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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

Some of you may be old enough to remember a diocesan event called Open to God. This was something organised by the Bishop at the time, George Noakes. You are probably aware that our current Bishop has organised its successor (funnily enough called Open to God II).

This is a series of events and sessions that are designed to deepen our faith, increase discipleship and help us be more outward looking in our faith. The main event will be on the 23rd of May at the Showground and it looks to be a very good day. Further on in the magazine there is more information about it so I will not dwell on the details of the day too much, except to say that coaches have been laid on. Please see me to book a seat on the bus; there is no charge for the transport or entrance to the event.

One thing that I have always thought important is how we share our faith with others and the Open to God main event will be a good opportunity to learn more about this whilst meeting others who are on the same journey of faith as we are. This is of course where the dreaded word 'Evangelism' comes in, one of those words that can make people feel rather uncomfortable and bring to mind fire and brimstone street corner preachers or getting stuck on a bus with someone who is incredibly enthusiastic about their faith and wants to share every little detail with you before asking the question "Are you saved?". Each to their own as we might say, and there is nothing fundamentally wrong with either approach to sharing the message. These are perhaps extremes and some of the most effective ways of sharing our faith is just by simple small acts of love and kindness. The most basic of these is offering to pray for someone who might need support. We don't always do this enough, perhaps as a church we are a little embarrassed by this, although there is no reason why this should be.

For many people Christian faith is a deeply private and personal thing. We don't always find it easy to express in words the relationship that we have with God and his church. There are times when explanations are needed but they are few and far between. What is needed more is the sharing of love and care, the offer to keep another in our prayers or even the invitation to come to church for a service or just to sit quietly. The world can be a hard and confusing place at times, and the only real certainty is the love and care of the Almighty and hope that this brings. At a time when the church seems to be shrinking, we need more than ever to come together as Christians, to encourage one another and bring people back into the fold. There is no need to stand on a street corner,

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May 3rd/10th Lynne Davies May 17th/24th Mary Atkinson

May 31st/June 7th Heather Witt

If you would like to go on the altar flower list in 2026 or contribute to the Flower Fund, please contact me. (01554 890 803)

Congratulations to Phillippa and Andrew Gower, Gletwyn, who celebrated their silver wedding on 14th April. From Elin, Awen, Wynne, Martin.

Tribute:

In memory of a dear friend and neighbour, Mr. Don Slade, who passed away in March. He will be greatly missed by his near neighbours, especially Ieuan Hughes. Members at St. Mary's church would like to add their condolences to Mr. Slade's family as for many years Don cut the churchyard grass and kept it in good order and we will miss him.

Upcoming Events for 2026 - For your diary – all events subject to confirmation. Details will be issued when available.

At the Vicarage for Pimms and Strawberries – Friday 26th June?

Mystery Trip Saturday 18th July.

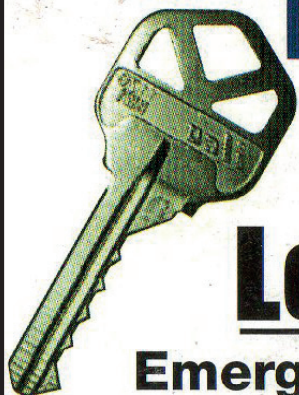
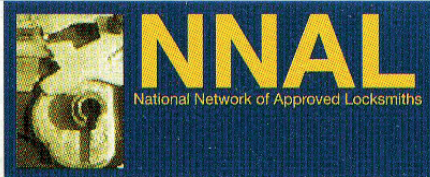
Music for Mary – No flower festival this year, but Music for Mary will go ahead with BBQ and games on the weekend of 15th/16th August.

Peaceful mind in the month of Pentecost

Luke 11:11-13 Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

John 14:15-18 If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Titus 3:4-7 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.



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For further information contact: Janet Lewis
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- 2nd May Er cof am wraig a mam annwyl sef Monica, ar dy wyth degfed benblwydd.. Colli ti bob dydd. Cariad leuan ar plant. Xx.
- 5th May Loving birthday memories of Lyn, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Love from Carol and family xx.
- 11th May In memory of a loving and devoted cousin, Janice Rowlands, on the 22nd anniversary of her death. Greatly missed, leuan. X.
- 13th May In loving memory of my dear wife, Anne, on the 13th anniversary of her passing. Love always, Martyn x
- 20th May Cherished memories of Eric Gwynfor, beloved Dad, Grandad and Great-Grandad, from loving daughter Gwyneth, Alan and family and Ann and family.
- 27th May Happy 18th Birthday Awen. Congratulations, love and best wishes from Mam xx
- 29th May Penblwydd Hapus i fy merch Juliette. Penblwydd pum deg a chwech hapus. Cariad mawr, Dad. Xx.
- 31st May Loving birthday memories of my dear Dad, Sid Cray. Miss you every day. Love always. Avril xx

National Smile month 11th May-11th June

National Smile Month is 50 years old this year. It is the UK's largest and longest-running campaign to promote good oral health, aiming to encourage people to brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, to cut down on sugar, and to visit the dentist regularly. Organised by the British Dental Health Foundation, the website offers the following snippets:

Some fun facts about your teeth:

- It takes 43 muscles to frown, but only 17 to smile.
- Some people pick their teeth with keys, earrings, bank notes and even screwdrivers!
- The going rate given by the tooth fairy these days is £2 to £5
- 61% of us have been attracted to someone by their smile alone
- 24% of us would share our toothbrush with our partner, but only 6% of us would share our toothbrush with a celebrity (!)
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Prayer Corner:



We continue to pray for all those in our parish who are unwell either at home, in hospital or in residential care just now. There is an intercessions book in St. Mary's by the votive candle stand if you would like to put anyone's name down for prayer on a Wednesday morning.

Lord Jesus, you announce your peace in our communities. Breathe upon all those afflicted by ill health and need your healing presence. Amen.

Remembering those in our community who have died. We pray for the repose of their souls, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. *Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, surround the families of those mourning loved ones with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Sudoku (April solution)

3	5	2	1	6	4	8	7	9
7	8	1	9	5	2	4	3	6
6	4	9	7	8	3	1	2	5
8	6	7	4	9	1	2	5	3
9	2	5	6	3	8	7	1	4
4	1	3	2	7	5	6	9	8
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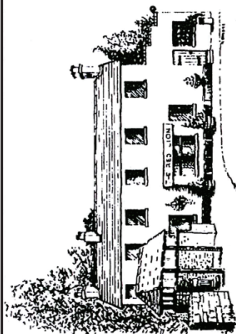
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The Year of Mission runs from Advent Sunday 2025 and follows on from previous themes - Prayer, Discipleship, Pilgrimage, Salt & Light and Children, Youth and Families.

It will be built around a major set-piece event - Open to God - to take place at the Carmarthenshire Showground on May 23rd., the Saturday of Pentecost 2026. The Sunday will then be an opportunity for churches to celebrate in their own localities.

At the heart of it all lies **CodeFP**:

Celebration, Outreach, Discipleship, Evangelism, Fellowship, Prayer

These themes will run through the whole enterprise, both at the Pentecost showpiece and in activities and events held within each LMA between now and the end of 2026.

Open to God has been inspired by Bishop Dorrien and mirrors an event held forty years ago by his predecessor and mentor, Bishop George Noakes.

It was officially launched at the Diocesan Conference, and, in his presidential address, he urged churches to “move forward with courage and compassion. We are co-workers in God’s service.

“Our mission must be collaborative, to make the Church not only relevant but vital to those both within and outside our walls.”

Free transport will be arranged from our churches in order to attend. List at the back of church if you want to come on the bus.

Here is a link if you want more information about this event:

<https://stdavids.churchinwales.org.uk/en/open-to-god/>

Open to God Mission Prayer:

O God, You have given us the good news

In your son Jesus Christ;

Fill our hearts with gratitude, so that we may tell others of the joy we have received.

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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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To register interest for a place with us, please go to: www.girlguiding.org.uk

The group held a family Bingo event in the Parish Room recently and raised £295.00 for their funds to help cover their census this year. It costs £55 per girl for the year, so they have some big bills to pay!!

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We will be having a Coffee Morning in the Parish Room on Friday 15th May at 10.30am. Tickets are £3.00 and are available from members. The money raised will go to the Away From It All holiday appeal. Currently, we are helping to fund Days out for Plant Dewi, where more families can be helped. Plant Dewi has a group meeting in our Parish Room on a Thursday morning.

Project:

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, we now have a crochet pattern for hats for Mission to Seafarers (ask Brenda) and a teddy knitting pattern for sailors to take teddies home to their children.

Teddy – Double knitting wool and size 10 needles are required.

Main colour for head and paws; different colours for trousers, jumper and scarf.

Cast on 10 stitches in main colour. Knit 10 rows. Change to trouser colour and knit 30 rows. Make another leg the same.

Knit across all 20 sts. Work for 16 rows. Change to jumper colour and knit 24 rows.

Change to main colour for head and to stocking stitch. Work 5 ½ inches. Change to jumper colour and continue the remainder of the Teddy in reverse order.

Stitch down the sides of the head. With jumper colour pick up 8 sts. Either side of the neck – join and knit 20 rows.

Change to main colour and knit 10 rows for paws.

Sew up Teddy leaving a little opening in the crotch.

(Please stuff teddy with only healthy padding, foam rubber is NOT recommended as babies may chew it)

Draw a thread around the neck. Sew diagonal top corners for ears. Sew happy face on Teddy.

SCARF: Cast on 60 stitches. Knit four rows and cast off. Tie scarf around Teddy's neck and sew to back of neck.

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Emma will be holding Quiz nights on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7.00pm for British Legion branch funds. Please support us in this initiative.

Thanks to those who supported the Great Tommy Sleep out at the end of March. Around £140 was raised for this appeal.

Carnival Day is on the 11th July, 2026. Parade to commence at 12 noon. Among the attractions will be Titan the Robot, Scottish Pipe Band, Carmarthen Symphony Band and a steel band.

On the stage there will be the Barhounds and Melody and John Baker on the square.

There will be bouncy castles, Circusdayze, Lindy Hop, Llanelli Flying Club, stalls and food vendors plus lots of activities

KIDWELLY SENIOR CITIZENS.

We enjoyed hot cross buns during our Easter meeting in April.

We paid for our trip to Cowbridge on May 20th, and if anyone would like to join us, we do have some spare seats. Contact Jackie on 01554 891399.

Our speaker this month was Father Jim Flanagan, ably assisted by his son, Tom and his mother, Pat. He gave an interesting talk on 'odd vicars', which included mermaids, lions, and dogs. Oh! and steam trains. Although the trains were not so odd compared to the other stories. He was very engaging and entertaining. Thank you Father Jim. We gave a donation to the Church.

We also held a competition for a home-made Easter Card, which was kindly judged by Pat.

The winner of this was Jackie Russell who took home a box of chocolates. Thank you to all who entered.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th May, 2pm at the Rugby Club.

Congratulations to Kidwelly AFC on their victory over Bwlch Rangers AFC in the T.G. Davies Premier Cup Final at Steboneath ground on Saturday 18th April. The score was 3-3 with no score in extra time. Kidwelly triumphed convincingly in the penalty short-out winning 3-2, with goalkeeper, Evan Williams saving two penalties. Well done, Kidwelly.

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Recipe of the Month: As a long standing member of St Mary's choir, and senior server in my younger years, I was delighted to be asked to share a recipe with you all in our much loved Parish magazine. My love of baking and cooking stemmed from not just family, but from members of the parish, such as Kath Nicholas, Ceris Harries and Diane Morley-Jones, who often invited us members of the choir around to bake, and craft.

After a long battle with my mental health in the early 2020's I decided to make a change and go for it when I saw an application for the great British



Bake off, and as you all know, I won. It has been one of the greatest achievements of my life and I am forever grateful for the support of my local community.

I leave you with a classic, but my favourite cake of all time, in a classic loaf cake form. Happy Baking. Georgina Wright (was Grasso)

Carrot Cake Loaf

175ml vegetable oil

3 eggs

125g grated carrot

50g grated apple

175g self raising flour

175g soft light brown sugar

Zest of one orange

1/2 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda

1 tsp mixed spice

1 tsp cinnamon

1/2 tsp vanilla bean paste

Method Preheat oven to 180c fan or 200c conventional. Grease and line a 2lb loaf tin.

Into a large bowl add all of the ingredients and mix until fully combined. Pour into lined a 2lb loaf pan Bake for 50-60 minutes until a skewer comes out clean. Leave to cool in the tin for 5 minutes then transfer to a cooling rack. While cooling make the buttercream.

Add the whisk attachment to a mixer or hand mixer and whip the butter until light, turn the mixer down and add the icing sugar bit by bit, once fully combined, add the cream cheese and maple syrup and mix to combine.

Once the cake is cooled completely, spread the buttercream on the top of the cake. Dust with cinnamon or add some carrot decorations. Enjoy!

For the buttercream

100g unsalted butter - softened

100g sifted icing sugar

150g cream cheese

maple syrup



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Newyddion St. Teilo News

May, known as 'the merry month of May', celebrating spring, growth and fertility is generally the month of flowers. Alas, with the mixture of weather within the seasons we are now experiencing, there is no pattern to flowers and growth but, we certainly take joy in seeing new signs of life., like the Lily of the Valley, May's flower, which will prosper anywhere. My very earliest recollection of flowers in the garden are these and, believe it or not, that little patch of Lily of the Valley is still there some 75 years later! Similarly, out in the fields, new life in lambs and livestock can be seen. For Christians, May is known as Mary's month and being the fifth month, it symbolises grace which is the unconditional love God has for us and shows it in the creation of new life for our benefit. Fittingly, May truly is a merry month.

Mynyddgarreg Seniors Club April meeting was well attended. New member, Sabrina, was warmly welcomed. Minutes of last month's meeting were read and agreed. Future outings were discussed; in May we visit the Lyric Theatre for a Forge youth production of 'Annie' and on June 27th we visit the Cardiff Food Festival which is open to non-members. The Raffle was won by Christine, and the Bingo was won by Caroline. Happy Birthday wishes were extended to Ann Moon, Anne Jones and Delyth, we then extended a very warm welcome to our guest speaker, Lynne Bell of Kidwelly, who gave an illustrated talk on Reflexology, and demonstrated on member Jeanette who thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Lynne then carried out a 'hands on' demonstration of hand reflexology when members joined in the exercises. It was a wonderful session, and we very much appreciated Lynne's time and teaching.

Eisteddfod Mynyddgarreg's annual Eisteddfod Gadeiriol is upon us, Friday 8th May, commencing at 5,00pm. We look forward to another talent-full evening, particularly from the young children who benefit so much from having the chance to perform on stage and do so with joy. Guest speaker this year will be Ioan Hefin. Please come along and support this age-old tradition and one that has been held in the village for over 38 years by the small but hard-working committee of Menter y Mynydd. Croeso mawr i chi gyd i ddod i fwynhau gwledd o adloniant.

Neuadd Mynyddgarreg's Quiz night in April was a huge success, with Quiz mistress Sue Woodward on top form! Worthy winners were faithful supporters, Llansaint's 'Saga Louts' who as always, generously donated their prize money back to Hall funds. Thanks to everyone who donated



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Our very best wishes go to Avril Morris, currently in hospital, and her friends at Sant Teilo and indeed the village. wish her a good recovery and a speedy return home. And, we at Sant Teilo remember our friend, Ceris Harries. and wish her a good recovery following a hospital stay, gwellhad buan a llawn i ti Ceris oddiwrth dy ffrindiau yn yr Eglwys fach.

The KAMPS recent production of Dick Whittington at the Neuadd was as usual a success with a group of talented local amateur Thespians giving their all to an appreciative audience at three performances. Well done all, from cast to crew, and we are already looking forward to the next production. Where better to perform than at our village hall, which is the official home of KAMPS.

Capel Horeb's next service will be held on Sunday 10th May at 2.00pm when Mrs Wendy Evans, Burry Port will officiate. This will be a service of Cymun Bendigaid. Officiating at the April service was the Parchedig Ian Sims who only very recently retired from the Ministry and we wish him health and blessings on his retirement.

A dymuniadau gorau go to Mansel and Diane Thomas, formerly of TyGwyn, Meinciau Rod as they depart the village after 50 years to make their new home at Cwmffrwd. Mansel who hails from Meinciau, commenced his role as Headmaster at Ysgol Mynyddygarreg, moving on to become a Lecturer at Coleg y Drindod, Carmarthen, until retirement. An active member of all things in the village and outside, including the Band, Neuadd, Ail Gyfle and until recently, founder member and Chairman of Menter y Mynydd and Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Mynyddygarreg. He has indeed given so generously of his time and talent to so many worthy causes and we thank him most sincerely for all that he has done and given selflessly in so many walks of life. We wish Mansel and Diane much health and happiness in their new home. Pob hwyl a iechyd i chi'ch dau yn eich cartref newydd,

The recent Ukulele Band evening held at the Neuadd was a grand evening of music and dancing with Carmarthen Ukulele band providing the music and Tumble Lindy Hoppers the dancing. The event was organized by Hilary Evett and the proceeds went to Ferryside Lifeboat and Neuadd Mynyddygarreg.

The Kidwelly Twinning Saint David's Day event held at the Neuadd saw a huge crowd supporting and enjoying the entertainment from Peri, Lynn and Mart, a little vintage jazz band and Tumble Lindy Hoppers. Members prepared a supper of Cawl and delicious homemade puddings and they

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A llawer o ddathlu mis Ebrill draw ym Mhantycrug,! Many celebrations in April over in Pantycrug! Anna having returned from another visit with her choir, Lleisiau'r Cwm, to the Pan Celtic Festival in Carlow, Ireland, scooping yet another award. Llongyfarchiadau mawr to Anna and the Choir. Celebrating a big Birthday in April is Jenny. The occasion will be marked by many 'home' events, and we all join with her family in wishing her health and happiness in the years to come. Doesn't seem that long Jenny since we were supporting you on your 40th Birthday challenge when you ran the London Marathon in aid of Cancer research in memory of your mother, the dear Margaret Pantycrug, raising over £6000 for the wonderful charity. As Jen would say ' Character building' !

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At Pentecost, we think back to that morning in Jerusalem when the Church was born. This month, as we celebrate Pentecost, it is good to know that many Christian agencies are working hard out there in the Middle East now, to help the suffering people of Gaza, Lebanon, Israel, the West Bank.... Not to mention all the other countries where bombs are falling and people are running for their lives.

Many of the Christian agencies work through local partners to provide essential supplies like food, water, and hygiene kits, alongside psychosocial support. If you would like to help to support this work, you could send funds through various key organisations:

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter floral arrangements — the church looked beautiful. Thank you also to Bridget for organising the Easter egg hunt, and to Shan for arranging the eggs.

Coffee and chat- David Hughes was our speaker at the April *Coffee and Chat*, where he spoke about his career in banking. Thank you, David — it was very interesting.

Next month, Edwin Atkinson will be joining us for *Coffee and Chat* on **5th May**, when he will be talking about his career in the Navy.

The pre-Easter Vestry Meeting was held on 12th April. Father Jim thanked everyone for their continued support throughout the church year. Kath Williams has decided that it is time to step down as Secretary after carrying out the role for an incredible **31 years**. Thank you, Kath, for all your hard work and dedication over the years.

Church officers were elected at the meeting:

- Sally Rees was elected as People's Warden
- Bridget Owen was elected as Church Secretary
- Rheinallt Jones will continue as Church Treasurer
- Shan Rees remains as Vicar's Warden
- Sarah Walters will continue as the LMA Representative

Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support, with a special mention to Shan Rees, who continues to do a great job as Vicar's Warden.

Sunday Lunch - Our next lunch after the church service will be on **10th May** at the Red Lion. Please let Shan know if you would like to attend.

Congratulations to Gethin Walters, Nantyogetre on his engagement to Bethany.



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Belated birthday wishes to **Jenny Jones, Pantycrug**, who celebrated her **60th birthday** in April. We hope you had a wonderful time, Jen!

Many happy returns to Mary Jones Glanffrwd who is celebrating her 80th birthday in May. Penblwydd hapus i ti Mary mwynhau y dathliadau.

Sincere condolences to Gareth and Carys Thomas on the loss of Gareth's mother at the end of March. *Flin iawn i glywed a meddwl amdanoch chi fel teulu.*

The **St Ishmael's YFC Field Day** was a great success, with over **400 competitors** attending the event at **Cwm Eynon Farm, Four Roads**. Senior members worked extremely hard to prepare the area for the competitions. *Diolch i bawb a wnaeth helpu i wneud y diwrnod yn llwyddiant.* The club now looks forward to the **County Rally on 9th May** at the County Showground.

Congratulations to Nia Thomas, Llancwm, who has been selected as one of the **Carmarthenshire YFC Deputy Ambassadors for 2026–27**. We wish you the best of luck for the year ahead and look forward to supporting you in your role.

Congratulations to Elgan Thomas of Gellifawr, chair of Carmarthenshire YFC and also Lowri Jones of Star Forge, deputy Ambassador of the YFC for completing their triathlon on the 11th of April. They were raising money for 3 organisations, Angor, Calon Cymru and CFFI Sir Gar. Aptly name Sir-Garathon they started off with a 600m swim at Newcastle Emlyn leisure centre, a 35km cycle to Abergwili followed by a 10km run to Pontargothen showground. To date over £2000 has been raised with further donations welcomed.

Llandyfaelog Show News

Preparations are well underway, and the AGM was held in March. Bethan Jenkins was elected as the new Chairperson, with Kris Owen as Vice Chair. It was agreed that the Chair will serve a two-year term. Non Knott is the Horticulture Chairperson, and we would like to thank Llinos Jones and Caryl Jones for their hard work as last year's Chairs.

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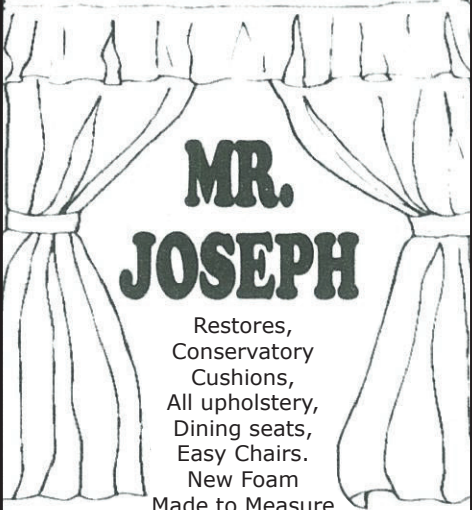
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- Sunday 3rd May** **5th Sunday of Easter** (Liturgical Colour: White)
Eucharist: Genesis 8. 1-19; [p1176]; Psalm 31. 1-5, [15, 16]; Acts 7. 55-60
John 14. 1-14 [p232]
Evening Prayer: Psalm 147. 1-11; Zechariah 4. 1-10; Revelation 21. 1-14
Reader: Ted Rowlands
- Sunday 10th May** **6th Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday**
(Liturgical Colour: White)
Eucharist: Genesis 8.20-9.17[p1177] Psalm 66.8-20; Acts 17.22-31; John
14.15-21 [p236]
Evening Prayer: Psalm 87;36.5-10; Zechariah 8.1-13; Revelation 21.22-
22.5 Reader: Jenny Jones
- Sunday 17th May** **7th Sunday of Easter – Sunday after Ascension Day**
(Liturgical Colour: White)
Eucharist: Ezekiel 36.24-28 [p1179]; Psalm 68.1-10,[32-25]; Acts 1.6-14;
John 17.1-11 [p245]
Evening Prayer: Psalm 47; 2 Samuel 23.1-5; Ephesians 1.15-23
Reader: Kath Nicholas
- Sunday 24th May** **Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**
(Liturgical Colour: Red)
Eucharist: Acts 2.1-21 or Numbers 11.24-30; Psalm 104.24-34,35b or 104.
24-35; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 or Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23 or 7.37-39
[p249]
Evening Prayer: Psalm 67; 133; Joel 2.21-32; Acts 2. 14-21,[22-38]
Reader: Brenda Evans
- Sunday 31st May** **Trinity Sunday** (Liturgical Colour: White)
Eucharist: Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13.11-13;
Matthew 28.16-30 [p258]
No Evening Prayer 5th Sunday
- Sunday 7th June** **1st Sunday after Trinity** (Liturgical Colour: Green)
Eucharist: Hosea 5.15-6.6; Psalm 50.7-15; Romans 4.13-25; Matthew 9.9-
13,18-26[p273]
Evening Prayer: Psalm [39]41; 1 Samuel 18.1-16; Luke 8.41-56
Reader: Ted Rowlands



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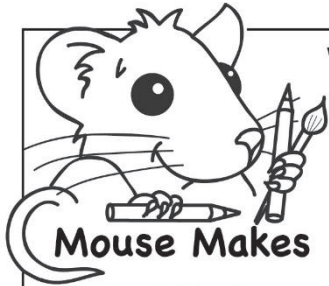
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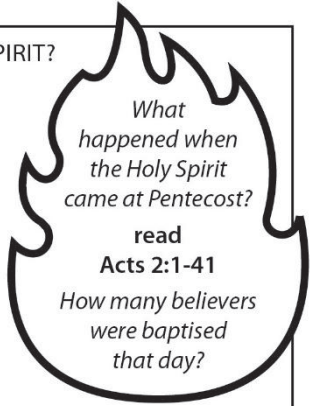
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St. Mary's Kidwelly

Sunday 3rd May **Easter 5**
9.30am Choral Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 10th May **Easter 6**
9.30am Choral Eucharist
11.00am Cymun Bendigaidd
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday 15th May
10.30am Mothers' Union Coffee
Morning in the Parish Room

Sunday 17th May **Easter 7**
9.30am Choral Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 23rd May
Open to God event in Carmarthen

Sunday 24th May Pentecost/Whit Sunday
9.30am Family Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 31st May Trinity Sunday
Fifth Sunday – United service
9.30am St. Mary's

Sunday 7th June **Trinity 1**
9.30am Choral Eucharist
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesdays

9.30am Holy Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

Services

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St Teilo's, Mynyddygarreg
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