liturgy for Good Friday
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## **Branch News –**

Mandy has arranged our Annual Dinner for April 20<sup>th</sup> in the Red Lion, Llandyfaelog. This will be at 5.30pm for 6.00pm. If you would like to attend, please let us know no later than Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Transport has been arranged, so again if you need to use this, let us know. We will meet on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 6.15pm before Compline in the Parish Room to confirm the menu.

As the dawning of hope arises, we look through the shadows of the Cross and see the gift of resurrection. A Blessed Easter to all our members. Pearl.

We keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts and hopefully by the time this magazine goes out a peaceful settlement will have been reached.

The people of Ukraine live in fear every day. Every moment brings with it the possibility of a deadly attack that could destroy everything they value and hold dear. Despite this, many have shown immense resilience and courage in the face of this crisis. Mothers' Union stands firmly with the people of Ukraine; both those who are fleeing and remaining.

We understand and acknowledge the trauma that war unleashes upon families. It tears the fabric of society apart, and impacts even those who witness it from afar. The recent bombing of a maternity hospital in Mariupol has further exacerbated this suffering. More than 2 million Ukrainian people have fled their homes since the start of the war, and now face the possibility of homelessness.

Many Mothers' Unions across Britain and Ireland have existing refugee support projects and are confident that members will step up and continue this support for those fleeing Ukraine.

Experience has taught us that humanitarian aid in such situations needs to be coordinated and delivered by experts in the field. With no active links in the Ukraine, it is not possible for Mothers' Union to accept donations directly. We appreciate that in addition to prayer and action in welcoming and supporting refugees as they arrive in the UK, many members will want to provide financial support to those in immediate crisis.

You may be aware that the government has announced a sponsorship scheme that will be launched soon to support those fleeing and arriving in the UK. Information is not yet available, but we will share updates on this as they are released. It is also possible for you to follow updates on this scheme by using the following link: [Local Sponsorship Scheme for Ukraine](#).

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**Royal British Legion** Our next meeting will be in the Community Hub at 7.30pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022. A warm welcome is extended to anyone interested in joining.



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## Tŷ Golau –

Well, we had enjoyed our session on *lurve* on 14 February so much that we spent time on it the following week too - quizzes and songs again looking at what makes the world go around. We gave a warm welcome to Alison Ballantine who had raised the magnificent sum of £610.31 for us by completing a marathon. We really appreciated the effort she made and agreed that it was not something we could have achieved.

The following week was the session closest to St David's Day and we couldn't let the occasion pass without concentrating our quiz and singing on All Things Welsh - famous Welsh people, events, and places, such as Sir Harry Secombe, the investiture of the Prince of Wales, and Caerphilly Castle where there is a leaning tower to rival Pisa's. And as we are in Wales, of course, we had to have some singing – favourites such as Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer, and Calon Lan. Bara brith and Welsh cakes accompanied the hot drinks.

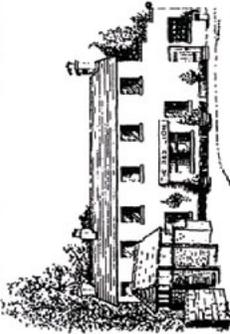
There was also a time of quiet reflection as Pastor Bryan Lewis, one of the Ty Golau team, told us about his involvement in the Aberfan disaster in which he

lost his nephew. It reminded us that the coal industry, on which much of Wales' prosperity was built, took as well as gave.



Many of the service users, carers and volunteers made the effort to dress up, even if it was just by fastening a daffodil to their jumpers. Thankfully, no-one wore a leek – that seems to be restricted to the lads at school. Do you remember how their leeks smelt by the end of the day? What a stink! Jan was very pleased to be able to bring her Welsh lady costume out of the wardrobe. She looked great but was slightly let down by her tights which kept falling down. Not wishing to

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resemble Nora Batty from **Last of the Summer Wine**, whose tights always gathered around her ankles, Jan had to keep pulling them up – in full view of all of us. What a sight! However, all our efforts to dress for the day were overshadowed by those of Roger and Janet who impressed everyone with their traditional costumes. And Roger had even made the clogs that they wore!

A week later and we were recalling the Swinging Sixties! The answers to Jan's quiz were all well-known songs from that decade and we were only too happy to step back in time and sing along when we identified the correct titles. Some members of the group even got up and danced. If you had been around the John Burns Centre at the time, you would have heard us sing along to such musical masterpieces as *Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini* and *The Lion Sleeps tonight!*

If you would like to join us each week, just come along to the John Burns Centre on a Monday morning between 10.30 am and noon. Phone Jan, our manager, on 01554 890896 for more information. We look forward to seeing you.

Elaine Morrisroe, Publicity Officer

**Thank you** so much is the message from Peggy Davies, for the cards, gifts and the wonderful donations to Christian Aid, she received on the occasion of her 80th birthday in March. Peggy has received to date over £300 for the charity that is very close to her heart, and she is truly delighted and grateful to everyone. Many visitors were given a welcome on the day at 6 Maes y Parc, and she enjoyed her special day very much.

The best gift of all was a long awaited procedure on her eye, which she underwent before the big day, and resulted in her sight being restored in the one eye.

As previously reported, she has given up her role as Hen Fenyw Fach Gydweli, but, requests are still coming in so, watch this space !

Ma Peggy am ddiolch i bawb am bob arwydd a estyner iddi ar achlusur ei phenblwydd mawr, mae'n wîr gwerthfawrogi pob peth ac yn enwedig y rhodd hael i Gymorth Cristnogol.

A ninne yn dymuno dyddiau da a hapus i Peggy.

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### Would you be interested in becoming a Friend

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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**

## KIDWELLY SENIOR CITIZENS

For our March meeting we proudly displayed our daffodils to celebrate St. David's Day, and enjoyed Welsh cakes with our drinks. Bobbie had spoken to members who are not well and we send them our best wishes, as we do to all who have birthdays this month. Members were asked if they wanted to do a quiz or bingo, and they chose bingo. We held our Cawl Lunch at The Red Lion on 9<sup>th</sup> March, and it was delicious and plentiful, followed by Bara Brith and Welsh cakes with our coffee. We also thoroughly enjoyed having the Carmarthen Ukulele Band for our entertainment. A lot of singing, story-telling, banter and jolly good fun. I am sure we will be seeing them again. For our next meeting we will be having a flower arranging demonstration by Karen Hinkin. This will be on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm at the Rugby Club. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Ukraine.

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**As the world darkens, poet *Malcolm Guite* looks to C. S. Lewis for wisdom**

I WAS going to write about that morning I came down to the River Dart, down to the splashing, darting, sparkling waters that Ted Hughes called his “champagne river”. I was going to write about coming down, on a crisp February morning, the air brightened and cleansed from the storms, down from the folds of an ancientcombe, in the company of a renowned Devonian storyteller, down to the very spot that Hughes loved to fish. I was going to tell you how, standing above the surge of the river, the endless beautiful reshaping of its currents and cataracts, its sheer continuance of form amid the constant change of its content, I had recalled the opening lines of Hughes’s beautiful poem “That Morning”:

*We came where the salmon were so many  
So steady, so spaced, so far-aimed  
On their inner map. .*

I was going to write about how I, too, for a moment, felt the same sense of epiphany as Hughes had felt, standing there “in the pollen light”, “lifted . . . towards some dazzle of blessing”.

I was going to write that; but when I came home to put pen to paper, it seemed as though the world had changed and darkened, and that Devon morning, only two days before, was just a distant dream. For I had come home to the news of war, to the missiles flying and the tanks rolling across Ukraine, the tyrant’s fist crushing and closing on a nation’s freedom. How could I write, in such a moment, about poetry and fishing?

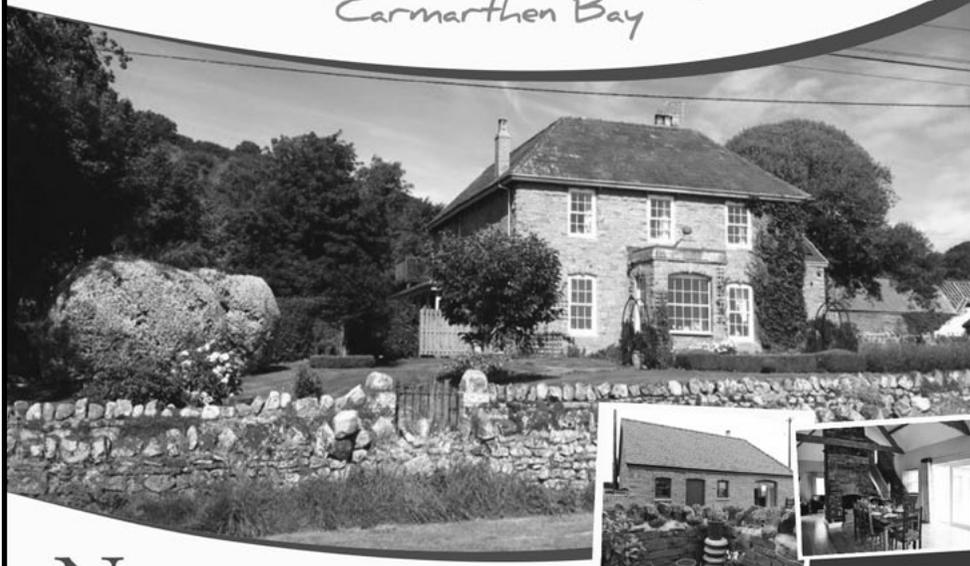
And then, as from some half-remembered depth, came the words of C. S. Lewis, words from a sermon that he preached in Oxford in December of 1939, as tanks rolled across Europe and frightened and bewildered students gathered in the church of St Mary the Virgin, asking themselves the very questions that Lewis posed in the opening of his sermon, variants of the question I was asking myself now: “What is the use”, Lewis asked from the pulpit, “of beginning a task which we have so little chance of finishing? . . . why should we — indeed how can we — continue to take an interest in these placid occupations when the lives of our friends and the liberties of Europe are in the balance? Is it not like fiddling while Rome burns?” So, I returned to that sermon, later published under the title “Learning in War-Time”, and found it to be as full of wisdom for our moment in history as it was for his. At the core of it is a call to do everything as on a precipice, to do everything only because it is intrinsically worth doing, and all the more so because it might be the last thing we do; to do everything, from crafting a poem, to defending a city, to the glory of God:

“The war creates no absolutely new situation: it simply aggravates the permanent human situation so that we can no longer ignore it. Human life has always been lived on the edge of a precipice. Human culture has always had to



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exist under the shadow. . . We propound mathematical theorems in beleaguered cities, conduct metaphysical arguments in condemned cells, make jokes on scaffolds, discuss the last new poem whilst advancing to the walls of Quebec. . .”

So I resume my original task, letting poetry lighten even the darkest hour, and share with you the end of Hughes’s great poem:

*So we found the end of our journey.*

*So we stood, alive in the river of light,*

*Among the creatures of light, creatures of light. (Church Times)*

**Climate change:** An article from the Church Times in Fairtrade Fortnight (March):

Climate change is causing a drastic decline in the production of bananas, cocoa, and coffee; but most consumers in the UK are not aware of it, a new poll suggests. The decline is expected to lead to shortages and price rises.

The results of a survey to gauge shoppers’ awareness of the effects of climate change and exploitative trading practices on food production was published to coincide with Fairtrade Fortnight, which ran until 6 March.

More than 60 per cent of the 2000 adults polled at the end of January were not aware of the forecast decline in the yields of some foods.

Scientific research, published last autumn, found that drastic decline in these crops would happen in at least ten countries, including India, Brazil, and Colombia. A temperature rise of 2.1°C could leave almost 90 per cent of land currently used to cultivate cocoa unsuitable by 2050.

The survey found that three-quarters of the public believed that it was important that producers overseas were helped to adapt to climate change. Two-thirds said that they would not buy a product if they knew that it was linked to exploitative trade practices or human-rights abuses.

The consumer survey, commissioned by the Fairtrade Foundation and run by Opinium, suggests that, although public understanding of the links between reasonable incomes for farmers and climate resilience is low, there is a strong public willingness to address inequality caused by exploitative trade and climate change.

The survey also looked at whether the Black Lives Matter movement and the increased awareness of Britain’s colonial past had affected people’s understanding of exploitative trade. Only one quarter of British people said that they were more aware of the exploitation of people caused by the UK’s colonial past as a result, and only one fifth said that they had considered how to make consumer choices to avoid supporting exploitation today. One in ten said that they believed that damaging and exploitative trading practices were a thing of the past.



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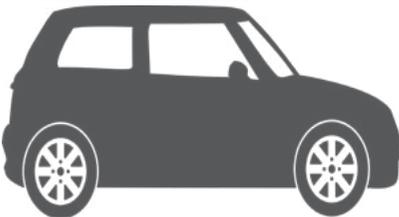
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Most respondents said that more should be done to prevent harmful trade practices and the climate crisis, and that the Government should treat the climate emergency with the same urgency as it had Covid-19.

Fewer than half of those asked, however, regarded buying Fairtrade products as a form of climate activism.

The director of the Graduate Institute for International Development, Agriculture and Economics at the University of Reading, Dr Sarah Cardey, said that consumers had the power to change people's lives with their shopping choices.

“Smallholder farmers in low-income countries are on the front lines of the climate crisis, with droughts, floods, and storms severely threatening livelihoods of producers across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. For these farmers and workers, a decent income is absolutely essential for building resilience to climate shocks, and ensuring they can adapt to a continually evolving climate.

“Without good wages, their livelihoods are severely threatened — as is the supply of everyday products these farmers and workers produce. Consumers have the power to make a difference to producers' lives by choosing Fairtrade products when they do their shopping. This, in turn, will help producers to build climate resilience, allowing them to continue producing items, like tea, coffee, and bananas, that we consume every day.”

The chief executive of the Fairtrade Foundation, Michael Gidney, said: “It's clear that the public want to see an end to trade that exploits those who produce the commodities we rely on every day — particularly in the context of climate. By choosing Fairtrade, they can make a real, tangible difference to the lives of people who grow much of the food we love to eat in the UK.”

## **Reflection**

It must have been a dramatic sight on Palm Sunday when Jesus approached Jerusalem to the adulation of the crowds. *‘A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”’* (Matthew 21:8,9).

But not everyone in Jerusalem welcomed Jesus; in the very next verse we read, *‘the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”’* (10). But by the end of the week, the crowds had turned against Jesus and were demanding His crucifixion. (Matthew 27:22).

Why did they turn against Jesus so quickly? Perhaps they were disappointed because He refused to fulfil their expectations in establishing a new political kingdom. Instead, He came to change our hearts and save us from our sins by

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His death and resurrection. As He said during that week, *'My kingdom is not of this world.'* (John 18:36). This deeply disappointed those who hoped that He would throw out the hated Roman occupiers.

Where would we have been on that first Palm Sunday? *Among the disciples who welcomed Him or among the sceptical crowds?* It's easy to judge those who condemned Jesus, but would we have acted differently? Can we too be disappointed when Jesus fails to meet our hopes and expectations of Him?

The message of Easter is that God still loves and accepts us, and because of Jesus we can be forgiven. He came for one simple reason: *'For Christ also suffered once for sins...to bring you to God.'* (1 Peter 3:18). May we welcome Jesus afresh into our lives this Eastertime.

May I wish you all a blessed Easter. Brenda (Lay Worship Leader)

## **What a hoot**

One evening a bird-loving vicar strolled over to his huge country churchyard, and just for fun, hooted softly, like an owl. To his delight, an owl hooted softly back. The next night the same thing happened, and again, the night after that. Soon it became a regular habit, and every night for the following year, no matter what the weather, the vicar would go to the churchyard and hoot back and forth with his feathered friend. The hoots became longer and more complicated, and the vicar kept a careful log of the 'conversation'.

Just as he thought he was on the verge of a real breakthrough in interspecies communication, his wife had a chat with the neighbour who lived in a big house and garden next door to the church. "My husband comes here each night," she said, to "hoot to the owl in the churchyard." "That's odd," the neighbour replied, "so does my husband."

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## Newyddion St. Teilo News

As I write this, the sun is shining and the countryside is beginning to show its glory, with lush grass, yellow daffodils dancing in the breeze, blue grape hyacinths, and catkins like waving tails, the sound of lawn mowers, a sure sign that Spring is on our doorstep and we can once more get ready for gardening, mowing and cutting. Whilst I don't profess to be a great gardener, I love being outside with all the flowers and shrubs and enjoy the pleasure they give me and give others as they pass by. I will admit to have help here from a very good lady gardener, who brightens my day and the garden. So as we look forward to the coming season, we remember He who made all things possible, and thank Him by showing kindness to others, particularly to our fellow men in the Ukraine who are suffering greatly and are surrounded by devastation and not beauty.

**Over 50's Club** We are pleased to announce that all our officers were re-elected at our A.G.M. with the exception that Sheila Thomas is now our official secretary. Our chairperson remains to be Marian Lewis, our vice-chair being Pearl Rowland, and the treasurer is Christine Hughes. Following the opening of our ordinary March meeting with the Lord's prayer and our thoughts with the people of Ukraine, we look forward to the year ahead counting our blessings. We welcomed another new member Barbara Evans, and were happy to learn that Pippa will continue to join us. We send our congratulations to June and Keith Davies for recently celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Best wishes to our stalwart Jean Fox, for a speedy recovery after a fall. The raffle on the day was won by Aeres, and the bingo was won by Albertha. The tea hostesses for April are Liz and Barbara, with the refreshments being served by Carl and Gina. May it be a Blessed and Peaceful Easter for us all.

**Neuadd Mynyddygarreg's Quiz**, the first evening event since the start of lockdown was a great success, with a fantastic attendance. Quiz master was Sue Woodward who made a debut appearance and a grand job. Winners were Tinworks team who generously donated the winnings back to the Neuadd. The next Quiz has been penciled in for 24th June.

**The Spring Food and Craft Fair** will be held on Saturday 9th April, 10.00 --2.00pm, at the Neuadd, outdoors weather permitting, otherwise indoors.

**Eisteddfod Mynyddygarreg** is back this year after two years absence. It will be held on Friday 13th May, commencing 5.00pm. This is a wonderful event bursting with local talent giving us a diverse range of song and prose. Well worth a visit.

**Capel Horeb** will be holding a Good Friday service starting at 6.00pm in the Vestry. The Parchedig Ian Sims will be officiating. Fydd na wasanaeth a dathlu'r Cymun. Da yw gweld ein Capel medru agor y dryisiau unwaith eto.



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**Eglwys Sant Teilo's** celebration of the Easter Eucharist will be held on Sunday 17th April at 11.00am.

Passers-by will notice the absence of the great tree in the Church grounds. Following the recent high winds, it was decided to remove the tree as a safety measure. I recall many a happy Sunday of many years ago when on hot summer days, the Sunday School would be moved outside to sit under the shelter of the tree's vast branches. Sadly, we now have neither Sunday School nor hot Summer days ! But we do have services at 11.00am and a warm welcome awaits.

**Sympathy is extended** to the family of the late Mr. Johnny Gravell, Newtown, who passed away suddenly recently.

**Best wishes** to Neville Henry, Cwrt Cadog who has been a patient at West Wales Hospital, Glangwili. We wish you a good recovery Nev with better health to follow. Dymuniadau gorau Nev am wellhad buan a gwell iechyd i ddilyn.

**The KAMPS group** held a very successful 3 day Pantomime at the Neuadd in March, an appreciative large audience enjoyed their presentation of Ali Baba and the Four Tea Thieves, lots of fun and mirth. Congratulations to the cast and everyone involved in the production.

**A reminder please,** Magazine payment of £5 is due and can be dropped off with me. Diolch.

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## Newyddion St. Maelog News

**Congratulations** to Llandyfaelog pensioners association on celebrating their 75th anniversary. A fabulous tea party was held in the hall to commemorate the occasion. Llongyfarchiadau mawr i chi!

**Llandyfaelog Show** will return this year and will be held on the 10th of September at Carmarthen Showground Nantyci.

### Community Council News

Note to all gardeners - the garden competition will be held this summer. Vegetable gardens will be judged in June with a first prize of £25. The flower garden competition will be judged under three different categories - Large, small and container. These will be judged during August with a £25 prize for each category.

There will be £50 for the overall best garden.

If you wish to enter a scarecrow for the competition this year, it will need to be displayed by July 29th. 1st prize - £25 2nd prize - £20 3rd prize - £10

**Numbers for the Llandyfaelog Hall 100 club** for the forthcoming year are now available. For further details contact Arfon Davies or Shan Rees.

**A bingo night** will be held in Llandyfaelog Hall on Wednesday April 20th in aid of RABI charity. All welcome!

**To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee** a street party will be held on Saturday 4th of June from 2pm onwards.

**Congratulations** to all St Ishmael YFC members who took part in the county bowling competition, with the senior team coming 2nd. Da iawn chi!

**Thank you** very much Sarah Walters for your co-ordination of the monthly magazine reports. Diolch yn fawr iawn i ti!

If you feel that you could support us in co-ordinating the monthly report, please contact Rheinallt, any support would be much appreciated.

**Church services** are now back to normal on a weekly basis at 11.15a.m. We would welcome additional readers to volunteer on the rota. If you could support, please let Rheinallt know.

**Congratulations** to Eirena Davies who celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on 11<sup>th</sup> April. Also belated greetings to Wyn Smith who also celebrated a special birthday in March.

### Readers & Sidespeople

April 3rd - Mary Atkinson

April 10th - Helen Davies

April 17th - Sarah Walters

April 24th - Rheinallt Jones

May 1st - Edwin Atkinson

### Flower Rota

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**Parish Readings for April** with Red Lectionary pages ()

**3<sup>rd</sup> April**      **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent/Passion Sunday** Liturgical Colour: Purple  
**Eucharist:** Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8  
(p835)

**Evening Prayer:** Psalm 35 or 35.1-9; 2 Chronicles 35.1-6,10-16; Luke 22.1-13

**Reader: Ted Rowlands**

**10<sup>th</sup> April**      **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Palm Sunday** Liturgical Colour: Red

**Eucharist:** Zechariah 9.9-12; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 21.1-9

**Evening Prayer:** Psalm 69.1-18; Isaiah 5.1-7; Luke 9-19

**Reader: Catherine Dorn**

**17<sup>th</sup> April**      **Easter Sunday**      Liturgical Colour: White

**Eucharist:** Isaiah 65.17-25; Psalm 118.[2,2]14-24; Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18  
or Luke 24.1-12 (p851)

**Evening Prayer** Psalm 66; 114;117; Isaiah 43.1-21; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 or  
John 20.19-23

**Reader: Jenny Jones**

**24<sup>th</sup> April**      **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Eucharist:** Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20,21; Psalm 118.14-29 or 150; Acts 5.27-32;  
John 20.19-31 (p859)

**Evening Prayer** Psalm 16; Isaiah 52.13-53.12 or 53.1-6,9-12; Luke 24.13-35

**Reader: Kath Nicholas**

**1<sup>st</sup> May**      **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Eucharist:** Zephaniah 3.14-20; Psalm 30; Acts 9.1-6,[7-20]; John 21.1-19  
(p864)

**Evening Prayer** Psalm 86; Isaiah 38.9-20; John 11.[17-26]27-44

**Reader: Ted Rowlands**

**St. Mary's**

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10/04/22      Mary Atkinson (C 11.00am)      Christine Evans

Eileen Bryant & Pearl Rowland

17/04/22      Pearl Rowland      Ieuan Hughes & Maureen James

24/04/22      Edwin Atkinson      Heather Davies & Liz Antoniazzi

01/05/22      Jean Giess      Mandy Jones & Lynne Davies

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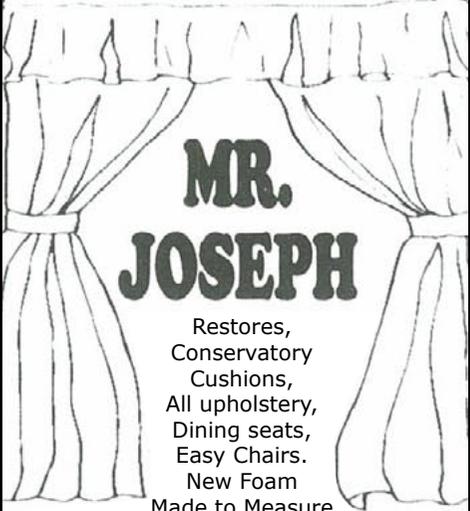
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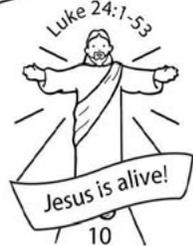
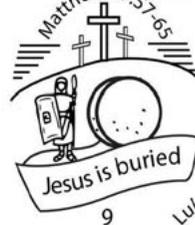
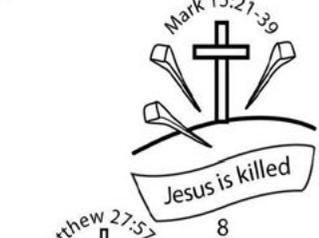
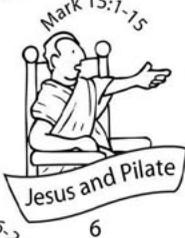
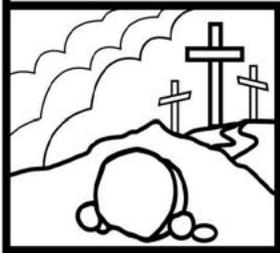
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Brookman 01554 890831 or Mrs.  
Nesta Thomas 01554 890582

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  
Mr. Alan Evans 01554 891801

Llandyfaelog Welfare Hall

Arfon Davies - 07772254393

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

1<sup>st</sup> Kidwelly Scouts - Shan Cheesman  
01267 267620 or 07790117904

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

Youth Hut- Jeanette Gilasbey 01554  
892729

### Senior Citizens

Llandyfaelog Senior Citizen Association  
Mrs. Maureen Howells 01267 223768

Mynydd-y-Garreg Senior Citizens  
Marian Lewis 01554 890187

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

Kidwelly Welfare Committee:  
Mrs. Helene Cresser 01554 890550

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### **03/04/22** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of **Lent/Passion Sunday**

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### **06/04/22**

6.15pm MU meet before  
Compline

7.00pm Lent Course in Parish  
Room

### **10/04/22** **Palm Sunday**

9.30am Holy Eucharist

11.00am Cymun Bendigaidd

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### **Holy Week**

### **14/04/22** **Maundy Thursday**

7.00pm Commemoration of the  
Last Supper

### **15/04/22** **Good Friday**

10.30am Children's Project

2.00pm The Last Hour  
Devotional service

### **16/04/22** **Easter Eve**

12noon Wedding

### **17/04/22** **Easter Day**

6.15am Sunrise service and  
breakfast

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### **20/04/22**

6.00pm MU Dinner in the Red  
Lion

### **24/04/22** **Easter 2**

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### **01/05/22** **Easter 3/St. Philip & St. James**

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### **Wednesdays at 9.30am**

Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing

## Services April 2022

### St Maelog's, Llandyfaelog

### **03/04/22** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of **Lent/Passion Sunday**

11.15am Holy Eucharist

### **10/04/22** **Palm Sunday**

11.15am Holy Eucharist

### **15/04/22** **Good Friday**

10.30am Liturgy

### **17/04/22** **Easter Day**

11.15am Holy Eucharist

### **24/04/22** **Easter 2**

11.15am Holy Eucharist

### **01/05/22** **Easter 3/St. Philip & St. James**

11.15am Holy Eucharist

### St Teilo's, Mynyddgarreg

### **03/04/22** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of **Lent/Passion Sunday**

11.00am Bilingual Eucharist

### **17/04/22** **Easter Day**

11.00am Bilingual Eucharist

### **01/05/22** **Easter 3/St. Philip & St. James**

11.00am Bilingual Eucharist