

# Mehefin 2023 June ISSUE/ RHIFYN 54

## BABELL ZION NEWYDD

This is our God, the servant king  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the servant king.

Hwn yw ein Duw, y Brenin tlawd  
Fe'n geilw oll i'w ddilyn ef,  
I fyw bob dydd fel pe'n anrheg wiw o'i law:  
Fe roddwn fawl i'r Brenin tlawd.

Daw hyfryd fis Mehefin cyn bo hir  
A chlywir y gwcw'n canu'n braf yn ein tir.  
Braf yn ein tir, braf yn ein tir,  
Cwcw, cwcw, cwcw  
Canu'n braf yn ein tir.

### A Hymn and an Anthem

#### The Hymn

From heaven you came, helpless babe  
Entered our world, your glory veiled  
Not to be served but to serve  
And give your life that we may live.

#### Chorus

This is our God, the servant king  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the servant king.

There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load he chose to bear,  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
"Yet not my will, but yours", he said.

Come see his hands and his feet,  
The scars that speak of sacrifice;  
Hands that fling stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone him,  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving.

O'r nef y daeth fab di-nam  
I'r byd yn dlawd heb feddu dim,  
I weini'n fwyn ar y gwan,  
Ei fywyd roes i ni gael byw.

#### Cytgan

Hwn yw ein Duw, y Brenin tlawd,  
Fe'n geilw oll i'w ddilyn ef,  
I fyw bob dydd fel pe'n anrheg wiw o'i law:  
Fe roddwn fawl i'r Brenin tlawd.

Ei ddagrau'n lli yn yr ardd,  
Fy meichiau trwm gymerodd ef:  
Ei galon fawr oedd yn drist,  
"D'ewylllys di fo'n ben," medd ef.

Gwêl ddwylo briw, gwêl ei draed,  
Ei greithiau'n brawf o'i aberth drud;  
Y dyner law leddfai boen,  
A rwygwyd gan yr hoelion llym.

Yn isel fryd gweini wnawn  
A'i ddewis ef yn Arglwydd pawb:  
Wrth estyn llaw at fy mrawd  
Cydnabod wnawn ein Brenin tlawd.

This hymn could well have been sung at the Coronation of Charles III on May 6<sup>th</sup> for it was a Christian service with the emphasis throughout on the word 'service'. The Archbishop's sermon, emphasised the kingship of Jesus but in the sense that he did not grasp power nor did he hold onto status.

In the words of the hymn he came "not to be served but to serve." In Rev Justin Welby's words, "His throne was a cross. His Crown was made of thorns. His regalia were the wounds that pierced his body".

We are all called by God to serve and each one of us will have a different way of achieving this.

#### The Anthem: Zadok the Priest

During the anointing of the new king the choir sang the rousing piece of music, Zadok the Priest, composed by Handel. This particular anthem was composed for the coronation of George II in 1727 which was also held at Westminster Abbey and has been used for every English coronation since. I was introduced to the anthem when teaching at Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera. At the time we would prepare a concert for the Brangwyn Hall every other year. Amongst the works performed were Faure's Requiem, The Mozart Requiem, Handel's Messiah and then, later on, choruses from

different operas and oratorios. The 200 strong choir would consist not only of pupils but also of parents and friends in order to fulfil the tenor and bass lines. I remember this anthem, sung in Welsh, more than any other – so uplifting, difficult of course to get those semiquaver runs exactly in place, but so rewarding. Handel took his text from the story of Solomon being crowned king by Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet. It is indeed an inspiring piece of music. The word Selyf in the translation is the archaic Welsh name for Solomon.

Zadok the priest  
And Nathan the prophet  
Anointed Solomon king  
And all the people  
Rejoiced, and said:  
God save the king  
Long live the king  
God save the king  
May the king live forever  
Amen.

Sadoc, gŵr Duw  
A Nathan y Proffwyd  
Eneiniodd Selyf yn deyrn.  
Canodd y bobol ei glod;  
Duw gadwo'n teyrn  
Byw fyddo'n teyrn  
Byw fyddo'n teyrn  
Duw gadwo'n teyrn  
Boed i'n teyrn fyw byth bythoedd  
Amen.

And this leads us onto how kings were first introduced in the Old Testament. Following the death of Joshua who led the people of Israel into Canaan, the tribes were governed by Judges but more and more they were wanting a king just as other kingdoms were ruled by kings. Kings unfortunately tended to be war mongering individuals wanting to grasp as much power as they could and this was especially true of Rome in those times with the word “Rex” being synonymous with tyranny and dictatorship. Eventually the period of the seven kings came to an end and democracy came to Rome with the establishment of two consuls and eight praetors instead. But even this didn't last, as we know, for in the time of Jesus, Caesar Augustus had risen to power, no longer being called a king but an emperor. However, in Israel, back in the time of the Judges, the people were adamant that they wanted a king although the priests would say that God was their King and Creator and to Him via the Ark of the Covenant they should show their allegiance. But they had to give in and Saul was the first to be appointed, then David followed by Solomon whose long reign gave stability to the land. Things began to deteriorate after that and what we have is the Kingdom of Israel being split in two with warring nations on all sides wanting to overpower this very strategically placed country.

Therefore by the time Jesus was born the Jews had waited with great anticipation for a king just like Solomon or David to lead them against their enemies but God sent them a servant instead! They were under Roman rule and part of the great Roman Empire and they were aware of their past subordinations under powers like the Assyrians, the Babylonians and the Greeks. It was time for the kingdom of Israel to have their own king. But Jesus had not come as a political liberator but as a spiritual liberator for all peoples and so he was misunderstood. He came as a Servant King and those words in the hymn echo all around: “Not to be served but to serve”. This indeed was the emphasis throughout the Coronation and the anointing with oil from the Holy Land only strengthened the connection.

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## Nelda writes

## A Holiday in Japan

Well I finally made it to Japan in April, a holiday planned for 2021 but was cancelled twice due to Covid. I was picked up at the door at 5.15 am and taken to Heathrow, where I met up with 26 other travellers on the tour, 23 women and 4 men, including a Priest from Northern Ireland.

We started our 13 night trip in Tokyo, a very busy, but interesting and beautiful city. We visited Temples, and Shrines, and actually saw a wedding procession, as these are very popular venues to get married in. Went up the Tokyo Skytree which gave you a wonderful view of the whole city, not for people who are afraid of heights. Saw where they 'trained' Sumo Wrestlers, and saw a couple walking on the street, now they are quite Large shall we say.

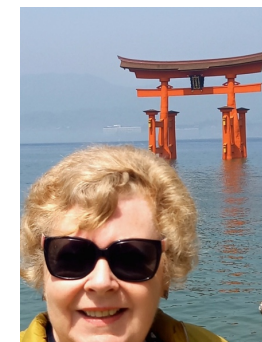
Now I had booked this holiday to see the Cherry Blossoms in the Spring, unfortunately, I was about two weeks too late as most of the trees had already flowered, and the blossoms had 'blown away' ( lovely avenue of them in the old Severn bridge service station on the way home though). Must say we did see some later on in the trip to screams of "there's some".

We then went on to Matsumoto, which is dominated by Mount Fuji. Now that was a much looked forward sight for me, but unfortunately, it rained all day with low clouds so we didn't get to see it. Never mind I thought, we have another chance on the last but one night.

One of the highlights was travelling on three 'Bullet Trains.' What an experience! You have to be pretty quick getting on and off though, as the doors are only open for about 2 mins!!! I can assure you that they are very fast. The scenery as we travelled from place to place, especially on the trains, was outstanding, with valleys and mountain ranges, some still covered in snow.

Hiroshima was also on the itinerary, a beautiful city now, and a very emotional visit was made to The Peace Memorial Park where at one of the monuments, I had an urge to sing 'Mi glywaf dyner lais' which would have been so appropriate, and I will ALWAYS regret not having done so. We also visited the Atomic bomb museum, and even with all the crowds there, you could hear a pin drop!!

Many Temples, Shrines, castles and gardens were visited plus a tour of a 'Sake' brewery, the traditional rice wine where I bought a blueberry flavoured bottle!!! A very interesting hour was also spent at a traditional tea ceremony, where we were shown how to make a 'proper' cup of tea. In the picture is the elaborate Itsukushima Shrine rising out of the sea seen from Miyajima Island.





Now, what did I think of the Japanese food? Well to be honest I have never tried Sushi and did not like the sound of pig's heart, intestines etc, so I had a few McDonald's. I did like the Katsu curry though.

By the time we reached Kyoto, a beautiful vibrant city, I was struggling a bit with my legs. Our hotel was the oldest in the city and very 'posh' indeed. I was so slow walking by now, I was always the last in the group to arrive anywhere, so, on the two nights we were there, they borrowed a 'wheelchair' for me as they didn't want to be late for the Italian restaurant they had booked. A 40 minute walk on the 2nd night to a Cultural shown meant me being pushed by two men (alternately) so as to get us to the show on time!!!

Right then, our last chance of seeing Mount Fuji. A friend had been on the exact tour two weeks prior to me, and when he opened his curtains in the morning saw Mount Fuji in its full glory but the sight that greeted me was the train station! Heavy cloud again, so did not get to see it but I bought a picture instead!!!!

It was a very enjoyable, hectic and memorable holiday. The company was good and I made some new friends. It was well worth waiting two years for a totally different culture and to see people who were so hospitable and courteous. And well worth the jet lag that followed.

Diolch Nelda

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Llongyfarchiadau i Nelda ar ddod yn famgu am y trydydd gwaith. Ganwyd Lewis Rhys, mab i Iwan ac Olivia a brawd i Ellis. Hefyd ganwyd merch fach i Daniel a Hannah ar ddechrau'r flwyddyn. Dymuniadau gorau i'r teuluoedd oll.



Llongyfarchiadau i bawb am Eisteddfod yr Urdd hynod o lwyddiannus yn Llanymddyfri. Llongyfarchiadau i Gôr Ysgol Llanddarog o dan arweiniad Marian Evans ar gipio'r wobwr gyntaf ac i Barti Dawns Werin Ysgol y Dderwen a ddaeth yn drydydd o dan hyfforddiant Erin Walters. Llongyfarchiadau i bawb a gyfrannodd mewn unrhywffordd i wneud yr ŵyl yn un arbennig iawn.

Yn y llun gwelir Sian a Suzanne yn dilyn shift 5 awr o stiwardio gydag un o'r meinciau a baentiwyd gan "Men's Sheds" lleol. Yr oedd pob un mainc yn cyfeirio at brosiect Chwedlau 23 a welodd dros 900 o blant Sir Gâr yn cymryd rhan ar ddiwrnod cyntaf y Steddfod.



## Cerflun i'r emynydd William Williams Pantycelyn

A sculpture for Williams Williams Pantycelyn was unveiled outside Y Gannwyll in Llanymddyfri on May 5<sup>th</sup> with the ribbon cut by Cecil Williams, a descendant of the hymnist, and his wife Cynthia. A few of us on a Presbytery trip were fortunate to meet them on a visit to the family farm Pantycelyn a few years ago. The sculpture is a stainless steel memorial created by Gideon Petersen. Williams was a writer of many theological works as well as being a prolific writer of 900 hymns which includes "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah". The following are incorporated into the memorial: O Nefol Addfwyn Oen, O Llefara Addfwyn Iesu, Mi dafla maich oddi ar fy ngwar ac Arglwydd arwain drwy'r anialwch. It is well worth a visit.



Ydych chi wedi clywed y gwcw eleni? Am ryw reswm mae'n codi fy nghalon i glywed y ddwy nodyn hynod sydd ganddi. Ond aderyn go hunanol yw'r gwcw ac mae'r ffeithiau canlynol yn adlewyrchu hyn ac efallai yn adlewyrchu'r natur ddynol hefyd.



Mae'r fenyw yn ei thymor yn chwilio am nythoedd adar eraill a phan mae'n gweld wyau ynddynt mae'n sleifio mewn ac yn dodwy wy ei hun.

Mae'n medru dodwy un wy mewn sawl nyth ac mae'r wy yn weddol debyg o ran lliw i'r rhai sydd yn y nyth yn barod.

Pan ddaw'r cyw fe fydd yn rollo'r wyau eraill allan o'r nyth ac fe fydd yn gwneud yr un peth gyda'r cywion hefyd! Y fam faeth fydd yn bwydo'r gwcw fach fel pe bai hi ddim yn gwybod mai nid y hi yw'r fam!

Pan ddaw'r amser fe fydd y cyw gwcw yn hela am fwyd dros ei hunan, yn datblygu cryfder a phan yn barod yn hedfan i ogledd Affrica. Mae'r fam gwcw iawn yn gwneud dim ond dodwy ac fe fydd yn hedfan yn ôl i Morocco ar ben ei hun heb unrhyw ofal yn y byd. Rhaid i'r cyw gwcw ddysgu bwydo, hedfan a gwneud ei ffordd yn y byd heb unrhyw gymorth heblaw am y fam faeth. Efallai dyna beth sydd yn ei gwneud mor benderfynol ac annibynnol. Onid yw Natur yn rhyfeddol!

Have you heard the cuckoo this year? For some reason it's quite comforting to hear that two note call. But in reality the cuckoo can be a very selfish bird which the following facts reflect and which can perhaps reflect human nature also.

The female bird in season searches out the nests of other birds and when it sees that eggs are laid it sneaks in and lays its own egg.

One female can deposit one egg in many other nests.

The egg is coloured to match the others in the nest. Blue or white or many shades of brown. The egg is larger and so is the chick.

When hatched, the chick will roll another egg on its back and push it out and will also even do this with the chicks. The foster mother will feed the cuckoo as if oblivious to this fact. When the time is right it takes off to hunt for its own food, develops its strength and when ready flies to North Africa. The "mother" has nothing to do with its chick at all but flies back to Morocco on her own without a care. The cuckoo has to learn to feed, fly and makes its own way without guidance of any kind. Perhaps this is why she is so determined and independent. Isn't Nature remarkable!

## The Rose

There is a world of wonder in this rose;  
 God made it, and his whole creation grows  
 To a point of perfect beauty  
 In this garden plot. He knows  
 The poet's thrill  
 On this June morning, as he sees  
 His will  
 To beauty taking form, his word  
 Made flesh, and dwelling among men.  
 All mysteries  
 In this one flower meet  
 And intertwine,  
 The universal is concrete  
 The human and divine,  
 In one unique and perfect thing, are fused  
 Into a unity of Love,  
 This rose as I behold it;  
 For all things gave it to me,  
 The stars have helped to mould it,  
 The air soft moonshine, and the rain,  
 The meekness of old mother earth,  
 The many-billowed sea.  
 The evolution of ten million years, and all the pain  
 Of ages, brought it to its birth  
 And gave it to me.  
 The tears  
 Of Christ are in it  
 And his blood  
 Has dyed it red, I could not see it but for him  
 Because he led  
 Me to the love of God,  
 From which all beauty springs.  
 I and my rose  
 are one.



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## Sunday Services/Gwasanaethau ar y Sul

Rev Dr Ainsley Griffiths	10 am	4/6/2023
Communion Service gyda'r Parch Emyr	10 am	11/6/2023
Mr Hugh Waddell	2 pm	18/6/2023
Rev Emyr Williams	2 pm	25/6/2023
Revd Mike Shephard	10 am	2/7/2023

**Oedfa Hirddydd Haf yn y Parc am 4.30 pm. Babell Zion Newydd sy'n trefnu 2/7/2023**

Flowers/ Blodau		Cleaning/Glanhau	Announcing and Communion Cyhoeddi a Pharatoi'r Cymun
Sian Cassell	June/Mehefin	Owen and Kim Jones	Helen Gibbon
Charmaine Williams	Gorffennaf/ July	Sian/Carole/Meurig	Carole Rees

Singalong Tuesdays:

June 6<sup>th</sup>  
 June 20<sup>th</sup>  
 July 4<sup>th</sup>  
 July 18<sup>th</sup>

June 24<sup>th</sup>: Strawberry tea/ Summer Fayre

June/July: Are you interested in going on a trip again? Ideas please to HG.

### Friendship Centre Rota

1/6/2023	Closed
8/6/2023	Sian and Helen
15/6/2023	Maisie and Rosemary
22/6/2023	Pat and Molly
29/6/2023	Tina and Nan
6/7/2023	Sian and Helen

### Dates/dyddiadau:

Presbytery/Henaduriaeth Mehefin 8fed yn Gosen Llandybie 6.30pm

District Meeting/Cwrdd Dosbarth: Mehefin 26ain Trinity San Clêr 7pm

**Sunday Club every Sunday at 11.30a.m./Clwb Sul bob dydd Sul am 11.30 y bore**

