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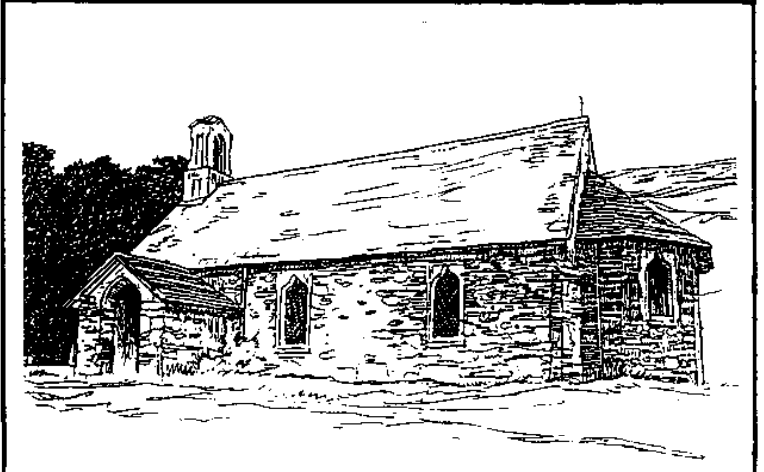
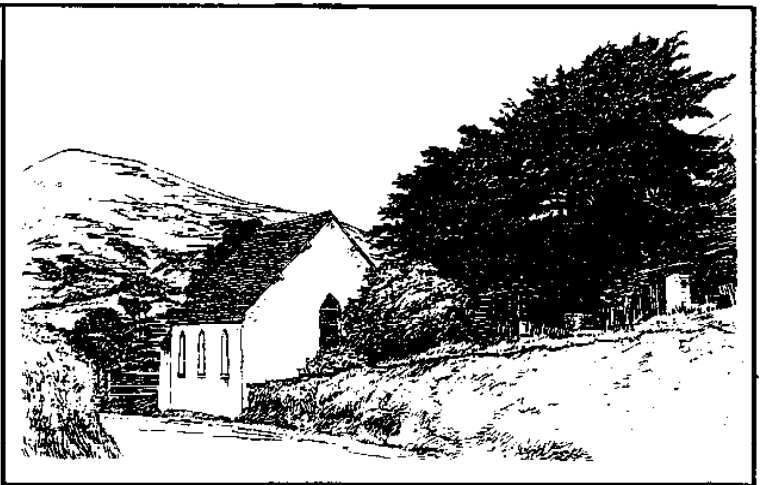
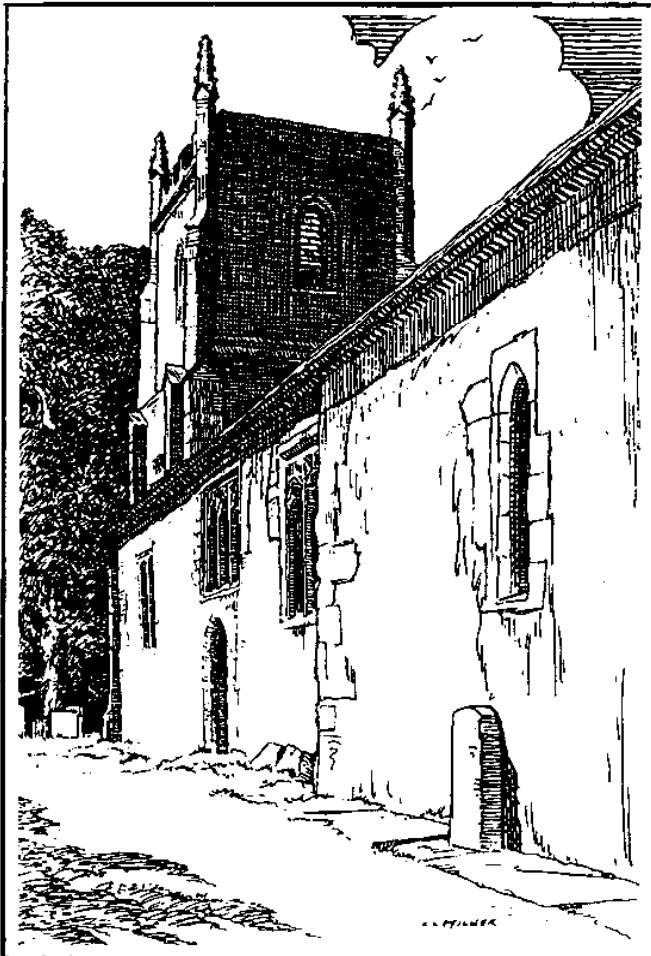
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# LLANSILIN PARISH CHURCH

WITH LLANGADWALADR CHURCH  
AND RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH

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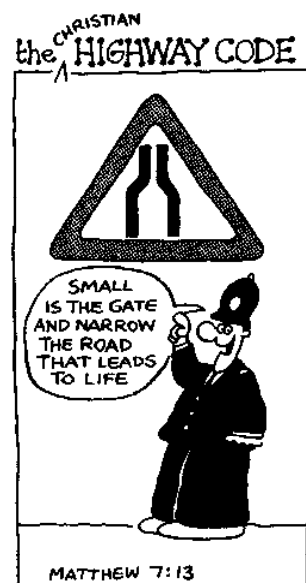
### CHURCH SERVICES

#### LLANSILIN

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
5th Sunday	Family Service	10.00am

#### 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 AND RHIWLAS CHURCHES

1st 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: Rev: C F Carter The Vicarage Llansilin. Telephone number: 01691 791209

### CHAPEL SERVICES

#### MEHEFIN - JUNE

7fed	Gweinidog	Bethesda	6.30pm
14eg	Parch Richard O Jones	Soar	2.00pm
21ain	Gweinidog (Cymun)	Rhiwlas	6.30pm
28ain	Mr Christopher Prew	Bethania	2.00pm

#### GORFFENNAF - JULY

5ed	Gweinidog	Salem	10.00am
12fed	Parch Blodwen Jones	Cefncanol	2.00pm
19fed	Gweinidog	Bethesda	6.30pm
26ain	Mr Thomas Morris	Soar	6.30pm

#### AWST - AUGUST

2ail	Mr R A Platt	Rhiwlas	2.00pm
9fed	Parch T R Wright	Bethania	2.00pm
16eg	Dr Nerys Tudor	Salem	2.00pm
23ain	Parch Glyn Morgan	Cefncanol	6.00pm
30ain	Miss Rhoswen Charles	Bethesda	2.00pm

#### MEDI - SEPTEMBER

6fed	Gweinidog	Soar	10.30am
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GWEINIDOG/MINISTER: Y Parch Stanton Evans, 20 Croeswylan Lane, Oswestry.  
Telephone number: 01691 654682.

IEWPOINT

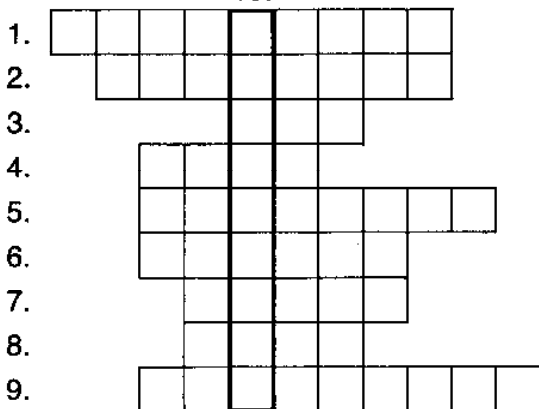
x blind men who had heard about the  
this strange beast was like. They  
hands, but each of them got hold of  
tail - and confidently described an  
of the others:-

Then these blind men of Hindustan disputed loud and long ..... And each was partly in the right, and all were in the wrong". I was reminded of the argumentative Indians as I listened to the debate raging in the media, and the opinions of people I've met, about the difficult times through which the farming industry is passing, and about the future of the countryside and of country life. Each of the protagonists - farmer, landowner, sportsman, coservationist, rambler, tourist, native and in comer - approaches the countryside from a different angle and experiences it in a distinctive way. Some understand the realities better than others, but most if not all have a vision of what the country is or should be like which has a grain of truth in it, a vital facade of the whole. The trouble is that like the blind men in the story we tend to think that the aspect of the truth which we can see is the whole picture, and that anyone who argues from a different viewpoint does'nt know what they're talking about. The dangers inherent in this situation are obvious: one of the most painful memories of my time in Mansilin is of the community divided into antagonistic camps by just such a failure of mutual understanding. In the face of the growing rural crisis we cannot afford such disunity and those of us who try to be Christians need to take a lead in building bridges and looking for common ground between the protagonists of different interest-groups. After all, the situation is very similar to that which St.Paul had to deal with among the squabbling Christians of Corinth, each convinced that his own special God-given talent gave him unique insights or conferred superior status. Paul's answer was to compare the Church to a body whose limbs and organs depended on each other to maintain the life of the whole. If we can take that lesson to heart and share it with those among whom we live, we may yet find that some of our apparent opponents and rivals have truths to teach us, and that they are willing to listen to what we have to tell them. Who knows, we may yet be able to agree on a vision of the future of rural Britain which safeguards the best of what we each love and value most. And writing this in Christian Aid week, I can't evade the uncomfortable thought that if we can't agree on how to tackle our own real but comparatively modest problems, what hope do we have of helping to solve the far greater and more pressing problems of our hungry, overcrowded, denuded and divided world? Will there still be elephants for our grandchildren to go and see?

*Christopher Carter*

Jesus told a story to show us  
how to be good neighbours.  
Read it in Luke 10:30-37.

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1. Which city did the traveller start from?
2. What did the robbers do?
3. Was the traveller a man or a woman?
4. They hurt the man when they ---- him.
5. They also ----- him of all he had.
6. The first person to see him was a -----.
7. But he walked by on the other ----.
8. A kind neighbour helped and took ---- of him.
9. He paid the ----- to look after him.
10. That good neighbour was a foreigner. He was a -----.

Answers  
on the back page.

## THE LLANSILIN BELLS

News came in early April that the bid for 50% funding to restore the Belfry has been approved by the Millennium Commission. Llansilin is listed as a "High Priority Scheme"! Full renovation of the ageing Bells & Frame and the associated Tower restoration would have been very expensive, so we are incredibly fortunate to have qualified for this award in the face of much competition. THANK YOU to everyone for much encouragement and support. To qualify for this grant the work has to be to a high standard and so ensure that the Tower and Bells will be in good order for succeeding generations.

The time shedule is for a start in late 1998 with completion in 1999 - ready to ring in the Millennium. One of the very first tasks will be to make trap doors in the two floors of the Tower to allow the 150 year old Bells to be lowered and transported to the Bell Hangers for re-furnishment and tuning.

The art of full circle ringing is fascinating - it is not difficult. There will be training sessions soon in local Towers. Intrigued? - For more details - ring 791274. There will be regular bulletins on progress in the Newsletter and Posters in the village.

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## THE BATTLE OF THE CHURCHYARD GRASS

A fierce offensive action in early May gave a great boost to the small band of regular thursday evening warriors!

A big group of extra mowers and strimmers turned up on a really windy, dull evening and worked hard. The whole churchyard echoed to the sound of many engines until darkness fell. Children were out in force, too, to help and to play - what a joy to see them involved.

Great areas of grass were cut - just in time for the forthcoming Deanery Confirmation!. By the way, a new church mower was purchased at the beginning of the season to add to the recent new wheeled strimmer and the small strimmer.

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## Just a thought?

Question: Why did the Church Clock gain one minute during the week after Easter this year?

Answer: The atmosphere was cold as a result of the snow, so the clock pendulum contracted a tiny amount. A shorter pendulum swings faster - so the clock gained one minute during that week!

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## LOST PROPERTY

Various items gloves etc, etc have been left in St Silin's Church if you think any of these articles belong to you would you please contact the churchwardens.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

MOTHER'S UNION



Members have enjoyed a variety of interesting speakers at their meetings for the first half of 1998. These meetings are held at 2.15pm every third Thursday of each month at the Institute. In January Mrs Annali Thomas spoke about the current Church Kneeler project, February - the Vicar's wife of Llanrhaeadr Mrs Rita Crumpton spoke about a recent holiday, March - the speaker was Mr Ron Jones from St Martins, April - Mrs Jean Thomas of Llanfechain spoke about First Aid in the Home and in May Mrs Findley's talk was entitled "The Untamed Garden".

The Enrolling member Mrs Glenice Jones opens the meetings. The Rev: C F Carter conducts a short service, votes of thanks are given to the speakers by various members and light refreshments conclude each meeting. New members will always be welcome so if you would like to join please contact Glenice - 791287

ST DAVID'S DAY - Sunday 1st March



This year it was the turn of Salem Baptist Chapel to hold the Annual Joint Bi-lingual service, this year with communion. The Rev: Stanton Evans conducted the service assisted by the Rev: C F Carter. Mr Llew Ellis Oswestry was the Precentor, and his wife Mrs Edith Ellis was the organist. Mrs Margaret Lloyd and Mrs Glenice Jones read lessons. The Vicar gave the address and the collection was taken by Mr Ellis.

SPRING FAIR - Saturday 21st March

With the above in view two very successful craft afternoons were held in the Institute in February. An approx number of twenty attended. Mrs Pam Johnson of the Old Vicarage instructed us in various crafts ranging from decoupage, salt dough, card making etc, etc. A raffle was held and light refreshments were served. It is hoped that later in the year these craft afternoons will be held again - Thank you Pam.

The above Fair held at the Memorial Hall was a very successful event with a wide variety of stalls which included the ever popular cake stall, white elephant, grocery, mixed crafts etc. The games stall provided excellent entertainment for the children, a super range of raffle prizes were kindly donated and as usual homemade refreshments were served. The Rev: C F Carter deputized for the opener Mr Clive Inman who unfortunately was unable to attend. The Vicar, Church Warden and church members are very grateful to everyone who in different ways supported this event. The amount raised was £750.00 of which a donation of £375.00 will be forwarded to the Spinal Injuries Unit at the Orthopaedic Hospital Gobowen and the other £375.00 to Church funds. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

EASTER VESTRY - Monday 30th March 1998

The Church's Annual Meeting took place this year in March, when the Vicar the Rev: C F Carter gave his review of the many events of the last twelve months. There had been a number of special services including the Memorial service to Bell Hughes and one for the Princess of Wales and Mother Teresa. The services for Harvest & Christmas had been very enjoyable and the Spring Fair successful. As usual, the Vicar thanked the various members of the church for their many contributions to the smooth running and good order of the church and churchyard. Looking to the future, the Vicar referred to the on going challenge of the care of the building and the continuing discussions on improving the church facilities. The meeting concluded with the re-appointment of Mrs D Hill-Trevor as Vicar, s Warden and the re-election of Mrs Beryl Jones as People's Warden.

What's been happening continued:

CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE - Sunday 26th April

Due to the Deanery Confirmation Service being held at St Silin's Church in May the above service was brought forward to April. The Annual Bi-lingual Joint Service this year was held at Bethesda Chapel and taken by the Rev: Stanton Evans and the Vicar the Rev: C F Carter. Lessons were read by Mr Wynn Davies Nanthirwen, Mr Trefor Jones Fodwen and Miss Mary Morris Tynewydd. Canon Trehearne of Oswestry gave an uplifting address and various choir members in the congregation joined together and gave a rendering of 'Arizona' which was much appreciated. Mrs Rhiannon Lewis, Fairview was the organist and the collection was taken by Mr Hywel Jones, Vron Ucha and Mr Daniel Reece, Penybont.

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CONFIRMATION SERVICE - Sunday 10th May 1998

This year St Silin's Church played host to the Deanery Confirmation. The church was packed (we even had to use surplus chairs!) with local parishoners, families and friends from the various parishes in the Deneary. We felt very encouraged for the future when thirty two candidates were confirmed by the Archbishop of Wales The Right Reverend Alwyn Rice-Jones. The Rev:C F Carter took the service assisted by the Rev: Llewellyn Rogers Llansanffraid and the Rev: Evelyn Davies of Pennant Melangell. The address was given by the Archbishop. Miss Morfudd Williams was the organist and the collection was taken by the Church Wardens - Mrs Deborah Hill-Trevor and Mrs Beryl Jones and, Mr David Bickerton and Mr Dennis Sockett. Light refreshments were served by lady members of the church in the Memorial Hall.

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CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE EVENING - Tuesday 12th May

The Annual Coffee Evening was held as usual in the Institute. The Bring & Buy Stall was ably manned by Mrs Nancy Williams Bronheulog, Mrs Dilys Hughes Berwinfa, Mrs Kaye Hughes The Laurels & Mrs Margaret Lloyd Maes-y-Llan. Mr John Williams took the entrance money and the Rev: C F Carter introduced the speaker Dr John Perkins of Bangor University - husband of our friend Liz Perkins who explained that the theme this year of Christian Aid was 'Live in Hope'. Dr Perkins had recently returned from a visit to Ethiopia so he was able to give us an update about the recent work being done by Christian Aid. After his talk he showed us slides which really showed that progress is slowly been made and made us all think how fortunate we all are. The Rev: Stanton Evans thanked Dr Perkins for his informative talk and also expressed thanks to everyone for making the evening such a success. After the raffle tickets had been drawn the Rev:Carter donated a cheque of £100 to Christian Aid, this was part of the collection taken at the recent Deanery Confirmation Service.

Mrs Rhiannon Lewis and her committee are very grateful to everyone who gave raffle prizes, refreshments etc etc and to you all for supporting this event. A warm and special THANK YOU to Mrs Beeston and her Girl Guides for again serving the coffee and biscuits - well done! and we must'nt forget Mrs Jones Fodwen who has for many years made the coffee - Diolch yn fawr iawn and again to you all THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

LLANSILIN CHURCH SIDESMEN,S ROTA - JUNE to AUGUST 1998 incl:

JUNE

7th Mrs Beryl Jones 653941    14th Mr Ivor Ashley 791283    21st Mrs Hill-Trevor  
28th Miss Olive Jones 791363    28th Mrs Valerie Burton 791274    - Evensong.

JULY

5th Mrs Beryl Jones    12th Mr David Bickerton 791234    19th Miss Mary Morris  
26th Wynn Hughes 791216    26th Mrs Esther Milner 791323    - Evensong.

AUGUST

2nd Mrs Beryl Jones    9th Mr M Withers-Green 791407    16th Mr Clive Inman  
23rd Mr Dan Jones 791287    23rd Mrs Annali Thomas 791239    - Evensong.  
30th Sunday School 791283.

N.B. If you cannot do your day, please try and arrange for some-one else to do it (telephone numbers as above) or ring Deborah H-T. I would like to remind all sidesmen that their duties do include arriving in time to give out books, and putting them away afterwards. Also please see the collection is put in one of the envelopes provided and put away in the safe, having written time and date of service on it. There is now no need to count it!. I would also like to thank you all - in anticipation - for all your help.

CHURCH FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA - JUNE to AUGUST 1998 incl:

JUNE

7th Big Clean - Mrs Beryl Jones, Miss Morfudd Williams & Mrs Betty Evans.  
14th Quick Clean - Mrs Beryl Jones & Miss Morfudd Williams.  
21st Quick Clean - Mrs Megan Evans & Mrs Nancy Williams.  
28th Quick Clean - Mrs Megan Evans & Mrs Nancy Williams.

JULY

5th Big Clean - Mrs Brenda Jones, Mrs Valerie Burton & Mrs Alma Jones.  
12th Quick Clean - Mrs Brenda Jones & Mrs Valerie Burton.  
19th Quick Clean - Mrs Janet Davies & Ceri.  
26th Quick Clean - Mrs Avril Jones & Anna.

AUGUST

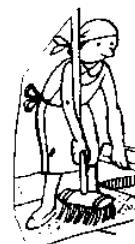
2nd Quick Clean - Mrs Esther Milner & Mrs Eileen Bignall.  
9th Quick Clean - Mrs Esther Milner & Mrs Eileen Bignall.  
16th Quick Clean - Mrs Elizabeth Bickerton & Sarah.  
23rd Quick Clean - Mrs Christine Sockett & Mrs Pam Johnson.  
30th Quick Clean - Miss Olive Jones & Mrs Dorothy Jarvis.

SEPTEMBER

6th Quick Clean - Mr & Mrs Withers - Green.

We hope these dates are suitable for everyone, if not would you please arrange for some one else to do it for you or ring 791223 - THANK YOU.

THANK YOU to the ladies who gave the Church that extra clean for Easter and also for decorating with Spring flowers. It was nice to have Mary from Bwlch Cottage joining us with the decorating - Thank you Mary.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

Thursday	18th		Annual Mother's Union Outing	
Wednesday	24th	7.30pm	P.C.C. Meeting	Church

JULY

Thursday	16th	7.15pm	Mother's Union Meeting	Institute
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September

Thursday	17th	2.15pm	Mother's Union Meeting	Institute
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FORTHCOMING EVENT - St Silin's Church - Saturday 10th October at 7.30pm

A Grand Concert will be given by the Haverfordwest Male Voice Choir

More details will be given in the September Newsletter

PARISH REGISTERS

May 3rd	Baptism	Gerald Anthony Jones, Gwyneth Jones & Gareth Lloyd Jones.	Maes-y-Llan
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Christian Aid Service and Coffee Evening - The total amount collected at both these events will be given in the September Newsletter

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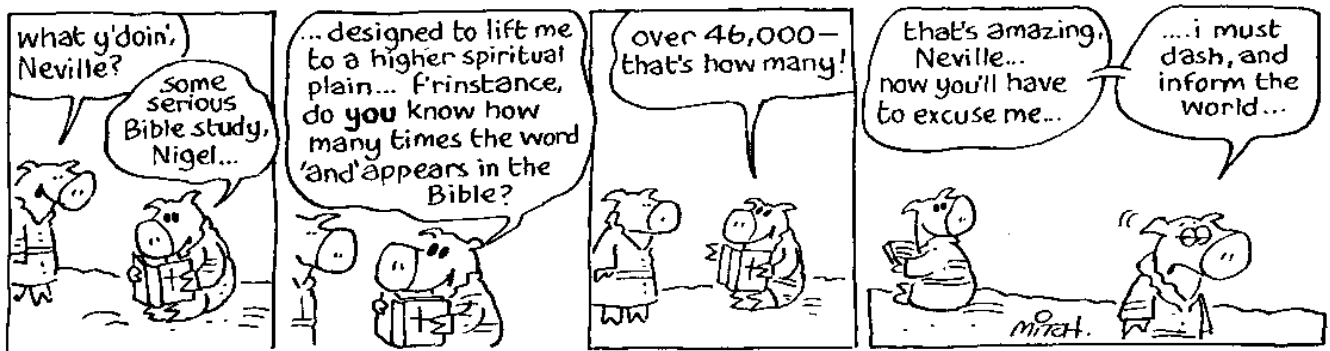
As this is my last Newsletter as your "Editor"! I would like to give a very warm and sincere THANK YOU to everyone who has supported me in what was a new venture. How time flies - it's hard to believe that the first Newsletter was produced in December 1992!. A special thank you to Chris Burton, Morfudd, Margaret and, not forgetting the "Printers" Clifford and Esther who always produced it on time - what would I have done without you all! - THANK YOU - and best wishes to the new team.

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 - 791472

The next Newsletter will be produced on 1st September 1998, if you would like to contribute please contact the churchwardens - Deborah - 791402 or Beryl - 653941. before August 1st - Thank you.



**Answer:** 1. Jerusalem 2. Attacked 3. Man 4. Beat 5. Stripped  
6. Priest 7. Other 8. Care 9. Innkeeper 10. Samaritan.