

LLANSILIN PARISH CHURCH

with LLANGADWALADR CHURCH and  
RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH

# NEWS

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ISSUE 10



CHURCH SERVICES

LLANSILIN

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



A Prayer for Everyone

Lord, when we are wrong  
make us willing to change  
And when we are right, make  
us easy to live with.

—Peter Marshall

LLANGEDWYN

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

LLANGADWALADR/RHIWLAS CHURCHES

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

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

CHAPEL SERVICES

Mehefin 4ydd	Y Gweinidog	Cefn Canol	6.00pm
Mehefin 1leg	Parch R Glyn Jones	Bethesda	2.00pm
Mehefin 18fed	Y Gweinidog (Cymun)	Soar	10.30am
Mehefin 25ain	Mr David Barker Jones	Rhiwlas	10.00am
Gorffennaf 2ail	Y Gweinidog	Bethania	6.30pm
Gorffennaf 9fed	Parch Richard Jones	Salem	2.00pm
Gorffennaf 16eg	Y Gweinidog (Cymun)	Cefn Canol	10.30pm
Gorffennaf 23ain	Buddug Medi	Bethesda	6.30pm
Gorffennaf 30ain	Mr Arthur Hughes	Soar	2.00pm
Awst 6ad	Mr R A Platt	Rhiwlas	2.00pm
Awst 13eg	Mrs Nesta Barker Jones	Bethania	2.00pm
Awst 20fed	Parch Glyn Morgan	Salem	6.30pm
Awst 27ain	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Cefn Canol	2.00pm

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## THE VICAR'S LETTER

At the time I write this the media are enjoying a nostalgic wallow prompted by the 50th anniversary of V.E.Day; and there's still V.J.Day to come. Of course, we who can remember the war tend to look back through rose-coloured spectacles, but the sense of togetherness and of sharing a common purpose was real enough. We talked endlessly about what we'd do and all that we'd have when the war and rationing were over, but even as a teenager I remember looking back and thinking "we don't do things together now like we used to during the war". And now? We've got all the luxuries we could only dream of then, and others which never featured in our wildest dreams; but still there's something missing. And looking beyond the horizons of our comfortable lives, the world is still disfigured by violence, injustice and depravation, and we are using up and degrading our natural environment as if there was no tomorrow. Last Sunday in Llangedwyn church we heard this extract from the diary of Ann Frank, the Jewish teenager who spent two years hiding from the Nazis before being caught and sent to die in Belsen. "What, oh what is the use of the war? Why can't people live peacefully together? Why all this destruction? Why should millions be spent daily on the war and yet there's not a penny available for medical services, artists, or for poor people? Why do some people have to starve, while there are surpluses rotting in other parts of the world? Oh, why are people so crazy? Until all mankind, without exception, undergoes a great change wars will be waged, everything that has been built up, cultivated and grown, will be destroyed and disfigured, after which mankind will have to begin all over again".

Hearing those moving words read - very well -, by a girl about Ann's age, was like hearing the voice of that bright, thoughtful child asking us over the half-century between "What have you made of all the chances I never had?

May God give us all the grace to listen to Ann's question, the courage to answer it honestly, and the will to work together to make the changes needed to build the better world she never lived to see.

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*Kit Carter*

## DECHRAU CANU DECHRAU CANMOL

On Tuesday May 2nd the Welsh Television company 'Intrada' came to Llansilin Church to record the Welsh-hymn singing programme. It was a happy occasion, even if it was hard work! The singing was excellent and the Church looked very beautiful.

A warm thank you to everyone who took part and who supported us so well, both during the five rehearsals which were held and on the evening of the recording. Diolch a galon i bawb a'n cefnogodd ac hefyd am eich gwaith caled i wneud y rhaglen yn un mor llwyddiannus.

Morfudd Williams.

DAVID LLOYD GEORGE - A YOUNG RELIGIOUS REBEL (Part 2)

The most influential figure in young David's early life was "Uncle Lloyd", his mother's brother Richard. He had a small stone workshop in Llanystumdwy with a sign above the door reading "Gwnenthuwr", whose meaning he would carefully translate for English-speaking visitors: "Man-u-fact-ur-er". He was no mere cobbler, because his workshop housed three benches for himself and two employees. Less expectedly, there was always a book which Uncle Lloyd read when he had time, and another in which to write down any worth-while thoughts for Sunday - for he was also a minister of the strictest Baptist sect, the Campbellites.

Little David showed early promise of being very bright, and Uncle Lloyd was very taken with him, told him Bible stories and even began to teach him to read the Welsh Bible before he was old enough to go to school. The only school in the village was run by the Church, but there were more children from chapel than from church families. David was soon attracting the attention of the schoolmaster, David Evans: he just could not bear to recite the Apostles' Creed, and when the master announced that next day the school would be visited by the Vicar, the Squire and the Diocesan Inspector David told all the other children that they were not to recite the catechism when they were asked to - and he reminded them all before school in the morning! While the Vicar spoke a few words some children looked very nervous, but when he asked "Will you say the catechism please" nobody answered: nor did the master's coaxing make any difference, until a little voiced pealed out "I believe", and, the spell broken everyone joined in. The voice was that of William George - probably the only time in his long life that he ever let his brother down! However, the vicar and the schoolmaster had had enough; apparently the unwelcome request was never made again.

David Evans can't have borne too much of a grudge, however, as although most children left school at 12 he agreed with Uncle George that young David could stay on for two more years with two other bright boys. Between studying, Chapel on Sundays and the Wednesday Band of Hope those two years passed quickly, and it was time for David's family to choose him a career..... to be continued.

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

A united service was held at Bethesda Chapel on Sunday May 14th. The service was taken by the Rev: Stanton Evans and the Vicar the Rev: C.F.Carter. Various members of the chapels and the church took part. The collection was for Christian Aid.

Mrs Rhiannon Lewis, Fairview once again organized the annual Coffee evening with a 'Bring and Buy Stall' at the Institute on Wednesday May 17th. This again was well supported and much enjoyed. Mrs Judith Haslem was the guest speaker and spoke about her involvement with Christian Aid. Entertainment was provided by the Cedwyn Singers. The Vicar and Mrs Rhiannon Lewis thanked everyone for making the evening such a success. The total money raised will be given in the September Newsletter.

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## CHURCH BELLS

Following the article in your last edition concerning the bells in Llansilin church you may be interested in the following letter published in Bygones 1894 from D Davies, Llansilin Vicarage.

It has been an ancient custom at Llansilin for the sexton on Sunday mornings to ring one bell at 7.30am; two at 8.30am and to chime all four at 9.30am and at 10, each time for five minutes. At 10.20am the four were chimed again for five minutes, then a single bell goes (called "the parson's bell") until just before the service at 10.30am when the "calling bell", a different bell from the last, is rung quickly. The bells are rung in precisely the same way for half an hour before evening service.

The custom for funerals is to toll the big bell for some time the evening before then on the day of the funeral the bell is tolled at certain times during the day and when the mourners come in sight the same bell is rung quickly until they enter the church.

I can well remember as a child, when everyone walked to chapel, that if we had reached the telephone exchange before we heard the bell we were on time but if we had not reached it we would be late for the start of the service.

Emyr Evans.

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## A VERY SPECIAL BAPTISM

We don't get many christenings at Llangadwaladr, but on February the 26th the little church was full, and a trifle noisy at times, for the baptism of Benjamin, the son of Nigel and Wendy Mates, and the first grandchild of

Mrs Vera Evans, Tv Silin, who has been Churchwarden there for so many years. Benjamin was quite an armful by the time he reached the font, as he and his mother had first to attend the christenings of the four other babies born on the ward at the same time, who duly turned up with their parents on the day in a column of cars following Nigel and Wendy - otherwise they'd probably never have found the church!. It didn't seem possible that the happy mother was the same little girl who came to my first service at Llangadwaladr nearly 15 years ago. There were only three other people in church that day, but Wendy brought her own congregation this time! CEC

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Question - What gifts do I have? To help answer that question first ask yourself, 'What do I enjoy doing?' That is often an indication of the gifts God has given you. Then ask your friends what gifts do they recognize in you.

Prayer - Lord, please show me what gifts you have given me that I could use to serve you and to help others.

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#### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

##### Mother's Union

The Vicar the Rev C Carter conducted a short service at the opening of the February meeting. In the absence of the enrolling member Mrs Kaye Hughes took the meeting and welcomed Mrs Jean Hughes, Golfa Issa who spoke about her recent holiday in Egypt. Thanks were expressed to the speaker and refreshments concluded the meeting.

The resident Minister of Criftins, Welsh Frankton and Dudleston Heath Rev: Anne Netherwood took the service at St Silin's church at the beginning of the March meeting. Afterwards she gave a short talk on God's Guidance. A talk was also given on the aims and objectives of the Mother's Union by M/s Carol Chamberlain. Thanks were accorded to both speakers. Light refreshments were served.

For the April meeting members joined the Llangedwyn MU members at their meeting at the Memorial Hall. A very enlightening talk was given by the Rev: Ann Stratford on "Vicar's Stoles". Mrs Wilkes gave the vote of thanks. Members also in April attended the MU Deanery Festival at Llanfyllin - this was much enjoyed by everyone present.

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Coffee evening at the Institute. This was in aid of the Children's Society. Mrs Dorothy Jarvis and Mrs Margaret Lloyd were in charge of the Bring & Buy stall. Miss Olive Jones sold raffle tickets and various ladies helped serve refreshments. Kaye was most grateful for all the help and support given. £148.25 was raised - THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

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#### NOTES FROM THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

This is the year when we have to face the dreaded five-yearly structure report on the church building, commonly known as "the Quinquennial". To our relief the thorough inspection by our architect Mr Geoff Lloyd did not reveal any really expensive shocks. As one might expect in a building of such great age there are ongoing maintenance jobs such as gutters, downpipes, slipped slates and lead flashings requiring attention. An interesting project to be done will be the renovation of the wrought iron porch gates. Fortunately the Welsh Conservation body Cadw will help with a contribution towards the cost of this specialised work.

The annual Easter Vestry meeting was held on April 21st. Mrs Beryl Jones consented to carry on her husband Bill's term of office as People's Warden. Two new members have been elected to the PCC - Mrs Debra Hill-Trevor and Mr Clive Inman.

The regular PCC meetings continue to be well attended, and debate issues as wide as when to polish the silver and how to curb the invasive elder bush growth outside.

## LLANSILIN CHURCH SIDESMEN'S ROTA

Please watch this space as service times are probably going to change.  
Please put collection in the safe in bags marked with the date after the service.

### JUNE

4th Mrs Beryl Jones	11th Clive Inman
18th Mr Bell Hughes - 8.30 am	Mr H Morris - 10.00 am
25th Mrs S Ashley - Mrs Beryl Jones	Mr Lloyd Edwards - 6.30 pm

### JULY

2nd Mrs Beryl Jones	9th Mr Withers Green
16th Miss Mary Morris - 8.30 am	Mr Wyn Hughes - 10.00 am
23rd Mr John Roberts	Mrs Sheila Ashley - 6.30 pm
30th Family Service - Sunday School children	

### AUGUST

6th Mrs Beryl Jones	13th Mr Dennis Sockett
20th Mr Bell Hughes - 8.30 am	Mr Dan Jones - 10.00 am
27th Mrs Annali Thomas	Mr Lloyd Edwards 6.30 pm

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

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### FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA - June to September

May	28th and June	4th -	Mrs Sheila Ashley and Miss Liz Ashley
June	11th and 18th	-	Mrs Glenice Jones, Mrs Avril Jones and Mrs Janet Davies
June	23rd, 24th and 25th	-	Flower Festival
July	2nd and 9th	-	Mrs Beryl Jones, Miss Olive Jones and Mrs Dorothy Jarvis
July	16th and 23rd	-	Mrs Alma Jones and Mrs S Withers Green
July	30th and August 6th	-	Mrs Valerie Burton and Mrs Annali Thomas
August	13th and 20th	-	Mrs Kaye Hughes and Mrs Brenda Jones
August	27th and Sept' 3rd	-	Mrs Nancy Williams and Mrs Pat Rootes

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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all the ladies who helped decorate and clean the church for Easter - and of course not forgetting the extra clean etc in readiness for the recording of Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. I am sure you will agree it was all very exciting and great fun!

Often the greatest talents lie unseen.

Latin Proverb



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 23rd, 24th and 25th Flower Festival

JULY

Thursday 20th MU Annual Outing

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 23rd Autumn Fayre 2.30pm Memorial Hall

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PARISH REGISTERS

February 26th Baptism Llangadwaladr Church Benjamin Mark Mates  
Grandson of Mrs Vera Evans Ty Silin.

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FLOWER FESTIVAL PROGRAMME - 23rd, 24th and 25th June 1995

Friday Flower Festival opens in the Church 10.00am to 6.00pm  
A Concert will be given in the church by local children 6.30pm

Saturday Church opens from 10.00am - 9.00pm

Sunday Family service 10.00am - Guest preacher Bishop John Davies  
former Bishop of Shrewsbury.  
The church will remain open until 6.00pm

Gymanfa Ganu - 6.30pm  
Guest conductor - Mair Carrington - Roberts  
Guest soloists - Triawd-y-Bryn  
Guest organist - Neris Pritchard.

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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 a special  
thank you to Morfudd and Chris for helping me out with the previous  
newsletter!.

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THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be produced on 1st September 1995. We would be  
pleased if anyone would like to contribute or has any useful suggestions  
or information to contact Mary Morris - Tel: 791223 before August 1st.

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