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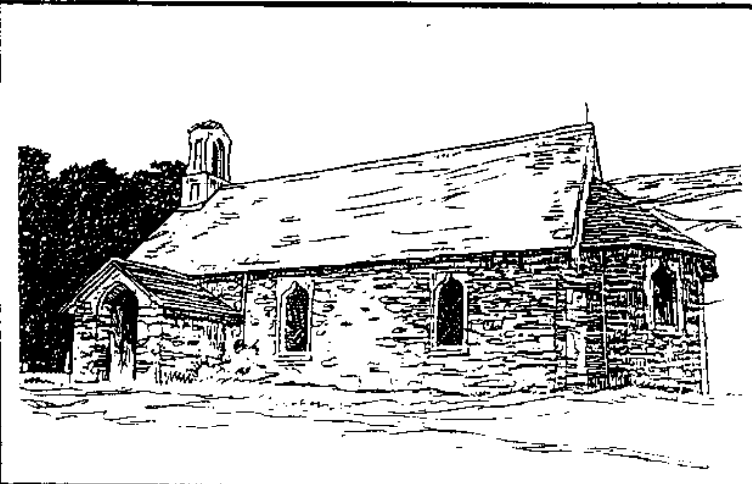
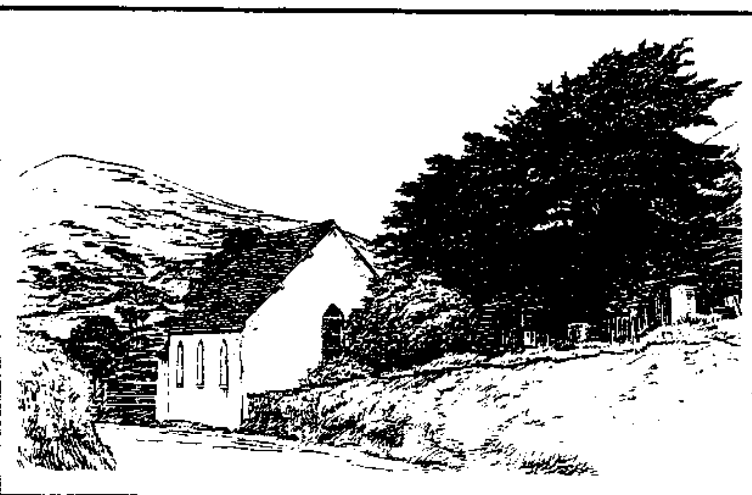
Happy Christmas



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

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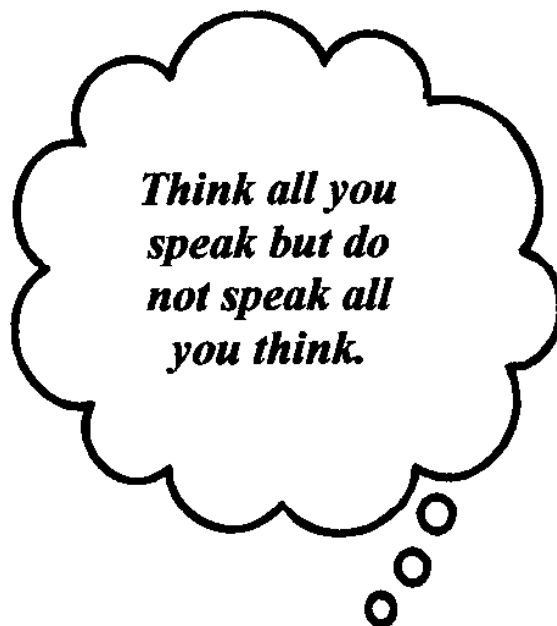
1st Sunday	Evensong	6.30pm
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30am
3rd Sunday	Family Service	10.00am
4th Sunday	Holy Communion	10.30am
5th Sunday	Matins	8.30am

LLANGADWALADR & RHIWLAS CHURCHES

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

VICAR Rev: C F CARTER

The Vicarage Llansilin. Tel: 01691 791209



GOFALAITH BRA LLANSILIN. 1999.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Jonawr - January.

3rd.	Gweinidog	(C)	Bethesda.	10.30am
10th.	Mr Christopher Prew.		Soar	2.00pm
17th.	Gweinidog.		Rhiwlas.	6.30pm
24th.	Parch. Gwilym O. Jones.		Bethania.	2.00pm
31st.	Mr Gwilym Jones.		Salem.	2.00pm.

Chwefror - February.

7th.	Gweinidog	Cefncaanol	6-00pm.
14th.	Mr T. M. Ellis.	Bethesda.	2.00pm
21st.	Gweinidog.	Soar	10.30pm
28th.	Mrs Bethan Scotford.	Rhiwlas	2.00pm

Mawrth - March.

7th.	Gweinidog	(C)	Bethania	10.30am
14th.	Parch. Margaret Jones.		Salem	2.00pm
21st.	Gweinidog		Cefncaanol	6.00pm
28th.	Parch. R. Dyfan Thomas		Bethesda	2.00pm.

WHO'S WHO IN YOUR CHURCH.

Vicar - The Rev: C. F. Carter 791209.

Church Warden -

The Peoples - Beryl Jones 653941.

The Vicars - Deborah Hill Trevor 791402.

P.C.C. Sect: - Val Burton 791274.

P.C.C. Treasurer - Esther Milner 791323.

Organist - Morfudd Williams 659369.

Mothers Union - Glenice Jones 791287.

Cleaning & Flower rota - Wardens

Gweinidog Minister -

Y Parch Stanton T Evans. 654682.

Llangadwaladr Vera Evans 791471.

Rhiwlas Marjory Evans. 600228.

Magazine Editorial Panel.

Gill Avery. 791298.

Anneli Thomas. 791239.

Distribution Margaret Lloyd 791472

If you would like to have a copy by post please send £1 in stamps to Mrs M Lloyd 6. Maes y Llan Llansilin, Oswestry, S.Y.10 7Q.E.

Deadline for items to be included in the Newsletter. To the editorial panel by the 1st Feb: '99.

The Vicars Viewpoint.

This morning I received through the post the newsletter of my old training college, Wycliffe Hall at Oxford. I noticed with mild interest that an article called "Hymn-writing: an unexpected ministry", was written by a Canon in Lancashire whose name and photograph I recognised; he and I had been fellow-students nearly 40 years ago. He told how in 1968 he had taken a post in a diocesan "Call to Mission" which was focused on the incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. Failing to find a hymn which combined all these themes he wrote one himself. "100 Hymns for Today" was then in preparation as a supplement to "Ancient and Modern" and the new hymn "Squeaked in at the last minute", I was "gobsmacked" to read that it was "We Have a Gospel to Proclaim", which is so much a favourite of mine that I have to be careful not to choose it too often, it had never occurred to me that "Edward J. Burns" was old Eddie from Wycliffe Hall! He

has written other hymns since, but never one with such a universal appeal. He writes rather ruefully "There is a certain irony in the fact that out of 37 years in parish ministry it would seem that the



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.

most significant achievement was some thing bashed out on an old manual typewriter one Saturday morning in March 1968" - which is more than most of us can hope to boast of, after all! My old acquaintance has summarised for thousands of people over 30 years the central truths of the Christian gospel in a few telling words which a respected critic said were

"mercifully free from obscure and pious jargon". Would that every persevering preacher could make the same claim! To show even one other person that Jesus can answer their questions, solve their problems and untangle the knots they've tied their lives into would be an achievement justifying our experience. But first we've got to believe all that for ourselves! Lets make this Christmastide a time to rediscover the meaning and message of Christ's incarnation, so that we in our turn can, in the words of Eddie's hymn.

*"Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall,
But in a stable dark and dim,
The word made flesh, a light for
all".*

May the light of Christ shine in all our hearts and homes, now and in the new year to come.

Christopher Carter.



From the Church Records.

Holy Matrimony.

17th. Oct. at St. Silins Church, Daniel Alan Penticost. East Dulwich. to
Ellen Victoria Powell. Oswestry.

Funerals.

11th. Sept. at St. Silins Church, Gwynne Lloyd Roberts, Llansilin.

28th Sept. at St. Silins Church, Mary Ethel Batcheldor, Moelfre.

THE ALTERNATIVE LECTIONARY.

For some years the Vicar has been uncomfortably conscious of the limited selection of the Bible-readings provided by the "proprs" for Holy Communion in the Prayer-Book. The Church in Wales has recently begun to make available an alternative series, long in use in England, which follows a 3-year cycle. For £22 a year the parish receives leaflets which can be photocopied as a double-sided sheet for each Sunday. This involves some trouble and expense and means an extra piece of paper to "juggle" with at services, but it would mean that we would cover much more of the Bible in our worship. The P.C.C. is asking members of the congregation to let the Vicar or the P.C.C. members know their views before deciding whether to adopt the new readings, copies of which can be seen on application to the Vicar.

The Church Giving Envelope Scheme

When the next set of envelopes come into operation in the New Year would you please consider the following ?

It is possible to covenant your envelope contribution just by filling in a simple form, which the covenant secretary has available for you to see.

If you give £1 a week that would bring a tax refund of £15 per year, making your total giving £67 instead of £52 per year. If you or your partner are taxpayers, this is an easy way to raise money for our Church, much easier than organising an extra fund raising event !

Give this some serious thought for the coming year and contact

Mrs D. Hill Trevor (791442) or Mrs B. Jones. (791261).

Of course there are other ways of covenanting, for instance annually, which is easy to record. We have three new covenantees this year and I am hoping to have two more by the end of the year.

PLEASE COVENANT.

Brenda Jones.

Covenant Secretary.

The passing of two local men.

Mr John Morton Roberts of tyn llan, Llansilin and Mr Harry Ogden of Moelfre, both passed away this summer.

They were well known and respected members of the community and supporters of the Church. They are greatly missed.

*"The kindness that you show
And the understanding you show
Mean much more in many ways
Than you could ever know."*



A MILLENNIUM PROJECT
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Newsletter
Millennium
Bells Update

We still wait for "the powers that be" to sort out all the detail before work can start on our big project to ring in the millennium.

What needs doing:

The present bells are housed in a wooden frame - let into sockets in the tower walls. In the past the swinging forces must have been a source of concern, as there have been attempts to insert wedges to reduce rocking of the frame.

The massive oak beams of the frame show signs of rot and insect attack and the contrasting

finely constructed wheels which carry the ropes are inevitably fragile. The bells themselves, bearing the names of the vicar and churchwardens of the time, Revd. Walter Jones, and Thomas Hughes and John Allen Whitfield, seem in good condition. However the fittings of the swinging mechanism are much corroded and if left the expanding corrosion will lead to bursting of the bells.

The tower itself, built in 1832, is going to need some reinforcement and some attention to the floors and two flights of wooden access stairways.

How grateful we must be to the two ringing enthusiasts who in 1995 conceived the idea of applying to the Millennium Commission for a lump sum to finance bell restoration pro-

jects all over Britain. The outcome was a £3M sum and a company set up as a charity to administer the projects, a very comprehensive evaluation process, with loads of form-filling and over one hundred grants awarded (leaving quite a few disappointed applicants).

Without that funding (a maximum of 50% of actual costs) we could not possibly have financed such a big job in our own tower. Hopefully work can begin soon and the next newsletter will carry a report on progress.



Godron bearing Flange Crown of bell

The fittings on a bell



At the September meeting The Rev: John Durnell give an interesting talk on The Nativity Crib. He showed some Cribs from other country's which he has collected over the years, it was interesting to see the difference.

At the October meeting it was agreed that we would go to The Wynnstay Inn in Llansilin for midday Christmas lunch on Thursday the 3rd December 12-00. For 12-30pm. The meeting had a cookery demonstration by Mrs Marjory Evans who made two savoury dishes and two puddings. It was a most enjoyable afternoon....

The November meeting Mr & Mrs Bullard of Moelfre give a talk and slide show on Croatia, everyone enjoyed it. Glenice Jones won the raffle.

Gifts for St Silins Church.

The St Silin's Church has recently acquired two textile items for use in the Church.

Gill Avery has made and embroidered a reversible stole, one side for use at weddings, the other side for baptism. It was dedicated and used for the first time on October 17th.

Mrs Nancy Morris has kindly given a new altar frontal in white in memory of her son John.

This was dedicated at Evensong on November 22th. which was St. Cecilia's day, the patron Saint of Music.

PLYGAIN.

When we think of Christmas and listen to carols, we remember the special PLYGAIN services which are held in this area.

The word PLYGAIN is derived from the Latin pulli cantus meaning the cockerel crowing day break.

In days gone by, men formed parties of singers and went out Christmas Eve, leaving women and children at home.

Through the night they called at farm houses and by daybreak arrived at local churches and chapels to sing carols by candle light.

The words of the carols are carefully handed down and guarded by families.

The Welsh Folk Museum at St Fagans recorded the carols and in the local valleys one still hears the parties sing in the tradition of their forefathers.

At Briw Chapel on the Sunday evening before Christmas (6-30pm) parties gather for the annual local Plygain.

The service starts with a hymn and prayer by the Minister.

The Fronhaulog party start by singing their carol, followed by other groups in turn.

It is open to anyone who would like to take part and these days children take part too helping us all to celebrate the true joy of Christmas

N. E. Morgan.



A full house for the Haverfordwest Male Voice Choir!

What a relief for the Vicar and the PCC – after months of anxious preparation the concert was a great success.

We did find room for the sixty singers to stand and sit at the front of the church, we did manage to feed them and we did fill nearly every seat and we did cover our expenses!!

The Vicar's dream had been realised since, when lodging over twenty years ago with Mr D Gwyn Griffiths, the musical director, he had first heard those sixty voices and had ever since hoped to bring them to Llansilin.

The choir, soloist Julie Archer, and accompanist Wendy Lewis were our guests, but nevertheless kindly contributed to part of the cost of their two days so far from home. The programme (for those who missed the opportunity) was very varied – Welsh and English, popular hymns to favourites from Lloyd-Webber musicals. The warmth of the conductor and compere set a happy informal atmosphere. The soloist was magnificent, the applause was loud and long.

The choir has sung all over the world, but it is doubtful if they gave more pleasure anywhere than they gave us on that evening.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA DECEMBER '98 – FEBRUARY 1999.

December 13th	Matins	10.00am.	Mrs Anneli Thomas	791239
December 20th	Holy Communion.	8.30am.	Deborah Hill-Trevor.	791402
December 24th.	Midnight Service	11-30pm.	Mrs Brenda Jones	791261
			Mrs Esther Milner	791323
December 25th.	Holy Communion.	8-00am	Mrs Sheila Ashley	791283
December 27th.	Carol Service	10-30am	Sunday School	791283
January 3rd	Holy Communion	10.00am.	Mrs Beryl Jones.	653941
January 10th	Plough Sunday	10.00am.	Mr Edwin Ashley	791283
			Mr Edgar Jones	791287
January 17th	Holy Communion.	8.30am.	Miss Mary Morris.	791223
January 24th	Welsh Service.	9.00am.	Mr Wynn Hughes	791216
	Evensong	6.30pm.	Mr Peter Carter	791226
January 31st	Family Service	10-00am	Sunday School	791283
February 7th	Holy communion.	10.00am.	Mrs Beryl Jones.	653941
February 14th	Matins	10-00am	Mr M. Withers-Green	791407
February 21st	Holy Communion.	8.30am.	Mr Clive Inman	791497
February 28th	Welsh Service.	9.00am.	Mr Dan Jones	791287
	Evensong.	6.30pm.	Mrs Val Burton	791274

Church Flower & Cleaning Rota. December 1998 to February 1999.

December 6th.	Quick Clean.	Nancy Williams & Megan Evans.
December 13th.	QuickClean.	Esther Milner & Eileen Bignall.
December 22nd & 23rd.	Big Clean.	Please ladies, can we all get together for a BIG CLEAN and Decorating for Christmas List for decorating in the porch.
December 27th.	Quick Clean.	Esther Milner & Eileen Bignall.
January 1999.		
January 3rd.	Quick Clean.	Pam Johnson & Dorothy Jeris.
January 10th.	Quick Clean.	Pam Johnson & Dorothy Jeris.
January 17th.	Quick Clean.	Christine Sockett & Elizabeth Bickerton.
January 24th..	Quick Clean.	Christine Sockett & Elizabeth Bickerton.
January 31st.	Quick Clean.	Annali Thomas & Val Burton.
February 7th.	Quick Clean.	Annali Thomas & Val Burton
February 14th.	Quick Clean.	Mary Morris & Margaret Lloyd.
February 21st.	Quick Clean.	Mary Morris & Margaret Lloyd.
February 28th.	Quick Clean.	Avril Jones & Janet Davies.
March 7th.	Quick Clean.	Avril Jones & Janet Davies.

Llansilin Souvenirs – Ideas for Christmas.

Tea Towels £2.50.
(Village scenes drawn by Clifford Milner.)
Green/Red/Blue/ Black.

Notelets – 5 Assorted village pictures. £1.20.
(Drawn by Clifford Milner.)

Llansilin Yew Key Rings. £0.50.
(Made by Gill Avery.)

Church History Booklets. £0.50.
(Written by Kathleen Jones.)

Village Guide. £0.10.
(Produced by Local History Society.)

Prints in coloured mounts £4.00.
From original water-colours, £4.50.
(by Catriona Wilkinson.) £5.00.

Llansilin Church Horse Brasses – *Sorry Sold Out.*
Hope to produce another Limited Edition,
Design to Celebrate the Millennium.

For sale at Glyndwr Garage, Llansilin.

Newspaper collection for charity.

The first Llansilin Guides would like to thank everyone who have helped them with this venture and are happy to say that they have been able to donate nearly £50 to Children in Need as a result. The collection of used newspapers will continue for the time being, but please note that it is no longer feasible to leave the papers in the porch of the Institute as this constitutes a serious fire hazard. Anyone can leave newspapers in the porch at Ty Birth, the home of Mr and Mrs Beeston. Alternatively, they can be taken to the Institute on Guide nights, which are Tuesdays during term time.

POST OFFICE

Your local post office in Llansilin is open
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
8-40am – 12-noon.

USE IT OR LOSE IT.



Deanery Young People's Tea Party

This was held at Llanfechain on Sunday 1st. November. I'm sorry, I had not realised how good it would be or I would have put more effort into getting people there from our parish. Look out next year! Gareth Jones was our sole representative and he did us proud. The theme for the day was "Saints". There is very little known about our own saint, St. Silin, though we have made a banner for him in Sunday School. If anyone has information about St. Silin, please contact the editorial panel of the Newsletter. During the afternoon, among other things, the Vicar sang one of his wonderful songs and everyone joined in the chorus..

*God made the bees
The bees make the honey
we do all the work
And thegets all the money*

Did you know that he is a Saint? He reckons we all are! We finished off the afternoon with a scrumptious tea, a fitting end to a wonderful afternoon.

Sheila



CALENDAR.

St Silins Church

December	4th.	Plygain.	7-30pm
	24th	Candle light service	11-30pm.
	25th	Communion	8-00am.
	27th.	Bi-lingual Carol service	10-30am.
January	18th	P.C.C. meeting	7-30pm.
<u>Rhiwlas Chapel</u>			
December	24th.	Readings and Carols	7-00pm.

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Aelwyd - Welsh League of Youth - Fridays 7.30 - 10 pm from September in the Memorial Hall.
Emyr Evans 791 240.

Bowls Club, Mondays 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Sharon Lee 831 431.

Community Council, from September, every second Tuesday alternate months at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Harry Hughes 657 972.

Cymdeithas Ddwylliadol Llansilin - a welsh cultural and literary society - monthly September to April Mondays 7 - 9 pm.
Sarah James 791 436.

First Llansilin Guides, Tuesday at 7 - 8.30 pm in the Institute. Alison Beeston 791 262.

Kneeler Project. In the Institute the first Saturday monthly at 2-30pm. Anneli Thomas 791 239.

Local History Society, contact Chris Burton 791 274.

Mothers Union 3rd. Thursday in the month at 2-15pm, in the Institute. Contact Glenice Jones 791287.

Meals on Wheels Service, need assessed by Social Services. Local contacts Margaret Lloyd 791 472 and Olive Jones 791363.

Over 60's Club, in the Institute alternate Tuesdays from 8th September 2 - 4.30 pm Kay Hughes 791216.

Play group - Cylch Meithrin - in the Memorial Hall. Eiriann Glennie 791 378.

Rhiwlas Community Centre, Will Thomas 680 451.

Rhiwlas Gardening Club, first Monday each month at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. Dorothy Bullard 791 373.

Rural Car Service for visiting the doctor, dentist, chiropodist etc. Please book early with Norma Garment 791335

Sunday School Meet in the Institute at 10-00am. on the first Sunday each month during school term time. Participate in Family Service on the fifth Sunday. Sheila Ashley. 791283.

Village Hall. The Committee meet as and when needed. Secretary Arthur James 791 436.

. Booking clerk for the Hall and Institute, Wendy Jones 791 498.

Whist Drive. From 9th September this will run every second Wednesday each month at 7.30pm. in the Memorial Hall, up to and including 12th May 1999. Money raised will go towards hall funds

Womens Institute meet every second Friday each month in the Institute at 7 pm. Dorothy Bullard 791 373.

YFC, Catrin Williams 780496.

Youth Club meet in the Memorial Hall Thursdays 7 - 9.30 pm. Youth Leader Elena Jones. 780315.



This bouquet of flowers is for the members of the Hall Committee who have worked so hard and steadfastly in bringing about the wonderful improvements to the Institute, kitchen and toilets. It is great to be able to open the door properly to get in! We look forward to phase two, well done and thanks!