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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

I hope that you all had a joyful and safe summer. The days are now shortening, and rather unbearable temperatures are behind us. The church is celebrating the season of harvest or creation-tide as it is sometimes known and it is a time when we think not only of the harvest, but in more recent years we are called to look at and think about the natural world & environment.

The harvest festival is perhaps the best-known way that we celebrate this time of year, but there is more to it than just singing about ploughing the fields and scattering things. In our communities we are blessed to be surrounded by fields and farms. Many members of our congregations are directly or indirectly linked to food production commercially, some of us produce fruit and vegetables in our own gardens or may have allotments. However, in some areas of this country the sight of a field being harvested is not seen and people are further detached from what they eat: food comes from the supermarket all packed up and sterile with no thought to the sheer effort and risk that goes into it. We should never forget the toil of those who farm, process and distribute our food. I get a little fed up when I hear the generic word 'farmer' bandied about in the news, this is impersonal and whilst it is a description of a person who works in a major industry and is handy to use it at times, it makes no distinction between the large industrial producers and the small family farms that at times can struggle and in recent years have really felt the pinch and continue to do so. I find myself often thinking about farmers in the area that I know, the struggles that they face and the effort that they put in that at times reap little reward. They are not just 'the farmers', but they are Bill, Dai, Rhys, Ceris, Anne, Andrew, Beth, Elen, Llinos, Marc, Gill and many others without whose effort we would not eat.

So much of what we hear about the environment is concerned with the natural world, but we need also to think about and pray for those who work in it. During our harvest festivals we will often pray for 'the farmers' and whilst it is right and proper that we do, we must remember that the farmers are Bill, Dai, Rhys, Ceris, Anne, Andrew, Beth, Elen, Llinos, Marc, Gill etc, people that have a name and are distinct individuals that toil in God's creation balancing stewardship of the land with the need to make a living.

We must also not forget that there is more to God's creation than the natural world. One of my favourite harvest hymns is "God of concrete,

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God of steel.” (look it up – Hymns Ancient and Modern 366), it is perhaps the only industrial themed creation hymn. God’s creation is as much in the natural, growing world as it is in the world of technology and industry as everything we have ultimately comes from the earth, either as physical materials or elements used to make something else.

At this harvest time, let us look around us and remember not just Bill, Dai, Rhys, Ceris, Anne, Andrew, Beth, Elen, Llinos, Marc, Gill etc, ‘the farmers’, but all those who produce what we consume in all its forms. Whilst we are at it, we can also remember that we too are part of the creation and need to play a part in it. We may not all plant seeds to grow crops, but we can plant seeds of faith to grow our church and to grow the knowledge and love of God around us. We can also pray that the harvest next year and the years to come, will be the best one yet in all its forms.

Blessings
Fr Jim

St. Mary's News

Mystery Trip

Another great day out in July! This time we were treated to a visit to Cyfarthfa Castle, near Merthyr Tydfil where Lord Ted Rowlands was able to give us some personal insights as this was the area he was MP for so many years. Then on to the Brecon Mountain Railway where we had our cream tea.

Thank you, Fr. Jim and Lisa for arranging this time of fellowship and fun.

Price changes

At the Church committee meeting in July, it was agreed that the prices for the Parish Magazine would be increased. Prices have remained the same for many years now, and the magazine is now running at a loss. Therefore, from February 2026 the price of the magazine to subscribers will be £10 per year.

Advertisers will pay as follows:

Full page	£100 per year
Half page	£60 per year
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100 Club -Winners for July, 19, 84 - August 7, 68, 110
September draw will take place on Wednesday 3rd following the 9.30am service.

Flower Arranging Group

There will not be a meeting this month.

St. Mary's Patronal Festival Weekend

Thanks to everyone who supported our Flower Festival in any way, be it sponsorship, flower arranging, making refreshments; it all helped to making a fantastic few days in our already beautiful church.

Thanks too to Fr. Jim for organising the BBQ and Music for Mary.

Hopefully, this weekend will become an annual event in our church calendar.

St. Mary's Readers and Sidespeople for 9.30am

Readers

September

7th Edwin Atkinson

14th Maureen James Cymraeg Christine

21st Angela Tong

28th Brenda Evans

Sidespersons

Linda and Angela

Evans Mandy and Lynne

Maureen and Angela

Kath and Brian

October

5th Mary Atkinson

Anna and Harvey

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

03/09/25 Nevin Davies 10/09/25 Kath Nicholas 17/09/25 Brenda Evans

24/09/25 Maureen James 01/10/25 Nevin Davies

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Moving on -We wish all students well, moving on to University this September. Also, to primary school pupils either starting school or moving on to Secondary education.

God, there is a reason You tell us to have faith like that of a child. They are bursting with curiosity and full of love. Protect their innocence and preserve the spark in their eyes from the darkness of the world. Let them be little lights to their parents and teachers. Allow them to grow and have a fair opportunity to learn. May they be kind on the playground and quiet in the hallways. Protect our children from gossip and bullying. May they know and hear Your voice louder than all the others. Godly friends are important, and we pray that You bless our children with those friends today. May their friendships be innocent and light and filled with kindness, understanding, and compassionate consideration for one another.#

Concert by Cor Meibion De Cymru

We look forward to welcoming Cor Meibion Dr Cymru to St. Mary's on Saturday 20th September at 7.30pm for their concert dedicated to the late David Gravell, with all proceeds going to Ty Golau.

Tickets are £12.50 and are available to buy at Castle News.

The choir would like to thank Gravells for sponsoring this event.

Good wishes are extended to Deirdre Horsler as she begins her ordination training this month. We pray for her and Brian in this new journey in their lives.

Plant Dewi

Curry Night on the 29th September at 6.30 p.m. at the Belfoi Restaurant, Carmarthen. Tickets are £20 per person. If you would like to go, ask Brenda Evans for tickets.

Friends of St. Mary's Church

The Friends AGM will take place on Wednesday 17th September at 8.00pm in the Parish Room.

Also, the Friends Winter Raffle tickets are out and will be drawn on Saturday 22nd November. Tickets are 25p each with 4 in a book. £1.



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06/09/25 A year with you Dick, we miss you so much but love never dies. You are forever in our hearts. Love, Sheila x, Julie, Janet x. Rihard Stacey (Dick). Remembered with love on what would have been your 90th birthday. Love always, Sheila xxx and all the family xx
15/09/25 Loving memories of a dear Mother and Nans. Forever in our thoughts. Wendy, Chris and families.

Loving memories of my dear Mam, on the 2nd anniversary of her passing. She is always in my heart and thoughts every day. Jeanette Gilasbey xxx

18/09/25. In memory of my greatest friend Derek Dalton on the 7th anniversary of his passing. True friends are never forgotten, you are always in my thoughts, missing you more than ever. God Bless you Derek, your devoted friend leuan.

20/09/25 Love and best wishes to my dear friends, Pearl and Charley, on your Golden wedding anniversary. Congratulations from Eileen and family.

22/09/25 Cherished birthday memories of Eric, from loving wife Ann, Lee, Becky, sister Gwyneth, Alan and families.

Congratulations to Olivia Walters on gaining a 1st Class Honours Masters Degree in Pharmacy, with all good wishes for the future.

Concert

Re-imagine Choir will be in Concert on Friday 26th September in St. Mary's with Cheese and Wine. Look out on social media for more ticket details.

All items for October magazine should be submitted by the 16th of September please.

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What's on in our Group of the LMA this year



September

- 5th Sing along in St. Mary's 7.00pm
- 14th Llandyfaelog Show – details to follow
- 20th Concert by Cor Meibion De Cymru
- 23rd Harvest in St. Maelog's and Harvest Supper in the Red Lion
- 26th Cheese and Wine in Concert

October

- Harvest Festivals to include Suppers and Lunch @ St. Mary's
- 1st Harvest in St. Teilo's – buffet supper afterwards in church
 - 5th Harvest in St. Mary's followed by lunch in church

November

- 2nd Feast of St. Maelog (to be confirmed)
- 9th Remembrance Sunday
- 28th Christmas by Candlelight – Zirenz and friends.

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### Thoughts

We remember in our prayers all those families in the parish who are ill, either at home or in hospital wishing them well.

Also to those families who have suffered bereavement, missing someone they love.

*Lord, be with us as we open the door, come in with us, go out with us, do not sleep when we sleep, but watch over us, protect us and keep us safe, our only helper and maker. Amen*



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## **Parish Room**

### **Plant Dewi**

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Canolfan Deuluol Burry Port Family Centre part of Plant Dewi has returned to the Parish room, Thursday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 to deliver a community Stay and Play session. The session is free to families with children ages 0 -11 years, an opportunity for children and parents/guardians to come together, mingle, play, learn new skills and more importantly have a conversation over a cuppa.

### **1st Kidwelly Rainbows Brownies, Guides and Rangers!**

We welcome a new group this month, with a Rainbows group starting on the first Wednesday of September at 5.00pm. Contact Josie or Jenny for more information.

Rainbows: aged 4-7

Brownies : aged 7-10

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Rangers : aged 14-18 yrs

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If you would like to join us, or contact for further information, please contact:

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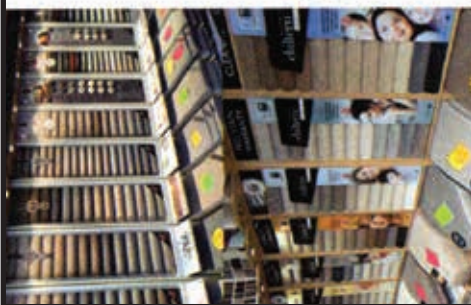
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A new Archbishop of Wales has been elected on 30 July 2025.

Cherry Vann who has served as the Bishop of Monmouth for the past five years, has been chosen as the 15th Archbishop of Wales.

She succeeds Bishop Andrew John who retired in July after three and a half years as the leader of the Church in Wales.

Archbishop Cherry was elected having secured a two-thirds majority vote from members of the Electoral College on the second day of its meeting at the St Pierre Church and Hotel in Chepstow. The election was confirmed by the other diocesan bishops and announced by the Senior Bishop, Bishop Gregory Cameron of St Asaph. Archbishop Cherry will be enthroned at Newport Cathedral in due course. As Archbishop she will continue to serve as Bishop of Monmouth.

Originally from Leicestershire, Archbishop Cherry Vann was consecrated as Bishop of Monmouth in 2020. Cherry was ordained as a deacon in 1989. She was then among the first women to be ordained as a priest in the Church of England in 1994. She then served as Archdeacon of Rochdale, in the Diocese of Manchester, for 11 years.

She said, *"The first thing I shall need to do is to ensure that the issues which have been raised in the last six months are properly addressed and that I work to bring healing and reconciliation, and to build a really good level of trust across the Church and the communities the Church serves."*

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Town News

Royal British Legion

The Kidwelly RBL Branch has a new home. In future, we will meet at 7.30pm in The Masons Arms, Water Street, Kidwelly.

September's meeting will be on Monday 1st September.

We should like to thank the Rugby Club for allowing us to meet there since January 2023.

At the AGM in August, Trevor Elliot was re-elected as Chairman. Ron Jones was elected as Vice-President. Other officers remain the same.

Trevor thanked members for their support and hoped that the branch would continue to grow over the coming year. Work on the Memorial Garden continues. If you would like to join us do come along to the meeting in September. Also, if you would like to join the 100 club, please contact David Taylor for more information. (07770 798703)

We had a wonderful response again last year for the Poppy Appeal. Janis & Ron Jones and Dave McFarlane will be organising this year's appeal, so keep a look out for more news of this.

Regular dates in the RBL diary are:

Monthly meetings 1st Monday of the month.

Gardening at the RBL Community Garden 1st Saturday of the month.

A remembrance service for the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day was held at the War Memorial on Friday 15th August, led by Fr. Jim Flanagan and District Chaplain, Canon Bryan Witt.

KIDWELLY SENIOR CITIZENS

Well, that time went quick! But we have had two very good trips this summer. In July we went to Mumbles. A great success, the sun shone on us and everyone had a good time. Then in August we went to Aberystwyth, which again was a hot day, but a nice sea breeze, and everyone enjoyed. It took a bit longer to get home as the coach had a blown tyre, so we had to have a replacement. But it didn't spoil our good spirits. It's always good to have a day out. Our next trip will be to Tenby on 10th September. Our meetings have been a bit quiet, as some members have been away, but we've had good discussions on new places to go to for next year, and perhaps somewhere to go pre-Christmas. The next meeting will be on 3rd September, 2pm, at the Rugby Club.

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Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey was very proud and honoured to work in collaboration with the Kidwelly Allotments Society to organize and announce all the information of this year's competition winners. She thanked the Allotments Society for their great work and wished them a happy 20th anniversary for this year.

She thanked everyone in the community who entered this year's Kidwelly & Mynyddygareg in Bloom Competition 2025.

There was a choice of four categories to enter. The independent judge who came from outside the area, had stated on the day of judging that every entry viewed was of a very high quality, and had great difference of displays of beautiful, colourful flowers.

She thanked all this year's sponsors / **Autumn Leaf Funeral Directors / John Burns / Jeanette Gilasbey** for their kindness and support.

Winners and runners up were presented with certificates and vouchers.

Wall plaques were also given to all the first prize winners plus a Kidwelly-in - Bloom cup was presented to the overall winner.

Jeanette thanked the Kidwelly Allotments Society for allowing the presentations to be held at their open day, which was held on August 9th at Cai Maliphant, Kidwelly.

Thank you also to Kidwelly Town Mayor, Cllr Carl Peters-Bond and Consort Cllr Christopher Peters-Bond for presenting the awards, together with the sponsors to this year's winners.

All the winners' names of each category are as follows:

BEST GARDEN OVER 25 FEET 1st - Mrs. Mary Radford

2nd - Amanda Nobile

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2nd – Mr, Nick & Mrs Lynda Lewis 3rd - Mr. Peter Williams

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2nd - Mr, Nick & Mrs Lynda Lewis 3rd – Mr Mark & Mrs Lorraine Walters

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Sports – We wish the town Rugby and Football teams well as the new season begins.

If any other sports groups wish to share their news, please contact me by the 16th of the month.

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Holy Cross Day

On Holy Cross Day the Church celebrates the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as the sign of Christ's victory over death. Holy Cross Day goes right back to 14 September 335, and we have the mother of a Roman Emperor to thank for it.

Helena was a devout Christian, and after her son, Constantine, was converted, they agreed that she should travel from Rome to Israel, and seek out the places of special significance to Christians.

Of course, much of Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Romans around 135 AD. But even so, Helena finally located what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (and modern archaeologists think she may well be correct). The sites were so close together that she built one large church over them – the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

That church, built in honour of the Cross, was dedicated on 14 September 335.

The sign of the Cross has been used by Christians since early times. Tertullian, writing his *De Corona* (3:2) around AD 211, noted that Christians seldom did anything significant without making the sign of the cross.

What is its significance? Well, people often put their initials or some sort of personal mark on something to show that it belongs to them. The Cross is the personal mark of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we mark it on ourselves as a sign that we belong to him. Even in the book of Revelation, we read that the servants of God are 'sealed' or 'marked' on their foreheads as a sign that they are His.

A preacher once put it this way: if you were explaining to someone how to make a cross, you would say: "Draw an I." That is you standing before the Lord, saying, 'here I am'. Then cancel that vertical stroke with a horizontal stroke – as if to say: "Lord, I abandon my self-will and make you the centre of my life instead. I abandon myself to your love and service."

On Holy Cross Day, we recall Jesus' wonderful promise: "And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)



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ARTICLE FROM Tŷ GOLAU

It must seem like only five minutes ago to Jan Lewis, founder and manager of Ty Golau Dementia Charitable Trust based here in Kidwelly, since she received an official envelope in the post. Convinced it was going to tell her that she had exceeded the 20 mph speed limit on the way to the Co-op and that she had to arrange the transfer of a sum of money from her bank account to that of the government, she did what any sensible woman would do – she got her husband to open it. Unfortunately, Bryan's first response – “Jan, we're in trouble” did nothing to alleviate the feeling of dread in the pit of her stomach. However, once she had read the letter herself, this feeling of dread changed to one of annoyance as she was certain she had been the victim of a scam. For the letter informed Jan that she had been awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) by King Charles III in his Birthday Honours List. So convinced was Jan that the letter was a scam that she phoned up Buckingham Palace to check with them and was eventually reassured that it was all legitimate.



Roll on to this Easter Sunday and at the Waterfront Community Church in Swansea, we got to witness the same pride and joy experienced by Jan once she had been persuaded by staff at Buckingham Palace that it was all genuine and that it was being awarded in recognition of all her hard work over the past 15 years with Ty Golau. She had been nominated by Mr John Burns and Pastor Alan Hill from Leeds who were both acquainted with the work that Jan has done since Ty Golau was launched. Jan was joined by Bryan, her husband, family and friends, and volunteers from Ty Golau. They, together with the huge congregation of the church, watched the Lord Lieutenant of West Glamorgan, Mrs Louise Fleet, CStJ, JP, who was accompanied by the High Sheriff of West Glamorgan, Mrs Diana Sera Stroia, present Jan with her award. By the way, Jan looked



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resplendent in her new suit which showed off her medal perfectly. The presentation itself was preceded by summaries from Mr John Burns and Pastor Arnallt Morgan of the Waterfront Community Church of Jan and her experience and what inspired her to create Ty Golau. That was the realisation that, at that time, none of the existing groups for people with memory problems offered the opportunity of cognitive stimulation through reminiscence therapy. All involved with the charity, whether as a service user, carer, or volunteer, are well aware of the difference Ty Golau makes to those who come to the weekly sessions. When they were told about the award, they all agreed that it was very well-deserved.

Jan is the first person to admit that she gained her award not just on her own merits but a result of the support of her volunteers and, of course, her husband, Bryan – everyone needs a Bryan, by the way -who is on the ball reminding Jan that she hasn't given housekeeping instructions yet! However, the award doesn't mean that all Jan's efforts are over. Not at all. There is more work to be done, more people to help, and Jan will be at the front of the line to accomplish more for her service users.

Congratulations, Jan! Llongyfarchiadau!

Elaine Morrisroe Press Officer

September Sudoku

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Newyddion St. Teilo News

Well, the summer season has been very kind this year, giving us some beautiful days and more or less dry. The school holidays are, for a change, benefiting from nice weather as are many events in the summer calendar. Our local Carnival was a huge success, with Glan yr Afon fields full of supporters. The Royal Welsh show in Builth was once again a wonderful effort whilst the National Eisteddfod in Wreccsam was hailed the best ever, not forgetting local events including Llansaint Carnival and Pembrey Country park, amongst many, all made the better success for the good weather. Events such as these bring people together, giving a true community spirit and reminding us how lucky we are because of our freedom and all the good people who stage these events. Da yw cael byw yng Nghymru !

MYNYDDYGARREG SENIORS CLUB'S July and August meetings were once again pleasant afternoons. At the July meeting, the trip to Mumbles was finalized and this turned out to be a lovely day out with a visit to Verdi's and each and every ladies fashion shops in the town ! Members then decided that the August outing would be Narberth and the Cheese Festival. The Raffle was won by Aeres and the Bingo by Caroline. Dorian organized a Music Quiz and followed it with a ' best known Sayings ' game, both proving that the audience knew their work! Birthday wishes and congratulations were sung to Helen Green who was celebrating a very special birthday.

At the August meeting, the trip to Narberth Cheese Festival was finalized and the outing was also very enjoyable. Members then agreed the October trip would be on the 10th October, visiting Abergavenny and a warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to come along. The September meeting will take place at the Red Lion, Llandyfaelog to enjoy lunch pre-meeting. Four new members were warmly welcomed, namely Carol, Jennifer, Delyth and Jeanette and Birthday greetings for August were sung to Esme and Dorian. The Raffle was won by Marlene and the Bingo by Sian. The highlight of the afternoon was a visit from the small local Ukulele band, 'Gwen's Ukes ', who entertained an appreciative audience with a range of songs and music, with a promise of a return visit.

NEUADD MYNYDDYGARREG held a Quiz in July which was well supported. Winners were Saga Louts of Llansaint who very kindly gifted the prize money back to Hall funds. The Question Master was Sue Woodward.

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On the **6th September**, the Annual Beerfest will take place, from 3.00pm onwards. Here a wide selection of beers and delicious street foods will be on sale with three bands for entertainment.

MORIAH MEINCIAU will be holding a Grand Concert on Thursday 11th September featuring Rhys Meirion, his daughter Elan and Cor Lleisiau'r Cwm. Tickets are £15 and commences 7.00p, Organizer is Mansel Thomas, Meinciau Road and the proceeds go to Parkinsons charity

SPEEDY RECOVERY WISHES goes to Margaret Hughes following her recent accident. Gobeitho gei di gwellhad buan Mags a, dymuniadau gore i ti oddiwrth dy ffrindiau i gyd.

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Their fellow worshippers at St Mary's Cwrdd Cymraeg presented them with a little gift to celebrate their new home.

SANT TEILO HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held on Wednesday evening **1st OCTOBER 7.00pm, followed by Supper and Refreshments.** All are welcome.

VERY BEST WISHES from everyone at Sant Teilo go to Mrs Deirdre Horsler as she embarks on her new post in the Church. Dymuniau gorau Deidre oddiwrth ffrindiau oll yn Eglwys Sant Teilo.

And sincere apologies to Mrs Louise Roberts, member of Staff at Ysgol Mynyddgarreg on my misprint in the last edition and, we keep Louise and her family in our prayers.

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7-14 September Eirena Davies

21-28 September Janet Davies

3-12 October Carys Thomas

Readers/ Darllenwyr

7th September - Shan Rees

14th September - Edwin Atkinson

21st September - Dyfrig Jones

23rd September

28th September - Mary a Gwenllian Jones

5th October - Llinos Jones

Door/Drws

Shan Rees

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Shan Rees a Kath Williams

Llinos Jones

Hope everyone has enjoyed the summer. The weather has been very good to us and we have been able to enjoy lots of lovely sunshine. We would like to wish Edwin Atkinson a speedy recovery after his recent operation, and we were also happy to hear that Keith Beynon was home after his recent stay in hospital. Get well soon to both.

Church News

The Harvest thanksgiving service will be held on Tuesday the 23rd of September at 7.30pm followed by the Harvest supper in the Red Lion. Please let Shan know if you would like to go to the supper.

Time for those to brush up on their trivia knowledge as there will be a quiz night for St Maelog's church on Friday 17th of October in Llandyfaelog hall, the last one was very competitive! Contact Shan for more information.

There will be a talk in St Maelog's on Thursday 25th of September at 6pm by Peter Rowland and Heather James of the Carmarthen Antiquarian society on the history of the church and its stained glass windows. Doors open at 5.30pm for refreshments.



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We would like to Thank Deirdre Horsler for her talk regarding 'Exercise your 'want' muscle!'. We weren't sure what we were in for, but it was excellent. Diolch yn fawr Deirdre. Our next chat will be in October, and our guest speaker will be Pauline Thomas.

Our condolences to the Atkinson family on the loss of their cousin Hamish aged 81, only child of the late Colonel and Mrs Jennings of Gellideg. Hamish was a non-verbal autistic who went into an institution aged twelve as was done in those days. Happily he had been in the very good care of a National Autistic Society home in Caerleon for the last 43 years. He was much loved by his family and carers and came back to Gellideg frequently until his later years.

It was lovely to welcome and celebrate the Christening of Elen Richards in August hope the family had a great day.

What's on

Llandyfaelog Show is held on the 13th of September at Carmarthen Showground please come and support and take a look at the show schedule for competitions and timings. If you would like to compete, you will find it online at Llandyfaelog show website and entries can be taken before or on the day.

Llandyfaelog Community hall committee will be holding a Curry evening in the Three Rivers Ferryside on Monday 29th of September. To book a table contact Arfon Davies.

The St Ishmaels YFC have had an excellent year with many members achieving high standards in stock judging, woodworking and sports events. The new YFC calendar starts in September and there are a few community events planned.

Tuesday the 9th is New members evening at 8pm in Llandyfaelog hall; please spread the word members need to be aged between 11 and 28.

Horse-racing evening -13th of September 8pm - after the Llandyfaelog show there will be an evening of horse racing at the Carmarthen Showground arranged by the YFC.

16th of September - Annual car Treasure hunt

6th September - Provisional date for the Annual YFC Dinner to celebrate the last year's achievements and awards.

If you would like to keep up with YFC news please head to their Facebook page.

Jason Williams Removals

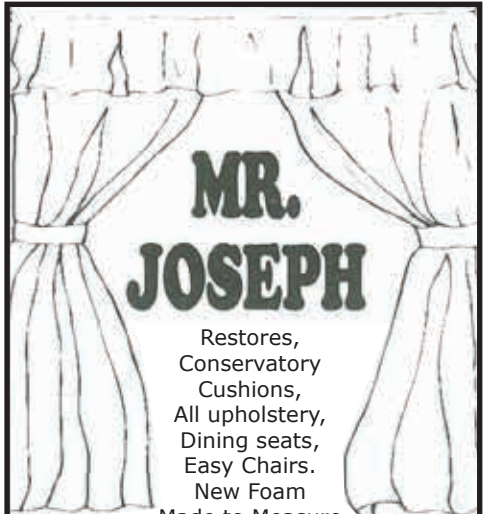
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Sunday 7th September

12th Sunday after Trinity

Liturgical Colour: Green

Eucharist: Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-33 [p983]

Evening Prayer: Psalm [120;] 121; Isaiah 43.14-44.5; John 5.30-47

Reader: Ted Rowlands

Sunday 14th September

Holy Cross

Eucharist: Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 22.23-28; Philippians 2.6-11; John 3.13-17 [p1128]

Evening Prayer: Psalm 110;150; Isaiah 63.1-16; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

Reader: Jenny Jones

Sunday 21st September

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eucharist: Proverbs 3.13-18; Psalm 119.65-72; 2 Corinthians 4.1-6; Matthew 9.9-13

Evening Prayer: Psalm 119.33-40,89-96; Ecclesiastes 5.4-12; Matthew 19.16-30

Reader: Kath Nicholas

Sunday 28th September

15th Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist: Amos 6.1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-31 [p999]

Sunday 5th October

16th Sunday after Trinity

Harvest in St. Mary's

Eucharist 11.00am – Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4.4-9 or Revelation 14.14-18; John 6.25-25 [p1165]

Evening Prayer: Readings to be confirmed

St. Maelog's Habakkuk 1.1-4;2.1-4; Psalm 37.1-9; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10 [p1005]



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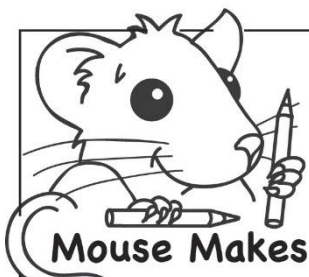
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- from Psalm 67:5-6

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wealth and the
first part of
your **harvest**."

- Proverbs 3:9

"Let us fear and respect the Lord our God.

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at the right time. He makes sure that we
have the harvest at just the right **time**."

- from Jeremiah 5:24

"God... gives you **rain** from
heaven and good harvests
at the right times. He gives
you plenty of **food** and
fills your hearts with **joy**."

- Acts 14:16-17

"So the one who **plants** is not
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is not important. Only **GOD** is
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- 1 Corinthians 3:7

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Inspired and supported by a prominent Quaker, Edward Pease, and backed financially by many Quakers nationally, it has been described as “the great theatre of railway operations”, sparking the explosion of railways across the world and boosting the industrial revolution. About 20 miles of the original 25 mile stretch still exist, now as part of the Northern Rail line.

The technical expertise behind it all came from George Stephenson, an extraordinary self-taught engineer whose expertise, which originated in the mines, stretched beyond railways. His *Locomotion No 1*, built for the Stockton and Darlington line, was the first steam locomotive to carry passengers on a public rail line. He worked with his 18-year-old son Robert, who is known for creating the more famous *Rocket* four years later.

The first Stockton and Darlington train – which in fact ran from Old Etherley Colliery, some distance north of Darlington – was led by a man on horseback with a flag. The motto of the organising committee was “At private risk for public service”.

With brakemen stationed between the wagons, the train reached 12 to 15mph and was greeted by an estimated 10,000 people at the Darlington junction, where some passengers left and more boarded. The average speed was calculated at about 8mph. Six wagons of coal were given to the poor by way of celebration.

A nine-month festival in County Durham and the Tees Valley – with artwork, spectacles and community events – is marking the bicentenary of the opening of the railway.

As a tribute to his life and achievements, a bronze statue of George Stephenson was unveiled at Chesterfield railway station in 2005. An earlier statue stands in Neville Street, Newcastle.

More info t: <https://railway200.co.uk>, <https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk>

Some Useful Phone Numbers

Churches & Chapels

Capel y Morfa: Mr. Gwyndaf Jones
01554 753868

Our Lady and St. Cadog:-
01554 832520

Trinity Methodist: Mr. Peter Burt
01554 890 605

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
01554 891801

Llandyfaelog Welfare Hall
Arfon Davies

llandyfaelog@btinternet.com

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

Schools

Ysgol-y-Castell 01554 890762

Ysgol Gwenllian 01554 890523

Ysgol Mynydd-y-Garreg 01554 810670

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

Youth

1st Kidwelly Brownies, Guides, Rangers

Josie Wells 07876340377

Jennie Collins 07534212314

1st Kidwelly Scouts - Shan Cheesman
01267 267620 or 07790117904

Youth Council – Jeanette Gilasbey
01554 892729

Senior Citizens

Llandyfaelog Senior Citizen Association

Mrs. Maureen Howells 0127 223768

Mynydd-y-Garreg Senior Citizens Jean
Fox 01554 891344

Kidwelly Senior Citizens Association:

Mrs. Bobbie Hope, 01554 890520

Kidwelly Welfare Committee: Mrs.
Helene Cresser 01554 890550

Other Organisations

Country Cars: Mrs. E. Nicholson
01554 890188

Kidwelly Local History Society: Mr.
Malcolm MacDonald 891090

Police: 0845 3302000

Mothers' Union: Brenda Evans
07796430991

Royal British Legion: Trevor Eliot
07807710699

Ty Golau: Janet Lewis 01554 890896

WI President: Nannette Jones 01554
890206

St. Mary's Kidwelly

Friday 5th September

7.00pm Sing- a-long -in the hills
with the rebel nun – Film night

September 7th Trinity 12

9.30am Choral Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 10th September

10.30am Mothers' Union in the
Parish Room

September 14th Holy Cross Day/Trinity 13

9.30am Choral Eucharist
11.00am Cymun Bendigaidd
6.00pm Evening Prayer

September 21st St. Matthew. Trinity 14

9.30am Choral Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Prayer

September 28th Trinity 15

9.30am Choral Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Prayer

October 5th Harvest/ Trinity 16

11.00am Choral Eucharist and
lunch in church
6.00pm Evensong

Wednesdays at 9.30am in the
Lady Chapel
Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing

Services

September 2025

St Maelog's, Llandyfaelog

September 7th Trinity 12

11.15am Bilingual Mattins

September 14th Holy Cross Day/Trinity 13

11.15am Bilingual Eucharist

September 21st St. Matthew/Trinity 14

11.15am Bilingual Eucharist

Tuesday September 23rd Harvest
7.30pm Harvest thanksgiving and
Supper in the Red Lion

September 28th Trinity 15

11.15am Bilingual Eucharist

October 5th Trinity 16

11.15am Bilingual Mattins

St Teilo's, Mynyddgarreg

September 7th Trinity 12

11.15am Bilingual Eucharist

September 21st St.

Matthew/Trinity 14

11.15am Bilingual Eucharist

Wednesday 1st October

7.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving

October 5th Harvest in St. Mary's