

# LLANSLIN PARISH CHURCH

with RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH and  
LLANGADWALADR CHURCH



ISSUED QUARTERLY

JUNE 1993



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## C H U R C H   S E R V I C E S

### LLANSILIN

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
	Sunday School	10.00 a.m.
2nd Sunday	Matins	10.00 a.m.
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Cymun Bendigaid	10.00 a.m.
4th Sunday	Matins	10.00 a.m.
	Evensong	6.30 p.m.
5th Sunday	Family Service	10.00 a.m.

### LLANGEDWYN

1st Sunday	Family Service	11.15 a.m.
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
3rd Sunday	Sunday School	11.15 a.m.
	Evensong	6.30 p.m.
4th Sunday	Holy Communion	11.15 a.m.
5th Sunday	Matins	11.15 a.m.

LLANGADWALADR/RHIWLAS CHURCHES (Services alternate between these 2 Churches from these dates)

6th June 1993	Llangadwaladr Church	2.30 p.m.
13th June 1993	Rhiwlas Mission Church	2.30 p.m.

VICAR: Rev Christopher Carter, The Vicarage, Llansilin. Tel:209

## C H A P E L   S E R V I C E S

Mehefin 6ad	Gweinidog	Bethania	10.30 a.m.
Mehefin 13eg	Parch John Owen	Salem	2.00 p.m.
Mehefin 20fed	Gweinidog	Cefncanol	10.30 a.m.
Mehefin 27ain	Parch Harri Parri	Rhiwlas	10.00 a.m.
		Bethesda	2.00 p.m.
Gorffennaf 4ed	Gweinidog (Cymun)	Soar	6.30 p.m.
Gorffennaf 11eg	Parch Noel Roberts	Rhiwlas	2.00 p.m.
Gorffennaf 18ed	Mr Moelwyn Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00 p.m.
	Gweinidog	Bethania	6.30 p.m.
Gorffennaf 25ain	Parch Huw Williams	Salem	2.00 p.m.
Awst 1af	Mr R. H. Platt	Cefncanol	2.00 p.m.
Awst 8fed	Parch R. E. Humphreys	Cefncanol	10.30 a.m.
	Gweinidog	Bethesda	6.30 p.m.
Awst 15fed	Mr Maelor Griffiths	Soar	2.00 p.m.
Awst 22ain	Parch Glyn Morgan	Rhiwlas	6.30 p.m.
Awst 29ain	Parch Gwilym Jones	Bethania	2.00 p.m.

Gweinidog/Minister: Y Parch Stanton Evans, 20 Croeswylan Lane, Oswestry. Tel: 654682

## ***Sunday trading***

Passing a local church recently, the message on the noticeboard made me smile. It read — *We open on Sundays!*

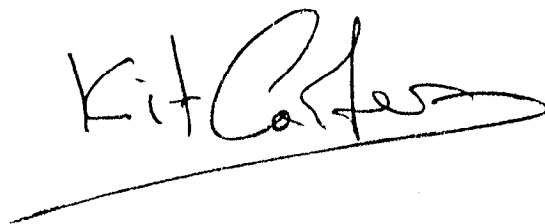
## THE VICAR'S LETTER: TRINITY SEASON

This issue of the magazine reaches you just as we come to the end of the colourful sequence of feasts and fasts which diversify the Church's calendar between Advent and Whitsuntide and enter what my wife (who used to help the sacristan in her home parish) once called "the great green prairie of the Sundays after Trinity". It is true that occasional holy days are dotted here and there on this wide expanse, while in comparatively recent times the Anglican church has built a substantial landmark half-way across by devising our Harvest Festival, but by and large the going is pretty monotonous during this second half of the Church's year, and I often find myself casting around rather desperately as Sunday approaches for a subject for my sermon.

Which is just as it should be, if you think about it. During the months from Advent onwards we have followed the drama of Christ's incarnation, temptation, passion and resurrection, as the Lord of Creation laid aside his Godhead to share with us what the Prayer Book calls "the sundry and manifold changes of the world" as a member of our human race, and to suffer the common fate of all mankind upon common gallows - only to return triumphant from the shadows to assure us that no life offered to God in love and faith is ever truly wasted, that a candle of hope lit in defiance of selfishness and savagery and cynicism can never be put out. And now he has left us to live by that faith, trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit who, he promised his friends before he said goodbye, would come and transform them from disciples, learners, into apostles, messengers of God's good news to the world.

We must find our own way now, but He has told us that He is the way, and that He will live in us if we try to live in him. In the beautiful words of St. Teresa of Avila "Christ has no body now on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes through which his love must look upon the world; ours are the feet upon which he is to go about doing good; ours are the hands with which he is to bless men now".

So let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kit Carter". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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## HUW MORUS ( EOS CEIRIOG ) 1622 - 1709

Although Huw Morus was one of the most famous bards of the seventeenth century, very little is actually known of his life, apart from what is gleaned from his poetry.

Though he spent most of his long life at Pontymeibion in the parish of Llansilin and is known as Huw Morus Pontymeibion nevertheless he was born in 1622 at Hafodgynfor in Glynceiriog. He was the second son of Morris ap John ap John. His early life is sketchy but we know that his grandfather owned land at Rhiwlas and Hafodgynfor - the Rhiwlas property may have been a dowry when he married Gwen the daughter of Thomas ap Llywelyn of Rhiwlas. Huw had an older brother, John, with whom he made his home after his father's death; and a younger one called Humphrey.

Of his early education we know nothing but as he could read and write there is a strong possibility that he received some education. From one of his poems we gather he was apprenticed to a tanner in Gwaliau near Overton. He disliked the work so intensely that he returned home to help his father on the farm, thus breaking his contract. How much he assisted his brother on the farm is doubtful, as so much of his time was spent writing poetry and visiting various patrons. Amongst his patrons were Syr William Williams Glascoed - speaker of the House of Lords - The Myddletons of Chirk and Plas Newydd, William Owen of Brogyntyn, Rug and Melai.

He was a staunch churchman all his life, walking or riding from Pontymeibion every Sunday. Probably he had his meals from his friends at Llansilin especially at Plas Newydd. He was a churchwarden for a time and as a tribute to his genius he was allowed to walk out of the church ahead of the vicar. He lived during six reigns and the incumbencies of six vicars.

In politics he was a strong Royalist but managed to escape persecution by the Roundheads by being wary of criticising the Cromwellian government.

Many of his poems written during the Commonwealth period are allegories where he uses the names of animals and birds to caricature various persons e.g. Cromwell is a fox, Charles I a lion, and exiled clergy are shepherds. Despite his poems in strict metre, he is more famous for his songs. Many were written to be sung to contemporary music, and every year he composed carols for May festivals and the Plygain at Christmas. But his most famous poem is his elegy to Mrs Barbara Myddleton of Plas Newydd - being a conversation between the living and the dead.

Apart from writing poetry he also wrote at least two "anterliwts" - plays that were acted by travelling troupes using a farm wagon as a stage and satirising various people.

He died on August 31st 1709 and was buried by the south wall of Llansilin Church. After his death in 1875 a stained glass window was erected in his memory in the east wall of the church. Another tombstone was erected over his grave by the south wall, the first having eroded. His last verse was composed on his deathbed which is also a farewell.

Mynd i'r ail adail ar redeg - yr wyf;  
Lle ceir oes ychwaneg,  
I baradwys bur wiwdeg,  
Yn enw Duw, yn union deg.

L. M. Jones

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#### ST ASAPH DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL

At a recent meeting of the Diocesan Youth Council it was resolved to set up a Young Adults Forum for the diocese. Some dioceses in the province already have such an organisation for young people between the ages of 16 and 30. Is there anyone in the parish who would be interested in becoming a member - they may be married or single, at home or in further education. There is a real need for people of this age group in the diocese to get together. It is hoped that the first event will be at the end of September. If you are interested, please contact the Vicar.

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The Easter Vestry Meeting was held at the Memorial Institute on April 21st. The meeting was taken by the Vicar Rev: C Carter Both Mrs Sheila Ashley, Vicar's warden and Mr Bill Jones, People's warden were re-elected. Unfortunately Mrs Nancy Williams has resigned as our secretary and Miss Mary Morris as our treasurer. We thank them both and will miss their expert services. They will be a hard act to follow but we're grateful to Val Burton for taking up the pen and Brenda the cheque book.

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The winner of the competition in the previous newsletter was Mrs Dilys Hughes, Berwynfa. We apologise to Mrs Margaret LLOYD for the typing error in her quiz.

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M O T H E R ' S   U N I O N



Mrs Glenice Jones, Enrolling Member, took both the March and April meetings which were well attended. At the March meeting Mrs B. Sandelands, Ffryddlyn, gave a most interesting and informative insight into the work of "Action Aid". In April Mrs M Evans, Hafod, gave an excellent cookery demonstration. Both these meetings were enjoyed by members and once again Miss O. Jones organized the monthly raffle.

On April 27th members attended the Annual Deanery Festival at Llanfechain. Mrs Jean Thomas of Llanfechain was elected as the new Presiding Member for the Deanery.

From September onwards it has been decided to hold the monthly meetings in the afternoon at 2.00p.m. This will then enable the young mothers to join us. Miss O. Jones has kindly offered to look after any small children who come with Mum and the older children can then be collected from school at 3.15p.m.

For the June meeting, members will be visiting the Flower Festival at Llanfyllin, and in July, the Annual outing will be a visit to Preen Manor at Church Stretton.

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W H A T ' S   B E E N   H A P P E N I N G

The Annual United St. David's Day service was held at Soar Chapel on 28th Feb. The service was well attended and was taken by Rev. C. Carter. Members of the congregation took part in the readings and prayers. The address was given by Mr A. Hughes of Oswestry. The organist was Mrs C. Evans and the collection was taken by Mr E. & N. Evans - this amounted to £57.66, and was afterwards forwarded to the Hope House Children's Respite Hospice Appeal.

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A very successful Coffee Evening was held on 28th April in aid of the Children's Society when £159.00 was raised. There was a Bring and Buy stall and several raffles. People gave and bought very generously. Many thanks to all who helped in any way. We also forwarded another £100 to the Society in February which were the proceeds of the collecting boxes these are held by fourteen members of the parish and are emptied once a year.

Kaye Hughes

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Forgiveness is a free gift, but you must accept it.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

"God has no hands but our hands"

You will all know that Mr Fraser of Rhiwlas died just before Easter. We as a Sunday School were proud to have been chosen to help him a few years ago. He was in Copthorne Hospital and was not "coming on" as the Doctors had hoped. We had gone to Butterfly World a few miles away at Yockleton, and we sent him a get well card. As he read it an escaped fancy butterfly fluttered by his bed and he realized God was saying "not yet". We were glad to have him back with us for a few more years.

This quarter we have discussed The Bread of Life and made bread, and of course at Easter we made nest buns complete with eggs. We were very proud to see Ceri and Anna being confirmed at Llanwddyn Church on a glorious day in May. Of course it was a "religious day" not a fashion parade but my word all the youngsters from Llansilin looked terrific!!!

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### MY CONFIRMATION by Anna Jones

I arrived at Llanwddyn Church at 2.55p.m. I went inside and sat in the second pew. First we sang a hymn and then we sat down to listen to the sermon. Afterwards we listened to four readings and sang a number of hymns before the actual confirmation service started. The Bishop asked us questions and then called the confirmation candidates to come up to him to be blessed and confirmed. Then came the turn of my friends and myself to go up to the Bishop. We knelt in front of him and he placed his hands on our heads and recited the confirmation prayer. When he had finished we said "amen" and gave a slight bow and went back to our seats. We sang a hymn that went to the tune of Ode to Joy and it sounded lovely. After that we read a Psalm about confirmation. We then went up for our first communion. The bread had a picture of Jesus Christ on it and the wine tasted very sweet. After that we sang two more hymns and the service ended. We all then went for refreshments.

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### HAVE YOU HEARD?

About the Vicar who was puzzled by a stone slab in his church with H.W.P inscribed on it. He looked through the parish registers and asked all to no avail. Until the heating went wrong and the plumber came. Hot Water Pipes!

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The prayers of good men and women can do more than all the armies and navies of a nation. Prayer-craft is greater than aircraft.

## RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH

At the end of the Nineteenth Century the population of Rhiwlas was much greater than today, and at this time there was a great demand for education and religious teaching. This was the way to improve the lot of oneself and family. The school was opened in 1877, the Calvinistic Methodist Chapel in 1876 and the Church in 1886. Until this time church services were held in farms and houses notably Bryn Powys and Tynygroes. The vicar Rev. Davies and layreader Mr William Evans took the services on weekday evenings.

The site on which to build the church was a disused Wesleyan Chapel which had fallen into disrepair and was being used as a carhouse. The site and building was purchased for £25.0.0d and the seats for £2.15.0d. Money to build and furnish the church was raised by donation, collections and concerts. Mr Jebb of the Lyth, Ellesmere and Tydraw, Rhiwlas gave the land surrounding the church to be used as a burial ground. Miss Whitfield of Glascoed collected £9.11.0d towards the purchase of the Silver Communion plate. Mrs Jebb, the Lyth gave money for the altar cloth. The collection Plate was given in memory of Mr Jebb in 1894.

One of the leading figures involved in the founding of the church was Mr William Evans of Tynyfron and later Maensilio. He was layreader and church warden from 1886 until his death in 1927. The gates to the churchyard were given in his memory. He was followed in both offices by his nephew Mr Richard Evans of Hafod from 1927 till 1940. Mr Richard Evans gave the brass altar cross and the pine lectern. After his death in 1941 his daughters gave one candlestick - Mrs M. E. Jones and Miss L. J. Evans and his sons Mr R. A. Evans and Mr E. L. Evans gave the other in his memory. Mr R. A. Evans retired in 1967 and Mr Eaton Evans became church warden.

In 1986 the congregation celebrated the centenary with a service of thanksgiving taken by the Bishop of St Asaph.

Nowadays the population in Rhiwlas is much smaller and so too is our congregation. We have our service of evensong on alternate Sundays at 2.30p.m. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday in the month. At Christmas and Harvest Thanksgiving we join with members of the chapel. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us at any of the services.

Marjorie Evans

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# STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

## OF SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED AND PAYMENTS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ERECTION OF **MISSION CHURCH,** IN THE PARISH OF LLANSILIN.

	£	s.	d.
<b>RECEIPTS.</b>			
A. T. Jebb, Esq., The Lyth, Ellesmere	15	0	0
Sir W. Williams Wynne, Bart.	10	0	0
W. Eccles Jones, Esq., Llansilin	10	0	0
Bennett Wynne, Esq., Llansilin	10	0	0
Rev. D. Davies, Vicar, Llansilin	10	0	0
Proceeds of a Concert	7	17	9
Mr. Wm. Evans, Ty'nnyfryn, Rhiwlas	7	17	6
Offerory at the Opening of Lloran Church	5	0	0
Mr. Evans, Ty Ucha, Rhiwlas	15	0	0
Offerory at the Opening of Rhiwlas Church	3	3	4
Grant from Bishop Carey's Fund	2	2	0
Collections in Church	2	0	0
Mr. Pickford	2	0	0
" R. Richards, Glascoed	1	19	1
" G. D. Lees, Woodhill, Oswestry	1	10	0
" Collections at Harvest Thanksgiving Services	2	0	0
Mrs. Whitfield, Moelwyrch	2	0	0
Miss Davies, Rossett	1	0	0
Rev. R. Trevor Owen	1	0	0
Mr. Cobby, Oswestry	2	0	0
" Morris, Lloran Isaf	1	0	0
" Morris, Lloran Ucha	1	0	0
" Morris, Lledrode	1	0	0
Mrs. Jebb, Lyth, Ellesmere, for Altar Cloth	1	17	0
Rev. R. Jones, Rhadycroesau	1	0	0
Mr. H. T. Williams, Schoolmaster	0	10	0
" R. Davies, Schoolmaster, Rhiwlas	0	14	8
Thomas, Builder, Oswestry	0	10	0
Miss Edwards, Hafod	0	10	0
Mr. W. Carey Roberts, Llansilin	0	7	6
Henry Rowlands	0	5	0
Edwards, Agent	0	5	0
David Ellis, Hendy	0	5	0
David Richards, Llansilin	0	3	0
George Williams, Pentrefelin	1	8	0
Evans, Ty Ucha, for Lamps	0	10	0
Sides, Lledrode	0	10	0
Curtis, Rhiwlas	138	17	10
Collected by Miss Whitfield, Glascoed, towards Communion Silver Plate...	.9	11	0
	<u>£148</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE.</b>			
The Old Building and Site	25	0	0
" Old Seats	2	12	0
Messrs. Minshall & PARRY Jones	2	10	0
To Slates	8	16	0
" Sills (Mr. Eytton Jones)	1	0	9
" Mr. Thomas Griffiths, Mason	22	0	0
" Mr. Thomas, Timber Merchant	29	14	8
" Mr. Allen Hughes, Joiner	16	18	6
" Mr. David Ellis, Hendy (Windows)	4	12	0
" Altar Cloth	1	17	0
" Architect	1	0	0
" Ironmonger—Stove	4	12	4
" Mr. Loman, for Bricks	1	5	0
" Mr. W. Carey Roberts, for Nails	5	0	0
" Lime	3	3	6
" Mr. Jonah Evans	1	0	6
" Hair	0	8	6
" Labour	2	2	3
" Carpet	0	45	0
" Lamps	1	8	0
" Oil Can	0	7	0
" Printing	0	7	0
" Books for the Mission Church	1	3	10
	<u>138</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>
Communion Plate, Inscription, and Box for the same	8	18	0
" Balance given towards restoring the Parish Church...	0	13	0
	<u>£148</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>

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Carter's Slates by Mrs. Evans. Spicy Paper = 2. 10.

## S T S W I T H I N

We all know St-Swithun's day is July 14th. However he has more claims to fame than 40 days weather. He was a greatly loved Bishop of Winchester in the 9th Century, a friend to the poor, a very pious and humble man, and a trusted advisor to some of the Wessex Kings, possibly King Alfred.

But do you know the legend about St Bega, the Irish princess who landed on the Cumberland coast and asked if she could build an Abbey? Lord Egremont promised her as much land as the snow would cover on Midsummer's Day. Bet he thought he was safe! Lake District weather is fickle and it did snow on Midsummer's Day. Thus a fine Abbey was built, the ruins of St Bees can still be seen. Well done St. Bega but well done too to Lord Egremont for keeping his word. (Incidentally Midsummer's Day is June 24th this year).

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## GARDEN TIPS

Sow 5 rows of PEAS  
Presence in Church. Patience. Preparedness. Promptness.  
Perseverance.

At any time of the year sow TURNIPS  
Turn up for meetings  
Turn up with new ideas  
Turn up with a smile  
Turn up with determination to make everything worth while.

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## SOME IDEAS FOR SUMMER SALADS

Broad Bean Salad (4 - 6 helpings)  
1 pint very small cooked broad beans, Rounds of cooked young carrots. Finely chopped herbs or chives. French Dressing.  
METHOD  
Dress the cold broad beans with french dressing, garnish with rounds of young carrots, then sprinkle with herbs or chives.

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Turnip Salad (6 helpings)  
6 young turnips. Sliced beetroot. Salad dressing or french dressing.  
METHOD  
Cook the turnips by steaming them, slice and cut into strips or dice them. Mix with salad dressing or french dressing and pile in a salad bowl. Decorate the dish with diced or neatly sliced beetroot.

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