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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

Sadly, this month sees the war in Ukraine continuing and we remember in our prayers all those affected in any way. We give thanks and pray for those people in our community who are offering hospitality to Ukrainian refugees.

But we shouldn't forget that there is conflict, famine and hardship in other parts of the world and I have included articles which reflect this. Christian Aid week is also observed this month starting on Sunday 15th May.

26th May is Ascension Day; we remember Jesus ascending to ‘God’s right hand’ (1 Peter 3:22). It’s a somewhat neglected Christian festival, taking place on a Thursday, 40 days after Easter. However, this phrase is used in three different contexts in the New Testament.

Sitting at God’s right hand

Jesus occupies a position of power and authority at the centre of the universe, ‘exalted to the right hand of God’ (Acts 2:33). This position was secured by His death and resurrection, enabling us to experience the life of heaven, including eternal life, forgiveness, healing and the power to transform lives and communities. Is this our expectation and experience?

Standing at God’s right hand

Our experience of heaven is only partial because of the presence of suffering and disappointment in our lives. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, saw Jesus ‘standing at the right hand of God’ (Acts 7:56), when being stoned to death. Do we see that Jesus is on the throne and has a purpose for our lives, even when we are going through setbacks and difficulties? As a result of Stephen’s death, the church grew and the apostle Paul was impacted. Where do we see the fruit of the suffering in our lives?

Praying at God’s right hand

Finally, we are told that Jesus is ‘interceding for us’ at God’s right hand (Romans 8:34 & Hebrews 7:25). Jesus is on our side at the heart of the universe and fully knows our needs when praying for us. He is for us, even when we feel defeated by the wrong things in our lives. How does this help us now?

So where has Jesus gone? Because He is in heaven, the Ascension opens up the possibility that we can experience the life of heaven, both now and in eternity.

Finally, I encourage you to keep going in these troubled times. Your church needs your continued commitment and enthusiasm!

Galatians 6:9 **¶** Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

God bless,

Brenda Evans (Lay Worship Leader)



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St. Mary's Flower List

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1st/8th May Brenda Evans

15th/22nd May Jeanette Gilasbey

29th May/5th June Lynne Davies

Ascension Day

There will be an Ascension Day Eucharist at 7.00pm on Thursday 26th May in St. Mary's.

Fifth Sunday

There will be a United LMA service in St. Mary's on Sunday 29th May at 10.30am when Archdeacon Dorrien Davies will be celebrating and preaching at the Eucharist.

New Children's Group – Epic Explorers

started meeting on Tuesday 26th April and will continue to meet every Tuesday from 5.30 to 6.30 pm in the Parish Room. If you know of any children or have grandchildren aged 4-11 do encourage them to come along to our exciting new project. Volunteers are very welcome to help, whether you can help weekly or fortnightly. DBS checks will be required. Thank you. Kathryn

Flower Arranging -We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the Parish Room at 7.00pm (3rd May/17th May)

LMA Vestry and Church Council meetings were held at the end of April, too late for this edition of the magazine. We will report in June on the outcomes.

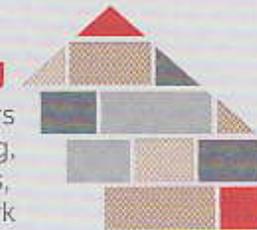
We remember in our prayers all those who are unwell, either at home or in hospital: *Remember in your mercy, our Father; those who are passing through illness and especially those of whom we are now thinking in our prayers. Bless all that is being done for their good, and surround them with your healing love and power, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.*

For the bereaved in the parish we pray: *God of mercy, we mourn the loss of loved ones, and give thanks for their lives. We also remember times when it was hard for us to understand, to forgive and to be forgiven. Heal our memories of hurt and failure, and bring us to forgiveness and life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Keith Williams

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02/05/22 Er cof am fy annwyl wraig, Monica, ar y dyddiad hwn a fyddau dy benblwydd. Cariad mawr Ieuan, Julian a Juliette. xx

05/05/22 Thinking of you today, Lyn, on what would have been your 80th birthday. Wish you were here to celebrate with us. Love and miss you every single day. Love from Carol, Stephen, Denise, Melanie, Marcella, Jonathan, Rachael and family. xxx

11/05/22 In loving memory of a devoted cousin, Janice Rowlands, on the 18th anniversary of her death. Greatly missed, love Ieuan. x.

13/05/22 In loving memory of my dear wife, Anne, on the 9th anniversary of her passing. Love always Martyn. Xx.

18/05/22 Cherished memories of Derrick Kilvert, a dear brother, brother-in-law and uncle on the anniversary of his passing. Brian, Jean, Richard and Jonathan.

20/05/22 Cherished memories of Eric Gwynfor, beloved dad, granddad, and great-granddad, from loving daughter Gwyneth, Alan, Ann and families.

29/05/22 Penblwydd Hapus annwyl Juliette a'r ddyddiad dy benblwydd. Dymuno pob bendith a gwell iechyd i ti. Cariad mawr wrth Dad. Xxx

31/05/22 Loving memories of my dear dad Sid Cray. Miss you every day, Love always Avril. Xx.

Coffee Morning for Ukraine Appeal.

We are very grateful for the kindness and generosity in support of the coffee morning at Gellideg on 9th April. A very happy gathering in the sun that raised £1474.50. A magnificent sum that is a testament to the community. A cheque is being sent shortly to the Disaster Emergency Committee Appeal for Ukraine which incorporates the Red Cross Appeal as well. We hope it goes a little way to alleviate the misery and suffering in Ukraine. Many many thanks to everyone. Edwin and Mary

If you have any items you'd like to share for the next magazine, articles should be with us not later than the 16th May 2022.



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Mothers' UNION
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Branch News –

Thanks to Mandy for organising our Annual Dinner on 20th April. Also to Steven for kindly subsidising the minibus.

We meet on Wednesday 11th May at 2.00pm in the Parish Room when Kath Nicholas will be talking about her career in education. Prayers: Christine
Teas: June & Jean

This is the quarterly AmazonSmile donation notification. The Mothers' Union, recently received a quarterly donation of £192.33 from AmazonSmile, thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk or with AmazonSmile turned ON in the app.

A letter from our World-Wide President, Sheran Harper

My Dear Friends,

It's Easter once again and it is with great joy that I wish you, your family and friends a *Happy and Blessed Easter*. Many of you will be going to Church, others may still be attending Church virtually or simply worshipping at home. Whatever is suitable for you, we continue to link hands across the oceans to celebrate and remember the Resurrection of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. This miracle of Easter with its gift of hope, reminds me of your faithfulness and the faithfulness of all members who generously give hope to so many families across the world. The impact of spreading life-giving hope is beyond all we can ask or imagine, so let us celebrate Easter not only at this time of the year but every day of our lives if we choose to.

During this season I reflected on the good news as written in St. Matthew's Gospel 28:6 (ESV),

He is not here, for He is risen, as He said... We know that it was an Angel that uttered these words to Mary Magdalene and the "other" Mary at dawn on that glorious Sunday when they went to visit the tomb. So many centuries have passed since that day, and the beautiful truth of the Angel's declaration of the Resurrection continues to give us hope even now and for all eternity. Jesus is risen and is alive so we have hope that one day, we too will be resurrected and live as well.

The more I think of the disciples and their work, the more I believe that it was their experiences of following Jesus, the miracle of the Resurrection, and the leading of the Holy Spirit that pushed them to take the Gospel forward. I believe it is for all these reasons that we feel called to take the Gospel forward in our lives, through prayer and action. This also explains our generous nature



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and we are inspired to freely express our faith in action through the transformation of families and communities worldwide. We willingly work to ensure those around us are cared for, injustices are called out of their hiding places, and absolutely no one is left behind. It is because we have experienced the love of Jesus Christ in our own lives that we can confidently reach out with his transforming love and compassion to make a difference. It is not always easy and so we thank you for lifting us up in prayer and for continuing to do so each day.

The Covid-19 pandemic dealt us a severe blow and many still live with painful memories, but we did not suffer alone as God has been by our side and still is. In little over a month four tropical storms hit Madagascar causing enormous devastation and members continue to provide much needed relief. Our very own Zonal Trustee Marie-Pierrette who lives in Madagascar opened her home and rescued one family from the flood. Currently our members are networking with the church and government to welcome refugees from Ukraine and provide much needed assistance. We continue to pray for an end to all forms of conflict and injustice in the world that separates families. We remember at this time our sisters and brothers in Ukraine and Russia who through no fault of their own will suffer both spiritually and materially for decades to come. We pray that through it all and with the peace and hope that is still alive through Jesus' resurrection, we are assured that "Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning." Psalm 30:5.

As we look forward to God's plan for us in 2022 with our theme Transformation-NOW, the Worldwide Board of Trustees and Staff at Mary Sumner House join me in thanking you for your love, prayers and intercessions which mean so much to us. We wish you, your family and friends a happy, blessed and joyous Easter. May the spirit of peace, hope and love be yours today and always for He is risen, He is risen indeed. Alleluia! With my love and prayers as always,
Sheran Harper, World-Wide President

We are excited to announce that after two years of meeting online, we are looking forward to being together in person for the Mothers' Union Annual Gathering 2022 at the Waterfront Hall, part of the International Convention Centre (ICC) in the wonderful city of Belfast on the following dates: 23rd and 24th September 2022.

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A momentous 74 days in our history. In the deep south of the Atlantic Ocean, more than 8,000 miles away, lies a group of small islands, clustered together. Islands so small, in fact, their combined size makes up just half the land mass of Wales. Yet their impact on our history can never be forgotten.

The Falkland Islands have been part of Britain's history for centuries and remain a proud British overseas territory to this day. But over years there have been claims to the islands' sovereignty from other nations. Not least, over the course of ten unforgettable weeks in 1982.

Forty years on, the Falklands War may seem distant, to some: a long-ago war in a far-away landscape. **But we remember every sacrifice made.**

KIDWELLY SENIOR CITIZENS

Oh dear, I wasn't thinking very far ahead last month and forgot Easter was imminent, so I hope you all had a nice time and a very Happy Easter. We had a quiet meeting for April, as unfortunately, Karen Hinkin, the flower lady, was unable to demonstrate due to sickness. But we hope to be able to reschedule for another meeting. We still have a few members who are under the weather and a few have mobility issues, which is very frustrating for them. Bobbie had spoken to them all and has passed on our Best Wishes to say we are thinking of them. We Thank Bobbie for the time and care she takes to pass on our wishes. Our first trip for this year will be on 18th May when we will be going to Treorchy, the place we were going to go to before lockdown happened. We finished the meeting with a game of bingo. Strangely not one member has a birthday in May.

Our next meeting will also be our AGM, this will be on the 4th May, 2pm at the Rugby Club.

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The results of an uncontested election to our Town Council are on the Town Council website. We wish the new Council success in their deliberations for our Town.



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Tŷ Golau –

Following our very successful celebration of St David's Day, we turned our



sights two weeks later to St Patrick and focussed on All Things Irish. This meant that our quiz and songs had an Irish flavour, including our old favourites *Molly Malone* and *Danny Boy*. We even managed to squeeze in *Walk Tall*, made famous by Val Doonican, the popular Irish entertainer who had a plethora of fancy knitwear in his wardrobe.

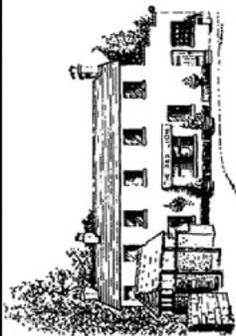
Also never one to turn down the chance to dress up, Jan, our manager, came as a leprechaun as you can see in the photo. Others were a bit more restrained and simply wore something green. Not content with just taking the time to dress up, Jan also baked some soda bread for the group who savoured the flavour whilst being asked questions about shamrocks, Guinness, and little green men. Of course, the subject of the Blarney Stone came up and although she denied it, we are convinced that Jan has actually kissed it, otherwise where did she get her gift of the gab?! To close the session, Pastor Bryan Lewis, a

member of the Ty Golau team, read out an Irish Blessing - very appropriate for the occasion.

We were very grateful to Lyn, the Community Champion from Asda in Llanelli, who added to the Irish theme by bringing for each table in the room an – empty – can of Guinness and a bunch of daffodils to put in them.

The following week was spent talking old-fashioned sweets. True some of those mentioned are still available, such as the clever sweets – yes, Smarties! – and the sweet you can eat between meals – Milky Way, but a lot of those Jan quizzed us on are no longer available – for example, when did you last see

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some liquorice sticks or Parma Violets? Now, there is a reason for that – they were awful!

Famous mothers were the subject of our session closest to Mothering Sunday. Jan asked questions about mothers of all ages and from all over the globe. The answers we had to drag up from the lower reaches of our minds included Queen Elizabeth II, Melania Trump, Liz Taylor, and Mother Teresa.

Our most recent session was spent talking about Easter, both the religious and more popular aspects of the Holy time, from Palm Sunday, Lent, and Gethsemane to Easter eggs, hot cross buns, and bonnets. Pastor Bryan Lewis closed the session with an appropriate prayer.

Each week Jan has made up a virtual memory box, a selection of 10 usually unrelated items which she shows us at the beginning of the session and which we have to remember at the end. This part of the week is always a subject of much discussion – yes, there was a towel there but what colour was it?, and what was that type of clock called? It is all good fun, especially when she forgets to present the memory box at the session or get the group to recall the items at the end. Don't worry, Jan, it happens to the best of us – honest!

Elaine Morrisroe
Publicity Officer

The Kidwelly Tea Dance Club

The committee of the Kidwelly Tea Dance Club would like to inform all its members, past and present, that at the Special General Meeting on March 29th at the Gwenllian Centre, the club was regrettably dissolved.

Unfortunately a new committee could not be formed.

The committee would like to thank all the members for their support during the six and a quarter years prior to the pandemic. We all made new friends and renewed old friendships during this time and had a lot of fun.

We would especially like to thank Carol Edwards from Carway who was our dancing teacher and provided the music for our fortnightly club dances, also the late Brian Rees and his wife Ann Rees at the Gwenllian Centre, who enabled our dance sessions to be successful by setting up the Hall's excellent sound system.

The financial assets of the club will be dealt with by donating all remaining money to charity as set out in the Club's constitution. Therefore, after all debts have been paid, the remaining money will be given to a local charity and to the Ukrainian Appeal. Then the bank account will be closed.

The committee would like to thank everyone once again for their support and wish everyone well in the future.

Thank you very much, Sandra Griffiths

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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.

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Christian Aid Week this year is 15th --- 21st May. Because of the continuing hesitancy surrounding indoor events during the ongoing Covid pandemic, no fund-raising plans have been made as yet, however, there will be collections and donations requested via envelope giving and of course, our Churches in the community give generously every year.

Last year, Peggy and I were delighted at the response shown to our appeal by businesses, friends and churches. As reported at the time, the sum of £2500 was raised. It would be magnificent if such a sum would be realized this year again.

Once again, as Secretary and Treasurer, and on behalf of all local branch members and the Christian Aid team, warmest thanks and appreciation to you all for your generosity.

Diolch yn fawr iawn i chi gyd am eich cefnogaeth. Dorian

Kidwelly Festival Choir

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Mrs Wendy Smith, a faithful choir member. We send condolences to her family and friends.

The Kidwelly Festival Choir function has now been rearranged for May 19th 2022., for past and present members at 2.30pm in

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Gardening Club resumed in April and will meet on the third Thursday of the month in the Rugby Club at 7.30pm.

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Africans Starve while world watches Ukraine – (Church Times)

HUMANITARIAN organisations have warned that the huge response to the war in Ukraine is overshadowing other crises around the world that are in need of urgent attention.

Charities and NGOs have begun urging governments and individuals not to forget the millions who are suffering in other countries.

The United Nations has warned that the situation in Somalia, where 4.5 million people are at risk of starvation owing to the worst drought in a decade, is deteriorating rapidly. The focus of the international community on Ukraine was sucking all the oxygen out of the room, Adam Abdelmoula, the UN humanitarian coordinator for Somalia, said last week.

The UN has said that \$1.46 billion (£1.1 billion) is required to meet the immediate needs of Somalis. Only three per cent of that has been secured.

“The outlook was already grim prior to the outbreak of the Ukraine crisis,” Mr Abdelmoula said. “We have been overshadowed by the crisis in Tigray, Yemen, Afghanistan — and now Ukraine seems to suck all the oxygen that is in the room. . .

“If nothing is done, it is projected that, by the summer of this year, 350,000 of the 1.4 million severely malnourished children in the country, will perish,” he warned.

“Already in this country, 70 per cent of school-age children are not attending school.” He reported that girls were being married off early because their families could not feed them.

The international director of Tearfund, Veena O’Sullivan, said: “While the eyes of the world have been fixed on Ukraine, other horrors have been taking place. With attention elsewhere, there is a risk that the cries of millions of marginalised and oppressed people are going unheard.”

She referred to “a hunger crisis of massive proportions” going on in the Horn of Africa, which includes Somalia, and ongoing violence and famine in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, as well as humanitarian crises in Afghanistan, Yemen, and Syria.

The director of Cafod, Christine Allen, said: “It is right that we support a response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine in whatever way we can, but this cannot be at the expense of vital funds meant for tackling the root causes of global poverty.

“Our sisters and brothers around the world — including in Afghanistan, Syria, and South Sudan — are facing daily the impacts of conflict and food scarcity, as well as climate change and Covid-19. Without the essential support of UK’s aid budget, such situations will get worse and continue to be a blight on all humanity.



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“Over the last month, we have seen the enormous generosity shown by Cafod supporters and the British public towards people affected by the conflict in Ukraine. Now, the UK Government must also step up to protect those in need all around the world.”

The secretary-general of the Norwegian Refugee Council, Jan Egeland, has also called for an equal response to the aid needs in Europe and around the world.

Mr Egeland said: “I hope that the outpouring of resources for Ukraine, the volunteerism for Ukraine, the willingness to receive and shield and help Ukrainians, will also be translated to the emergencies elsewhere from Syria to Ethiopia, from Afghanistan to Venezuela.”

Church leaders in Africa have described how the war is already affecting food security — 40 per cent of Ukraine’s wheat and maize is exported to the Middle East and Africa. The poorest are the most affected as market prices rise. Russia is also the world’s largest producer of fertiliser.

“Where it is now, the war has already caused a lot of uncertainty. It is not only in food, but many other sectors. In Africa, it affects everybody, but, most especially, people at the bottom of the ladder. It is threatening to drop more people into poverty,” the general secretary of the Organization of African Instituted Churches, the Revd Nicta Lubaale, said.

“So, how they are going to enter into this — a crisis that is many thousands of kilometres away, yet it is impacting on them, and this comes in the midst of other things like climate change?”

Charity urges people in energy crisis to seek free debt help

The national debt help charity, Christians Against Poverty (CAP), is busy responding to people hit by the recent energy price cap rise, which will see households paying around 50% more for their energy bills

Low-income households, says CAP, “are already struggling to afford the basics they need to live with dignity.”

In just the first two months of this year, the charity saw requests for emergency fuel vouchers double, compared to the first two months of 2021. The charity has also delivered over £23,000 worth of crisis support, which includes emergency fuel vouchers, food shops and essential items.

CAP is in regular contact with suppliers, Ofgem and the Government to help them understand the impact these increases are having on the people it supports.

It is also wants to hear from people in need: “With the expected increases in energy costs running into October and beyond, it’s more important than ever that people who are struggling don’t wait until their debts get out of hand.”

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Newyddion St. Teilo News

Over 50's Club last month was well attended, with Bingo and a Raffle. The May meeting will be on Wednesday 4th at 2.00pm. Newcomers welcome.

Ruby Wedding Congratulations are extended to Hugh and Christine Evans, Morfa Maen. The big day was Sunday 10th April. Their daughters, Llinos and Lowri and mums, Mrs Muriel Thorpe and Mrs Annie Evans along with their sister Sandra, wish them all the very best and much love. Pob dymuniad gorau i'r ddau ohonoch oddiwrth y teulu. Hefyd ma dymuniadau da yn dod wrth eich ffrindiau i gyd yn Eglwys fach Sant Teilo, a'ch nifer o ffrindiau yn y gymuned.

And on that note, Best wishes for your recovery Christine following your unexpected stay in hospital, resulting in you missing the 'Big Day'. Ni gyd yn meddwl amdanat ti Christine a dymuno y gorau i ti, a gwellhad buan ar ol y triniaeth.

The village was saddened recently to hear the very sad news of the unexpected passing of a former Headteacher at the school, Mrs Angela Jones, Tumble. A popular and respected lady, she served the school for well over 20 years. Our sincere condolences go to her husband Gareth and daughter Mererid, along with all her family.

Eisteddfod Mynyddygarreg will be held at the Neuadd on Friday 13th May from 5.00pm onwards. Do come along to support, and you will be promised an evening to remember.

Capel Horeb's Good Friday service under the leadership of Parchedig Ian Sims was very well attended. This was the first service to be held since the beginning of Covid two years ago and it was good that so many of the old faithful and visitors supported this special service.

Cwrddau Mawr service / Anniversary Service will be held at Horeb vestry on the 8th May at 3.30pm with the Parchedig Ian Lewis officiating.

Ysgol Mynyddygarreg It has been a busy half term, the theme for the foundation phase and key stage 2 has been 'Mor hyfryd yw'r byd am ryfeddod'. It was really good to be able to take the whole school to Folly Farm for the day as part of the theme. Year 5 and 6 went to Abernant Lakes for a residential trip where they enjoyed various activities including kayaking, hiking and had lots of fun!!

The PTFA has a big family event on May 7th at the Neuadd Mynyddygarreg playing fields. The Army is bringing some activities for both adults and children including inflatables. There will be fun stalls, a rugby session and the Carmarthen Ukulele band will be providing entertainment. Entry is £2 with no charge for under 3's.. Refreshments will also be available.

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The outside area of the school is currently being revamped and the parents and children have been busy cleaning and painting. If anybody has any spare plants or compost we would be most grateful. Please get in touch through our new facebook page Gobaith MynyddyGarreg or email bridgetowen1@outlook.com

Readers Rota

1st May Jayne Roberts 15th May Dorian Reeve
5th June Christine Evans

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Newyddion St. Maelog News

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A successful coffee morning was held at Gellideg Mansion on April 9th, to raise much needed funds for the Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal. Many thanks to Edwin and Mary for hosting, and raising in excess of £1200. Thank you all for your support.

The YFC field day returned to Carmarthen Mart on April 9th after the 2year COVID break. It was nice to see members able to compete once again. Huge congratulations to Nia Thomas, Llancwm for winning the senior stockman competition and Iwan Thomas, Llancwm for coming runner up in the junior stockman competition. Good luck to you both as you represent the county at National level. St Ishmael was also placed third in the cube competition. Well done to all that took part!

Congratulations to Marjorie Thomas on celebrating a special birthday earlier this month. Penblwydd Hapus iawn Marjorie!

We wish Shan Rees, Cartref a speedy recovery after a short stay in hospital. Brysia Wella Shan.

Llandyfaelog Show will hold an alternative horse racing evening at Llandyfaelog Hall on Friday 6th May at 7.30pm. £5 entry to include refreshments. Bring your own drinks. Warm welcome to all.

Reminder - Llandyfaelog village street party to be held on Saturday 4th June at 2pm to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The annual pre-vestry meeting was held at the church on Wednesday April 16th. Rheinallt Jones was re-elected as church warden, and elected as treasurer, and Kath Williams re-elected as secretary. The church accounts were approved. The next church committee meeting will be held on the 18th of May at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Services

From the 1st of May there will be an Eucharist service on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month with a morning prayer service on every 2nd Sunday.

Rota of Readers-

1st May - Edwin Atkinson	8th May - Kath Williams
15th May - Phyllis Hughes	22nd May - Mary Atkinson
5th June - Sarah Walters	

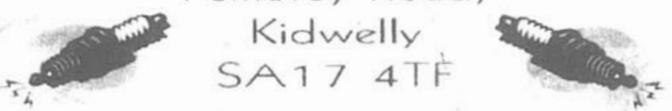
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1 st /8 th May Liz Smith	15 th /22 nd May Pam Jones
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God in the Arts

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In the 15th century the prosperous burghers of the Flemish town of Louvain commissioned the artist Dirk Bouts to paint a special altarpiece devoted to the Eucharist for the church of St Peter. Dirk Bouts, with his imagination, portrayed the Last Supper in a room looking out to his own town of Louvain. The faces of the servers in the room and the cooks looking through the hatch were modelled on the burghers who commissioned the work.

Other faces are modelled on theologians at the new university who visited the artist. They wanted to ensure he kept his theological feet on the ground while his imagination took flight, so around the scene of the Last Supper, Bouts has painted Old Testament scenes foreshadowing that holy communion: Melchizedek offering bread and wine in return for Abraham’s offering, the eating of the first Passover, the gathering of the manna in the wilderness, and Elijah wakened by the angel to eat and drink before setting out for Horeb. Signs of sacrifice, the Passover of the old covenant, daily food and food for the journey – all key aspects of the communion we celebrate and share in.



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Holy Days May 9th Julian of Norwich

Many years ago, studying English literature at university, I was intrigued to be introduced to the work of Julian of Norwich. She was writing at the end of the 14th century, when our modern English language was slowly emerging from its origins in Anglo-Saxon and Middle English.

Our lecturer was mainly concerned with her importance in the history of the language (she was the first woman, and the first significant writer, to write in English) but I was more intrigued by the ideas she was expressing. She was an anchoress – someone who had committed herself to a life of solitude, giving herself to prayer and fasting. St Julian's, Norwich was the church where she had her 'cell'.

Her masterpiece, *Revelations of Divine Love*, reveals a mystic of such depth and insight that today up and down Britain there are hundreds, possibly thousands, of 'Julian Groups' which meet regularly to study her writings and try to put them into practice.

She is honoured this month in the Lutheran and Anglican Churches, but although she is held in high regard by many Roman Catholics, her own Church has never felt able to recognise her as a 'saint'. This is probably because she spoke of God as embracing both male and female qualities. *Revelations* is an account of the visions she received in her tiny room, which thousands of pilgrims visit every year.

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1st May **3rd Sunday of Easter**

Eucharist: Zephaniah 3.14-20 (p1192); 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

8th May **4th Sunday of Easter**

Genesis 7.1-5,11-18 (p1193); Psalm 23; Acts 9.36-43; John10.22-30 (p869)

Evening Prayer: Psalm 113;114; Isaiah 63.7-14; Luke 24.36-49

Reader: Catherine Dorn

15th May **5th Sunday of Easter**

Eucharist: Baruch 3.9-15, 32-4.4 or Genesis 22.1-18 (p1196); Psalm 148; Acts 11.1-18; John 13.311-35 (p872)

Evening Prayer: Psalm 98; Daniel 6.[1-5]6-23; Mark 15.46-16.8

Reader: Jenny Jones

22nd May **6th Sunday of Easter/Rogation Sunday**

Eucharist: Ezekiel 37.1-14 (p1199); Psalm 67; Acts 16.9-15; John 14.23-29 or John 5.1-9 (p876)

Evening Prayer: Psalm 126;127; Zephaniah 3.14-20; Matthew 28.1-10,16-20

Reader: Kath Nicholas

29th May **Sunday after Ascension Day** **United Service**

Eucharist: Ezekiel 36.24-28; Psalm 97; Acts 16.16-24; John 17.20-26

No Evening Prayer

5th June **Day of Pentecost/Whit Sunday/ World Environment Day**

Eucharist: Genesis 11.1-9; Psalm 104.24-36; Acts 2.1-21; John 14.8-17[25-27] (p886)

Evening Prayer: Psalm 36.5-10; 150; Exodus 33.7-20; 2 Corinthinans 3.4-18

Reader: Ted Rowlands

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22/05/22

Kath Nicholas

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29/05/22

Simon White & Phyllis Hughes Ieuan Hughes & Maureen James

05/06/22

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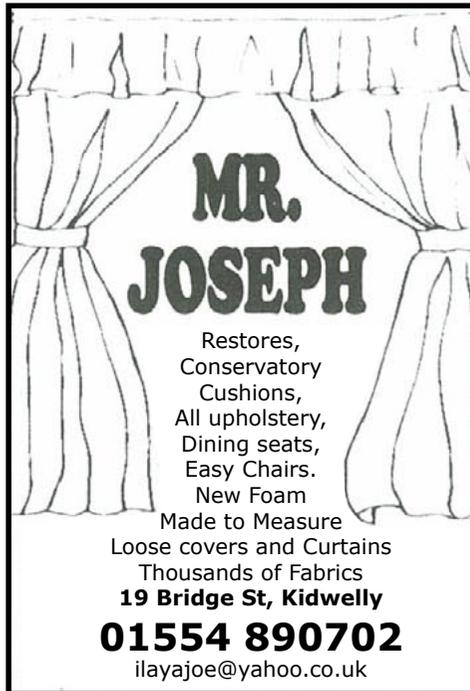
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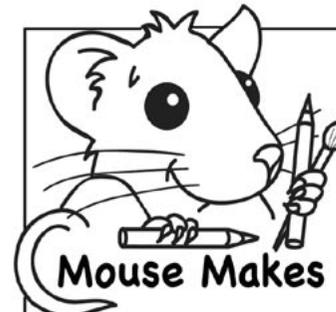
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in _____
hallowed be your _____
your _____
come,
your _____ be
done, on _____
_____ as it
is in _____.
Give us this day our
daily _____.
And _____
us our _____,
as we also have
forgiven our debtors.
And _____
us not into
temptation, but
_____ us from the
_____ one."

"I pray for the Church and world"



"I pray for my family and friends"



"Never stop praying."
1 Thessalonians 5:17

"I am sorry for..."



"I ask for..."



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St Mary's, Kidwelly

01/05/22	Easter 3/St. Philip & St. James
9.30am	Holy Eucharist
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
08/05/22	Easter 4
9.30am	Holy Eucharist
11.00am	Cymun Bendigaidd
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
11/05/22	
2.00pm	MU Meeting in Parish Room
15/05/22	Easter 5
9.30am	Holy Eucharist
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
22/05/22	Easter 6 /Rogation Sunday
9.30am	Holy Eucharist
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
26/05/22	Ascension Day
7.00pm	Eucharist
29/05/22	Easter 7/Sunday after Ascension Day
10.30am	United LMA service
05/06/22	Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
9.30am	Holy Eucharist
5.00pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesdays at 9.30am	
Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing	

Services May 2022

St Maelog's, Llandyfaelog	
01/05/22	Easter 3/St. Philip & St. James
11.15am	Holy Eucharist
08/05/22	Easter 4
11.15am	Morning Prayer
15/05/22	Easter 5
11.15am	Holy Eucharist
22/05/22	Easter 6 /Rogation Sunday
11.15am	Holy Eucharist
29/05/22	Easter 7/Sunday after Ascension Day
United LMA Service in St. Mary's	
05/06/22	Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
11.15am	Holy Eucharist

St Teilo's, Mynyddgarreg	
01/05/22	Easter 3/St. Philip & St. James
11.00am	Bilingual Eucharist
15/05/22	Easter 5
11.00am	Bilingual Eucharist
29/05/22	Easter 7/Sunday after Ascension Day
United LMA Service in St. Mary's	
05/06/22	Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
11.00am	Bilingual Eucharist