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BABELL ZION NEWYDD

Rhiw Babell Pensarn Caerfyrddin SA31 2DJ

**“ Blessed are the
peacemakers:
for they shall be
called the
children of God ”**

— Matthew 5:9

Babell Zion

Gweinid
Perch / Re
Cynorthwy-ydd Gweinid
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Sunday Serv

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Drws A
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Llongyfarchiadau i blant
yr Ysgol Sul ym
Mabolgampau MIC



The Performance Factory Stage School
put on a performance of "Wizard of Oz"
at the Lyric Theatre recently.

Sara from our Sunday Club was one of
the performers with Paige, Helen & Sian
giving their support.

Congratulations on your performance.
I'm sure your Sunday Club teachers are
very proud of you.



Several members from
Babell supported this
years' Christian Aid
Coffee Morning which
was held at the English
Baptist Chapel. The event
was officially opened by
the new Mayor of
Carmarthen Heledd ap
Gwynfor who is the
grand-daughter of
Gwynfor Evans.



Also, some were luckier
than others in winning
raffle prizes!!



Rosemary took part in the Gower
Peninsular Mighty Hike event for
MacMillan on Saturday 5th July across
the Gower Peninsular. Hope the legs
and feet have recovered.

Meurig has also completed his challenge for this year, taking part in “The Big Walk” on Sunday 6th July, in aid of Prostate Cancer.



Thank you to everyone who has supported both Rosemary and Meurig as they raise money for 2 very worthwhile causes.

Oedfa yn y Parc/ Service in the Park

It was a lovely Summer's evening on Sunday the 29th of June when we came together for the annual Service in Carmarthen Park arranged for us by the Rev Beti Wyn. The chosen theme this year was 'Teach me to Pray' and Beti Wyn was able to show us with the help of a jar, golf balls, pebbles, stones and water how, even in the busiest of lives when we often say, "If only I had time," there is always time for prayer and a time to say thank you for all the blessings we have received. Noah, Sara and Paige led us in the hymn "Glas, Glas, Blaned" and also helped Beti Wyn during her address. Carys, Sara's mother, announced one of the hymns and also taking part were members of Moriah Llansteffan, Bancyfelin and Bro Dewi Fawr.



Croesawyd ni i'r Parc gan ein Gweinidog ac mae ein diolch ni'n fawr i swyddogion y parc ac i'r rhai sydd yn cynnal y caffi am ein croeshawu yn flynyddol- does dim yn ormod o waith iddyn nhw. Diolch i'r rhieni fel arfer am gefnogi.

Mae'n amser prysur i'r plant gan fuon nhw'n canu gyda phlant Llanddarog fore Sul y 29ain yn yr Oedfa o Fawl dan arweiniad Mrs Meinir Richards ac yna fe fyddant hefyd yn canu yn y Sul Sbesial fore Sul y 13eg o Orffennaf yn Moreia Brynaman. Yn ogystal â hynny byddant yn cynrychioli Babell Zion Newydd yn y mabolgampau nos Wener y 4ydd yn Ysgol Maes y Gwendraeth. Felly diolch yn fawr i chi gyd. Roeddech yn llawn haeddu'r hufen Ia yn y Parc.

During our recent “singalong” visit to Plasydderwen, we were saddened to hear of the passing of one of the characters in the home. Sadly, Geraint passed away at the beginning of June. He will always hold a place in our hearts with his enthusiastic rendition of many of the Welsh hymns during our Singalongs, especially Calon Lan.

Rest in Peace Geraint



Upcoming Events

It's getting to that time of the year when we start looking towards organising 3 of our Annual Events here at Babel. Sorry, but 2 of them contain the word “Christmas” (ALREADY!!!!!!)

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

The MacMillan Coffee Morning will be held on Friday 26th September, 10 am to 12 noon with the usual cake stall, craft/bric-a-brac stall, book stall and raffle.

Contributions to any of these stalls will be greatly appreciated.



Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday, 29th November. This will also run from 10 am to 12 noon.



We will be holding our Community Carol Service again this year. This will take the form of a candlelight service. Date and time to be confirmed. Organisations from the local community will be invited to attend together with Playsdderwen and Towy Castle Care Homes.

Esme writes:

In the Grip of a Deep Freeze

It was early January 1982 when it started snowing and it didn't stop for 36 hours. The snow was 60 cms deep through drifts, reaching in places to 6 meters high.

Lengthy queues formed for bread and milk. Helicopters transported food to remote farms, pedestrians walked among jack-knifed lorries. One enterprising father even moved into an "igloo" he had built in their back garden.

What happened to me, coming off night duty, obviously tired, our picturesque farm-house home was not accessible. The farm lane was a wonderland. My husband knew the time I was due home, so with our neighbours, dug through the snow. The countryside was unseen but I got home after a tough, trying walk in the snow. One foot would sink into the snow. After getting that foot out, the other would sink into the snow but I got home after a hard battle. It took a little while for the feet to feel somewhat normal again!

The Winter passed. Spring rolled into Summer where I spent my time looking over the Gwili Railway outside our back door as well as watching the cricket. The scenery was absolutely amazing.

Would I have lived in a different location?

I was fortunate to live at Pistyll Gwyn and to crown it all, Griffith Jones, Llanddowror, with Madam Bevan had a school. In one of the rooms they taught the less fortunate in the 17th Century. Where there is love, there is a way.

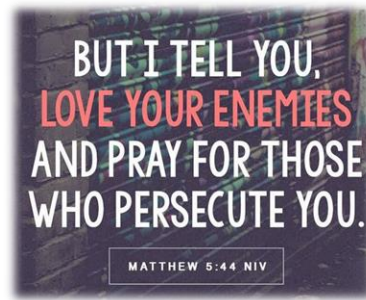


Continuing our series on favourite Bible Verses
Hoff adnodau pobol Babel Zion Newydd

HOFF ADNODAU
FAVOURITE VERSES



Hoff adnod Siân



This is one of many that I could have chosen!

I chose this verse as I think it is appropriate for the world we live in today. What a different world it would be if we could even try (as Jesus taught) to love our enemies.

Walk in Peace and Unity

Christian, walk with others peaceably,
And glorify God above;
Endeavor to keep the unity...
In the bond of peace and love.
Labor for things of eternity,
Love every family member;
As you think of how God set you free...
Sweet fruit your life will render.
Of all places there should be no fights,
It is in God's family;
Our peace He purchased – Christ paid the price...
On the Cross of Calvary.
Let us love and live in harmony,
And follow our Shepherd's lead;
As we Walk in Peace and Unity...
We scatter much precious seed...

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”

“If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.”

(Ps 133:1; Ro 12:18)

IN THE GARDEN

“I Come to the Garden Alone,” also known as “In the Garden,” is a hymn with lyrics written by American songwriter C. Austin Miles in 1912. The hymn is based on an experience Miles claimed to have had in his garden while reflecting on the biblical account of Mary Magdalene encountering the risen Christ in the garden near the tomb.

Interestingly, many people are unaware of the song’s connection to Jesus’ resurrection and his appearance to Mary of Magdala. They latch onto the personal nature of the song as they think about God’s abiding presence with them, but they don’t know that the song originated from someone’s literal meeting with Jesus in a garden while he was still on Earth. According to Miles, he was inspired to write the hymn after reading the Gospel of John, specifically the passage about Mary Magdalene’s encounter with Jesus on the morning of His resurrection (John 20:11-18). In this account, Mary goes to the tomb and, finding it empty, encounters Jesus, whom she initially mistakes for the gardener. It’s at this point that Jesus reveals Himself to her, saying her name, and Mary responds, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

Miles was deeply moved by the idea of a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus, akin to the relationship between the gardener and the visitor in the garden. This inspired him to write the lyrics to “I Come to the Garden Alone” as a reflection on the joy of communing with Christ in a quiet and solitary place, similar to the garden setting in the biblical narrative.

The hymn has resonated with many over the years for its emphasis on the personal connection with Jesus and the sense of peace and communion found in spending time alone with Him. But more significantly, its lyrics speak to the profound experience of encountering the risen Christ in the garden. Oh, what a day that must have been! I would love to hear Mary’s first-hand account of it someday.

It has been recorded numerous times by prominent vocalists, including Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Randy Travis, Ella Fitzgerald, Loretta Lynn, Rosemary Clooney, and others and was one of the most requested of hymns to be included in the United Methodist Hymnal.

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

And He walks with me, and He talks with
me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of
woe,
His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]

Sunday Services/Gwasanaethau ar y Sul

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| Rev Mary Thorley | 10 am | 06/07/2025 |
| Sul Sbesial – Brynmanan – Dafydd Iwan | 10:30 am | 13/07/2025 |
| Rev David Jones | 2 pm | 20/07/2025 |
| Rev Emyr - Communion | 2 pm | 27/07/2025 |
| No Service | | 03/08/2025 |
| United Service @ English Cong | 11 am | 10/08/2025 |
| United Service @ Babel | 10:30 am | 17/08/2025 |
| United Service @ Wesley | 10:30 am | 24/08/2025 |
| United Service @ English Baptist | 11 am | 31/08/2025 |

Welsh United Services for the month of August

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| United Service @ Heol Awst | 10 yb | 03/08/2025 |
| United Service @ Capel Penuei Adeilad Pedwar Parc Dewi Sant | 10: 30 yb | 10/08/2025 |
| United Service @ Tabernacle | 10:30 yb | 17/08/2025 |
| United Service @ Priordy Oedfa Gymun | 10 yb | 24/08/2025 |
| United Service @ Elim, Ffynnonddrain | 10:30 yb | 31/08/2025 |

Friendship Centre Rota

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| 03/07/25 | Maisie & Rosemary * |
| 10/07/25 | Helen & Sian |
| 17/07/25 | Tina, Kevin & Nan * |
| 24/07/25 | Pat & Carole |
| 31/07/25 | Tina, Kevin & Nan |

(*swapped)

| | Flowers/Blodau | Cleaning/Glanhau | Announcing and Communion/ Cyhoeddi a Pharatoi'r Cymun |
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| July | Vi Williams | Pat, Doreen & Charmaine | Meurig Rees |
| August | | Helen & Gwyn | |
| September | Megan Griffiths | Lynn & Janet | Carole Rees |

Dates for the Calendar

Singalong Tuesdays: 15th July @ Towy Castle

After visiting Towy Castle, there will be a break during the month of August for our Singalong sessions. We will resume on Tuesday 2nd September.

Elders Meeting: Tuesday 29th July @ 10 am

Have you any news or items for the newsletter? Please forward to Carole at

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