Llansilin Newsletter



Spring 2001

Though not a thief, yet I should like
to steal the zest of spring
To borrow all her harmony of light
and colouring

To copy in my home the sun
and shadows that she blends
And take her joy of living to distribute
to my friends

I watch the world with wonder, every cloud
and growing thing,
And try to take a pattern from
the wisdom of the spring

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Times of Worship

Gofalaeth Bro Llansilin a'r Cylch

Maw.

4	Gweinidog	Cefncanol	10.30
11	Parch. Dr Nerys Tudor	Bethesda	6.30
18	Gweinidog	Soar	6.30
	Gwasanaeth dan ofal y Chwiorydd		
25	Mr W J Roberts	Rhiwlas	2.00

Ebr.

1	Gweinidog	Bethania	6.30
8 *	Mrs Marguerite Jones	Salem	2.00
15	Gweinidog Sul y Pasg (c)	Cefncanol	10.30
22 *	Mr Christopher Prew	Bethesda	2.00
29	Parch Iwan Lewis	Soar	2.00

Mai.

6	Gweinidog	Rhiwlas	10.00
	Cymanfa Ganu, Seion		
13 *	Parch Elwyn Pryse	Bethania	2.00
	Cymanfa Ganu yr Annibynwyr		
20	Gweinidog	Salem	10.00
	Sul leuenctid		
27	Parch T R Wright	Cefncanol	2.00

Pregethwr o Seion, Croesoswallt *
Cymon (c)

Llansilin Parish Church

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	10.00
2nd	Matins	10.00
3rd	Holy Communion	8.30
4th	Welsh Communion	10.00
	Evensong	6.30
5th	Family Service	10.00

Llangadwaladr Church

2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	2.30
4th	Matins	2.30

Rhiwlas Mission Church

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	2.30
3rd	Matins	2.30

Please contact the vicar to arrange home communion, visiting or special services

Who's Who?

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Dear People of Llansilin

The St Asaph diocese of the Church in Wales has kicked off to a year of celebration and reflection, which has been christened 'Feeding the Five Thousand'. The pivotal event of this celebratory year will be a weekend event at the International Pavillion, Llangollen, on July 21st –22nd, which will bring people together from all over the diocese. Everyone living in North East Wales are welcome to take part

The Bishop of St Asaph, The Rt Reverend John Davies has written to each deanery in the diocese, of which there are sixteen by the way, outlining the thinking behind the event and the preparations leading up to it.

The Bishop explains that from the title 'Feeding the Five Thousand' he has drawn three central themes, which might help develop and direct the thinking of the Church in seeking a renewed vision for the diocese.

The first theme is Spiritual Discernment. Like the disciples, the church leaders today have a need for guidance, teaching and encouragement, being together for worship, prayer and study, so that they may be able to discern what God is calling them to do. The use of the Bible in Church communities and looking for new ways of discerning the living for our time are some of the issues that will be addressed.
The second theme is Engagement with Society. The disciples had to learn that their spiritual training was a preparation for ministry, to practise the compassion that Jesus had for people. During this year, ways of discovering how to translate prayer and reflection on scripture into action for the sake of humanity and the world will be sought.
The third theme is a Review of Structures. Faced with a hungry crowd Jesus said to his disciples 'You feed them'. And they did so with the resources available to them. And the crowd of five thousand was organised into groups. There is always a need for structure and organisation and also a time to review them to make sure that available resources are used in the most appropriate way.
Bishop John says in his letter to the parishioners:
" In order to ensure that our diocesan celebration in July becomes significant to the future and not simply the destination of months of preparation, we shall be arranging meetings throughout the diocese early in the year to gather views and insights from you, the parishioners, on the three themes.
The Feeding of the Five Thousand Festival in July will be a musical jamboree as well as a celebratory event, with church music and choirs from all over the diocese taking part as well as The Love and Joy Gospel Choir from Liverpool. Speakers and entertainers are being booked and programme details are in preparation.
Before July's event, the Bishop will be visiting each deanery in turn and hold a visitation service. His visit to our parish will be on May 24th, Ascension Day, when he will visit Llangadwaladr Church and St Silin's Church as part of the 'Feeding the Five Thousand' celebrations

Diary Dates

1st March	Re-ordering discussions, Church 7.15pm
9th March	Lent study course, Vicarage 7pm
13th April	Good Friday Service
15th April	Easter Day Service 10am St Silin's Church
19th April	Easter Vestry 7 p.m
16thMay	Christian Aid Coffee Evening The Hall, 7pm
20th May	United Bilingual Service, Salem 10.30
24th May	Ascension Day - Bishop Johns visit to parish

The Christian Aid Week, 13th – 20th of May, is traditionally celebrated in Llansilin with a united bilingual service, a coffee evening with bring and buy and a speaker, and an envelope collection. This year the support is aimed towards debt relief in Uganda, trade issues in Brazil and development in Bangladesh. The bilingual service this year will be in Salem Baptist Chapel on 20th May at 10.30 am. A coffee evening will be held on Wednesday May 16th in The Memorial Hall 7 – 9 pm with a speaker who has visited or worked in a third world country. Last year the collections in our parish amounted to £ 480.87. The total collection in England and Wales was £12 million, some of which benefited from the gift aid tax rebate of 28p per £. A splendid effort indeed and thanks for your continued support.

Rhiannan Lewis

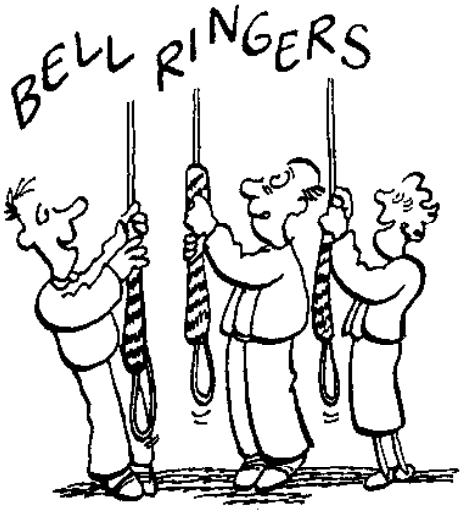
Milestones

Saying farewell to the departing of
Joan Booth, Llansilin and Dilys Hughes, Llansilin

There will be a **Lent Study Course** from Friday 9th March at 7 pm at the Vicarage and every Friday until Good Friday . Everyone welcome.

The gift aid secretary for St Silin's Church, Graham Moss would like people with last years contribution envelopes to send them to him as soon as possible please so that he can complete the Church Accounts and claim tax relief due before the end of the financial year .

The Countryside Alliance March
For
Liberty and Livelihood
In London Sunday 18th 0f March2001
Transport locally
Tel 01938 553 520 or 01691 600 246



Moneyma££ers

Covenants to charities - Chapels and Churches among them - are being phased out when they expire and new donors will join GWADD,(give with a direct debit) taking advantage of the new and more generous tax regime. Every £ donated, becomes £1.28!

A taxpayer can join by completing two simple forms. The first is a declaration dealing with the tax formalities. The second is an ordinary direct debit mandate empowering, for instance, The Representative Body of the Church in Wales to collect an agreed sum from your account monthly. The Representative Body of The Church in Wales can then claim the tax refund from the Inland Revenue.

GWADD is more flexible than covenanting because there is no commitment to a time period, and the amount of the monthly donation can be changed at any time. The charity does not have any administration to perform once a personal GWADD is up and running.

Further information available from The Gift Aid Secretary, St Silin's **Graham Moss Tel. 791 528**

St Asaphs Diocesan Youth Council
Invites young people aged 12 and over
to a
Weekend House Party
at
Coleg Y Bala
9th – 11th March 2001
Cost: £30
Contact Rev. Rex Matthias Tel. (01745) 720 273

Help Needed to knock in the 5-6 inch wide posts into the ground in the Playing Fields to finish the landscaping for the flower beds. The plants have arrived and will be planted as soon as this work has been completed. Any one with a tractor and post-knocker able to help, please phone Renee on Tel 791 366.

Notes from the Belfry

The band of ringers continues to practice and are improving all the time. They want to thank the village for their tolerance on practice nights. Last year they rang for three weddings and three centenarians; The Queen Mother, Mrs Garment and Mrs Hallett. The ringing chamber is now a warm, light and cosy room and an extra asset in the parish. The ringers ate their first Christmas supper there in the form of a take away from the Wynnstay Inn.
A video lasting 55 minutes has been made, covering the entire bell restoration project. Available from the Steeple Keeper, Chris Burton tel. 791 274 priced £7.50 (£8.50 by post)

Snippets!

- *At the Plygain, five partis kept the old tradition going. Well done and thanks to the ladies who provided refreshments afterwards*
- *The Church has a new folding table for use when serving refreshments at Church activities.*
- *.Two big unsafe trees have been felled in the Churchyard. Permission for treefelling in the Churchyard has to be granted from Montgomeryshire County Council and the diocesan authorities as the Church and grounds are in the village conservation area.*
- *Mrs Phyllis Wilkes has retired from the PCC. She has given years of loyal support and service ever willing to help the Church in every possible capacity, so a BIG Thank you for all your involvement.*
- *A 15 seater weekly shopping bus to Oswestry for around a £1, run by the Community Group in conjunction with Helpmates is under serious consideration, providing there is enough support. Please contact Renee with your views.*

Gweinidogaeth Bro

Unwaith eto, drwg gennym gofnodi marwolaeth Mrs Dilwyn Hughes, Berwynfa. Gwraig ei milltir sgwar oedd Mrs Hughes, wedi ei geni a'I magu yn y plwyf ac wedi byw ynddo ar hyd ei hoes. Gwraig a weithiodd yn distaw a diffwddan oedd Mrs Hughes, yn enwedig I gapel SALEM, hi oedd eu trysoryddes ac yn gofalu am y cymun. Cefnogodd bob math o weithgareddau yn y pentref, o nosweithiau coffi Cymorth Cristnogol i Yrfaon Chwist misol y Neuadd. Mae colled ar ei ho mewn llawer maes. Bu'r angladd ddiwedd mis Tachwedd a gwasanaethwyd gan y Parchedigion Dyfan Thomas, Stanton Evans a Christopher Carter. Trafodwyd y deurnged gan Mrs L M Jones. Cydymdeimlwn yn ddiffuant a'r teulu i gyd.

Prynhawn Sul, Rhagfyr yr 17ed cafwyd gwasanaeth Nadolig yn y Neuadd. Y Parch Stanton Evans oedd wedi trefnu y rhaglen.. Y plant a'r marched oedd yn gyfrifol am y gwasanaeth. Cyn y te, oedd wedi ei drefnu gan ferched capeli'r Llan, rhanodd Hywel Jones barseli i'r plant a oedd wedi eu anrhegu gan y Parch a Mrs Stanton Evans. Prynhawn bendithiol a thymhorol iawn

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Cafwyd gwasanathau dechrau'r flwyddyn yn y Llan. I ddechrau'r gyfres cafwyd Cyfarfod Gweddi bore Sul, cyfarfod yr ieuenctid nos Sul a phregeth gan y Parch Raymond Hughes nos Wener. Gwnaed casgliad tuag at yr Hospis yn y gwasanaethau. Dechrau da I'r flwyddyn.

Cyn y Nadolig fe gafwyd Cymanfa Garolau yng nghapel Bethania dan arweiniad medrus Mrs Iona Jones. Er bod Mrs Jones dan anwyd trwm, roedd hi'n benderfynol o wneud i'r gynulleidfa weithio ac fe gafwyd canu brwdfrydig a bywiog bob yn ail a chanu plygain gan wahanol bartion.

Ym mis Chwefror edrychwn ymlaen at gael y Llyfr Emynau Cyd – enwadol newydd, cam arall ymlaen at uno.

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Llansilin Playscheme and Community Group

is now running a **youth club** in Llangedwyn, on Monday nights 7 – 9 pm, in The Hall. Linda and Gill who run it are both qualified youth workers.

A post for a **Special Needs Worker** is advertised. The person appointed will assist children who are experiencing difficulties with some aspect of their school work.. The post is part-time, 20 hours per week, and the person appointed will work a flexible system according to the needs of the child. Head Teacher at Ysgol Bro Cynnlaith Mrs M Smith tel.791 365 will liase with the Special Needs Worker.

A one-day training seminar on all aspects of child care is planned for March, in Llansilin. Specialised speakers will talk about legal, social, medical and educational issues concerning children. Details are yet to be finalised and will be displayed on village notice boards, the event is likely to run between 10 am and 2.30 pm with refreshments available.

Anyone who handles food for the public or is likely to be involved in catering of some sort are required to hold a **Basic Food Hygiene Certificate** from an approved authority. Powys County Council Environmental Health Department is running such a course in Llansilin in March. There will be ten places available, final details to be displayed as soon as available.

For information on any of the above, please telephone 791 371.

St Asaph Diocesan Youth Council is running a

TRAINING DAY FOR YOUTH LEADERS

Saturday 14 |March

10am – 4 pm

St John's Church, Rhosnesni, Wrexham

No Charge

Rev'd Rex Matthias, Tel 01745 720 273

Llanfyllin Ruridecanal 'Work

with Young People' will be celebrating **The Good Shepherd Sunday** in St. Ffraid's on 26th of April at 2.30 pm The theme of the service is to help improve the life for stockfarmers in Uganda, in order to increase milk and meat production, combat malnutrition in children and generally improve the life of rural families.

As the main source of income in our deanery is agriculture, it would seem fitting that we extend some help to farmers in other parts of the world who are struggling against the odds. The scheme is linked to the Dolen Ffermio Charity, Farmers World Network.

Would any farmer be prepared to give the price of a lamb to raise money for this cause? It is hoped that our young people in particular will take part in this scheme, and make their pledges at the Good Shepherd Sunday Service. There will be other fundraising events including a BBQ in the summer.
Further information from Sheila Ashley tel 791 283

'O Ffermwr i ffermwr am well dyfodol'
'Farmer to farmer for a better future'

Life at Ysgol Bro Cynllaith

The school put on 'Oliver' this year and it was a big undertaking, well done. The proceeds were shared between school and Cylch Meithrin Llansilin and the school is hoping to buy a workbench and some tools for use in the school.

Thomas Williams, Daniel Evans and Jessica Roberts have joined the school and we wish them all the best at the start of their school life.

A visit to Theatr Clwyd to see Cinderella was a treat as was the ice cream in the interval, thanks to the PTA!

Japan is a topic in school this year, and there has been an exchange of paintings and drawings between our school and one in Japan. The Japanese pictures are displayed in school and people interested to look at them are welcome to do so. It is hoped that someone who has experienced life in Japan will come to school and talk to the children.



Lilies for Easter

At Easter, the Church is traditionally decorated with lilies to celebrate the season. If anyone would like to sponsor a lily in memory of a loved one at St Silin's Church, please contact Beryl Jones tel. 653 941.

Fairtrade fortnight with Llansilin WI
5th – 18th March 2001

This annual campaign is highlighted this year by the Women's Institute who are holding a coffee morning to bring attention to Fairtrade and to highlight how *you* can bring about a better deal to farmers, producers and craft workers in some of the poorest countries in the world.
Fairtrade is not there to give charity. Fairtrade works to provide fair terms of trading, guaranteed prices, decent working conditions and secure long-term contracts and the produce has to be of a marketable quality. Iceland, Somerfield, Sainsbury's and Co-op Pioneer Supermarkets and Honeysuckle Wholefoods all stock Fairtrade produce. Next time you buy bananas, coffee, tea, sugar, cocoa, chocolate to name a few commonplace grocery items, look for the Fairtrade mark and you are thereby helping the producers of these products to a better, fairer life. And remember, if you can't find Fairtrade products, ask for them to be stocked.

Please support the coffee morning in
The Memorial Hall, Saturday 10th March 10.30 – 12.30.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART IN THE USED STAMPS AND GREETING CARDS COLLECTION FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION. YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED AND HELPS TO RAISE MONEY FOR VITAL TREATMENT OF THIS HORRIFIC DISEASE.
Local Contact for The Leprosy Mission:
Dr Alan Wood, Caer Bryn, Monnow Way, Bettws, Newport NP20 7DB Tel. 01633 852 367

The School is now partaking in The Blue Peter Appeal and is collecting used stamps in the Garage Shop. The appeal is to raise money for hospitals in South America.

Fundraising Success

Janet Davies, Penycraig, has been running The Webb Ivory Christmas Fundraising Catalogue now for many years. She circulates it in the village before Christmas and proceeds are donated to Church Funds. She would like to thank everyone who has supported the scheme which this year raised £215.40.

Help wanted for a New Church Guide Book

Last year Llansilin Parish Church received a donation from the 'Llansilin Book Ladies' towards the cost of producing an up to date guide book for the Church. Every year the Church is visited by a large number of people from far and near. Some visitors have a historical interest in the building , whilst others may be looking for their connections and family records. An old Church like St Silin's represents a treasure of great historical, artistic and social significance to the area.

All that is needed now is for someone to put it together !

If you think this is the challenge *you* have been looking for, please contact Valerie Burton, PCC Secretary on tel. 791 274.

Easter Biscuit Treat

125g (4 1/2oz) softened butter

75g (2 3/4oz) caster sugar

1 separated egg

200g (7oz) plain flour

1/2 tsp ground mixed spice and 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon

50g (1 3/4oz) currants and 25g (1oz) mixed peel

1 -2 tbsp milk

1 tbsp sugar to sprinkle

Makes 20 Prep time 20 mins Cooking time 10 - 15 mins

Heat oven to 200C (400F) Gas 6

Cream butter and sugar Beat in egg yolk

Sift flour and spices, add and mix in

Add fruit and enough milk to make a softish dough

Roll out and cut into rounds Bake for 8mins Brush with egg white and sprinkle with sugar and return to oven until golden

Cleaning and Flower Rota, St Silin's

(No flowers for lent)

March 4th	Beryl Jones and Morfydd Williams
11th and 18th	Tony and Gwyneth Jones
25th	Olive Jones and Dot Renshaw
April 1st	Olive Jones and Dot Renshaw
8th and 15th	Anneli Thomas and Val Burton
13th and 14th	*Spring Cleaning and decorating for Easter Everyone's help appreciated*
22nd and 29th	Valerie Talbot and Dorothy Jervis
May 6th and 13th	Mary Morris and Margaret Lloyd
20th and 27th	Sheila Ashley +Christine Williams



Sidesmen's Rota, St Silin's

March 4th	10 am Communion	Beryl Jones
11th	10 am Matins	Gill Avery
18th	8.30 am Communion	Deborah Hill - Trevor
25th	9 am Welsh Service	Olive Jones
	6.30 pm Evensong	Phyllis Hughes
April 1st	10 am Communion	Jerrfrey Olstead
8th	10 am Matins	Brenda Jones
15th	EASTER DAY	
	8.30 am Communion	Margaret Lloyd
	10 am Communion	Graham and Lynette Jones
22nd	9 am Welsh Service	Dan Jones
	6.30 pm Evensong	Deborah Hill - Trevor
29th	10 am Family Service	Sunday School
May 6th	10 am Communion	Dennis Sockett
13th	10 am Matins	Anneli Thomas
20th	8.30 am Communion	Mary Morris
27th	9 am Welsh Service	Vera Evans
	6.30 pm Evensong	Val Burton

Please arrange a substitute if unable to attend or contact Churchwardens

Village Activities

Aelwyd - Welsh League of Youth, from September on Fridays 7.30 - 10 pm in Memorial Hall. Contact Emyr Evans tel. 791 240

Bowls Club 7.30 pm in Memorial Hall onMondays. Contact Sharon Lee tel. 831 431

Community Council meet every second Tuesday alternate months 7.30 pm in Memorial Hall. Contact Harry Hughes tel. 657 972

Drawing and Painting for all, Rhiwlas Community Centre from Tuesday 19th September 10 am - 12 noon. Run by the North Shropshire College.

Cymdeithas Ddwylliadol Llansilin (Welsh Cultural and Literary Society) September to April in Memorial Hall on Mondays 7 - 9 pm. Contact Sarah James tel. 791 346

First Llansilin Guides Tuesdays 7 - 8.30 pm in The Institute. Contact Alison Beeston tel. 791 262

Llansilin Mixed Choir practise weekly in the Memorial Hall. Contact Henry Davies tel. 791 410

Llansilin Playscheme, for after-school activities in sport, drama, arts and crafts Contact Sian on tel. 791 371

Local History Society, Contact Chris Burton tel 791 274

Memorial Hall and The Institute.Contact the Chairman and Booking Clerk Arthur James tel 791 346

Mothers Union meet in The Institute every third Thursday at 2.15 pm. Contact Glenice Jones tel 791 287

Meals on Wheels (needs assessed by Social Services) Contact Olive Jones tel. 791 363

Over 60's Club meet alternate Tuesdays from September at 2 - 4.30pm in The Institute. Contact Kay Hughes tel. 791 216

Playgroup on Mondays and Thursdays during term- time, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Contact Carol Foulkes tel. 791 326

Rhiwlas Community Centre, Contact Will Thomas tel. 680 451

Rhiwlas Gardening Club every third Wednesday at 7.30 pm in The Community Centre. Contact Dorothy Bullard tel. 791 373

Rural Car Service for visiting the doctor, dentist, chiropodist etc. Contact Christine Williams tel 791 563 between 8 - 9 am and 6 - 7 pm unless in an emergency.

Sunday School every first Sunday term-time 10 - 11 am in The Institute. Contact Sheila Ashley tel. 791 283

Whist drive every second Wednesday September to May at 7.30 pm in The Memorial Hall. Contact Emyr Evans tel 91 240

Womens Institute meet every second Friday at 7 pm in The Institute. Contact Renee Springett tel. 791 366.

YFC, contact Richard Evans tel. 600 228

Youth Club meet Thursdays 7 - 9.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Contact Youth Leader Elena Jones tel. 780 315