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LLANSILIN PARISH CHURCH

with LLANGADWALADR CHURCH and
RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH

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September 1994



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 Bendigaidd	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 C F Carter, The Vicarage, Llansilin. Tel: 209

C H A P E L S E R V I C E S

Medi	4ydd	Gweinidog	Rhiwlas	6.30 p.m.
Medi	1leg		Bethania	2.00 p.m.
Medi	18fed	Gweinidog (Cymun)	Salem	6.30 p.m.
Medi	25ain	Mr Selyf Roberts	Cefn Canol	2.00 p.m.
Hydref	2ain	Gweinidog	Bethesda	10.30 a.m.
Hydref	9fed	Parch Athro J T Williams	Soar	2.00 p.m.
Hydref	16eg	Gweinidog	Rhiwlas	10.00 a.m.
Hydref	23ain	Mr Arthur Hughes	Bethania	2.00 p.m.
Hydref	30ain	Mr Moelwyn Jones	Salem	2.00 p.m.
Tachwedd	6ed	Gweinidog	Cefn Canol	10.30 a.m.
Tachwedd	13eg	Mr Geraint Jones	Bethesda	2.00 p.m.
Tachwedd	20fed	Gweinidog (Cymun)	Soar	6.30 p.m.
Tachwedd	27ain	Mr Thomas Morris	Rhiwlas	6.30 p.m.
Rhagfyr	4ydd	Gweinidog	Bethania	6.30 p.m.
Rhagfyr	1leg	Parch E H Griffiths	Salem	2.00 p.m.

Gweinidog/Minister: Y Parch Stanton Evans, 20 Croeswylan Lane, Oswestry. Tel: 0691 654682

Dathlu Canmlwyddiant - Capel Cefn Canol
Dydd Sadwrn Medi 17eg 1994 am 2 a 7 or gloch
Pregethir gan y Parch Gwilym O Jones Rhuthin yn yr hwyr



"WELL, I MUST BE OFF... SEE YOU NEXT WEEK, FRED..."

THE VICAR'S LETTER

You'll be reading this, I hope, at harvest-tide, but like last year I'm having to write it well beforehand, in the middle of my holiday preparations. I'm hoping to carry out a long-cherished project and visit the seaside hamlet in County Donegal where my parents spent a memorable holiday a few years before I was born. I still have their photograph album with the pictures they took in 1933 of the cottage they stayed in and the scenery nearby, so I plan to take some snaps of the same scenes today. But the hunt through the family albums turned up some other photos taken just 50 years ago, of a small boy standing proudly in the middle of an array of flowers and fruit and garden produce, together with a sheaf of corn and some outsize mushrooms. On a walk with my father I had seen for the first time a country church decorated for harvest, and had decided to hold my own "harvest festival" in the garden at home. At the age of 6 or so I don't suppose I understood what it all meant - and I certainly didn't foresee how many real harvest thanksgivings I would preside over in years to come! But if God was watching - as no doubt he was - I dare to hope that he accepted and enjoyed the display so carefully set out by the eager little boy I used to be, just for the fun of doing it, along with the more conscious tributes in which I have taken part in churches up and down the land since I was ordained. After all, it was the offer of a small boy's picnic lunch which enabled Jesus to feed five thousand hungry people - a foretaste of the harvest which was going to grow from the seeds of faith sown on those Galilean hillsides to satisfy the spiritual hunger of uncounted multitudes. Jesus liked children. He told the well-meaning disciples who tried to shoo them away that to find our way into God's kingdom we need to become like children again - by which I think he meant that we needed to slough off our word-weary caution and cynicism and rediscover the wonder and excitement with which children explore their world and share their discoveries with each other. So this harvest-tide let's bring to God an offering of thanks for something which he has enabled us to see with fresh eyes, and to share the pleasure of with someone else. Who knows what might happen as a result?

Kit Carter

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

Llansilin	Friday	7th October	7.00 p.m.	Revd John Dernal
Llansilin	Sunday	9th October	10.00 a.m.	Family Service
Llangadwaladr	Tuesday	11th October	7.00 a.m.	To be announced
Llangedwyn	Friday	14th October	7.00 p.m.	Revd Ann Stratford
Llangedwyn	Sunday	16th October	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
Rhiwlas	Friday	21st October	7.00 p.m.	To be announced

The Annual HARVEST SUPPER will be held at the Memorial Hall at Llangedwyn on Wednesday 12th October - 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

We will be decorating the Church for the Harvest Festival at Llansilin on Thursday 6th October.

LLANSILIN OVER 60 CLUB - What is it's history?

Mrs K Hughes The Laurels held a meeting at her home on 5th November 1974 telling those present that Mrs Rowe (late of Greenacres) had, in conversation, remarked that there was no organisation in the village for the Senior Citizens so, Mrs Hughes and her daughter Maureen then had the thought of forming a club for the retired people of the area. Everyone agreed at that meeting, it would be a good idea to form an afternoon club and to meet in the Institute.

The first committee meeting was held on the 12th November with two representatives from each chapel and the church attending. Mrs K Hughes was elected chairman, Mrs M Lloyd, Maes-y-llan treasurer and Mrs K Jones, The White House secretary. It was decided that the meetings be held fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons and that tea, scones and sandwiches would be made by the committee members on a rota system. The title of the club was to be Llansilin Over 60 Club.

About 20 people turned up for the first meeting on the 19th of November and the chairman outlined the plans of the proposed club. There was to be no membership fee, but a small charge would be made for the afternoon tea and there would be a raffle at each meeting.

From then on the club has met fortnightly apart from the month of August. Generally the meetings commence with a game of bingo, followed by either a talk or slides and sometimes a quiz or an "Any Questions" panel. The speakers have ranged from social workers giving advice, the police, electricity board and people talking about their work or their travels. There is hardly a country in the world which has not been talked about or slides shown during the "Over 60's" meetings.

Two fund-raising events are held during the year either a concert or laterly the very successful Bring and Buys. In the Spring the money goes towards the Summer Outings and in the Autumn towards the Christmas Party.

The Summer Outings are usually two or three half days and one day outing each year.

One of the highlights of the Club was in 1982 when a special celebration took place to mark the Golden Weddings of Mr & Mrs W Richards, Bwlchyrhiw and Mr & Mrs T Hughes, Plas-yn-Llan.

The Club has now over forty members and long may it continue to provide happy Tuesday afternoon meetings which the members look forward to every fortnight.

K.E.Jones.

Kind words are the music of the world.

Frederick Faber

NEWS FROM THE PAROCHIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

During the last three months there have been two meetings, when an average of 16 members have met, under the guidance of the Vicar The Revd C Carter to deliberate the current issues.

The Fabric of the Church (the building) is always under review - there has been a recurrent problem of rainwater seeping into the wall from the roof valley - the cause continues to be hard to pin-point and advice is being sought.

Action has been taken to increase security of the church following recommendations by the insurance company and several incidents of vandalism. (Incidentally our insurance this year is £1120.00, but in 1935 it was £4.19.0d for both the church and school!).

The Hearse House, such a familiar part of the village is in need of a face-lift and, a quotation has been accepted for new doors and some minor repairs.

Drainage in the lower churchyard is a problem and advice has been taken from the Ministry of Agriculture Drainage Advisor - old land drains are thought to need examining and plans are in hand for exploratory excavation.

The maintenance of the 2 acre churchyard has also been discussed - at the moment a wonderful band of a few volunteers has been strimming and mowing between the kerbs and headstones (not easy!) raking up the grass and clearing it away. Members have been reading information provided by the 'Living Churchyard Project' - this has been designed to encourage people to take a new look at their churchyards and burial grounds as sanctuaries for wildlife and enhancing their natural beauty through careful conservation management, so perhaps we should be taking 'A New Look' and getting a wider cross-section of the community involved, including youngsters.

Plans are being made for two important events for 1995 - a televised communal Welsh Hymn Singing - Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol in May and a Flower Festival and Gymanfa Ganu in June.

KNITTED SQUARES

As this September Newsletter comes into circulation Mrs Ann Roberts, Mrs Phyllis Hughes and Mrs Dilys Hughes will have nearly completed joining together the squares, what a lot of hard work - our very grateful thanks to you all. We now have three blankets which will be raffled in aid of Hope House. A 'Christmas Bazaar' will be held at the Memorial Hall on the afternoon of Saturday November 19th. This is a fund raising event for HOPE HOUSE Children's Hospice at Morda - opening June 1995. We do hope you will support this worthy cause. Please look out for POSTERS which will have more information nearer the date.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Llanfyllin Ruridecanal Conference Meeting - Monday 9th May

Mrs Brenda Jones and Miss Mary Morris with other representatives of the various churches in the Llanfyllin Deanery attended a meeting at the Church Vestry in Llanfyllin on Monday 9th May.

The Rural Dean the Rev C Carter opened the meeting with prayers. After various matters were discussed, the Rural Dean welcomed The Very Revd T R Kerry Goulstone, Dean of St Asaph who gave a most enlightening talk about the Cathedral. With so much enthusiasm felt by the persons present it was decided to arrange a Deanery outing to the Cathedral. The meeting closed with the Grace.

Friday 15th July

The Revd C Carter with six members from the church joined other members from the Deanery on the outing to St Asaph Cathedral. The Dean The Very Revd T R Kerry Goulstone welcomed the party and gave a brief talk about the history of the Cathedral, afterwards members toured the Cathedral and attended Choral Evensong. En route home a meal had been organized at 'The Ponderosa' on the Horseshoe Pass. Our grateful thanks to the Revd David of Llanfyllin for making the arrangements for this very enjoyable outing.

Christian Aid Coffee Evening 17th May - Gymanfa Ganu 22nd May

On Tuesday evening a Coffee evening with a 'Bring and Buy Stall' and a Raffle was held in the Institute. Mrs Lig Perkins (North Wales Organiser) with her Jubilate Quartet entertained with their variety of songs and thrilled all that were present. £158.81 was made during the evening.

On the Sunday evening with the Church comfortably full a Gymanfa Ganu (Singing Festival) was held under the baton of Mrs Eluned Davies Jones ALCM, Miss Morfudd Williams was organist and the devotional parts were taken by Revd C Carter and Revd Stanton Evans. The collection amounted to £94.06. With donations, house to house collections a total of £432.87 was sent to Christian Aid from Llansilin, Llangedwyn, Moelfre, Rhiwlas and Cefn Canol. As local organiser I wish to thank all who gave so generously again this year.

Rhiannon Lewis.

DID YOU KNOW - that the stained glass window in the vestry illustrates the parable of the Talents, with figures of Jubal, Miriam, King David and St. Celia and that it is in memory of Huw Morris - Eos Ceiriog - who died on 31st August 1709 aged 87 years.



M O T H E R ' S U N I O N

Members enjoyed a talk given by Mrs Sweeting of Pant at their May meeting, The Revd C Carter conducted a short service. Tea and biscuits were served and Mrs Vera Evans won the raffle.

At the June meeting the Revd C Carter conducted a short service. Mrs Sue Nicholas of Montgomery spoke about 'Jewish Cookery', the members present thoroughly enjoyed this most interesting talk and were able to sample various dishes. The meeting ended with tea and biscuits.

On July 14th members enjoyed their annual outing when they visited a farm who made their own ice-cream - this being Dalesman Farm near Whitchurch. After the talk members were given a lovely tea. To conclude the afternoon outing a visit was made to Bridgemere Nurseries. Thanks were extended to one and all by the enrolling member Mrs Glenice Jones.

At the July meeting and in the absence of the Vicar Mrs Glenice Jones the enrolling member conducted a short service and then welcomed Mrs M Jones of Llansanffraid who demonstrated Broomstick Crochet. Thanks were extended and the meeting ended as usual with tea and biscuits.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15th September at 7.15 p.m.

As we move into Autumn our thoughts turn to using the fruits of the season so below is a given recipe for this time.

APPLE AND DAMSON BATTER PUDDING

Serves 4 1lb Dessert Apples, peeled cored and thickly sliced
8ozs Damsons, halved and stoned.

Batter 3 eggs size 3, 2oz plain flour, 2oz caster sugar,
pinch of salt, $\frac{3}{4}$ pint milk, 2 tablespoonful rum.
Icing sugar for dusting.

Method Put apple slices and prepared damsons into a greased ovenproof dish.
To make batter, blend eggs, flour, sugar, salt and a little milk until smooth. Add remaining milk and rum and blend again.
Pour batter over fruit and cook at Mark 5, 375 F, 190°C for 45 minutes until batter is golden and set.
Cool slightly, then dust with icing sugar before serving.

K E Jones.

God gives the grain, but we must make the furrow. Bulgarian Proverb.

Spring, not autumn

LLANSILIN CHURCH SIDESMEN'S ROTA

September - December

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.

October

2nd	Mr Bill Jones	9th	Sunday School Children
16th	Mr Bell Hughes 8.30a.m.		Mr R H Morris - 10.00a.m.
23rd	Mr John Roberts 10.00a.m.		Mr Lloyd Edwards - 6.30p.m.
30th	Sunday School Children		

November

6th	Mr Bill Jones	13th	Mr Dennis Sockett
20th	Miss Mary Morris 8.30p.m.		Mr Dan Jones - 10.00a.m.
27th	Mr Edwin Ashley		

December

4th	Mr Bill Jones	11th	Mr David Bickerton
18th	Mr Bell Hughes 8.30a.m.		Mr Wyn Hughes - 10.00a.m.
24th	Mrs Sheila Ashley		

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 --- September - December

September	4th/11th	Mrs Valerie Burton, Mrs Annali Thomas
September	18th/25th	Mrs Phyllis Hughes, Mrs Christine Williams
October	2nd/9th	Mrs Brenda Jones, Mrs Kaye Hughes
October	16th/23rd	Mrs Nancy Williams, Mrs Pat Roots
Oct/Nov	30th/6th	Mrs Kathleen Jones, Mrs Betty Evans
November	13th/20th	Mrs Margaret Lloyd, Miss Mary Morris
Nov/Dec	27th/4th	Mrs Ann Roberts, Mrs Christine Williams
December	11th, 18th	Mrs Bronwen Taylor/Mrs Megan Evans
Dec/Jan	24th/1st	Mrs Sheila Ashley/Miss Liz Ashley

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

Once again the ANNUAL AUTUMN FAYRE is upon us. We shall again be having a variety of stalls including cakes, homemade bread, preserves plants, produce etc, etc, the usual raffles and, homemade refreshment will be served. The proceeds of the Fayre go towards the day to day running of the Church e.g. lighting, heating oil, water etc.

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

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 7th 7.30p.m. P.C.C. Meeting Parish Church
Saturday 17th 2.30p.m. Autumn Fayre Memorial Hall
Saturday 24th 2.30 - 4.30p.m. Afternoon Tea with the Vicar
at Ysgubor Gŵch in aid of the
St Asaph Cathedral Organ Fund

OCTOBER

Wednesday 12th 7.00p.m. Harvest Supper Memorial Hall Llangedwyn

NOVEMBER

Sunday 13^h Remembrance Service Venue and time to be
Sunday 27th Deanery Advent Service announced

P A R I S H R E G I S T E R S - No entries.

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 seven year old Ghanaian boy - Tel: 274.

Thank you to Mr Bill Jones and all the men for cutting the grass etc in the churchyard, also to Mr Brian Thomas for his tractor and truck for shifting the grass.

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.

THANK YOU to all who have contributed to this newsletter.

We are most grateful to Miss Morfudd Williams (our organist) for organising the photocopying of our quarterly Newsletter.
Thank you Morfudd.

Distribution: Margaret Lloyd Tel: 472

The next Newsletter will be produced on 1st December. If anyone would like to contribute, or has any useful suggestions or information, do PLEASE contact - Mary Morris Tel: 223 before 1st November.

CHILDREN - SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DO:

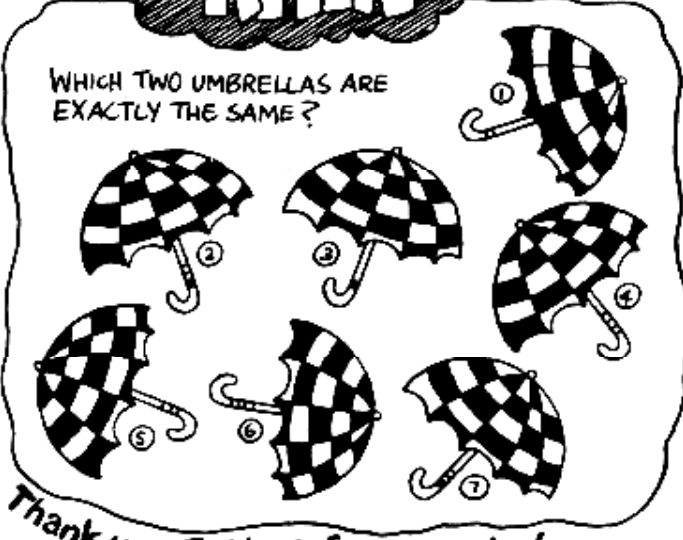
WORD SEARCH

'Birds of the Bible'

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| DOVE | PEACOCK | SPARROW |
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| OWL | QUAIL | VULTURE |

RAIN

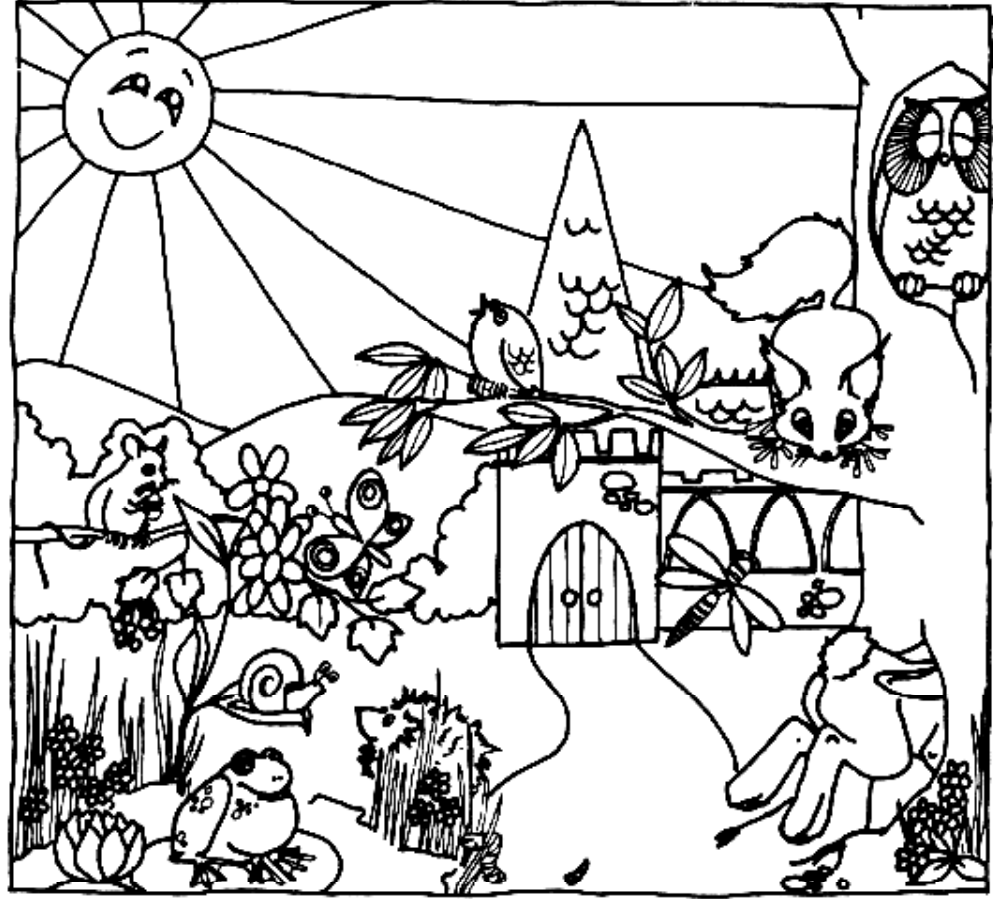


Thank you, Father, for the rain!

Answer: Numbers 4 and 6.

How many different creatures can you spot?

COLOUR IT IN!



A COUNTRY CHURCHYARD