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## Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

I should like to thank those subscribers who have written to me with comments about the magazine. I will try to take on board what you have said while I am still editing the magazine.

Thank you to all our advertisers and subscribers who have supported us over the years. We wish Paul and Jean well as The Ferry Cabin is now closed. They are sorely missed. Thankfully, just now, Jean continues to make progress with her recovery. Thanks also to all involved in the distribution of the magazine. I am very grateful for all your help.

Waiting is not popular in our culture, when so much can be obtained simply at the press of a button! Advent, when we wait for the coming of Christmas, is also an opportunity to learn what it means to be waiting for the promised return of Jesus. He says: *'It's like a man going away: he leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. Therefore, keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back'* (Mark 13:34-35).

We live between Jesus' first and second comings and this parable reminds us of the need to watch and wait, as disciples living faithfully for Him. It reminds us of two kinds of waiting: *passive* and *active*. Imagine you're at the railway station, awaiting the arrival of a train. On the platform a man is asleep, as he thinks there is plenty of time before the train arrives. He is *passively waiting*. There is also a small boy on the platform who is excited about the train coming. He can't sit still and constantly looks down the track to see if the train is coming. He is *actively waiting*, for he expects the train to arrive at any moment.

Advent gives us a choice: *how will we wait for Jesus' coming?* Passive waiting doesn't require much attention on our part. We can live our Christian life pre-occupied with our own concerns, rather than looking to God. However, active waiting involves an eager expectation, as we await Jesus' return or simply look to Him coming to us today. All we want is to be found faithful as His disciples. There is nothing more important than being ready to meet our Master!

I wish you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas and every good wish for a healthy 2022.

Brenda (Lay Worship Leader)



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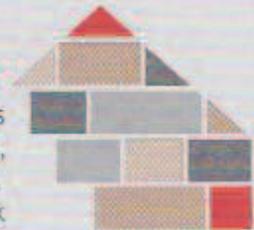
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**Service notice:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays: From December 12th St. Mary's will resume an English Eucharist service at 9.30pm followed by the usual Cymun Bendigaid at 11.00am

### St. Mary's Flower List

Christmas Altar Flowers Christine Hughes Organ Stand Maureen Evans  
Pulpit Stand Clare Walters Lady Chapel Brenda Evans

### Altar

January 23<sup>rd</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> Brenda Evans February 6<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> June Lloyd

### Food Bank

Last collection for this year of food or money will be taken to the Food Bank in Kidwelly on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please leave any donations in St. Mary's. Just think, if we all brought a couple of tins every week to church it would soon mount up. If you prefer, the foodbank is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from about 10 till 2pm. and can be contacted via email:

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**Fund-raising** – Due to the Covid-19 situation over the last 18 months, our finances are not in a good state at the moment, so we need to do some fund-raising. We are asking for donations of £5 this year for our Christmas angels. Messages either in thanksgiving or remembrance will displayed around the Christmas tree. Please give me your messages, either in church or email them to me at [evans.d29@sky.com](mailto:evans.d29@sky.com) no later than Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### Parish Room

I should like to thank Christine Hughes for her work in taking Parish Room Bookings. She will now step down from this role, but will still be a point of contact for the key for future bookings. If you think you could take the Bookings Secretary role on, please let me or the church wardens know. Until such time that someone takes over, please contact me for details.

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**Sympathy** is extended to the family and friends of Veronica Reynolds who died recently. Her funeral took place in Llanelli Crematorium on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

**Plant Dewi** – I should like to thank those of you who have yellow collection boxes. This year's total amounted to £286.53. This goes towards the vital work that Plant Dewi does in the Diocese and which Mothers' Union works in partnership with. Boxes are available if you would like to contribute.

**Flower arranging** - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December will be the last class this year. We will start back on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022. and will then meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday's of the month in the Parish Room at 7.00pm.



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## **Robert Munns**

News reached us too late for the previous magazine that Robert Munns of Eastbourne has died. Robert and Sally were lifelong friends of David and Hazel Gedge and were regular visitors to Kidwelly for our summer seasons of music. Robert was a world renowned organist; we send our condolences to Sally.

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10/12/21 Memories on this his birthday of a good friend and neighbour.

10/12/21 Birthday memories of our wonderful sister and auntie "Gilly Jolly" Love and miss you every single day. Love Lalla, Jacky and all your nieces and nephews. Xx.

24/12/21 Treasured memories of my dear parents Joan and Sid Cray, at Christmastime. Love always, Avril. Xx

24/12/21 Cofion annwyl. Xx

25/12/21 First Christmas without you, John, thinking of you always. Missing all the loved ones who went before you, love, Kath, Robert, Ann-Marie

25/12/21 Er côf am y rhai oedd mor annwyl i mi ar wyl y Nadolig, sef Monica, Mam a Dad, Derek, Aunty Mary, Jean, Janice, ac Aunty Decima. Mae hiraeth mawr amdanoch, ar gwacter yn parhau. Cariad Ieuan.

25/12/21 To a dear husband and father, missing you at Christmastime and always, Love Carol and Julian.

25/12/21 Treasured memories of John, Verina and Derrick Kilvert at Christmastime. "At peace, but not forgotten", Brian, Jean, Richard and Jonathan.

26/12/21 Cherished memories of our dearly loved son Martin, who passed away on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Missed more than words can say. Mam, Dad, Robert and family. Xx.

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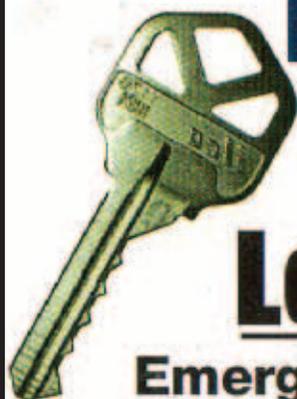
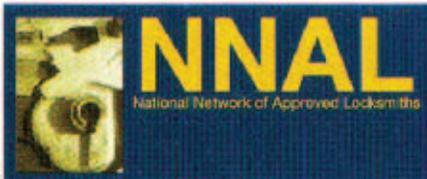
03/01/22 In memory of my greatest friend Derek, on what would have been his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. You are always in my thoughts, Ieuan.

06/01/22 Four years since Glyn left us. Missing you. Xx

14/01/22 Happy birthday John, your first one away from home. Always in our thoughts. Love, Kath, Robert, and Ann-Marie

20/01/22 Loving memories of my dear mother, Rose Smith, on the anniversary of her death. Always in my heart. Love Sheila. Xx.

22/01/22 Loving birthday memories of Verina Kilvert, a dear mother, mother-in-law, and mam-gu. Brian, Jean, Richard and Jonathan



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23/01/22 Cherished birthday memories of Derrick, a dear brother, brother-in-law and uncle. Brian, Jean, Richard and Jonathan.

27/01/22 Loving and cherished birthday memories of my dear mother, Amy Hawkins. Love always, Jan. Xx.

28/01/22 Er côf am fam a thad annwyl a chariadus, sef Effie ac Emrys Hughes ar ddyddiad eu marwolaeth. Dad ar y 28ain o Ionawr 1985, a mam ar y 28ain o Ionawr 1993. Gweld eich eisiau yn fawr. Cariad Ieuan. Xx.

### **From the Registers**

**Baptisms** in St. Mary's

13<sup>th</sup> November Blake Oakley Wright

In St. Teilo's

7<sup>th</sup> November Mia Elizabeth Davies

We pray for these children baptised recently, their parents and godparents and welcome them into the Church family.

### **Seasons Greetings**

To friends and neighbours I wish a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. From Enid Daniels

Wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our family, friends and neighbours. Carol and Julian.

Wishing friends a Happy and Peaceful Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy 2022. I will not be sending local Christmas cards this year, but instead donating to charities such as Blind Veterans Association, Stroke Research, and The Salvation Army. Ieuan Hughes.



Christmastime Blessings to all our family, friends and neighbours, with Best Wishes for a Happy New Year. Love from Christine and Garry.

We wish our Vicar, Trevor, and Dee a Happy Christmas and hope that 2022 will be a significantly better year for them.

Nadolig llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i pawb oddi wrth Mair (Pontlottyn) a teulu. Pob bendith. County & Town Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey would like to send best wishes to all her family, friends and to all the community of Kidwelly, Mynyddgarreg & Kingswood a Blessed

Christmas and a Happy New Year. Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i chi gyd. X x

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## **Christmas Services in our LMA group of three churches**

### **St. Mary's**

24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	9.30am	Christmas Eucharist
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> December St. Stephen	9.30am	Holy Eucharist

This will be the only service in our group of churches today

### **St. Teilo's**

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30m	Christmas Eucharist with Carols
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### **St. Maelog's**

24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve	8.00pm	Christmas Carols & Eucharist
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## **LMA News**

Advent, a time of preparation for Christmas. Venerable Dennis Wight will be conducting a series of reflections on the Advent O's for the LMA.

Changed Schedule from November magazine. Now as follows: at 7.00pm

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

All in St. Mary's Parish Room, Kidwelly

**If you have anything you'd like to share with us, items for the next magazine, February 2022, should be with us not later than the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at the latest.**

## **Dwindling wildlife in Britain**

Be kind to the wildlife in your garden – what little of it remains. The UK is one of the world's most nature-depleted countries, and it may not even have enough biodiversity – variety of plant and animal life – to prevent an ecological meltdown.

That is the finding of new data by the Natural History Museum. It says that the UK has an average of only 53 per cent of its natural biodiversity left, well below the global average of 75 per cent.

Worldwide, scientists warn that the variety of plant and animal life of earth is dwindling fast. It will have a serious impact on human life: “those systems have lost enough to mean that we have to be careful about relying on them functioning in the way that we need them to.”

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At Christmas and always may you be guided by His light and surrounded with His love. Every blessing for a peaceful and Happy Christmas – Pearl.

**Branch News –**

Our meeting this month will be on Wednesday 8th December at 7.00pm when we hold our Advent Carol service in church.

The 16 Days of Activism continues until the 10<sup>th</sup> December. Please use your Prayer Diaries which is in addition to our usual prayer diaries during this time.

There will be no meeting in January so our next meeting will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February which will be our AGM at 7.00pm

Our theme for 2022 is **Transformation Now**

Our evolving response to the effects of a global pandemic combined with the start of a new triennial presents an opportunity to look to the future with fresh vision as we adapt and learn to thrive in these changing times.

In 2020/21, Mothers' Union members showed amazing resilience, responsiveness and adaptability. Now is the time to build on this experience to:

- Transform ourselves, personally and spiritually, to live out our faith
- Transform the churches and communities we work with and of which we are a part, to reflect Christ's kingdom
- Transform Mothers' Union to be relevant for 21st century life.

It is hoped that these theme resources will provide a starting point for this transformation.

For with God nothing shall be impossible (Luke 1:37)

**Schools** – I'd like to thank the headteachers of our schools for agreeing to take part in a prayer project, with prayers from the children being added to our Christmas tree decoration this year. Hopefully, this will lead to more involvement in the New Year when things get back to some sort of normality.

Peace rules the day when Christ rules the mind. – Anon



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## Town News

### Tŷ Golau –

Well, after what seems like forever, we have been able to restart our sessions and, in a way, it seems as though we have never been away. Friends have been able to see each other again, and everyone is having the same good time that they did before! Plus, many new friends have joined us.

We are all being very sensible and keeping a suitable distance from everyone else, wearing masks until we have sat down and settled ourselves, and, of course, we are making sure that we keep using the hand sanitiser. Apart from that, there have been only two major changes. Since our first session in September, we meet up on a **Monday morning** (still 10.30 am to midday) in the **John Burns Centre, Kidwelly**.

At the moment, due to current Covid restrictions, we are unable to sing which is a great pity because if there is anything Tŷ Golau people like to do, it is sing! Hopefully, this will change very soon.

Jan, the manager, is back leading the sessions with her usual gusto. She and all her volunteers are so glad to be back enabling people with memory issues to enjoy themselves which, they have told us, they are doing. Truth be told, the volunteers and carers enjoy the sessions as much as the service users. We know this because they get very involved and end up answering the questions, which we all know is not allowed!

Since September, we have had reminiscence quizzes on The Old Sweet Shop (with tasters, naturally!) which went down very well, Famous People, Where in Wales, Callers at the Door When We Were Young (remember the coal man and the insurance man coming to your house?), and Catchphrases from Films and T.V.

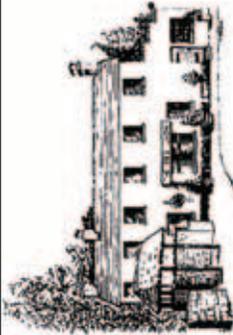
If you know anyone who would benefit from coming along, please get in touch with Jan Lewis, manager, on 01554 890896. You can be assured of a very warm welcome. There can't be many better ways of getting your week off to a good start – a laugh a minute coupled with some refreshment, all for £5 a session (£1 for carers). Elaine Morrisroe (Volunteer)

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR PUBLIC SURGERY

The monthly surgeries are temporarily cancelled due to the current crisis situation, but County Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey wishes to advise everyone in the community that she is available at any time to discuss any concerns or any issues that need her attention. **Please contact either via** Email - [jjgilasbey@ Carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:jjgilasbey@ Carmarthenshire.gov.uk) or Telephone number - 01554 892729

**Sympathy** is extended to the family and friends of Judith Evans who has died after a long battle with illness. Her funeral took place on 8<sup>th</sup> November .

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## KIDWELLY SENIOR CITIZENS

A quiet meeting for November but we did enjoy a game of bingo to finish. Another of our members contracted Covid, but fortunately not too badly. Stay Alert! There are still a few of our members who are not up to par, so we wish them a speedy recovery, and send our Best Wishes to those who have birthdays in December & January. After 18 months of not meeting, we hopefully finish this year on a positive note. Yes, we did meet, yes. we had chats all round, yes, we have had trips out and yes, hopefully, in December we will enjoy our Christmas meal at the Red Lion. Our new year starts on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Our next meeting is on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2pm, in the Rugby Club.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a New Year that brings you Good Health, Happiness and everything you wish for yourself and others. Take care. Nadolig Llawen a blwyddyn newydd dda.

**Junk Journaling** will be back in February.

**Steve Biko**, the South Africa anti-apartheid activist, was born 75 years ago, on 18th December 1946, in King William's Town. He was a founder of the Black Consciousness Movement, and he was beaten and left for dead by state security officers in 1977, aged 30.

He was raised in his family's Anglican Christian faith, though his father died when he was four. Later, he was seen by many Africans as a Jesus figure, speaking for the oppressed and having compassion for them. Many view the film *Son of Man*, made in 2006 and the first film about Jesus with an all-black cast, as reflecting much of Biko's life.

Biko –full name Bantu Stephen Biko – felt that the Black Consciousness Movement had to renew Christianity and make it relevant to black Africans. He rejected violence as a means of achieving his ends and was known for his bravery, disregarding consequences for himself.

Expelled from high school for political activism, Biko moved to St Francis College, a liberal boarding school in Natal, and then went to medical school, where he became involved in the multiracial, moderate National Union of South African Students, which spoke up for black rights.

Quickly dissatisfied, he helped to found the all-Black South African Students' Organisation in 1968, and became its first president. Its principal aim was to encourage black people to recognise their inherent dignity and self-worth. Four years later he was one of the founders of the Black People's Convention, an umbrella organisation.

On 18th August, 1977, he and a fellow activist were detained at a roadblock and jailed in Port Elizabeth. Nearly a month later he was found naked and shackled outside a hospital in Pretoria, more than 700 miles away. He died the next day of a massive brain haemorrhage. *In 1998, his cousin Sylvia Biko, visited Kidwelly following a Mothers' Union conference in York. Editor*



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**COP26** – extract of article taken from Church Times

THE Glasgow climate summit ended with the COP president, Alok Sharma, holding back tears as the intense two weeks of negotiations resulted in a new global agreement.

For the first time, a COP decision explicitly outlined the phasing down of coal and the ending of fossil-fuel subsidies. Developing countries and campaigners were unhappy, however, at the watering down of the final agreement, and at the lack of financial and other support pledged by rich countries to help those on the front line of the crisis.

The world is already experiencing 1.1°C of global heating above pre-industrial levels, and the 2015 Paris Agreement set out the goal of limiting this to 1.5°C, a level which, scientists have warned, will still cause much suffering to some of the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world.

Before this COP, current policies meant the world was heading for global heating of 2.7°C by the end of the century. This has now been lowered to 2.4°C, according to the latest projections from researchers at Climate Action Tracker. It is hoped that greater progress will be made over the next 12 months before COP27, which is to be held in Egypt.

Dr Ruth Valerio, director of advocacy and influencing at Tearfund, said: “Despite some steps forward, the world is on track for 2.4°C of global heating — subjecting millions more people to extreme heat and dangerous weather. The climate crisis is here, and people are already suffering.

“COP26 failed to deliver on long overdue promises, or heed the loud cries of climate-vulnerable nations for any support in the face of increasing climate disasters. Whilst the pledges made at this summit have put some hope for a future below 2°C on the table, right now these are just words.

“We urgently need richer nations to turn this into reality, coming back in 2022 with 1.5°C-aligned climate commitments, consigning all dirty fossil fuels to the history books, and finally stumping up the long overdue \$100 billion a year to help vulnerable countries adjust to a more unpredictable and dangerous future.”

Amanda Mukwashi, CEO of Christian Aid, said that the summit had shown that the movement calling for climate justice was only growing stronger. “Throughout COP26, people of faith have united with activists from the Global South, feminists, youth, and indigenous people to demand climate justice. Our movement has never been stronger, and this must be the legacy from Glasgow to keep hope alive.”

The gavel came down on the Glasgow Climate Pact 24 hours after the summit was supposed to have concluded. In recent years, the talks have regularly exceeded the time limit (the last meeting to finish on schedule was COP12 in Nairobi in 2006).

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The last-minute wrangling saw India, supported by China, demanding that the final wording be changed from committing to “phase out” coal power to “phase down”. This late change meant that India was seen as the villain of the meeting, undermining the goodwill generated by its announcement in the first week when it pledged to reach net zero by 2070 and generate 500GW of non-fossil-fuel electricity by 2030.

The watering down of the language on coal led Mr Sharma to say he was “deeply sorry. . . May I just say to all delegates I apologise for the way this process has unfolded. I also understand the deep disappointment but I think, as you have noted, it’s also vital that we protect this package.”

The UN secretary-general, António Guterres, said that the world needed to go “into emergency mode”, to end fossil-fuel subsidies, phase out coal, put a price on carbon, protect vulnerable communities, and deliver the still overdue \$100 billion climate-finance commitment.

“We did not achieve these goals at this conference. But we have some building blocks for progress.” To young people and indigenous communities he said: “I know you are disappointed. But the path of progress is not always a straight line. Sometimes there are detours. Sometimes there are ditches. But I know we can get there. We are in the fight of our lives, and this fight must be won. Never give up. Never retreat. Keep pushing forward.”

It is hoped that the next meeting, held on African soil, may better reflect the needs of those facing the impacts of climate change. Joab Okanda, Christian Aid’s Africa senior policy advisor, from Kenya, said: “All eyes now turn to COP27 in Africa, which needs to do much more to put the priorities of the global south above those of the rich world and corporate profits. Hopefully, a COP led by an African nation can better prioritise the needs of those who live and experience the devastating impacts of the climate crisis every day.”

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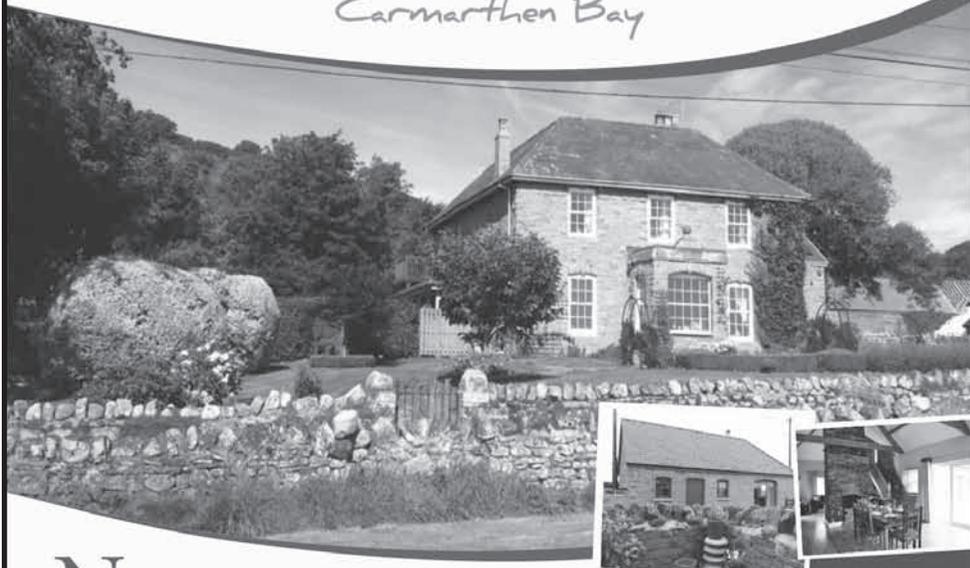
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## **Newyddion St. Teilo News**

Over 50's Club, Our November meeting at the Neuadd concluded our sessions for this year with a good attendance. We were duly entertained by our senior member Mrs. Jean Fox who showed us her talents and skill over the years in her numerous tapestries and cross-stitch displays, which we very much appreciated. A lunch time meal, arranged by Marian was enjoyed at the Sandpiper during November, and our Christmas lunch at the Mynydd Rugby Club on Wednesday 1st December was a resounding success. Our New Year will commence on Wednesday 2nd February 2022. Seasons Greetings with Blessings to all our members.

**Neuadd Mynyddgarreg Hall's** Halloween Family Fancy Dress Party was a huge success with a fantastic array of costumes on display by young and old alike. Judges were the Mayor Cllr. Chris Peters-Bond and County Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey. Games and fun master was Andrea Gower who devised a selection of competitions to the delight of the children, and these were followed by a Disco.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the night's success, committee and all who attended and joined in in the spirit of the evening. Diolch mawr i bawb am gefnogi ac am bob help i gynnal y noson yn ystod yr amser ansicr hyn. Also, the Annual Fireworks Display on the 5th November saw record breaking crowds turn out who in turn were repaid with a magnificent display carefully manned by Simon Reeve and his team, Elfryn, Andy, and Shaun. Chairman, Mayor Cllr Chris Peters-Bond wishes to give a huge thank you to them all for the safe and responsible order of the event. A huge thank you also to all committee members and friends for the BBQ, Shop fach, Stewards, Safety Officers, First Aiders and Door keepers, not forgetting the Music Man, and very importantly, entertainment from the mystery Men in Lights who always are a delight to watch. An event such as this takes a lot of planning and care and it is therefore gratifying that they are successful and appreciated. Felly, diolch i bawb am wethio'n ddyfal ac am gefnogaeth gwych bob amser, enwedig yn yr adeg hon. Diolch hefyd i Gyngor y Drê am y rhodd tuag at y noson.

**Eglwys Sant Teilo's** Foodbank appeal was well supported with donations of monies and food items given to the local CETMA branch.

**Penblwydd Hapus to** Mrs Aeres Jenkins, Heol Ray Gravell, who celebrated a special birthday recently. Aeres is an active member of our village Over 50's club, organizing events and outings and members, along with friends and family, send to her all good wishes.

**Eglwys Sant Teilo's Christmas Eucharist** will be celebrated on Sunday 19th December at 2.30pm with Carols and Lessons. A warm welcome to all to join us for this special service.

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**The Baptism of** Mia Elizabeth was held at Sant Teilo's on Sunday 7th November. We wish her all blessings for the future along with all the family.

**Neuadd Mynyddygarreg Craft and Food Fayre**, reminder that this event takes place on Saturday 11th December between 10.00am and 2.00pm with Stalls inside and outside, serving mulled wine and mince pies and Christmas entertainment. No entry fee.

**Village Tree Lighting** will take place at the village square beneath the Children's park on Friday 3rd December at 6.30 pm, with carols and mulled wine and mince pies. Hopefully there will be a visit from Sion Corn during his hectic schedule at this time of the year. The tree and lights are donated by Cydweli Town Council.

**The Village Centre Project** continues with, by now, a dramatic conversion from a neglected and unattractive site to a delightful centrepiece, displaying vision and character, all provided by the willing team of volunteers who faithfully turn up prepared to graft away each weekend. Diolch yn fawr i chi gyd am eich gwaith da ac amser. Edrych ymlaen i weld y canlyniad.

**Ysgol Mynyddygarreg** are unable at present to provide us with news items but I am told that pupils are working hard and achieving good marks and most importantly, enjoying their school days and lessons. We look forward to resuming their popular monthly reports in the New Year.

**And here we are**, mere weeks away from Christmas and a brand New Year and we are all saying, 'where has the year flown to?'. It has indeed sped by, and despite the dreadful Covid pandemic and its restrictions, we have made the best of things and enjoyed a fairly good and long summer when we were rewarded for our hard work by beautiful blooming gardens, a joy to behold. So, as we enter into Advent, our preparation for Christmas, we can reflect and give thanks for what we have, and pray that we find peace and acceptance of the situation that has befallen us and continue to appreciate what we have and, the love and friendship of our community. And so, we at Eglwys fach Sant Teilo, extend Christmas greetings and good New Year wishes to all in our fellow Churches along with the grand team of Clergy and their families for all their help and support and, the very best of wishes to Rev. Trevor and Davina. Ein dymuniadau gorau i bawb yn y gymuned am heddwch y Nadolig ac am Flwyddyn newydd diogel, iach ac hapus. **DR**

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5th December Nevin Davies 19th December Various  
2nd January Jayne Roberts 16th January Dorian Reeve  
6th February Christine Evans

## FLOWER ROTA

Christmas Dorian Reeve January Mrs Elin Davies  
February Avril Morris

## Newyddion St. Maelog News

### Flower List

December 25<sup>th</sup> / January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 Llinos Jones  
January 9<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> Nerys Jones  
January 23<sup>rd</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> Bethan Thomas  
February 6<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> Pauline Thomas

**Sympathy** is extended to the Venerable Graham Davies on the death of his wife, Janet, also to their sons, Robert, Huw and Alex.

**Congratulations** and best wishes to Sally and Neville Rees on the birth of their grandson.

**Congratulations** to Nicola Jones, Star Forge on becoming a Community Councillor.

**YFC News** Carmarthenshire Queen's Ball will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December at the Scarlets' Stadium, Llanelli. Last year it was cancelled due to Covid.

Pembrokeshire Queen's Ball is held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the County Showground, Haverfordwest.

**Llandyfaelog Community Hall** is holding a Christmas Tree Lighting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.00pm.

Children from Ysgol y Fro will be singing. Father Christmas will be there in hisrotto to give presents to the children from Llandyfaelog and Ysgol y Fro.

There will be stalls selling crafts, hotdogs, crepes and mulled wine.

Geraint Rees, Caeralaw will be switching on the lights and officially opening the event.

**100 Club** October draw: 1<sup>st</sup> David Thomas £30; 2<sup>nd</sup> Elinor Hughes £20; 3<sup>rd</sup> Elfyn Williams £10.

November draw: 1<sup>st</sup> Colin and Pam Jones £30; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sian Cheeseman £20; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Hughes Lloyd £10. The next draw (December and Christmas) will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> December at the Xmas Tree Lighting.

**Smile line** – A farmer called by and asked if we would like to buy 8 legs of venison for £100. I said it was too dear!

**A very Happy Christmas** and New Year to you all and remember to keep warm and invest in thermal underwear.

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Sending get well wishes to Margaret Jones formerly of School house who is in hospital and also to Gerwyn George, Pantglas, who is now recuperating at home following his hospital stay.

Our thanks to British Legion chaplain, Canon Bryan Witt, and Rev Sian Wight, British Legion members, community council members and all who organised and attended Remembrance Sunday at St Maelog's church. This service was followed by Remembrance at Tir Gôf, the garden of Remembrance.

Edwin Atkinson has compiled a Memorial book to remember those of Llandyfaelog who gave their lives in the service of their country - from Anglo Zulu war 1879, World Wars 1 and 2, Korean War 1950-53, Falkland War and Afghanistan. It is indeed a fitting tribute and will be kept at the back of the church for everyone to read. Thanks also to Steven John, West Wales War Memorial project, and Doug Davies Llandyfaelog for their hard work and expert input. We will remember them x

Thinking of all our community members who are unwell at this time, remembering you in our thoughts and prayers.

## **Readers and Sidespeople**

### **December**

5<sup>th</sup> Llinos Jones      12<sup>th</sup> Helen Davies      19<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Hughes  
Christmas Eve Rheinallt Jones

### **January 2022**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Walters      9<sup>th</sup> Kath Williams      16<sup>th</sup> Edwin Atkinson  
23<sup>rd</sup> Mary Atkinson      30<sup>th</sup> United Service at 9.30am in St. Mary's, Kidwelly

### **February**

6<sup>th</sup> Llinos Jones

Several years ago, the Peterborough Column of the Daily Telegraph delightedly reported on a little sign that someone had spotted over a church door in rural Cheshire.

It ran:

*'This is the house of God. This is the gate of heaven. (This door is locked in winter months.)*

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## God in the Arts

*Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with 'The Annunciation to the Shepherds' by Sano di Pietro. It now hangs in the Vatican. It can be found at:*

[https://www.wikigallery.org/wiki/painting\\_232130/Sano-Di-Pietro/The-Annunciation-to-the-Shepherds](https://www.wikigallery.org/wiki/painting_232130/Sano-Di-Pietro/The-Annunciation-to-the-Shepherds)

'In that region there were shepherds keeping watch over their flock'

In the Old Testament shepherds were greatly valued and treated with respect. Patriarchs, prophets and kings had all tended sheep. Job, a rich man, owned 14,000 sheep. David was tending sheep when he was called by God and anointed by Samuel.

But as the Israelites settled in towns and cities and turned to farming, attitudes towards the shepherds changed. As the New Testament opens, shepherding had become a dirty, lonely life, away from civilisation. Shepherds could not observe the daily rituals of their faith, and so they had a low status in society, looked down upon by orthodox Jews.

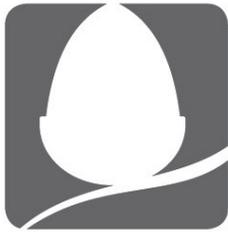
But out in the countryside with just the hills and the plains and the open air, St Luke tells us that it was there that God's message was proclaimed and heard. Cities and towns had walls and barriers, as Bethlehem has today. But in the fields at night, there were shepherds, watching and alert, ready for any eventuality. And so, they were the first to hear of the birth of a Saviour.

'The Annunciation to the Shepherds' is this month's painting by Sano di Pietro. We know little about this Italian artist apart from some dates. He was born in Siena in 1406 and died there in 1481. But he has left us a legacy of beautiful and sensitive paintings. As we look at this scene, we see the human details: two shepherds huddled by the fireside with their dog, all three looking up to see the angel, and a spear by the side to ward off thieves and predators. The sheep are safely in their pen, black and white fleeces huddled together for warmth. In the sky the angel appears, bearing an olive branch in one hand and with the other pointing to Bethlehem in the distance.

Luke has already told us of another annunciation, with Gabriel visiting Mary. Artists loved to portray this scene and often showed a lily, the symbol of purity, in their paintings. Here there is the olive sprig, a symbol of peace to reinforce the angelic message of peace in the birth of the Saviour. Luke goes on to tell us how Jesus brought new meaning and peace to all those like the shepherds who were nobody in the eyes of people, but everything to the eyes and heart of God.

Jesus in His teaching often turned to the theme of sheep and shepherds, with parables about lost sheep, gates to the fold, and hireling shepherds. Just as the faithful shepherds were prepared to give their lives to protect the flock, so Jesus the Good Shepherd gave His life for the world – a death that would bring the peace and reconciliation shown in that olive branch held by the angel. At this Christmas time we rejoice with the heavenly host to proclaim the birth of this Prince of Peace and we commit ourselves to that work of peace and shepherding. Howard Thurman wrote these words:

'When the song of the angels is stilled...when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.'



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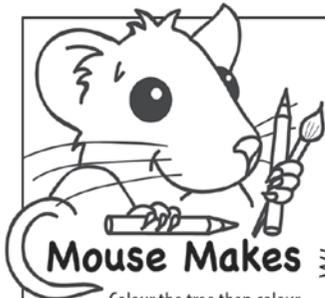
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**Parish Readings for December and January** with Red Lectionary pages ()

**December**

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent** Liturgical Colour: Purple

**Eucharist** Malachi 3.1-4; Canticle: Benedictus (Luke 1.68-79)

Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6 (p759)

**Evening Prayer** Psalm 75;[76]; Isaiah 40.1-11; Luke 1.1-25

**Reader: Jenny Jones**

**12<sup>th</sup> December 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Eucharist:**Zephaniah 3.14-20; Canticle: Isaiah 12.2-6; or Psalm 146.5-10;

Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18 (p762)

**Evening Prayer:**Psalm 50.1-6; [62]; Isaiah 35; Luke 1.57-66,[67-80]

**Reader: Kath Nicholas**

**19<sup>th</sup> December 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Eucharist:** Micah 5.2-5a; Canticle: Magnificat or Psalm 80.1-7; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1 39-45, [46-55] (p765)

**Evening Prayer:** Psalm 123; [131]; Isaiah 10.33-11.10; Matthew 1 18-25

**Reader: Catherine Dorn**

**26<sup>th</sup> December Stephen, Deacon and first Martyr**

**Eucharist:** 2 Chronicles 24.20-22; Psalm 119.161-168; Acts 7 51-60; Matthew 23.34-39

**St. Mary's**

**Readers for 9.30am Sidespeople**

05/12/21	Jean Giess	Eileen Bryant & Pearl Rowland
12/12/21	Edwin Atkinson ( C ) Jayne Roberts	Ieuan Hughes & Maureen James
19/12/21	Maureen James	Mandy Jones & Lynne Davies
26/12/21	Kath Nicholas	Heather Davies & Liz Antoniazzi

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

01/12/21	Kath Nicholas	08/12/21	Brenda Evans		
15/12/21	Jean Giess	22/12/21	Mary Atkinson	29/12/21	Maureen James

05/01/22 Kath Nicholas 12/01/22 Brenda Evans 19/01/22 Jean Giess  
26/01/22 Mary Atkinson  
02/02/22 (Candlemas) (p60) Maureen James

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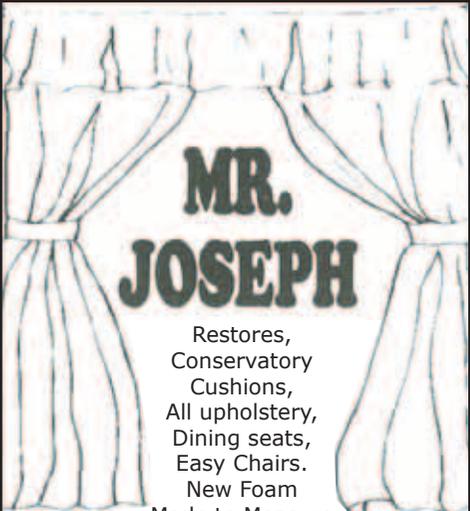
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## January 2022

### 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas- celebrating The Epiphany

**Eucharist:** Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.[1-9] 10-15; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 4.12-17,23-25 (p38)

**Evening Prayer:** Psalm 135; 1 Samuel 1.20-28; 1 John 4.7-16

**Reader: Ted Rowlands**

### 9<sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of Christ

**Eucharist:** Isaiah 43.1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-17,21-22

**Evening Prayer:** Psalm 46;47; Isaiah 55.1-11; Romans 6.11

**Reader: Catherine Dorn**

### 16<sup>th</sup> January 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

**Eucharist:** Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11 (p776)

**Evening Prayer:** Psalm 96; 1 Samuel 3.1-20; Ephesians 3.1-16

**Reader: Jenny Jones**

### 23<sup>rd</sup> January 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

**Eucharist:** Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10; Psalm 19 or Psalm 19.1-6; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21 (p779)

**Evening Prayer:** Psalm 33; Numbers 9.15-23; 1 Corinthians 7.17-24

**Reader: Kath Nicholas**

### 30<sup>th</sup> January 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

**Eucharist:** Ezekiel 43.27-44.4; Psalm 48; 1 Corinthians 13.1-13; Luke 2.22-40 (p786)

### 6<sup>th</sup> February 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

**Eucharist:** Isaiah 6.1-8,[9-13]; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11 (p791)

**Evening Prayer:** Psalm [1;]2; Wisdom 6.1-21 or Hosea 1; Colossians 3.1-22

**Reader: Ted Rowlands**

### St. Mary's

### Readers for 9.30am

### Sidespeople

02/01/22

Simon White

Kath Nicholas

09/01/22

Mary Atkinson

Ken Denman & Geoff Davies

16/01/22

Pearl Rowland

Eileen Bryant & Pearl Rowland

23/01/22

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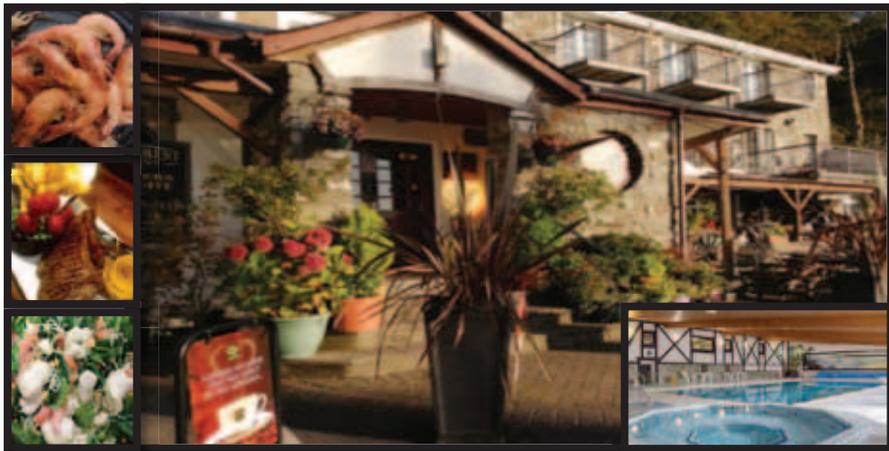
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# December 2021 / January 2022

## St Mary's, Kidwelly

### 05/12/21 Advent 2

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### 08/12/21

7.00pm MU Advent Carol Service

### 12/12/21 Advent 3

9.30am Holy Eucharist

11.00am Cymun Bendigaid

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### 19/12/21 Advent 4

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### 24/12/21 Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

### 25/12/21 Christmas Day

9.30am Holy Eucharist

### 26/12/21 St. Stephens Day

9.30am Holy Eucharist

No Evening Prayer

### January 2022

### 02/01/22 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### 09/01/22 The Baptism of Christ

9.30am Holy Eucharist

11.00am Cymun Bendigaid

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### 16/01/22 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### 23/01/22 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### 30/01/22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

### United Service in St. Mary's

9.30am Holy Eucharist

No Evening Prayer

### 5.00pm Evening Prayer

### 06/02/22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5.00pm Evening Prayer

### Wednesdays at 9.30am

Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing

## Services

### December 2021/January 2022

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still be worn in church

## St Maelog's, Llandyfaelog

### 05/12/21 Advent 2

11.15am Holy Eucharist

### 12/12/21 Advent 3

11.15am Holy Eucharist

### 19/12/21 Advent 4

11.15am Holy Eucharist

### 24/12/21 Christmas Eve

8.00pm Christmas Eucharist with Carols

### 02/01/22 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

11.15am Holy Eucharist

### 09/01/22 The Baptism of Christ

11.15am Holy Eucharist

### 16/01/22 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

11.15am Holy Eucharist

### 23/01/22 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

11.15am Holy Eucharist

### 30/01/22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am United Service in St. Mary's

06/02/22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

11.15am Holy Eucharist

## St Teilo's, Mynyddygarreg

### 05/12/21 Advent 2

11.00am Bilingual Eucharist

### 19/12/21 Advent 3

**2.30pm** Christmas Eucharist with  
Carols

### 02/01/22 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

11.00am Bilingual Eucharist

### 16/01/22 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

11.00am Bilingual Eucharist

### 30/01/22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

**9.30am** United Service in St.

**Mary's**

### 06/02/22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

11.00am Bilingual Eucharist