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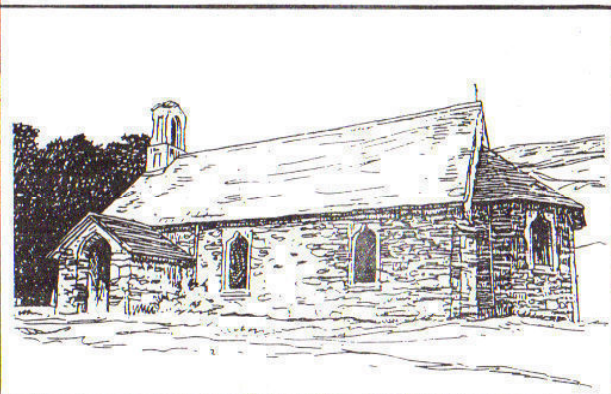
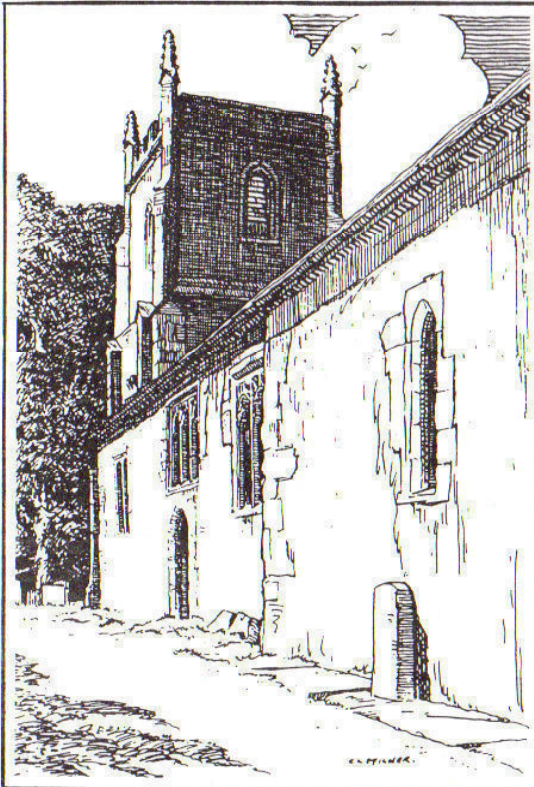
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LLANSILIN PARISH CHURCH

WITH LLANGADWALADR CHURCH AND
RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH

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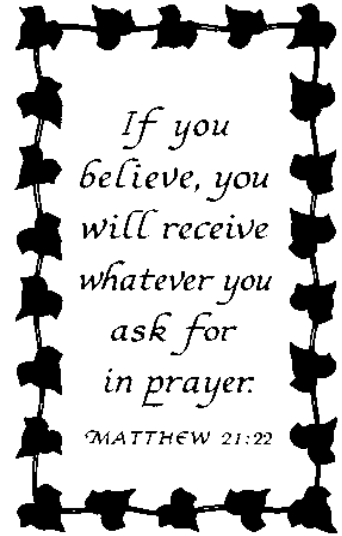
CHURCH SERVICES

Llansilin

Ist 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
5th Sunday	Family Service	10.00am.

Llangedwyn

Ist 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 and Rhiwlas Churches

Ist Sunday	Holy Communion	Rhiwlas	2.30pm
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	Llangadwaladr	2.30pm
3rd Sunday	Matins	Rhiwlas	2.30pm
4th Sunday	Matins	Llangadwaladr	2.30pm.

VICAR: Revd C F Carter The Vicarage Llansilin. Telephone: (01691) 791209

CHAPEL SERVICES

Rhagfyr - December

7fed	Gweinidog	Salem	10.00am
14eg	Gweinidog	Cefnfanol	2.00pm
21ain	Gweinidog	Bethesda	6.30pm
28ain	Mr Thomas Morris	Soar	6.30pm.

Ionawr - January

4ydd	Gweinidog	Rhiwlas	10.00am
11eg	Gweinidog	Bethania	2.00pm
18fed	Gweinidog (Cymun)	Salem	6.30pm
25ain	Mr Gwilym Jones	Cefnfanol	2.00am

Chwefor - February

1af	Gweinidog	Bethesda	6.30pm
8fed	Parch John Curig Thomas	Soar	2.00pm
15fed	Gweinidog	Rhiwlas	10.00am
22ain	Mrs Bethan Scotford	Bethania	2.00pm

Mawrth - March

1af	Gweinidog	Salem	10.00am
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GWEINIDOG/MINISTER: Y Parch Stanton Evans, 20 Croeswylan Lane, Oswestry
Telephone: (01691) 654682.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

Nearly everyone is fascinated by buried treasure, and I expect most of you, like me, drew maps of treasure islands when we were children, with cryptic directions and a cross to mark the spot. This obsession goes back a long way, and Jesus told the story of a man who found treasure buried in a field, and sold everything he possessed to buy the land. The treasure he meant was the "Good news of the Kingdom", and the sad truth is that all too many of us have a map which would help us find this treasure, but hardly ever glance at it, leaving it to gather dust. I'm talking about the Bible, of course; nearly everybody's got one, but how many of us ever read it, let alone understand it? The trouble is that we tend to be discouraged by the old-fashioned language, and perhaps we have also been put off when we were young by well-meaning grown-ups who taught us "scripture" in school or Sunday school as if it was something dull but "good for us", like school cabbage. We were marched through the exciting landscape of Jesus' treasure map as if we were on a guided tour of a historic site whose treasures were safely locked up in a museum, instead of being encouraged to explore its fascinating complexity for ourselves, and find our own way to the treasure-trove. But if we do find it, against all the odds, no two of us will discover exactly the same precious things, for each treasure-seeker brings something of him - or herself to the search; and for the same reason, Jesus will reveal himself to each of us in our own special way when, each by our own path, we arrive at his cross which "marks the spot" we've been looking for.

If you'd like to try reading a short Bible passage each day, a clear modern version, with a few lines of helpful comment to bring out the meaning, ask me for a copy of "Day light", which costs only £2.60 for four months' notes, or write to the Bible Reading Fellowship, Sandy Lane West, Oxford, OX4 5HG. Telephone number: 01865 748227.

In the hope that I've awakened your interest, I wish you a joyful and blessed Christmas and "good hunting" in the New Year.

Christopher Carter

Meanwhile, to whet your appetite, as it were, why not try cracking these "clues" from the Bible's treasure trail? (Answers on page 8)

1. Why did Jesus choose twelve disciples?
2. St Matthew's Gospel lists four women among Jesus' ancestors: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba. What did they have in common?
3. Isaiah foretold that "a shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse" Who was Jesse?
4. What is the meaning of the name "Immanuel" which is sometimes applied to Jesus? (See Isaiah Ch7 V14)
5. What is the literal meaning of the title "Messiah"?



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve	7.00pm	United Service Mission Church	Rhiwlas
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Candlelit Midnight Communion	Llansilin
		Please bring your own candle	
Christmas Day	8.00am	Holy Communion	Llansilin
Christmas Day	9.30am	Holy Communion	Llangedwyn



CHURCH COVENANT

Mrs Brenda Jones Covenant Secretary for Llansilin Church is always pleased to receive new covenants. If you participate in the weekly envelope scheme you might like to covenant the money you put in the envelope, or you might like to covenant one lump sum a year, or break it down to monthly.

FOR EACH £1 GIVEN, THE CHURCH RECEIVES 23p MORE AT ABSOLUTELY NO COST TO YOU.

The only condition is that you are a taxpayer. If you would like to consider covenanting, which will be dealt with in complete confidence tell Brenda either in church or at home (Troed-y-Rhiw 791261) and she will be pleased to help. If you don't want to covenant but would like to join the envelope scheme please ask. All giving is completely confidential.

CHURCHES COMMISSION ON OVERSEAS STUDENTS - (HOST)

HOST would be very grateful if publicity is given to the need for hospitality for International Students at Christmas:

"HOST arranged five and a half thousand students placements during the last academic year, some 1500 of them at Christmas. The organisation constantly needs to extend the number of hosts as students demand for the visits grow every year as more and more of them hear about the scheme. The churches provide a large percentage of the host community".

HOST, 3 New Burlington Mews, LONDON W1 8LU. Tel: 0171 494 2468.

LLANSILIN BELFRY RESTORATION - For the Millenium - LATEST UPDATE.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the project to "Ring in the Millenium" on our own bells.

We hope to hear the outcome of our bid for 50% funding shortly after Christmas.

SHROPSHIRE STAR VILLAGE '97 COMPETITION

The current chairman of Llansilin Community Council Mr Trefor Jones, Fodwen was indeed a very proud man when he was asked to accept on behalf of the village £250.00 and a Plaque for the best village throughout the entire newspaper circulation area. The judges did not look for pretty villages but for communities who really cared how they looked after their own residents. Not only did the village come out on top but Glyndwr Garage shop was one of the runners up as well. So well done and 'Congratulations' one and all on this wonderful achievement.

As we all read this December edition of the Newsletter, Kathleen will (we hope!) be settling in her new home in Corbridge. We shall all miss you and we hope that you will come back to visit us all in the future. Thank you for your help with the church cleaning and of course we must not forget all the flower arrangeing etc etc. Llansilin's loss will be Corbridge's gain!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

The Church Bells were chimed on Saturday 6th September at 3.00pm as a mark of respect for the sudden and tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Tenor Bell, half muffled, chimed at 15 second intervals, alternating full stroke and muffled stroke - total 36 pairs strokes, one pair for each year of the life of Diana, Princess of Wales (18 minutes).

Remembering Siôn of Pantglas Isaf

There was a large gathering of family and friends in Llangadwaladr Church on Sunday 28th September to dedicate the Sundial, given by Dyffryn Tanat Young Farmers Club in memory of Siôn. The service was conducted by the Rev: C F Carter, the organist was Miss Morfudd Williams and the collection was taken by Mrs Vera Evans.



ANNUAL HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Llansilin - Friday 3rd October

The Rev: C F Carter took the service which was well attended, a warm welcome was extended to the guest preacher Mr Andrew Pell Vicar of Glyndyfrdwy and Carrog who gave us an interesting and humorous address. Miss Morfudd Williams was the organist and the collection was taken by the two churchwardens. This year we were pleased to welcome some new flower arrangers to our small band - the church was decorated beautifully. A special thank you to everyone and, well done to the 'new girl's'!

Llangadwaladr - Tuesday 7th October

As usual the church was tastefully decorated and well attended for the annual Harvest Thanksgiving. The Rev; C F Carter took the service, Mrs E Milner was the organist, the collection was taken by the church warden Mrs Vera Evans. An inspiring address was given by the special preacher for this evening the Rev Gwilym Jones a native of Cefncaanol now retired and living in Oswestry.

Rhiwlas - Friday 17th October

The church warden Mrs Marjorie Evans and Mrs Smith tastefully decorated the church for the Annual Harvest Thanksgiving. The Rev: C F Carter took the service. Mr Glyn Evans from Llanfyllin was the guest preacher, Miss Morfudd Williams was the organist and the church warden took the collection.



MOTHER'S UNION

The Rev: C F Carter took the service at the September meeting. Mrs J Jones of Montgomery a prayer and spiritual healer gave a most interesting talk, thanks were accorded and light refreshments concluded the meeting. Canon Trehearne was the speaker at the October meeting, the Vicar the Rev: C F Carter took a short service. Special refreshments were served and Happy Birthday was sung to the Vicar as it was his birthday - a special one!, again thanks was accorded to everyone. The November meeting was held at Lloran Ganol the home of the enrolling member Mrs Glenice Jones. The speaker that afternoon was Mrs Jean Thomas of Llanfechain who spoke about the running of the Mother's Union Movement. A Bring and Buy stall proved popular and final arrangements were made for the Christmas Party. Mrs Jones was thanked for her hospitality.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING - continued:

THE ANNUAL JOINT HARVEST SUPPER was held in Llansilin on 15th October. 115 people attended and enjoyed a lovely meal provided by Jean Lewis Jones Sarnau. Thanks to the ladies who provided the sweets. Tudor Vaughan, Olwen Jones and Eluned Davies-Jones really entertained us well with 12 items - something for everyone. The hall was lovely and warm and a good time was had by all. Thank you Janet, Avril, Josie and everyone who donated prizes, sold tickets etc, etc but mainly thank you all for coming - see you again next year at Llangedwyn. S.A.

The combined REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE (November 9th - 10.30am) this year was held in Llansilin Church. Lessons were read by Mrs Kathleen Jones and Captain T Bell, Llangedwyn. The collection was taken by Mr Glyn Roberts and Mr Dennis Sockett. The service continued at the Cenotaph where the wreath was laid by the Hon: Neville Hill-Trevor. The names were read by the Vicar the Rev: C F Carter. The Last Post and Reveille were played by Rachel Morris of Pentrefelin.

Llansilin Church Sidesmen's Rota - December '97 - February 1998 incl:

December

7th	Mrs Beryl Jones	14th Mrs Annali Thomas	21st Miss Mary Morris
22nd	Carol Service	Church Wardens.	
24th	Christmas Eve	Mrs D Hill-Trevor and Mrs Brenda Jones	
25th	Mrs Sheila Ashley	28th Miss Olive Jones	28th Mr Peter Carter (E)

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4th	Mrs Beryl Jones	11th Plough Sunday	Mr E Jones & Mr E Ashley
18th	Mrs Vera Evans	25th Mr Dan Jones	25th Mrs Esther Milner (E)

February

1st	Mrs Beryl Jones	8th Mr David Bickerton	15th Mrs D Hill-Trevor
22nd	Mr Wynn Hughes	22nd Mrs Valerie Burton (E)	

E - Evensong.

N.B. If you cannot do your "slot", please try and arrange for someone else to do it (contact numbers in previous newsletter), or telephone Deborah on 791402. I would like to remind all sidesmen that their duties do include giving out the books (arriving early enough!) and putting them away afterwards. Also, if possible counting the collection and entering it correctly, or, at least putting it in an envelope provided, writing on the date and time, and seeing it is put away in the safe. Your co-operation in these matters would be much appreciated!

A book has been placed at the back of the church for prayer requests. The pages are dated and prayers will be said in church for one month from date written. If you wish them to continue longer please write on next page in the book.

STOP PRESS - Due to lack of space the account of the newly formed St Silins Church kneeler project will be in the March Newsletter. Details re this project can be obtained from Annali Thomas - Tel: 01691 791239 (evenings).

CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTAS - October 1997 to March 1998



OCTOBER 1997

Quick Clean and Flowers

4th and 11th Sheila Ashley and Christine Williams.
18th * Mary Morris

Big Clean and Flowers

25th D Hill-Trevor, Phyllis Hughes, Gill Avery and Valerie Burton.

18th * Clean and sort out cupboard under the stairs - 2pm.
Phyllis Hughes, Kaye Hughes, Margaret Lloyd and Mary Morris.

NOVEMBER 1997

Quick Clean and Flowers

1st and 8th Olive Jones, Rose Williams and Maureen.
15th and 22nd Megan Evans and Bronwen Taylor.
29th Dorothy Jarvis and Pam Johnson.

DECEMBER 1997

Big Clean and Flowers

6th Brenda Jones and Alma Jones plus ALL LADIES - special clean for
(see notice in church porch) Christmas - 10.30am.

13th Brenda Jones and Alma Jones.
19th and 20th Decorate for Christmas - Friday and Saturday
21st (see notice in church porch)
23rd and 27th Margaret Lloyd and Mary Morris.

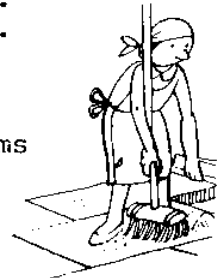
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Quick Clean and Flowers

4th and 11th Esther Milner and Eileen Bignall.
18th and 25th Esther Milner and Eileen Bignall.

FEBRUARY

1st and 8th Kaye Hughes and Christine Williams
13th and 22nd Margaret Lloyd and Mary Morris



MARCH

Lent - No flowers for the next six weeks - Clean only.
1st - Mothering Sunday - Olive Jones.

BIG CLEAN

8th Brenda Jones, Dorothy Jarvis, Pam Johnson
and Annali Thomas.

15th Quick clean Mr and Mrs Withers-Green

BIG CLEAN

22nd Beryl Jones, Morfudd Williams, Betty Evans
Margaret Lloyd

29th Quick clean Sheila Ashley and Sunday School children..

We hope these dates are suitable for everyone, if not would you please arrange for someone else to do it for you - Thank you.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

A list will be put up in the church porch regarding who's doing what, if this is 'nt suitable for everyone PLEASE RING 791223 (individual lists available).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

Thursday	4th	7 for 7.30pm	M.U Christmas Party	Wynnstay Inn
Friday	5th	7.30pm	Plygain	St Silin's Church
Saturday	6th	10.30am	Christmas "Big Clean"	St Silin's Church
Fri & Sat	19th & 20th	whenever!	Decorate for Christmas	St Silin's Church
Sunday	21st	6.30pm	Plygain	Briw Chapel
Monday	22nd	7.00pm	Annual Carol Service	St Silin's Church

JANUARY

Sunday	11th	10.00am	Plough Sunday	St Silin's Church
Thursday	15th	2.15pm	M.U.Meeting	Institute
Thursday	15th	7.30pm	P.C.C Meeting	Institute

FEBRUARY

Thursday	19th	2.15pm	M.U.Meeting	Institute
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MARCH

Saturday	21st	2.00pm	Easter Fayre	Memorial Hall
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PARISH REGISTERS

October 3rd	Cremation	Robert Allen Evans	Nantygollen
	Ashes interred at	Rhiwlas Churchyard	(late of Hafod Rhiwlas)

Answers to the Bible Treasure Trail

1. To represent the 12 tribes; the church was to be the "New Israel"
2. They were probably all foreigners, by birth or marriage.
3. Jesse was David's father, and ancestor of the royal line. Some old church windows show Jesus' "family tree" growing from his body.
4. "God with us"
5. "Anointed", meaning consecrated as king ("Christ means the same thing in Greek.)

LADIES not forgetting the Gentlemen! (Flower & Cleaning Rota)

Since the last newsletter was produced (meeting 15th Sept) you will have had I hope, a copy of what took place at that meeting. As you will see by a previous page the thoughts, ideas and suggestions have now been put into action! Although it is early days we hope everyone is pleased with the new system. We are always looking for new suggestions so if you have any other ideas please contact 791402, 791472 or 791223 - Thank you.

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 - we welcome contributions from everyone so PLEASE if you have something which you think will be of interest please do not hesitate to contact Margaret or myself. DISTRIBUTION: Margaret Lloyd - 791472.

The next NEWSLETTER will be produced on 1st March 1998. All contributions to me Mary Morris - 791223 by the 1st February 1998.