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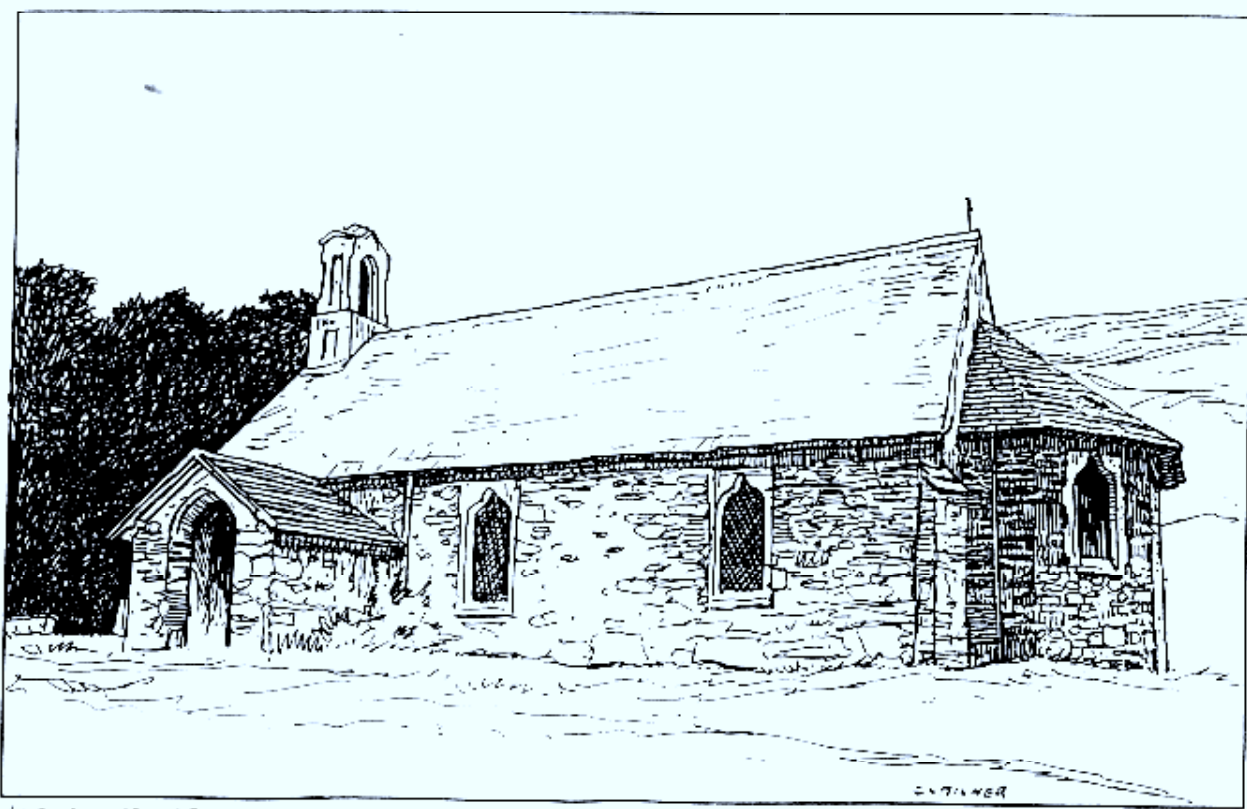
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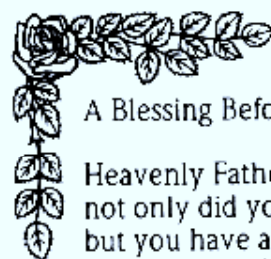
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CHURCH SERVICES

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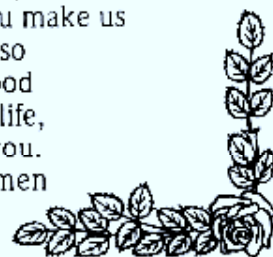
1st Sunday	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Sunday School	10.00am
2nd Sunday	Matins	10.00am
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30am
4th Sunday	Cymun Bendigaid	9.00am
	Evensong	6.30pm



A Blessing Before a Family Meal

Heavenly Father,
not only did you make us
but you have also
provided this food
to sustain us in life,
and we thank you.

Amen



LLANGEDWYN

1st Sunday	Evensong	6.30pm
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30am
3rd Sunday	Family Service	10.30am
4th Sunday	Holy Communion	10.30am
5th Sunday	Matins	8.30am

LLANGADWALADR & RHIWLAS CHURCHES

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

VICAR: Revd C F Carter, The Vicarage, Llansilin. Tel:791209

CHAPEL SERVICES

Mehefin	2ail	Y Gweinidog	Bethania	6.30pm
Mehefin	9fed	Parch John Owen	Salem	2.00pm
Mehefin	16eg	Y Gweinidog	Cefncanol	10.30am
Mehefin	23ain	Mr Arthur Hughes	Bethesda	2.00pm
Mehefin	30ain	Buddug Medi	Soar	6.30pm
Gorffennaf	7fed	Y Gweinidog	Rhiwlas	6.30pm
Gorffennaf	14eg	Parch T Evan Morgan	Bethania	2.00pm
Gorffennaf	21ain	Y Gweinidog (Cymun)	Soar	6.30pm
Gorffennaf	28ain	Mr Thomas Morris	Cefncanol	6.00pm
Awst	4ydd	Mr R A Platt	Bethesda	2.00pm
Awst	11eg	Parch M J Morris	Soar	6.30pm
Awst	18fed	Parch Glyn Morgan	Rhiwlas	6.30pm
Awst	25ain		Bethania	
Medi	1af	Y Gweinidog	Salem	10.00am
Medi	8fed	Mrs Mair Penri Jones	Cefncanol	2.00pm

GWEINIDOG/MINISTER: Y Parch Stanton Evans, 20 Croeswylan Lane,
Oswestry. Tel: 654682.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

The other day I was chatting to a colleague on the phone, and the conversation came round, as so often recently, to the crisis in the countryside caused by the "B.S.E. scare". My friend jocularly pointed out that there was a Biblical precedent for incinerating beef in the story of Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. You can find the story in chapter 18 of the first Book of Kings. But after we'd had a good chuckle over the question "Was Jezebel a mad cow?" I was left reflecting that there really were meaningful parallels between Elijah's time and our own. After all, what was the dispute which was resolved when "The Fire of the Lord" struck that pyre on the mountaintop? It was more than a squabble between the prophets of rival Gods. He was a trial of strength between two very different conceptions of the relationship between religion and society. Ahab, Jezebel and the prophets of Baal represented irresponsible power hand-in-glove with sensual religion which encouraged people to indulge themselves and forget about right and wrong, while Elijah stood for a God of justice who called crown and people alike to account for what they did.

Perhaps B.S.E. should be seen as just a symptom of a society which has sold its soul for a quick buck, and in which we allow big commercial concerns to do, more or less, as they please as long as we can go on enjoying an easy life, cheap food and a choice of push-button entertainment - a modern version of the "bread circuses" with which the Roman emperors of Jesus' time appeased the restless city mob; and maybe, the smoke rising from a holocaust of meat in a hungry world is a sign from God warning us to think hard, while there is still time, about the way we exploit his creation and each other, while the chain-reaction linking farmer, dealer, butcher, lorry-driver, tradesman and shopkeeper in a common anxiety reminds us of how much we all depend on each other, and on the Creator, who, in spite of all our folly, still loves and forgives and perseveres with us all alike, in Elijah's day, in Christs and in our own.

Kit Carter

LOOKING BACK - LLANSILIN CHURCH.

Some extracts from the Archaeologia Cambrensis of 1894.

There is an interesting article giving an explanation for the two chapels. At first, a small chapel, dedicated to the worship of Mary was built alongside the nave. With the worshipping of Mary, increasing in popularity, the chapel was enlarged and made the same size as the original church.

In 1534 a lawsuit took place between the two sons of Llywelyn ap Ieuan Vychan of Moeliwrch, as to whom should inherit the family pew. One claimed that, according to the old Welsh law, all sons had equal claim, while the other claimed that according to the law of Henry VIII (the law of primogeniture), the pew went to the eldest son. The Court of High Commission passed that Morris, the eldest son, was to have a pew in the chapel of Mary, and Thomas, the youngest, a pew in St Silin's chapel.

Mrs L. M. Jones.

EASTER SERVICES- 7th April 1996

Spring flowers decorated the three churches for the Easter day services which were well attended. The Vicar the Rev: C F Carter took all services other than the 10.00am service at Llansilin, this was taken by Canon M Ridgeway of Rhydycroesau.

ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY MEETING - 24th April 1996

The Vicar's review of the last twelve months reminded us of the many special and memorable occasions we have organised - a highlight was the televised "Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol" with friends of every denomination participating. The Flower Festival was a great success and brought alot of people from far and near to help and to enjoy our lovely church and interesting churchyard.

Another 'special' was the inter-denomination service on V.J. Day in the Memorial Hall. The Gymanfa Ganu and Plygain have been so well supported and rewarding to organise. We continue to finance the education of our Ghanaian boy Kofi Abagre.

The Sunday School is flourishing and had a busy year. Maintenance to the ancient fabric of the church continues - this year has seen an expensive renovation of the big East Window behind the altar. Every piece of glass was taken out and re-set in new lead comes. The church clock is now working well and people have enjoyed hearing the hours strike again.

This year has also seen its sadnesses with the loss of loved ones, but there has also been the joy of two marriages.

The Vicar concluded his review by giving his warmest thanks to the very many helpers - from the two churchwardens, to the cleaners, the sidesmen and the lesson readers, the organists, the production team and printers of the newsletter, the weekly clockwinder, the daily unlocking and locking of the church, care of the boiler, displaying the hymn numbers etc etc. So many of these tasks were undertaken by Mr Bell Hughes before he was taken ill in January - and how we miss him!

Finally the Vicar gave a glimpse of exciting things to come. Much thought and effort is being spent on looking at the church and what we should be doing for future generations. There is an ongoing study into improving the heating system, consideration into providing a church meeting room, kitchen and toilet, and would'nt it be wonderful to ring in the millenium on our own bells!

Mrs Valerie M Burton, Secretary.

Love of books is your pass to the greatest, the purest, and the most perfect pleasure that God has prepared for His creatures. It lasts when all other recreations are gone. It will make your hours pleasant to you as long as you live. - Anthony Trollope.

HENRY ELLIS BRISCOE, PRIEST

The parish has recently lost a good friend in the Rev: H E Briscoe, who came to the district in 1976 to be vicar of Llanyblodwel. After a final two years at Clyro near Hay-on-Wye, in 1985 he came to live in the Llansilin cottage he had already bought for his retirement. For years he was a familiar, cheerful presence, unmistakably Irish although he had left the land of his birth half a century before. He joined in Saint Silin's when he was 'nt "holding the fort" elsewhere (which was often), sitting towards the front and singing lustily. The loss of his dear friend and housekeeper, Mrs Wildblood, left him to live, as he complained, "in bachelor barbarity", but the shock aged him sadly, and in the end he had to go and live in an old people's home near Mrs Wildblood's family, at Cheadle in Staffordshire, where Bill Richards, Brenda Jones, Esther Milner and I attended a requiem mass in his memory on May the 15th. He was indeed a "man of many parts", well-read in several languages, widely travelled, staunch in his opinions and with a lively sense of humour. We will miss him sadly. CFC.

CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE AND COFFEE EVENING
Sunday May 12th and Wednesday May 17th 1996



A united bi-lingual service was held at Soar Wesleyan Chapel. The Rev: C F Carter took the service and the Rev: Stanton Evans also took part. The guest preacher was Rev: Ll Cummings of Llanfyllin. Mrs Carys Evans played the organ. Members from the different denominations took part in the service.

As is traditional in Llansilin church after a baptism, the new member is welcomed into the church the following Sunday. This coincided with the Christian Aid Service and Gethin David Bickerton infant son of David & Elizabeth Bickerton and brother of Sarah & Gareth was welcomed at this service. The collection was taken by Mr Glyn Roberts & Sarah Bickerton.

As of previous years Mrs Rhiannon Lewis again organised the above service and also the successful Coffee Evening held at the Institute. As always, there was a brisk trade on the "Bring and Buy" stall and the sale of raffle tickets. The Rev: C F Carter and the Rev: Stanton Evans were present. Mrs Lewis would like to extend her grateful thanks to everyone for their help and generosity. At the moment the total money raised amounts to over £250. A final figure will be give in the next newsletter.

CHIMING/TOLLING OF THE CHURCH BELL

One of the many roles Bell used to carry out was chiming the bell at the start of the services and tolling the bell for funerals.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS! Practice sessions will be held to "train" as many people as possible, and a rota will then be drawn up. Please contact the vicar or churchwardens - we need your help!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



Mothers' Union

The Enrolling Member, Mrs Glenice Jones, took the March meeting in the absence of the vicar the Rev: C F Carter. The speaker was Janet Oldfield who spoke on the Homeless in Oswestry Action Project.

For the April meeting, members joined the Llangedwyn Mothers' Union at their monthly meeting when, the speaker was Mr Charnley who spoke about the work of the Shropshire and Mid Wales Hospice.

The Rev: C F Carter took the May meeting. The speaker, Mr J Jones of Trefonen spoke and showed slides of his garden at Carven. Thanks were recorded and refreshments were served at all these meetings.

Sunday 28th April 1996

A most enjoyable and successful evening of Sacred Songs and Arias was held at the Church under the leadership of the Wrexham Salvation Army Songsters with their conductor Mr Colin Fisher. Inspiring solo items were given by the Choir as well as an exciting tambourine routine, and the Songsters led us in ten well-known congregational hymns. The wonderful sum of £248 was raised in aid of Koffi Abagre (a Ghanaian boy we sponsor through Action Aid).

A grateful and sincere word of thanks to everyone who supported us so well and to all who helped make the evening such a success, but especially to our friends from other denominations who deferred their evening service to be able to be with us.
Diolch o galon i chi gyd am eich cefnogaeth. MW

THURSDAY 16th MAY 1996

Llangadwaladr Church had a "full house" for the Ascension Day service. The Rev: C F Carter took the service - Mrs Esther Milner played the organ and Mrs Vera Evans - church warden took the collection. The guest preacher - the Rev: Tony Villiers - Vicar of Llanymynech and Morton Churches gave a very inspiring address. Members from both congregations of his churches were present. After the service refreshments were served by the lady members of Llangadwaladr and Llansilin churches.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

Too much self-examination is as bad as too little; believe me, by God's help we shall advance more by contemplating the Divinity than by keeping our eyes fixed on ourselves.
St Teresa.

LLANSILIN CHURCH SIDESMEN'S ROTA

JUNE

2nd Mrs Beryl Jones	9th Mr Edgar Jones
16th Mrs Val Burton	23rd Mr Dan Jones 9.00am
	23rd Mr Harry Ogden 6.30pm
30th Sunday School	

JULY

7th Mrs Beryl Jones	14th Mr Simon Jones
21st Mr John Roberts	28th Mr Wynn Hughes 9.00am
	28th Mrs Sheila Ashley 6.30pm

AUGUST

4th Mrs Beryl Jones	11th Mr Dennis Sockett
18th Miss Olive Jones	25th Mr Lloyd Edwards 9.00am
	25th Mr Harry Ogden 6.30pm

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 to September

June	2nd	Mrs Sheila Ashley and Mrs Christine Williams
June	9th and 16th	Mrs Margaret Lloyd and Miss Mary Morris
June	23rd and 30th	Mrs Kathleen Jones and Mrs Betty Evans
July	7th and 14th	Mrs Bronwen Taylor and Mrs Megan Evans
July	21st and 28th	Mrs G Jones, Mrs J Davies and Mrs A Jones
August	4th and 11th	Mrs B Jones, Miss O Jones and Mrs D Jarvis
August	18th and 25th	Mrs Alma Jones and Mrs S Withers-Green
Sept	1st and 8th	Mrs Valerie Burton and 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 all the ladies for giving the church an extra special clean for Easter and also to everyone who helped decorate.

CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

We are now in the process of cutting the grass and having a general tidy up of the churchyard - stripping ivy off the walls and gravestones etc, etc. We would be grateful for more help, so perhaps if you have a little time to spare please come and join us or come whenever you can on whatever day if only for a short time - as the old proverb says "many hands make light work"! WE MEET FORTNIGHTLY ON A THURSDAY EVENING FROM ABOUT 6.30pm ONWARDS and work for about an hour or whatever suits everyone. The next date in June is Thursday 6th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

Friday	7th	7.30pm	P.C.C. Meeting	Church
Thursday	20th	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	Institute

JULY

Saturday	13th	7.15pm	Promise Auction	Memorial Hall
Thursday	18th		Mother's Union	Annual Outing

September

Thursday	19th	2.30pm	Mother's Union	Institute
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CHURCH FUND RAISING

For the last number of years fund raising for the week to week running expenses of the church has taken the form of an Annual Autumn Fayre. The P.C.C. now feel we need a change - so we are embarking on a new adventure in the form of a Promise Auction - (details below). The proceeds are to be divided between the Church and the Hope House Children's Respite Hospice at Morda.

CHURCH PROMISES AUCTION
Saturday 13th July at 7.15p.m.
at the Memorial Hall

PLEASE could you all try and make this a really great success, by doing, cooking, organising, entertaining or anything at all - and by persuading your friends, family and neighbours to do the same? Above all, please come on the night, have fun, and spend, spend, spend! Contact either Deborah Hill-Trevor on 791331 or Margaret Lloyd on 791472, with your promises.

PARISH REGISTER

May 7th	Baptism	Gethin David Bickerton, Lloran Uchaf
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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.

DISTRIBUTION Margaret Lloyd - Tel:791472

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER will be produced on 1st September 1996. If anyone would like to contribute or has any useful suggestions or information, please do not hesitate, contact Mary Morris - Tel: 791223 before the 1st August 1996.