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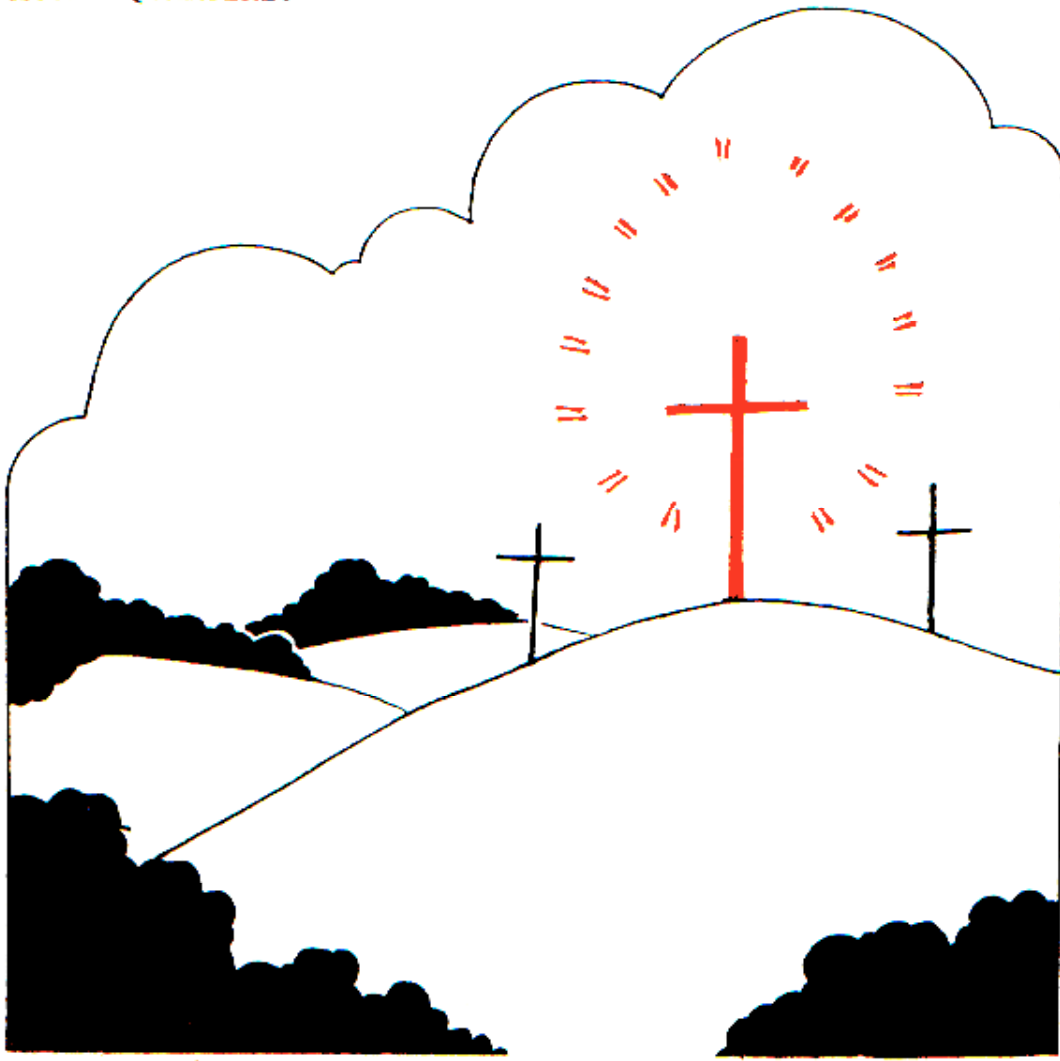
LLANSILIN PARISH CHURCH

with **LLANGADWALADR CHURCH** and
RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH

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ISSUED QUARTERLY

MARCH 1995



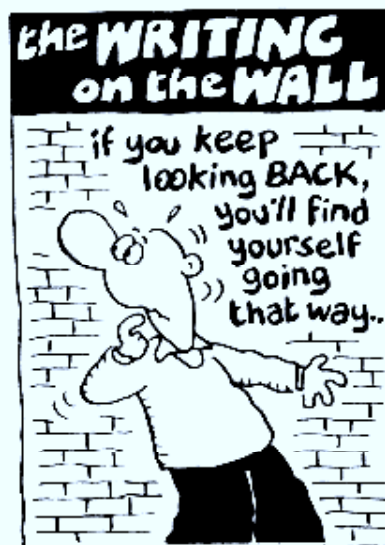
CHURCH SERVICES

LLANSILIN

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	10.00 am
	Sunday School	10.00 am
2nd Sunday	Matins	10.00 am
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30 am
	Cymun Bendigaid	10.00 am
4th Sunday	Matins	10.00 am
	Evensong	6.30 pm
	April to October	
5th Sunday	Family Service	10.00 am

LLANGEDWYN

1st Sunday	Family Service	11.15 am
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30 am
3rd Sunday	Sunday School	11.15 am
	Evensong	6.30 pm
4th Sunday	Holy Communion	11.15 am
5th Sunday	Matins	11.15 am



LLANGADWALADR/RHIWLAS CHURCHES

1st Sunday	Rhiwlas	Holy Communion	2.30 pm
2nd Sunday	Llangadwaladr	Holy Communion	2.30 pm
3rd Sunday	Rhiwlas	Matins	2.30 pm
4th Sunday	Llangadwaladr	Matins	2.30 pm

Vicar: Rev C F Carter, The Vicarage, Llansilin - Tel: 791209

CHAPEL SERVICES

Mawrth 5ed	Gweinidog - Gwasanaeth y Cymun	Salem	10.00 am
Mawrth 12fed	Parch E.H.Griffiths	Cefn Canol	2.00 pm
Mawrth 19fed	Gweinidog	Bethesda	6.30 pm
Mawrth 26ain		Soar	
Ebrill 2ain	Gweinidog - Gwasanaeth y Cymun	Rhiwlas	6.30 pm
Ebrill 9fed	Parch Dafydd Hughes	Bethania	2.00 pm
Ebrill 16eg	Gweinidog	Salem	6.30 pm
Ebrill 23ain	Mr Wyndam Evans	Cefn Canol	2.00 pm
Ebrill 30ain	Mr Moelwyn Jones	Bethesda	2.00 pm
Mai 7fed	Gweinidog	Soar	10.30 am
	Gymanfa Ganu, Seion		
Mai 14eg	Parch R. Dyfan Thomas	Rhiwlas	6.30 pm
	Gymanfa Ganu yr Annibynwyr		
Mai 21ain	Gweinidog - Sul Ieuencid	Bethania	10.00 am
Mai 28ain		Salem	

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

A SPRING MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

In January, the parish suddenly lost one of its stalwarts, and some of us a valued friend. To many of you from Llansilin or Moelfre, his name will be less familiar, for Jeff Smith was one of the tiny congregation which has loyally attended and supported Rhiwlas Mission Church over the years. He lived "next door", at Ty'n-y-Gerddi, and a very good neighbour he was, too.

At his funeral I quoted Sir Christopher Wren's epitaph in St Paul's Cathedral, "If you seek his monument, look around you", and applied it to Jeff in more ways than one, for there was hardly a feature of the Church, inside or out, which Jeff had not made, repaired or helped to restore and the little building was packed to the doors with friends and neighbours most of whom could have testified to Jeff's readiness to use those same skills to do anyone a good turn - and then pass it off with a joke when you tried to thank him. If you wanted a job done, and done well, and done soon, then Jeff was the man to turn to. The loss of his ready help and his ready wit will leave a gap in the lives of all who knew him - especially, of course, his widow and family. His little grandson, Jamie, asked plaintively "If God wanted to have Granddad with him, why couldn't he come down here instead of taking him to Heaven?"

Well, of course he did come down once, embodied, as it happens, in another country craftsman to whom there was nothing more important than being a good neighbour, and then having set us an example of how to live together, He left us to get on with it on His behalf by becoming what St Paul calls "the body of Christ" at work in the world. This is the theme of the Year of Vocation which the Archbishop has announced for 1995, under the "Consider your Call", meaning not just the call to the ordained ministry of the Church but the need for everyone to try to use their God-given talents to the best advantage, on behalf of the church and their neighbours. That of course is just what Jeff did for so long, without making any fuss about it or seeming to think that he was doing anything out of the ordinary.

People like that are hard to replace - and we can all think of others of the same stamp whom we have lost in recent years; but they can be replaced if we all take time to "consider our call" not to any extraordinary sanctity or spectacular "good works", but to the right use of our own particular gifts and skills as God intended, to make this corner of His world which we share with each other a better and a happier place for our having been here.

The only "monument" that Jesus had was in the hearts and minds of those whose lives were touched by his - and that is the best memorial to which any Christian can aspire.

Kit Carter

CHURCH SERVICES PASSIONTIDE AND EASTER 1995

Palm Sunday	9th April	2nd Sunday of the month		
Maundy Thursday	13th April	Holy Communion	Llangedwyn	7.00 pm
Good Friday	14th April	Devotions	Llangedwyn	10.30 am
		Devotions	Llansilin	2.00 pm
Easter Day	16th April	Holy Communion	Llansilin	8.00 am
		Holy Communion	Llansilin	10.00 am
		Holy Communion	Llangedwyn	11.15 am
		Holy Communion	Rhiwlas	2.30 pm

THE EASTER VESTRY will be held at the Institute on Friday 21st April at 7.00 pm.

DAVID LLOYD GEORGE - OUR UNINTENTIONAL BENEFACTOR

In 1920, the Church in Wales with an Archbishop of its own, came into existence, mainly through the efforts of David Lloyd George. His motives in promoting Welsh church disestablishment were not exactly friendly and few Welsh Anglicans welcomed the move - indeed, most of them vehemently opposed it - but, ironically, by cutting the "apron strings" which tied the Welsh dioceses to Canterbury, Lloyd George was doing them - and us - an unintentional favour, enabling the church to "grow up" and find both its feet as a distinctive entity and its roots as a truly Welsh institution. Mr Bill Richards, whose memory stretches back to those eventful days, has written for the magazine a memoir of this remarkable man to whom our church owes its birth, albeit by a sort of drastic "Caesarian section"!

Mr Richards prefixes his account with a quotation from Lloyd George's biographer, J. M. Keynes, a contemporary politician and economist. He wrote, in 1919, "*How can I convey to the reader who does not know him any just impression of this extraordinary figure of our time, this syren, this goatfooted bard, this half-human visitor to our age from the hag-ridden magic and enchanted woods of Celtic antiquity?*"

David Lloyd George was born to William and Elizabeth George on 17th January 1863. William was born of farming stock in Pembrokeshire, near Fishguard. He was intelligent and a great reader, so he decided that he would try teaching. He filled several posts in Wales and England and at Pwllheli, in 1859, he met and married Elizabeth Lloyd, daughter of a shoemaker from Llanystumdwy, near Criccieth. Soon afterwards they moved to Manchester where their children, Mary Ellen and David were born, but William's health soon broke down and they went back to Fishguard, hoping that farming would suit him better. It was a damp June; William caught a chill and died a week later.

Elizabeth sent a telegram to her brother Richard Lloyd, who was now the shoemaker at Llanystumdwy. It said simply "Come Richard". He walked to Caernarfon to catch the train and two days later he was at the farm. As soon as they had sold the few head of stock and packed up all they could bring - they agreed that William's beloved books had to come - they returned to Llanystumdwy to share a five-roomed cottage with their mother Rebecca and three children. Another William was soon to arrive..... to be continued.

DECHRAU CANU, DECHRAU CANMOL

The final date for the recording of the programme has now been arranged for Tuesday, 2nd May 1995 in Llansilin Church at 7.30 pm. In preparation, four rehearsals have been scheduled in the Church and they begin on Tuesday, 28th March at 7.30 pm followed by Sunday, 2nd April at 7.30 pm. The third one will be held on Sunday, 9th April and the final one on Tuesday, 25th April (both at 7.30 pm). Mrs Iona Jones will decide if we need another rehearsal on Sunday, 31st April nearer the time - it will depend on how well we sing!! A warm welcome is extended to everyone - croeso cynnes i bawb.

STOP PRESS: Bill Jones, People's Warden

We were all saddened at the news of Bill's death and our thoughts are with his loving family. His courage and consideration for others, when he himself had so much to face, had a profound effect on all who knew him. His body may have failed but his humor and personality never dimmed. The world will be a poorer place without him. God Bless you Bill.

THE ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is a list of all persons who are members of the Church over the age of 16. The persons must be confirmed members of an Anglican Church and should sign a form saying they understand their commitments and giving permission to be put on the Roll.

The Electoral Roll should be revised every five years and is due for revision now.

Everyone on the Electoral Roll is invited to attend the Easter Vestry meeting held soon after Easter (a notice of this meeting is put up in the Church porch). Reports on many aspects of the Church year are heard and discussed.

QUOTA

The Church Quota for Llansilin has risen from £2,229.00 in 1994 to £2,513.00 in 1995. The Church in Wales is unable to give as much to the Dioceses, therefore the Quota has gone up more than inflation.

Many people think that the Representative Body of the Church in Wales (sometimes referred to as the RB) should pay more towards the upkeep of our churches. This is not possible because the money invested in and by the RB goes to pay the clergy, amongst other things. It is estimated that the cost of each clergyman, per annum, is £35,000.00 (only a small portion of this is salary). Housing, pension etc. are included in this calculation.

A contribution towards Quota here, would be thankfully received by the treasurer at any time of the year, since the £2,513.00 is paid in quarterly instalments.

PROGRESS OF BELLS WORKING PARTY

The newly-formed working party is rapidly learning a new language of names and terms specific to the world of bells and bell-ringing.

We have visited the belfry at Berriew Church, where we were able to climb the tower and compare their iron bell frame (1903) for 6 bells with our wooden one (1848) for 4 bells. We looked in awe at the rhythmic action of the ringers and tried to attune our ears to the changes of sequence. We have discovered the Central Council of Church Bellringers, who are so helpful and from whom we now have an informative video on restoration and ringing. This is available on loan to anyone interested - contact 791274. We even have a computer program teaching aid, covering the art of change ringing from 4 bells (Minims) through 8 and 9 bells (Majors and Carters) up to 16 bells.

What is perhaps more important to record, however, is the interest shown locally, particularly among the young, in getting involved with either ringing or helping with the restoration.

In the meantime, the working party is trying to evaluate how much restoration needs to be done to restore the bells to allow full ringing. Quite clearly a bell foundry will have to be consulted for specialist work. It would seem, however, that costs can be cut by using local craftsmen and volunteer labour where possible.

If any readers have relatives, friends or visitors with any experience to share we would love to hear from them (791274).

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



MOTHERS' UNION

The November meeting opened with a short service conducted by the Rev. C. Carter. Various items were discussed which included finalising the arrangements for the Annual Christmas Party. Members were then entertained by Mr Carter and the meeting was concluded with light refreshments.

The Annual Party was held at the Memorial Hall on Friday, 16th December. Mrs Glenice Jones, the enrolling member, welcomed members and their guests. The Rev. C. Carter said grace and everyone sat down and enjoyed an excellent hot meal. Entertainment was provided by Mr Bryn Davies (Nantirwen) and his friends. Thanks were extended to everyone by Mrs Glenice Jones.

A short service by the Rev. C. Carter opened the January meeting - 1995. Mrs Glenice Jones welcomed Mrs Christine Williams, of Maes-y-Llan, who gave a most interesting demonstration on Lace-making. Thanks were recorded by Mrs Lloyd Edwards. Light refreshments concluded the meeting.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The three Churches in the parish were tastefully decorated for the Christmas services.

The Rev. C. Carter opened the service for the Plygain at Llangadwaladr Church. Six parties took part with Mr Ellis Evans of Maes-y-Llan. Mrs Vera Evans took the collection. After the service, refreshments were served at Tygwyn.

The schoolchildren of Bro Cynllaith took part in the Annual Carol Service, held in the Church in Llansilin. The church was full to capacity. The service opened with a candlelight procession by the children through the church. The Rev. C. Carter gave the blessing. The collection, which amounted to £135.00, was given to the Hope House Children's Hospice Appeal.

The Rev. C. Carter took the United Service of Readings and Carols at Rhiwlas Methodist Chapel on Christmas Eve. This service was well attended. The collection was given to "Shelter".

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School started off 1995 with a smashing party on January 8th. We had fifteen members - we missed Sarah and Gareth - and nine toddlers. It sounded more than twenty-four!. Lots of friends and Mums came too. We all had lovely presents and good food to eat. A VERY good time was had by one and all.

On 29th January, we missed our usual Family Service and (with our Vicar's permission!) we went to Llanyblodwel Church's Christingle Service. Some of us were almost touching the font as baby Daniel was being Christened. Mr Bol had told us to get closer if we couldn't see. Our youngsters really are a credit to Llansilin, their thank-yous could be heard very clearly and we've obviously got some fashion models in the offing. Well done all of you.

It's a pity the parking facilities are so poor there, but thank you to the people who kindly let us park in their yards.

LLANSILIN CHURCH SIDESMEN'S ROTA

MARCH

5th Mr Bill Jones
19th Miss Mary Morris 8.30 am
26th Mr John Roberts

12th Mr Withers-Green
Mr Wyn Hughes - 10.00 am

APRIL

2nd Mr Russell Thomas
16th Mr Bell Hughes - 8.00 am
23rd Mr Lloyd Edwards

9th Mr Brian Jones
Mrs Ashley - 10.00 am
Mrs Ashley - 6.30 pm

MAY

7th Peoples' Warden
21st Miss Mary Morris - 8.30 am
28th Mr David Bickerton

14th Mr Dennis Sockett
Mr Dan Jones - 10.00 am
Mr Lloyd Edwards - 6.30 pm

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 - March to June

March	5th and 12th	-	Mrs Nancy Williams and Mrs Pat Rootes
March	19th and 26th	-	Miss Morfudd Williams and Mrs Vera Evans
April	2nd and 9th	-	Mrs Megan Evans and Mrs Bronwen Taylor
April	23rd and 30th	-	Mrs Kathleen Jones and Mrs Betty Evans
May	2nd and 7th	-	Mrs Margaret Lloyd and Miss Mary Morris
May	14th and 21st	-	Mrs A Roberts and Mrs Christine Williams
May	28th and June 4th	-	Mrs Sheila Ashley and Miss Liz Ashley

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

Tuesday 11th April 10.30 am

All ladies (and gentlemen too !) **SPRING CLEAN CHURCH FOR EASTER**

Saturday 15th April

Decorate the Church for Easter

Monday 1st May 10.30 am

All ladies please - ready for T.V. recording on Tuesday.

Tuesday 2nd May

RECORDING DAY - Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol.

You can get to the end of the earth by lying.....

.....but you'll never get back.

(Russian proverb)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

Thursday	16th	2.15 pm	M.U.	Institute
Sunday	26th	10.00 am	Mothering Sunday	Parish Church

APRIL

Thursday	20th	7.15 pm	M.U.	Institute
Wednesday	26th	7 - 9.00 pm	Coffee Evening In aid of The Children's Society	Institute

MAY

Thursday	18th	7.15 pm	M.U.	Institute
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Week Commencing 14th May Christian Aid Week

PARISH REGISTERS

January	6th	Burial	John Thomas Davies	Late Fron Ucha	Rhiwlas
January	16th	Cremation	Jeffrey Smith	Tyngerddi	Rhiwlas
January	17th	Burial	Elizabeth Mary Evans	Gors Goch	Cymdu

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The final total for the Christmas Bazaar, in aid of Hope House,
was £1,628.00

FLOWER FESTIVAL Friday 23rd June - Sunday 25th June 1995

An open meeting will be held at The Institute on Thursday, 2nd March, at 7 pm - Everyone Welcome.
Light refreshments will be served. Co-ordinator Mrs Kathleen Jones.

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 everyone who has contributed to this newsletter and apologies for the mistakes in the previous Newsletter.

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THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be produced on 1st June 1995. If anyone would like to contribute, or has any useful suggestions or information, do please contact Mary Morris - Tel: 791 223 before 1st May 1995.