

EGLWYS LLANSILLIN CHURCH
with LLANGADWALADR CHURCH and
RHIFLAS MISSION CHURCH

N E W S

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DECEMBER 1993



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.
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.



'Just leave them over there, will you Dad?'

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

5th December	Rhiwlas Mission Church	2.30 p.m.
12th December	Llangadwaladr 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

Rhagfyr	5ed	Y Gweinidog	Cefn Canol	6.00 p.m.
Rhagfyr	12fed	Ms Nia Rhosier	Bethesda	2.00 p.m.
Rhagfyr	19fed	Y Gweinidog	Soar	2.00 p.m.
Rhagfyr	26ain	Mr Thomas Morris	Rhiwlas	6.30 p.m.
Ionawr	2ail	Y Gweinidog (Cymun)	Bethania	6.30 p.m.
Ionawr	9fed			
Ionawr	16eg	Y Gweinidog	Salem	10.00 a.m.
Ionawr	23ain			
Ionawr	30ain			
Chwefror	6ed	Y Gweinidog	Rhiwlas	6.30 p.m.
Chwefror	13eg			
Chwefror	20fed	Y Gweinidog	Salem	10.00 a.m.
Chwefror	27ain			

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

Annual Prayer Meetings are held in Llansilin, Rhiwlas and Cefn Canol during the first full week in January. Details from the Minister.

AN ADVENT MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

I'm actually writing this letter at Hallowe'en. All Hallows Eve, when Christians honour the faithful departed, though folk-memory obstinately harks back to the old pagan festival which the church replaced with the commemoration of the saints - the season when the seen and unseen worlds drew close together, and spirits, both good and bad, were believed to be abroad. The popular media, of course emphasize the most lurid and sensational aspects of the supernatural, and the othernight I drove home after we'd switched off a particularly crass treatment of the Hallowe'en theme on a friend's T.V., only to hear on the midnight news how two gunmen had burst into a barn in Northern Ireland, shouted "trick or treat", and sprayed the patrons with bullets: the fictional Hallowe'en horror had suddenly become a sickening reality. And indeed this is the truth underlying all the blood curdling tales of demon-possession. When St. Paul warns us to be on our guard against "the spiritual forces of evil in heavenly realms" we are tempted to imagine the evil as coming from somewhere "out there", whereas in reality it already works within us as a sort of malign "fifth column", only waiting for some temptation or provocation to give it a chance to seduce the garrison and take over the fortress. That is why at this Advent season we look forward to Jesus coming to earth, not like some deity let down in a chair at the end of a Greek play to put everything right, but as a human child taking his chance like the rest of humanity in a world where the worst dangers come from our fellow-men, and bringing light not only into the darkest time of the year but unto the murkiest recesses of the human heart.

At Bethlehem God turned their own weapons against the powers of evil, and himself entered the threatened fortress to exercise the demons of pride, anger and selfishness which were turning the defenders against each other, and to unite them in a common cause. The battle which was to cost him his life has still to be won, but each Christmastide we renew our allegiance to the powers of love, forgiveness and unselfishness through which alone the forces of darkness can be driven out.

Once again, thank you in advance for your Christmas greetings. May the peace of Bethlehem fill your hearts and your homes, and the power of love sustain you through the year to come.

Kit Carter

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Joint Service Rhiwlas Church	Christmas Eve	7.00 p.m.
Holy Communion St Silin's Church	Christmas Eve	11.30 p.m.
Holy Communion St Silin's Church	Christmas Day	8.00 a.m.
Holy Communion Llangedwyn Church	Christmas Day	9.30 a.m.
Joint Evensong at Llangedwyn Church	Boxing Day	6.30 p.m.



WHAT IS THE MOTHERS' UNION?

Mothers' Union or M U - Yes what is it?. It is a Christian group of people (mostly Mums) who follow the lead of Mary Sumner who, living in the 1800's, was distressed at the living conditions of people which she saw all around her.

Mary Sumner with some of her friends decided that they must do something about it, and so eventually they got together to form a group to decide a set of guide-lines and objectives.

The purpose of the Mothers' Union is to be especially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

More and more people agreed with their thinking and doing, and today the M U has become a World-Wide Organisation with branches in most parishes of the U K. People in this area have contacts with Australia (as Mrs Wilkes does with Edna Hanna), Canada, Africa, New Zealand, Uganda, Guiana and the Philippines just to mention a few countries. Interests are wide and varied naming but a few - Faith development, Prayer, Education and Studying the direction of the media, these are all areas which need support and help, in other words we can help others from the cradle to the grave and we can follow Christ's teaching to LOVE ONE ANOTHER - Come and join us.

Jean Thomas - Deanery Presiding Member.

We shall be hearing more of Mary Sumner, the guide-lines and objectives of the M U from Jean in future newsletters.

Our M U meetings for September and October were held in the afternoon at the Memorial Institute. At the September Meeting Mrs Glenice Jones took the service in the absence of the Vicar. Mrs V Humphreys of Gobowen gave a talk and demonstration on 'Thrift articles' made from remnants of materials which would be suitable for a sale of work etc. Thanks were expressed by Mrs R H Morris.

The Rev C Carter conducted the service at the October Meeting. Details were discussed and given for the Christmas party to be held on 16th December. Mrs P Fox, National Vice Chairman of the Townswomen's Guild gave a most interesting talk on her work. Mrs Wilkes expressed thanks on behalf of all those present. N W.

POINTS TO PONDER

The Bible is a guide book; the way to master it is to let it master us.

It is only the forgiving who are qualified to receive forgiveness.

PHILIPPINES: Deanery Sunday School Day

Six of our pupils and 4 adults had a very busy day at Llanwddyn on Saturday September 4th. The organizers had found it very difficult to get any reliable information on conditions in the Philippines for the native population. It seems Multi-National companies own most of the land and tend to pay scant attention to their workers' welfare - workers are less important (and cheaper) than sprays and insecticides.

However on the day, the children took part in drama, music, craft and art workshops.

A 'Philippino bride' now living in Llangollen kindly came and showed slides and talked to the children (about 80 were present). The children took a keen interest and asked lots of very intelligent questions, which our speaker, an ex-primary school teacher, did her best to answer.

We had a lively service with a short play instead of a sermon, which the drama workshop had prepared with our Vicar and Michael Morris's guidance. We sang hymns and songs etc from the music workshops.

Before coming home we had a lovely tea and rounded it off by sampling a typical rice dish from the area.

PROVERBS

Do you know what proverbs are? They are wise little sayings about how to live. Look these up in the Book of Proverbs and fill in the blanks.



19:17 When you give to the poor it is like _____ and the Lord will pay you back.

20:30 Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us _____

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

ANGELS
BETHLEHEM
INN
JESUS
JOSEPH
KINGS
MARY
SHEPHERDS
STABLE
STAR

A	T	U	Q	V	X	Y	R	U	O
J	E	S	U	S	T	H	R	E	J
S	F	H	S	B	P	P	D	A	N
P	B	E	T	H	L	E	H	E	M
K	D	P	G	O	C	S	N	I	S
Q	L	H	E	M	T	O	H	L	V
F	R	E	L	A	W	J	E	I	Z
K	C	R	R	W	S	G	N	I	K
M	X	D	B	I	N	N	Y	A	Y
G	B	S	T	A	B	L	E	H	J

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HISTORY OF THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On 26th November 1923 the first meeting was organised by Miss Edwards Church View and held in the Court room. Nineteen ladies attended. Lady Harlech and Miss Williams Wynn both spoke and showed some beautiful work done by the members of Pant Glas Institute. Another meeting was held on 4th January 1924, when 35 members attended and Miss Lumley gave advice on how to conduct a WI and helped to form a committee and officers. Mrs Lewis The Cottage was the first president and the second Friday in the month was chosen for the monthly meeting. Membership was 2 shillings per year.

At the February meeting Dr Davies gave a special lecture on "Health". It was decided to close for the summer months after the April meeting. In July a demonstration on fruit bottling was held in the kitchen of the Memorial Hall and thereafter all meetings were held in the Hall.

The first four meetings in 1925 concerned the rearing, killing and trussing of poultry. Cane work was the most popular craft for classes and cake icing was the usual demonstration near to Christmas. Demonstrators often came from Llysfasi Farm Institute and in 1931 there was an address on clean milk production and butter making.

In the 1920's an exhibition and show of W I work was held at the Annual Village Sheep Dog Trials. Most years Llansilin has competed in the W I section of Oswestry Show and in 1986 the entry won 1st prize and the Lady Harlech cup was awarded.

Meetings were in the afternoons, then moved to the evenings during the summer months, but since 1966 all meetings have been held in the evening. The average attendance over the years has been 28.

Outings have been made every summer to a variety of venues; days at the sea-side at Llandudno and Aberystwyth, visits to glass factories, Wedgewood China, stately homes and in 1951 a trip on the train from Chirk station to Windermere.

In January and February 1963 no meetings were held due to bad weather and in November and December 1967 and January 1968 again no meetings were held due to the outbreak of foot and mouth disease.

Christmas parties were held in the Memorial Hall until the 1960's when it was voted to go out to a Hotel for a change.

In a few weeks time the Institute will be celebrating 70 years since its formation and the Birthday Party will be returning to the Memorial Hall. May Llansilin Women's Institute continue to grow and flourish into the 21st century. K J.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A great deal of the restoration work has been carried out, particularly during the last twelve years on Llansilin Parish Church.

Recently the Churchwardens asked Goode and Davies of Shrewsbury to give an estimate for repair to St Luke on the Main Chancel East Window. To their dismay they were told that the window is in a dangerous condition and must be reset as well as repaired. The estimate for this is £5,405 including VAT.

Nearly all the other windows need releading and it was suggested at the last Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting that perhaps there might be people who have affection for Llansilin Church who would think of restoring a window in memory of a loved one. Alternatively future funeral donations could be specified to be for that purpose.

We hope that this idea will be food for thought!

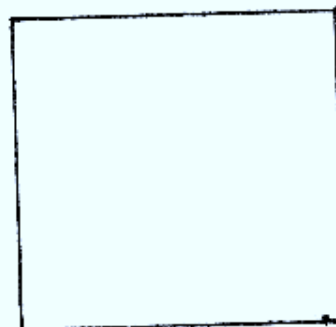
Windows and Estimates

To right of altar	£292 before VAT
By the pulpit	£373 before VAT
Above south door	£390 before VAT
Above front door	£210 before VAT
To left of benefaction board	£454 before VAT
Above box pews	£276 before VAT

B J

BREATHE ON THIS SQUARE, then -

1. If it turns red see your bank manager
2. If it turns blue see your solicitor
3. If it turns green see your doctor
4. If it turns yellow see your optician
5. If it does not change colour you are perfectly healthy and there is no reason for you not to be in Church next Sunday!



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

Autumn Fayre - Saturday 25th September

Many thanks to all who supported us so generously both by giving and buying. Together we raised the magnificent total of £566.85. Wasn't it nice to have the Royle's back amongst us? We've missed them. Mrs Royle kindly opened the Fayre and was presented with a basket of flowering plants by Nicola Jones.

The youngsters livened the afternoon by their wonderful fancy dress costumes and Mrs Royle had great difficulty nominating overall winners - so they all received small prizes - well done all of you who took part.

The refreshment ladies did a wonderful job too and their hard work was very much appreciated. Thank you everybody. S.A.

Harvest Thanksgiving

The Annual Thanksgiving services were recently held at the Llansilin, Llangadwaladr and Rhiwlas churches. The three churches were again beautifully decorated. The guest preacher at Llansilin was Revd M Gudgeon of Newtown who gave a very inspiring sermon. The collection was taken by Mr Bill Jones and Mr John Roberts. The organist was Miss Morfudd Williams.

At Llangadwaladr the guest preacher was Revd M Roberts of Chirk. Mrs Vera Evans took the collection, and Mrs Esther Milner of Llansilin was the organist.

Rhiwlas Church's guest preacher was the Revd Mair Jones of Llangollen who gave a most interesting sermon. Miss Morfudd Williams was the organist and the collection was taken by Mrs Marjorie Evans.

At all these churches the services were taken by the Rev C Carter.

Joint Parishes Harvest Supper - Wednesday October 6th

The evening of months of Harvesting on the farms and in the gardens was celebrated at the Memorial Hall (Llansilin) with an excellent supper enjoyed by over 70 parishioners and friends of Llansilin and Llangedwyn.

The Vicar, Rev C Carter, acted as Master of Ceremonies and introduced members of the Rhydygroesau Drama Group who entertained most professionally with an amusing short radio play which was followed by a rousing musical interlude of songs accompanied by Piano, Banjo and Guitar.

A generous array of raffle prizes, which were kindly given, produced enough income to make a donation for aid to the Philippines as well as covering the main expenses for the evening. V.B.

LLANSILIN CHURCH SIDESMEN'S ROTA - December 1993 to March 1994

DECEMBER

5th	Mr Bill Jones	12th	Mr Dennis Sockett
19th	Miss Mary Morris	8.30a.m.	Mr Bill Jones 10.00a.m.
23rd	Carol Service		
24th	Mrs Ashley	Christmas Eve	
25th	Mr Bell Hughes	Christmas Day	

JANUARY 1994

2nd	Mr Bill Jones	9th	Mr David Bickerton
16th	Miss Mary Morris	8.30a.m.	Mr Wyn Hughes 10.00a.m.
23rd	Mr John Roberts	30th	Sunday School Children

FEBRUARY

6th	Mr Bill Jones	13th	Mr Edwin Ashley
20th	Miss Mary Morris	8.30a.m.	Mr Dan Jones 10.00a.m.
27th	Mr Richard Jones		

MARCH

6th	Mr Bill Jones	13th	Mr Withersgreen
20th	Mr Bell Hughes	8.30a.m.	Mr H Morris 10.00a.m.
27th	Mr John Roberts		

If you are unable to collect on any of these dates would you please arrange for someone else to do it - Thank you.

FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA ----- December 1993 - February 1994

Nov 28th/Dec 5th	Mrs Ann Roberts, Mrs Christine Williams.
Dec 12th/19th	Mrs Bronwen Taylor, Mrs Megan Evans.
Dec 25th/Jan 2nd'94	Mrs Sheila Ashley, Miss Liz Ashley.
Jan 9th/16th	Mrs Glenice Jones, Mrs Janet Davies.
Jan 23rd/30th	Miss Olive Jones, Mrs Dorothy Jarvis.
Feb 6th/13th	Mrs Beryl Jones, Miss Morfudd Williams.

Clean only during Lent.

Feb 20th/27th	Mrs Alma Jones, Mrs Sheila Withersgreen.
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If again any of these dates are unsuitable for anybody would you please arrange for someone else to do it - Thank you
