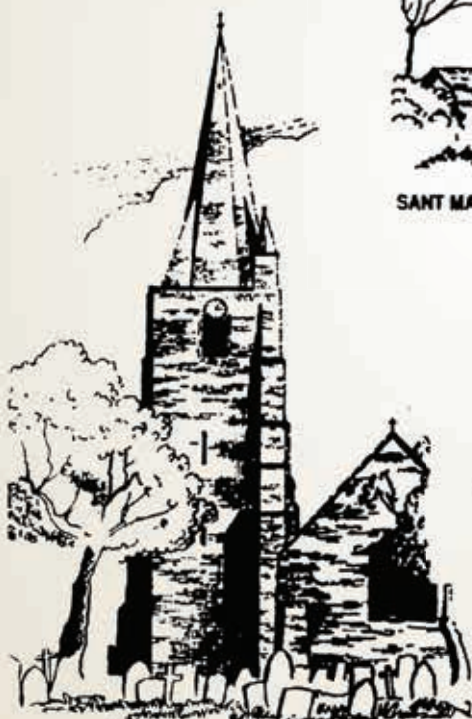


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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

After the joyous thanks and celebration of harvest, the month of November starts off with a rather sombre tone, we have All Saints Day and All Souls the day after, later in the month we have Remembrance Sunday as well. Three occasions when we look to remember those who have gone before us. Each event is different; All Saints is the day that we remember the saints and martyrs of the church, both well-known and known only to God. These are the people that have shaped and built our church over the centuries, they are the Saints Triumphant, to use a rather old name for them. They have lived and died (or been killed) in the faith of Christ and now they rest in the company of Heaven; All Souls is when we remember friends, relatives and loved ones who are no longer with us. We mourn their passing, but like the Saints we remember that there will come a time when we see them again; Remembrance Sunday is of course when we remember those who fought and died in the great war and conflicts since.

Sombre these three may be, but it is worth looking at them as a continuation of the season of harvest when we give thanks to God for what he has given us. The saints of the church should be remembered with thanks, because without their efforts the church would be very different today. These are the people that spread the faith, taught people about Christ and brought hope and comfort to many people. The work that many of them started continues today and the effect of their missions can still be felt across the globe.

With All Souls, we mourn the passing of our loved ones, some recently departed and some many years past. But despite our pain it reminds us to be thankful for all that they did for us, the example that they set us and the joy that times spent with them brought us. They may be gone, but they are not forgotten, and we can take comfort from the fact that they rest with God.

Remembrance Sunday gives us cause to be thankful for the sacrifices of those who have defended our nation and allows us to enjoy the freedoms that we now have.

Sombre these events may be, but perhaps we should look at them in a new light and whilst we will all have our own thoughts and emotions about them, we might want to remember to celebrate what all those we remember and commemorate at this time have done for us.

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At this time of remembrance and reflection, never forget those who have gone before us and never forget that God has gathered all those now past into his arms, where they rest eternal. We may find this time hard for various reasons, but remember God is with us and will forgive us, his Spirit guides us and his Son died that we might live in light and peace.

Blessings

Fr Jim

Thanks

“Lisa and I should like to thank everyone for their support, care, friendship and prayers during the last few weeks, we are both on the mend and we both really appreciate the kindness and understanding that everyone has shown to us both and Lisa particularly. We are so lucky to be surrounded by such wonderful people. Blessings to you all. Fr. Jim”

St. Mary's News

On All Souls Day On Monday November 3rd there will be a commemorative service at 7.00pm in church. There is a list at the back of church to put names down for remembrance.

Film Night - Friday 7th November at 7.00pm. We will be showing the silent film Phantom of the Opera with organ accompaniment by Andrew Pike. This is the 1925 Lon Chaney version. Suggested donation of £5.00 for church funds. Refreshments available.

Plant Dewi – (yellow boxes)

I will be in the Parish room after service until midday on Wednesday 12th November to collect the yellow box money.

16th November – **St. Maelog's Patronal festival** – 11.15am so there will be no other services in the three churches on this morning - refreshments to follow or lunch in the Red? TBC

22nd November **Kidwelly Lights switch on** – St Mary's will be putting on Mulled wine and mince pies in Park Stephens. Please do come and help.



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Advent course – Due to a couple of clashes and the inability to be in two places at once there has had to be a change to the plans for the Advent Course. Unfortunately, we will not be able to get around all six of the churches in the two groups. The new dates and locations are below.

Wednesday 26th November – St. Ishmael's Church

Wednesday 3th December – St Maelog's Church, Llandyfaelog

Wednesday 10th December – St. Thomas Church, Ferryside

Wednesday 17th December – St. Mary's Church, Kidwelly

The topic will be 'Themes of Advent'

Faith Hope Love Peace

The time will still be 7pm and refreshments afterwards as well where possible. There will be a poster in the next week or so.

28th November 7.00pm **Christmas by Candlelight** – Zirenz and friends

Saturday 29th November – **Christingle Making**. We will meet in the parish room at 10.00am to make the Christingles for Sunday 30th November at 5.00pm. Come along and join us.

Harvest Lunch

Thanks to everyone who supported the harvest lunch event, a very enjoyable affair, but especially to Anna for co-ordinating it all. After expenses, a total of £185 was available for distribution to the Trusell Trust food bank.

100 Club -Winners for October were: 99, 71, 85

November draw will take place on Wednesday 5th following the 9.30am service. Over the year, some people have kindly offered their winnings back to church funds. Should you wish to do this in future, could you cash your cheque and then donate the money back to church please.

Flower Arranging Group

We meet on Thursday 13th November at 7.00pm when we will be preparing Christmas wreaths using dried flowers.



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November

2nd Angela Tonge

9th Remembrance Sunday 9.45am

16th Brenda Evans

23rd Kath Nicholas

30th **5th Sunday in St. Teilo at 11.15am**

December

7th Edwin Atkinson

Sidespersons

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Anna and Harvey

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05/11/25 Canon Bryran 12/11/25 Brenda Evans

19/11/25 Maureen James 26/11/25 Nevin Davies

03/12/25 Kath Nicholas

Flower Rota

2nd/9th November

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16th/23rd Flower Fund

30th November

Advent – no flowers

Friends of St. Mary's

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.

Price changes

A reminder that 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.

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02/11/2025 In loving memory of my wife, Anne, on her 74th birthday. Love always Martyn x

11/11/25 They didn't want to go to war,
 but did as they were bid.
 They say 'Old soldiers never die'
 but a lot of young ones did.
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
 We will remember them. Wear your poppy with pride.

16/11/2025 Birthday memories of a dear friend x

21/11/25 Penblwydd Hapus annwyl Avril (Morris) ar dy Benblwydd yn Naw Deg, 90. Dymuniadau gore a iechyd da oddiwrth dy ffrindiau yn Sant Teilo.

All items for the double issue December/January 2026 magazine should be submitted no later than the 16th of November please.

Your Favourite Recipe

Jayne Roberts lent me a recipe book from Ysgol Nant-y-Groes which the children and parents contributed to, so with winter approaching I've chosen Cawl Cymru from this book. (I do notice a lack of potatoes and leeks which I put in mine when I make it!) (Editor)

Cawl Cymru

2 lb. Welsh lamb
2 carrots
2 turnips
2 onions
1 oz. barley
4 pints of water
1 tsp mixed herbs
Salt and pepper



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7th Nov Film Night St. Mary's – The Phantom of the Opera

Remembrance.

9th November 9.45am Kidwelly

9th November 2pm Llandyfaelog

Wednesday 5th 11am & 1pm Schools' remembrance in St. Marys and MyG hall.

16th November – St. Maelog's Patronal festival – no other services in the three churches– refreshments to follow.

Christmas 2025

22nd November Kidwelly Lights on – St Mary's to do Mulled wine and mice pies in Park Stephens

28th November Zirenze concert St. Marys - 7pm

Christingle 30th November 5pm

1st December (Monday) LDF Christmas Fair 7pm

3rd December (Wed) Advent course St. Thomas, Ferryside

5th December (Friday) Excelsior Concert St Mary's

6th December Brownies Craft Fair & Party – St Mary's & Parish Room

7th December (Sunday) St Teilo Christmas Carols 7pm

10th December MU service in St. Mary's 2pm

10th & 11th Ysgol y Castell concerts St. Mary's evening

10th Advent Course – St. Maelog's

12th December Ysgol y Castell Christingle – St. Marys. 10.30am

14th December (Sunday) YFC carols St. Maelogs

16th December Carol Singing around Llandyfaelog. TBC

17th Advent Course St. Mary's

18th Carol Singing around Kidwelly.

Last day of term Ysgol Mynydd y Garreg in St. Teilo's. TBC

19th December (Friday) Mulled Wine and Mince Pies at the Vicarage

21st December Crib Service St. Marys (With Donkey?) in family service – Not Eucharist.

21st December 9 Lessons and Carols St. Mary's 6pm

24th Christmas Service St. Teilo 7pm

24th Christmas Service St Maelog 7pm

24th Midnight St Mary 11.30pm

25th Christmas Morning Service 9.30 am St Marys.

26th St Stephens day – St. Mary's 9.30am TBC

27th St. Maelog Panto Trip.

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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.

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October Sudoku solution

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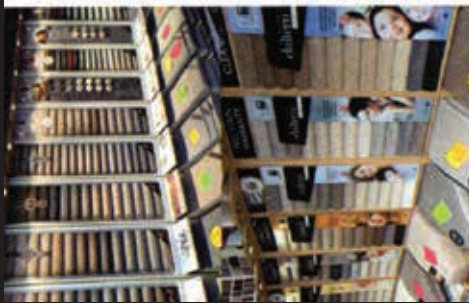
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Town News

Royal British Legion

Our branch meeting will be on Wednesday 5th November at 7.30pm in the Masons Arms.

The Service of Remembrance will be on Sunday 9th November at 9.45am in St. Mary's Church with a service at 2.00pm in St. Maelog's, Llandyfaelog.

And they Call it Poppy Love – extract from an article in the British Legion magazine. Poppy Appeal:

More than 100 years after the Royal British Legion officially adopted the poppy as a symbol of Remembrance, the charity's annual Poppy Appeal is as important as ever. Each October and November, the nation comes together to recognise the historical and present-day sacrifices made by our Armed Forces around the world.

The Appeal is the UK's largest annual fundraising even, and the money raised plays an essential role in supporting the Armed Forces community and their families after just one day of service. In 2024 32 million poppies and 127,000 wreaths were distributed with an incredible £51.5 million raised altogether. Every penny matters – without these funds the RBL simply wouldn't be able to respond to the increasingly complex needs of its beneficiaries.

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More than 700 veterans and serving personnel received support from the RBL's Battle Back Centre in Shropshire, rebuilding themselves through sport and camaraderie. This is just a glimpse of what the RBL has been able to do with poppy appeal funds.

Our Poppy Appeal will be well under way by the time you get this magazine having started on Thursday 23rd October in the Co-op. Our poppy organisers, Janis and Ron Jones, do an incredible job, and this is their tenth year of co-ordinating the appeal. Last year, £10,377 was raised. Please support them again this year if you are able.

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Gwenllian Hall

Fresh Home-made soup is served every Wednesday between 11.00am-1.00pm. Soup is free, but donations are welcome.



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Kidwelly Senior Citizens

A busy October meeting for us. We collected monies and food orders for our Christmas meal to start with. We then took names and collected for our trip to Llandeilo for the Festival of Senses. This is on the 15th of November, a Saturday, which will start our run up to Christmas. A few seats on the coach are still available at the moment if anyone would like to join us.

Our Best Wishes for a speedy recovery go to Rosemary Brookman, who has had a bad fall. And well done to Corrie who is walking well but not quite running. Our next meeting will be on the 5th of November, 2pm at the Rugby Club.

Twinning Association

The AGM will be held on Saturday 8th November at 6.15pm in the Princess Gwenllian Centre Function Room. This will be followed by a social evening with chilli £5.00 and entertainment by the Transatlantic Hot Club which the Hall Committee are hosting. Tickets are £8.00. A warm welcome is extended to come and join in.

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ARTICLE FROM TY-GOLAU

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On a very wet and windy Saturday evening in September, hundreds of fans of male voice choirs left the comfort of their homes and descended on St Mary's Church in Kidwelly. They had all made their way there to listen to the gentlemen of South Wales Male Voice Choir who had come from many parts of Wales and even further. And what a splendid performance they gave, very ably supported by their Musical Director, Elaine Robins, and their accompanist, Sian Gwawr Davies. The audience also had the delight of performances given by two young singers who are on their way to great success – soprano Ffion Thomas and baritone Ethan Hartley.

What a programme of songs was presented! There was a menu of traditional Welsh songs, well-known choral and operatic songs, and also some from musical theatre. Such was the rousing performance of some of the songs such as *You'll Never Walk Alone* and *Cwm Rhondda* that I can't have been the only person in the audience who wanted to join in!

In addition to entertaining all who came that evening, the event was an opportunity to commemorate the life of a stalwart of Kidwelly, the late Mr David Gravell BEM, who was known to many in the town. He had been given the honour of the BEM for all his work in charity, sport and education. Finally, the Choir came to sing in Kidwelly to support Ty Golau Charitable Dementia Trust. Many people in the town are familiar with the charity which has its weekly sessions in the John Burns Foundation. It was established by retired occupational therapist Janet Lewis BEM 16 years ago to provide people with dementia-type illnesses with stimulating therapy using memories from their own lives.

The Group is a great success, and we are thrilled that so many people are prepared to get together to not only entertain but also raise funds so that we continue to do our work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in the evening, from the singers themselves to their lady supporters, i.e., their wives who not only organised the refreshments and raffle but did it all whilst wearing Welsh lady costumes!

As everyone is aware, every event like this must have a raffle and, according to one of the winners, the prizes were fabulous! This lady, who just happens to be part of the Ty Golau family, won a home-made chocolate orange cake which apparently was delicious and was so big it fed the family for days!



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It was soon back to our normal sessions and the topic of Autumn was considered, so all questions in our quiz related to that time of the year, with service users telling everyone of their memories of Autumn when they were young – the



Harvest Festival services they attended, the comforting meals that their mothers made, the games of conkers the had and how best to prepare their horse chestnuts – sorry, the jury was out on *the* best way to create an outstanding specimen. As if to emphasise the subject of the session, many volunteers came dressed on an autumnal theme, as you can see from the photo above.

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Well, the turning back of the clock one hour has already made a difference and many question the logic of this deed nowadays My handy tip for a clock change is Fall backwards and Spring forward and, on examining these terms, we do indeed spiral into a darkness and then spring into life. But the spring and following months bring a glorious display of nature where everything comes to life and as the Bible says, there is a season for all things and so, like plants and wild animals, we must take the season of winter to hibernate and charge our batteries. And at the rate time flies nowadays, with Halloween, Guy Fawkes and Christmastime to occupy us, with only a blink of the eye we will be welcoming a new spring.

Mynyddygarreg Seniors Club meeting in October once again saw a good number gather to enjoy each other's company. Much discussion took place as to future outings and it was agreed to attend a Youth Theatre in February and May. The Christmas Dinner was discussed as were last minute arrangements for the trip to Abergavenny, which turned out to be a grand day. Our regular Coach company, Gwyn Price, Trimsaran, must be thanked as always for their patience, kindness and consideration on these outings, always prepared to go that extra step to help members. Dorian hosted a ' Name that Tune' game which led to a jolly sing-along. The Raffle and Bingo both were won by one lucky lady, Esme. Thank you, Linda and helpers, for organizing the welcome refreshments We had a quiet spot of reflection for the late Mrs Jean Evans, formerly of Glyn Road, a founder member of the then Senior Citizen's Club. We acknowledged the grand Birthday of Mr Brian Morris, Meinciau Road, who celebrated his 90th birthday in September. Brian was the Entertainments Secretary for the Club for many years and along with his late wife Caryl organized so many wonderful outings and functions. We also had in our prayers our Treasurer, Mrs Christine Hughes and, we send to her our warmest get well wishes. Cymer ofal x
The next meeting will be at the Neuadd on Wednesday 3rd November 2.00pm when we hope to take part in an exercise class. Croeso i bawb.

The monthly meeting of the Neuadd committee discussed a range of future events, amongst them the annual Children and Family Halloween Fancy Dress party on Friday 31st October, doors open 6.00pm. This is always an enjoyable event with a turnout of spectacular costumes. Games and fun are organized by the talented Andrea Gower. Come along for a rowdy fun packed evening.

On Friday 21st November there will be the popular Quiz, prepared by Quiz mistress Sue Woodward and by popular demand, an evening of cash prize Bingo

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on Saturday 24th January. It is also hoped to host another Poems and Pints evening on Pub night also a Music evening. Watch this space. The Neuadd is very well used with events of various natures on most evenings.

Ysgol Mynyddgarreg are hoping to host a Mulled wine and Mince Pies event one afternoon in December, with the school children providing entertainment. Finalized details to follow.

The Sant Teilo Harvest Thanksgiving Service followed by a Buffet Supper was a great success. The Vicar expressed his thanks to everyone who had decorated the little Church and prepared a delicious Harvest Supper, with funds going towards yr Eglwys Fach. And, warm thanks to the Burns Foundation via Brigitte and Mike Rees for the wonderful gifts of beautiful flowers and garden produce. Much appreciated. Provisions for the Myrtle House Foodbank, Llanelli continue to come in and your donations would be most welcome by this wonderful trust. And a warm and sincere thank you to everyone for coming along to the Harvest celebrations and supporting our small but lovely Church, yr Eglwys Fach.

Ysgol Mynyddgarreg Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Sant Teilo was indeed a joyous service, the children were very vocal and entertaining. Well done to each one and to Headmaster Rhydian Williams and his staff for preparing the children so well. And thank you to the parents for their bountiful gifts of foods for the Foodbank. The service was taken by our Vicar who gave an address.

Heartiest Congratulations to Brian Morris, Meinciau Road, on his 90th birthday last month. Our very best wishes to you Brian for good health and happy days.

Our best wishes to Megan Reeve, Heol y Meinciau, who has embarked on a long work vacation to Asia and Australia. We wish you a safe and happy journey Megan. Dymuniadau gore i ti Megan Rowena, mwynha y profiad a shwrne saff i ti x

Oedd Gwasanaeth Diolchgarwch Horeb yn noson llwyddiannus gyda chynulleidfa da dan ofal y Parchedig Martin Williams.

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Blodau /Flowers

2-9 Tachwedd Alison Williams

16-23 Tachwedd Kath Williams

Darllenwyr/Readers

2nd November - Bridget Owen

9th November - Arfon Davies/ Jenny Jones Cyngor Cymuned Llandyfaelog

16th November - Phyllis Hughes

23rd November - Ela a Llinos/Carys

Drws/Door

2nd November - Bridget Owen

9th November - Shan Rees

16th November - Shan Rees

23rd November - Shan Rees

October's coffee and chat was another great success with Pauline Thomas giving us an insight in to her running days. Next months coffee and chat will be on Tuesday 4th of November at 10.30 and our guest speaker will be John Davies, and his topic will be an insight into Victorian Pharmacy.

The organ has been fixed and is lovely to hear it being played so beautifully again by Carys.

Our condolences go to Phyllis and David Hughes on the passing of their brother-in-law Hubert Phillips.

An excellent quiz evening was held at Llandyfaelog hall on the 19th of October with 17 teams taking part. A big thank you to Llinos and Eleri for doing an excellent job as quizmasters and to everyone else who helped make the evening a great success. A total of £734 was made for the church. Diolch yn fawr i bawb.

Congratulations to Iwan Thomas who will be representing Holstein UK at the Open Junior Show in Italy. Pob Lwc i ti Iwan na cyfle wych.

Whats On

We will be celebrating the feast of Maelog on Sunday 16th of November at 11.15. The service will be followed by tea and coffee and cake.

Remembrance service will be held in St Maelog's church at 2 o'clock followed by a service at Ty'r Gof garden at the top of the hill.

Llandyfaelog Christmas Festival including the lighting of the community christmas tree will be held on Monday 1st of December at 7pm. Anyone who would like a stall please get in contact with Arfon Davies.



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Parish Readings for November 2025

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Sunday 2nd November 1st Sunday of the Kingdom (celebrating All Saints Day)

Eucharist: Daniel 7.1-3,15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1.11-23; Luke 6.20-31 [p1039]

Evening Prayer: Psalm 145 or 145.1-9; Lamentations 3.22-33; John 11. [1-31,] 32-44

Reader: Ted Rowlands

Sunday 9th November 2nd Sunday of the Kingdom/Remembrance Sunday (9.45am in St. Mary's & 2.00pm in St. Maelog's)

Eucharist: Job 19.23-27a; Psalm 17.1-8,[9]; 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17; Luke 20. 27-38 [p1050]

No Evening Prayer – Christingle service

**Sunday 16th November 3rd Sunday of the Kingdom/Feast of St. Maelog (1 service at 11.15am in St. Maelog's for our group today)/
Safeguarding Sunday**

Eucharist: Malachi 3.16-18; Psalm 145. 3-13a; Revelation 19. 5-8; John 17. 18-23 (page 308 Green Book)

Evening Prayer: Psalm [93;]97; Daniel 6; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Reader: Brenda Evans

Sunday 23rd November Christ the King/ 4th Sunday of the Kingdom

Eucharist: Jeremiah 23.1-6; Psalm 46; Colossian 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43 [p1054]

Evening Prayer: Psalm 72 or 72.1-7; 1 Samuel 8.4-20; John 18.33-37

Reader: Kath Nicholas

Sunday 30th November 1st Sunday of Advent (5th Sunday)

Isaiah 2. 1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13. 11-14 Matthew 24. 36-44[p1]

No Evening Prayer:

Sunday 7th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

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

Reader: Ted Rowlands



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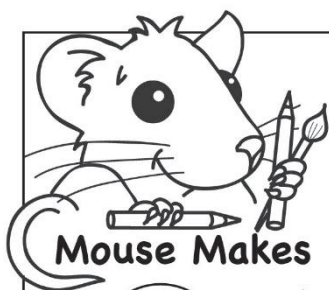
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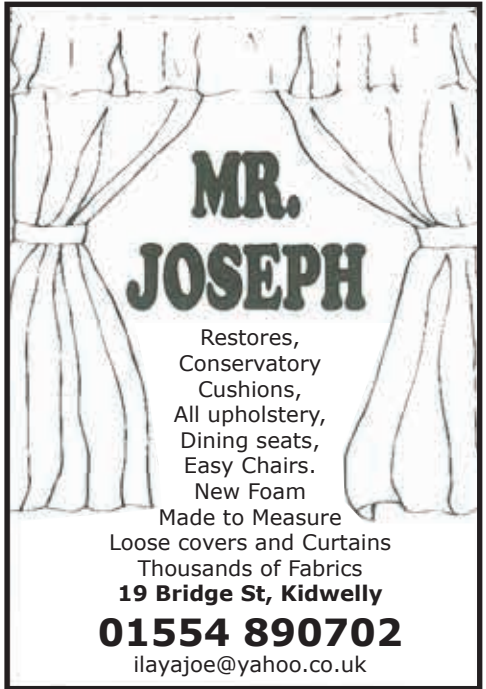
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Assisted suicide law would make this a country that says ‘some lives are not worth living’ – Bishop of London

Parish Pump Editor: *This is an issue which may affect all of us in the years to come, and so we have run this story long, to give you the full picture.*

The Bishop of London has warned peers in the House of Lords that legalising assisted suicide in England and Wales will “change society” by endorsing the idea that “some lives are not worth living”.

Bishop Sarah Mullally, the former Chief Nursing Officer for England, was concerned about those who could face internal and subtle pressures to end their lives if assisted suicide were introduced – particularly in the absence of adequate palliative or social care, or out of fear of becoming a burden on their families.

“I understand the fear of many that they may be offered free assisted death before they are offered the care and equipment that they may live,” she said.

As the Church of England’s lead bishop for health and social care, the Bishop of London was speaking as the House of Lords debated the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill in late September.

The Private Member’s Bill, brought by the MP Kim Leadbeater, completed its Third Reading in the Commons in June with a reduced majority of just 23 votes amid mounting concerns about its safety.

Bishop Sarah said it is right for peers now to scrutinise the Bill but argued that no amendments could ultimately make it entirely safe from the negative effects such as people being pressured to end their lives. “I am deeply concerned that so many in this Parliament are not heeding the voices of professional and representative bodies that are raising the alarm.” She also rejected the central claim that the Bill would offer people choice at the end of their lives.

“A meaningful choice would see the measures in this Bill set alongside equally available, fully funded palliative and social care services,” she said. “Without the choice offered this choice is an illusion.”. She spoke about her personal experience, including as a nurse, priest, and bishop, of spending time with people as they died and said the introduction of assisted dying within the health system would fundamentally alter the role of health professionals. “To change the law is to change society,” she added. “If passed, this Bill will signal that we are a society that believes that some lives are not worth living. “This Bill would become our State-endorsed position, and our NHS would be active in its delivery. I believe in a God who’s very being is life, and in that gift we can discover meaning, dignity and innate worth, even if we are dying”.

Nevertheless, the assisted dying bill has passed its second reading in the House of Lords, moving it another step closer to becoming law. The Bill now goes to a select committee for further scrutiny, with a deadline of reporting back to the House of Lords by 7th November, before it can move to the next stage.



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Time to Remember the Persecuted Church – 2nd November

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To support these suffering Christians, The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) is held each year in November. It is a good month to choose, because November is the month of remembrance – not only of our armed forces on Remembrance Sunday, but also of all Christian saints and martyrs who have given their lives for Christ, on All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

And so, on 2nd November thousands of Christians in churches across the UK will pray for the Persecuted Church worldwide. They will also send practical help through supporting well-established UK organisations such as Open Doors, Release International and Christian Solidarity Worldwide. These work to advocate for persecuted Christians in the UN and to advocate with national governments. They also distribute humanitarian aid to the affected communities around the world.

If you would like to join in this year, Open Doors, Release International, Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), and International Christian Concern offer you digital resource packs containing prayer guides, information about specific regions of persecution, and materials for church services, home groups, and children's activities. Meanwhile, here are some things to consider (figures from Open Doors): Worldwide, at least 4,476 Christians were killed last year for their faith. Nigeria alone accounted for 3,100 of them. Other countries in sub-Saharan Africa have seen rising numbers of Christian deaths.

Worldwide, at least 4,744 Christians were detained. They were arrested and detained without trial. Some were then sentenced and imprisoned for following Jesus. In India alone, 1,629 Christians were detained without trial and another 547 were sentenced to prison. Believers were incarcerated for their faith in Eritrea, Bangladesh, Iran amongst others. Worldwide, at least 210,000 Christians were driven from their homes last year and forced into hiding. Again, almost half of these were in Nigeria, where militant Islamism is on the rise.

As for individual countries, in Algeria alone last year, *all* the Protestant churches were ordered to close, or were forced to stop regular services. In Mexico, where organised crime is rampant, any Christians who protest at the violence become themselves a target for abduction and murder. In Kyrgyzstan, violence against Christians is also on the rise, as the authoritarian government further represses religious freedom.

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Testimonial. - Stress, Anxiety & Menopause Symptoms

"Lynne is a highly qualified, very skilled Reflexologist with a wealth of knowledge & experience. Her medical background allows her to approach treatments with a deep understanding of the body's systems & how they interact. Lynne is professional, compassionate and committed to the well being of her clients, taking time to listen, assess individual needs & tailor her treatments accordingly.

I highly recommend Lynne to anyone seeking an expert in Reflexology treatment."

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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

November 2nd 1st Sunday of the Kingdom

9.30am Choral Eucharist

6.00pm Evening Prayer

November 3rd All Souls

7.00pm Service to remember loved ones

November 9th Remembrance Sunday

9.45am Remembrance Service

6.00pm Evening Prayer

November 12th

2.00pm Mothers' Union in the Parish Room

November 16th Celebrating the Feast of St. Maelog

No service here 11.15am in St. Maelog, Llandyfaelog

6.00pm Evening Prayer

November 23rd Christ the King

9.30am Choral Eucharist

6.00pm Evening Prayer

November 30th 1st Sunday of Advent

5th Sunday United service in St. Teilo's, Mynyddgarreg 11.15am

5.00pm Christingle

December 7th Advent 2

9.30am Choral Eucharist

6.00pm Evening Prayer

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

Services

November 2025

St Maelog's, Llandyfaelog

November 2nd 1st Sunday of the Kingdom

11.15am Bilingual Mattins

November 9th Remembrance Sunday

2.00pm Service of Remembrance

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