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LLANSILIN PARISH CHURCH

with LLANGADWALADR CHURCH and
RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH

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JUNE 1994



CHURCH SERVICES

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.
	April to October	
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

1st Sunday	Rhiwlas	Holy Communion	2.30 p.m.
2nd Sunday	Llangadwaladr	Holy Communion	2.30 p.m.
3rd Sunday	Rhiwlas	Evensong	2.30 p.m.
4th Sunday	Llangadwaladr	Evensong	2.30 p.m.

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

CHAPEL SERVICES

Mehefin 5ed	Y Gweinidog	Soar	6.30 p.m.
Mehefin 12fed	Mr John Arfon Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00 p.m.
Mehefin 19eg	Parch Huw Jones	Bethania	2.00 p.m.
Mehefin 26ain	Y Gweinidog	Salem	10.00 a.m.
Gorffennaf 3ydd	Y Gweinidog (Cymun)	Cefn Canol	6.00 p.m.
Gorffennaf 10fed	Mr Meurig Edwards	Bethesda	2.00 p.m.
Gorffennaf 17eg	Y Gweinidog	Soar	10.30 a.m.
Gorffennaf 24ain	Parch Ddr D Ben Rees	Rhiwlas	2.00 p.m.
Gorffennaf 31ain			
Awst 7fed	Mr R A Platt	Salem	2.00 p.m.
Awst 14eg	Parch Eifion G Jones	Cefn Canol	2.00 p.m.
Awst 21ain	Parch Glyn Morgan	Bethesda	6.30 p.m.
Awst 28ain	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Soar	2.00 p.m.

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

THE VICAR'S LETTER : A MOMENT OF TRUTH

Since I last wrote the Church in Wales has passed through a traumatic experience: the failure, by the narrowest of margins, of the Governing Body to authorise the ordination of women priests. Coming as it did on the eve of the priesting of their sisters in England, the blow must have been all the harder for Welsh women deacons to bear. Defeated opponents of the measure passed in the Church of England spoke of a sense of bereavement, feeling that so radical a step would change the Church they loved out of all recognition, but one local deacon said in my hearing that the dashing of her hopes after so long felt more like bearing a child to term only for it to be born dead. On one Sunday this month (I'm writing only in May) priests who support women's ordination are being asked to function only as deacons, administering the Holy Communion with bread and wine consecrated before-hand by someone else, wearing a deacon's diagonal stole, and not pronouncing the blessing or absolution. When this was proposed I asked if one token Sunday was enough, and made up my mind to ask both Easter vestries for permission to suspend my priesthood until the vote could be reversed, in two years' time at the earliest. I just felt uncomfortable to be exercising a privilege denied to colleagues whose ministry I knew was more effective than my own. Then I thought "Suppose we lose again in two years' time? I shall be unable to do what means so much to me, perhaps for the rest of my ministry". It was at that moment that I glimpsed what the limbo that my women colleagues are caught in is really like. In the event it was my colleagues themselves who persuaded me that what I intended as a loving gesture of solidarity would be seen as an aggressive act of protest, which might do more harm than good, but I am still left feeling impotent and somehow guilty to be carrying on as if nothing had happened. But one further insight came to me as I reflected on that frightening glimpse of the possible cost of giving up a cherished privilege. I understood as never before the full meaning of words which have always seemed to me some of the most moving and significant in the whole Bible, when St. Paul says that Jesus did not try to cling to equality with God, but gave up all his claims to assume human flesh and become the servant of all. (You can find the passage in the Second Chapter of Philippians). That is the standard Jesus sent us, and if we can only begin truly to identify with each others' griefs and doubts and fears as he does with ours, we shall not only surmount and resolve our present disputes and dilemmas, but go some way towards convincing the world of the truth of the Good News he came to bring, and died to proclaim.

May the Lord in his mercy forgive, convert, and reconcile us all in his good time.

Christopher Carter

C H U R C H B E L L S

At the P.C.C.Meeting held on 9th March a request was made for the church bells to be rung. Whilst it is felt that the position of the timbers does not make it possible for the bells to be pealed it should be possible for the four bells to be chimed. It would be possible for one person to chime all four bells with the harness but, it was also suggested that two people might manage two bells each with the harness. The last member of the congregation to chime all four bells together was Mr Jack Morris, 2 Maesyllan.

We are looking for volunteers? Please contact Margaret on 472 or any church member.

With 'Bell Ringing' in our thoughts at this present time, below is given a reminder of the history of the Tower and Church Bells.

The Tower - This solid square structure was erected in 1832 and contains the West Door, which is the main entrance to the church, and the stone staircase leading to the Gallery.

On the first floor in the tower are the bell ropes and the second floor the clock. The clock was made by Thomas Bingham and Company of Birmingham. Engraved also on the metal of the clock is the name of the Minister, Revd Walter Jones, and the Churchwardens, Messrs Thomas Hughes and John Allen Whitfield.

The bells hanging from the beams above the second floor were cast by C and G Mears of Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London in 1848. The weight of the bells is as follows:-

Tenor 6cwt	1qtr	14lbs
III 4cwt	2qtrs	12lbs
II 4 cwt	1qtr	11lbs
Treble 3cwt	1qtr	14lbs

An amusing tale is told that these bells were rung in Oswestry on their way to Llansilin, one of the farmers of the parish (a zealous advocate for the new bells) having made a wager that they would be heard in Oswestry!

There were formerly three bells, but previous to 1848 their chimes had become discordant; the biggest bell was badly cracked in the enthusiasm of rejoicing at the coming of age of Sir W W Wynn of Llangedwyn.

There is a verse in the tower which reads -
To call the folks to Church in time - I chime,
When mirth and pleasure's on the wing - I ring,
When passed the body from the soul - I toll.

The above information was taken from the ' Guide and History of the Church' by Mrs K E Jones

ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY MEETING - 13.4.94

The vicar the Rev C Carter gave a resume of the many activities which took place during the past year.

The various church helpers were thanked for their loyal support - from the invaluable services of Mr Bell Hughes - the verger, to the organists, the sidesmen, the Sunday School teacher, the linen launderer, the cleaning ladies and the flower ladies to the grass cutters and the window cleaners!!!. The two Churchwardens, Mrs S Ashley and Mr W E Jones are to continue their important roles, with the support of the existing PCC members, augmented by new member Mrs E Milner. The secretary and treasurer, Mrs V M Burton and Mrs B M Jones were re-elected for a further year.

The regular P.C.C. meeting followed the Easter Vestry with a full agenda to discuss - this included increasing the church insurance and the renovation and repair of the wrought iron gates and stained glass windows.

It was reported by the treasurer that the total expenses for 1993 amounted to £10,544. Some of the main expenses are listed below. Llansilin Church Quota £2,162, Church Insurance £1,210, Heating £501, Electricity £162, Water Rates £30, Vestry Floor Repairs £2,400, Restoration of Benefaction Board £335, Organ tuning £96.

The meeting ended with a request from the vicar for our prayers for a resolution to the distress among many in the church in Wales following the recent vote to exclude women from the priesthood.

Valerie Burton

NEWS - Do we know what it means ?
North, East, West and South.

WORD SEARCH

See if you
can find the
names of
these prophets:

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| AMOS | JOEL |
| DANIEL | JONAH |
| EZEKIEL | MALACHI |
| EZRA | MICAH |
| HABAKKUK | NAHUM |
| HAGGAI | OBADIAH |
| HOSEA | ZECHARIAH |
| ISAIAH | ZEPHANIAH |
| JEREMIAH | |

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WHAT IS THE FAMILY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FOUNDING OF THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND (1919 - 1994) and RHIWLAS?

My great-great-great grandfather was Richard Jebb, agent to Lord Dungannon at Brykinallt, Chirk. Richard had been one of Telford's surveyors/engineers on the Chirk Canal. About 1805 he married Eliza, younger daughter of William Davies of Chirk. The solicitors to the Dungannon estate were Few, Hamilton and Few of London. Eliza's sister married Mr Hamilton. In his will William Davies left his Lloran Uchaf estate at Llansilin to Mary and some 300 acres at Rhiwlas to Eliza.

Richard retired as agent in 1838 and handed the agency to his son Richard George. RG bought The Lyth, Ellesmere in 1837, and moved from Wigginton near St Martins in 1838. In 1848 his aunt Mary Hamilton died and left him Lloran Uchaf to add to his Rhiwlas land. He promptly retired aged 40 and devoted himself to his family and property. Over the next 30 years, until his death in 1878, he added to his land in Rhiwlas until he owned some 520 acres. He also added another 55 acres to the 85 acres around The Lyth.

After his death his son Arthur Trevor Jebb used Tydraw as an alternative home. He married an Irish Jebb, Eglantyne by name and they had six children who learned to love the Ogeu valley and its people. Emily married and lived in Ireland; Louisa married had no family, but founded the Women's National Land Service Corps in 1916, ran it until 1919, and received the OBE: Richard my grandfather, inherited the estate at 20 in 1894 on the early death of his father; EGLANTYNE never married, but is best known as the co-founder of the SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND in 1919; Arthur Gamul, the second son died young age 16 in 1896; Dorothy married Charles Buxton and had two children of whom the younger David is alive age 84. Dorothy was the co-founder of SCF with her sister and her son David was present in Geneva in 1924 when Eglantyne's Declaration of the Rights of the Child' was incorporated by The League of Nations into its charter.

In 1900 my grandfather Richard let The Lyth and started a career travelling the empire and writing books. This all ceased at the outbreak of war in 1914, when he joined the KSLI. In 1920 my grandparents returned to The Lyth. To help pay for further publications and renovations he sold Lloran Uchaf. My father Richard Lewthaite his brother Arthur and my aunt Ruth (all now dead) had been brought up at Tydraw to think of Rhiwlas with the same affection as their father and his sisters. My grandfather bought the first car in the valley, an Albion. It was driven by Jack Peate, for whom Tydraw Bungalow was built. Jack had a sister Maud, who died last year. Jack came to Ellesmere and worked here as gardener and handyman, and Maud married a young man called Cliff Woollam who started work for my grandfather in 1932.

My father was an engineer and worked in India. He and my mother were married in Bengal, and I was born in Calcutta. In 1935 they came home on leave and I was christened in Rhiwlas.

In 1939, on their next leave my sister Jemma and I were brought back from India, and after much heartsearching, were left in England to live at The Lyth with our grandparents during the coming war. We too came to love Rhiwlas, and I have early memories of playing with farm toys at Tynllwyn, while Mrs Griffiths and Miss Jones prepared tea and Gwilym talked rents and farming with my grandfather. Richard died in 1952, and my parents settled here in their turn.

My father died in 1961 age 59. I was 26. In 1964 my sister died of Hodgkins disease age 28. The following year I returned to The Lyth and took over the running of the estate. By now our first-born Richard William, was five years old and soon he too was visiting Rhiwlas to play with the toys and eat home-made bread and cake, as I had done before him.

Between 1952 and 1961, while my father was in charge, I left school, served in the army, went up to Oxford, and lived in India for my first job. My father was a qualified engineer, and made many improvements to the farms and cottages. He upgraded the buildings and installed water and electricity. Cliff Woollam learned a lot during this period. When my turn came I had to turn my hand to practical matters. Woollam and I felled trees on the hill above Hafod and lowered them carefully to repair the dutch-barn. We worked on the roof at Blaenynant and relaid water pipes for Fron-Issa, Tydraw, Bryn Hafod and Tynllwyn. When the sun was shining in summer it was lovely, but digging trenches for pipes when the snow was falling was horrible!

In 1967 and 1968 I had the chance to buy 170 acres adjoining The Lyth, and sold Hafod and Blaenynant. That was when Mr R A Evans retired, and Eaton took over the farm. For the next two years I maintained our connection with the remaining tenants.

In the drought year of 1976 the water supply at Tynllwyn nearly failed. Woollam and I went across to Fron Uchaf to see whether we could run a pipe from a spring behind Tynllwyn to feed the buildings. To the naked eye it looked impossible, but the eye was deceived. With a Victorian surveying instrument which had been used by my father and grandfather I proved that it could flow. Across the intervening land I signalled where pegs should be put to mark the new line. Eventually we took heavy rolls of alkathene pipe up the track, and I got my three children to unroll them along the hillside. Through the burnt gorse they worked, cursing their father, but finally it was all connected, and, wonder of wonders, a satisfactory flow reached the yard and never dried up!

During the 1980's I sold the rest of the property, and now our only physical connection with the valley is the area of Jebb graves in Rhiwlas churchyard. It is appropriate that so many recent Jebb's should be buried in the diocese of St Asaph. My great-grandmother Eglantyne was herself great-granddaughter of Samuel Horsley, Bishop first of St David's, then Rochester and finally St Asaph. He died in 1806. His son, Heneage Horsley, was for a time Rector of Chirk

and a prebend of St Asaph. What fond memories of the area are held by all these generations!

Lionel Jebb - April 12th 1994.

MOTHER'S UNION



The February meeting opened with a short service conducted by the Rev C Carter. Mrs Glenice Jones the Enrolling member introduced fellow member Mrs Kathleen Jones who spoke about her recent visit to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Mrs Christine Williams expressed thanks to Mrs Jones on behalf of everyone present for giving a most enlightening talk. Refreshments concluded the meeting.

Fund Raising was the main objective in both the March and April meetings. Mrs Glenice Jones the Enrolling member opened both meetings. The March meeting took the form of a Coffee afternoon with a 'Bring and Buy' stall which once again proved popular with plenty of customers. The vicar the Rev: C Carter entertained members with a rhyming quiz based on Old Testament names. Miss Olive Jones was in charge of the raffles. Proceeds from the stall were for the funds and this amounted to over £80.

The theme for the April meeting was 'Gardening'. Members of both the MU and Church joined together and welcomed Mr David Greig from the Tanat Valley Market Garden, who gave gardening tips and showed members and friends how to plant a hanging basket. Mrs A Roberts and Mrs Margaret Lloyd were in charge of the plant stall. Coffee/Tea and homemade biscuits were served by members. Mr Greig kindly gave the hanging basket - this was auctioned and went to the highest bidder - Mrs Lloyd Edwards. The proceeds of this event amounted to over £82 and will go towards Koffi Abagre the Ghanian boy who the Church sponsors via Action Aid.

We are most grateful to every one who came to support us at both these events. Thank you to one and all for helping, giving and buying.

MOTHERING SUNDAY - 13.3.94

An account of the service by Sunday School member Jonathan Sockett who is 7 years old.

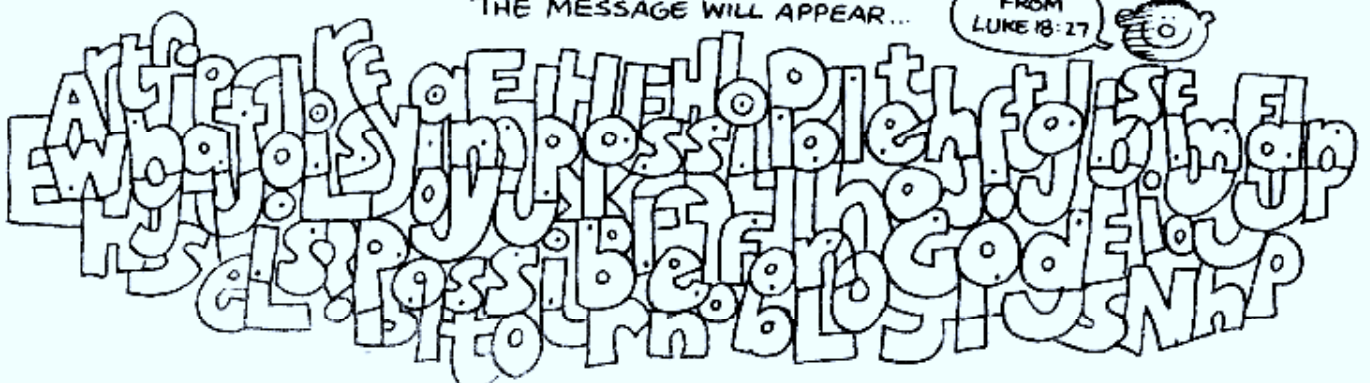
It was fun in church on Mothering Sunday. I liked the pictures of the villages in the Philippines. Some of the Sunday School read about the pictures. At the end we all had flowers for our mum's.

Thank you Jonathan.

FIND THE SECRET MESSAGE!

COLOUR IN ALL THE DOTTED SHAPES AND
THE MESSAGE WILL APPEAR...

IT'S
FROM
LUKE 18:27



LLANSILIN CHURCH SIDESMEN'S ROTA

June - September 1994

JUNE

5th	Mr Bill Jones	12th	Mr Ivor Ashley
19th	Miss Mary Morris	8.30a.m.	Mr H Morris 10.00a.m.
26th	Mr John Roberts	10.00a.m.	Mr Lloyd Edwards 6.30p.m.

JULY

3rd	Mr Bill Jones	10th	Mr David Bickerton
17th	Mr Bell Hughes	8.30a.m.	Mr Dan Jones 10.00a.m.
24th	Mr H Morris	10.00a.m.	Mr Lloyd Edwards 6.30p.m.
31st	Sunday School		

AUGUST

7th	Mr Bill Jones	14th	Mr John Roberts
21st	Miss Mary Morris	8.30a.m.	Mr Wyn Hughes 10.00a.m.
28th	Mr Harry Ogden	10.00a.m.	Mrs Sheila Ashley 6.30p.m.

SEPTEMBER

4th	Mr Bill Jones	11th	Mr Withers-Green
18th	Miss Mary Morris	8.30a.m.	Mr Dan Jones 10.00a.m.
25th	Mr Ivor Ashley	10.00a.m.	Mr Lloyd Edwards 6.30p.m.

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 ----- June - September

June 12th/19th	Mrs Bronwen Taylor, Mrs Megan Evans
June 26th/3rd July	Mrs Sheila Ashley, Miss Liz Ashley
July 10th/17th	Mrs Glenice Jones, Mrs Janet Davies & Mrs Avril Jones
July 24th/31st	Miss Olive Jones, Mrs Dorothy Jarvis
August 7th/14th	Mrs Beryl Jones, Miss Morfudd Williams
August 21st/28th	Mrs Alma Jones, Mrs Sheila Withersgreen
September 4th/11th	Mrs Valerie Burton, Mrs Annali Thomas

If again any of these dates are unsuitable for anybody would you please arrange for someone else to do it - THANK YOU.

THANK YOU to the all the ladies who helped to spring clean the church in March and also to decorate it for Easter.

C A L E N D E R O F E V E N T S

JUNE

Friday 16th MU Annual Outing Venue to be decided

JULY

Thursday 21st 7.15p.m. MU Meeting Memorial Institute

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 17th 2.30p.m. Autumn Fayre Memorial Hall
Sunday 25th 6.30p.m. West Gallery Singers Parish Church
(In place of the evening service)

CHURCH YARD GRASS CUTTING

Once again it has come time to start cutting the grass in the Church yard. Within the next few weeks 'Bill' (People's warden) will be looking for volunteers. As of previous years we have been very fortunate to have regular willing hands. Please can we have more volunteers - Bill will be pleased to hear from you - Tel 9 653941. Let us remember the old proverb 'Many hands make light work'!

P A R I S H R E G I S T E R S

February 21st Burial John Percy Jones 12 Maes-y-llan
April 2nd Burial Llewelyn Wynn Williams 2 Bryn Celyn

WHEEL CHAIR available locally for free short term loan. In return please make a donation to the fund for the education via Action Aid of Koffi - our 7 year old Ghanaian boy - Tel: 274

Would anyone be interested in joining a 'Keep Fit' class? More information will be given at a later date. Contact Llansilin 472 or 223.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE VICAR if you would like home Communion, special prayers or if you know of anyone who is in hospital or ill at home.

We are most grateful to Mr Jebb for giving his time in writing his article for us, and to Clifford Milner for his delightful pen drawing of Rhiwlas Church and, not forgetting all our regular contributors - THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

Distribution: Margaret Lloyd - Tel Llansilin 472.

The next Newsletter will be produced on 1st September. If anyone would like to contribute, or has any useful suggestions or information, do please contact Mary Morris - Tel Llansilin 223 before 1st August.