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BABELL ZION NEWYDD

**Mae'n cymryd pentre' i fagu plentyn.
Dyma ein hawl.**

Byddwch yn bentref i ni.

**It takes a village to raise a child.
This is our right.**

Be our village

[Neges Ewyllys Da/The Goodwill Message]



The Good Will Message from the Youth of Wales to the Youth of the World

5 quick facts:

1. It was the great Pacifist Rev Gwilym Davies a Welsh Baptist Minister from Cwm Rhymni who initiated the Goodwill Message in 1922. Do you remember where he was a Minister in Carmarthen?
2. It was sent via Morse Code on the 28th of June 1922. Today it is sent via video on social media and read on Radio Cymru and Radio Wales.
3. It has been sent without a break since 2022.
4. Every message has its own special theme and those themes usually reflect the issues in Wales at the time. This year the message focuses on child poverty after the latest government figures suggest that 31% of children now live in poverty.
5. The message is translated into over 50 languages.

Mae pobol ifanc sy'n profi tlodi
Yn gwybod y gwir.

Ni fel coed sy'n plygu
ein cyrff tuag at y goleuni.

Mae gennym wreiddiau
sy'n ymestyn
yn ddwfn drwy galon
ein cymunedau.

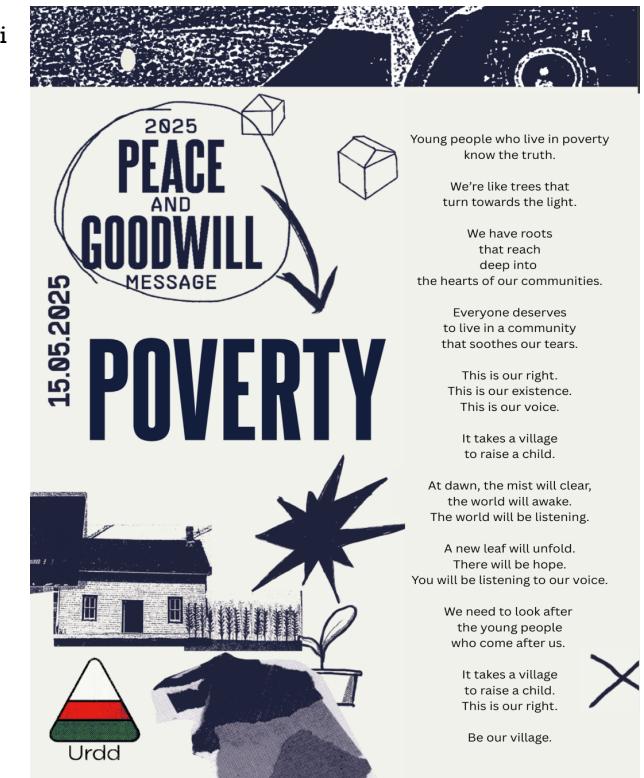
Mae pawb yn haeddu
byw mewn cymuned
sy'n lleddfu ein dagrau.

Dyma ein hawl.
Dyma ein bywydau.
Dyma ein llais.

Mae'n cymryd pentre' i fagu plentyn.

Ben bore,
bydd y niwl yn clirio,
bydd y byd yn deffro.
Bydd y byd yn gwrando.

Bydd deilen newydd yn agor.
Bydd gobaith.
Byddwn yn gwrando ar ein llais.
Rhaid edrych
ar ôl y bobol ifanc
sy'n dod ar ein hól.



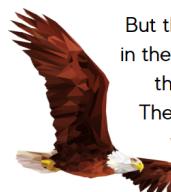
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An important message here, for a church as a community.

A new series on favourite Bible Verses Hoff adnodau pobol Babell Zion Newydd

Hoff adnod Tina Thomas

My favourite verse? There are many verses that mean so much, yet I have chosen this verse from Isaiah as it reminds me of the need to keep the faith and to trust in God. It teaches patience – not one of my strengths as I tend to travel in the fast lane and can't understand when everything doesn't always keep up!! It also reminds me that God is always with us to give strength and support, and of the need to trust in His timing.



But those who hope
in the Lord will renew
their strength.
They will soar on
wings like
eagles;

they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:31

Y Sulgwyn/ Whitsun

The events of that first Whitsun happened on the Festival day of Pentecost which was the Jewish celebration of Harvest. It comes fifty days after Easter Sunday.

This year Whit Sunday falls on June 8th.

The disciples were all together following the ascension of Jesus when they were filled with the Holy Spirit enabling them to face all their fears and continue with the work entrusted to them by Jesus. Luke in the Book of Acts describes the coming of the Holy Spirit with these signs:



Wind- The creative breath of God.



Fire- The Spirit offers everyone a personal relationship with Jesus.



The tongues – all present started to speak in different languages but they were all able to understand each other- a sign that the teachings of Jesus, the Good News, were for all peoples regardless of their nationalities.

Peter was so filled with confidence in the way that he addressed the gathering that day that as a result people were shaken to the core and 3000 were converted and baptised. We must remember that Peter had denied Jesus three times but now he was doing just as Jesus had said, he was becoming the leader of that first Christian Community and proving that he was the rock on which the church would be built.

From that day on Luke says that the early Christians would meet in each other's homes to break bread and hold 'everything in common'. They would sell their possessions and belongings and distribute the proceedings so that no-one went hungry. [Acts 3: 43-47]

Mike Shephard writes



MY ISLAND OF STRANGERS

Kier Starmer spoke, recently, about the problem of uncontrolled immigration. He intimated that our country ran the risk of becoming a *community of strangers*.

I fully concur that illegal immigration must cease, and that the crisis associated with people smuggling is helping no one. It is increasing racist attitudes in those who would previously have prided themselves on welcoming those in need of refuge and shelter. I was discussing the problem recently with a neighbour who brought the following poem to my attention. The author is Michael Rosen. Google the name.

*I lay in bed
Hardly able to breathe
But there were people to sedate me
Pump air into me
Calm me down when I thrashed around
Hold my hand and reassure me
Play me songs my family sent in
Turn me over to help my lungs
Shave me, wash me, feed me,
Check my medication
Perform a tracheostomy
People on my island of strangers
From China, Jamaica, Brazil,
India, USA, Nigeria, Ireland and Greece.*

I like that poem.

On the morning it arrived Gwen and I walked into Carmarthen. A black lady approached us and, God forgive me, my reaction, initially, was one of suspicion. I thought, immediately, that the approach was that of a beggar and that money would be requested. Not a bit of it. She lived in Swansea, had travelled to Carmarthen by train and now intended to return 'home' by bus. She wanted directions to the bus station. We said we would walk with her to Blue Street.

Within the space of one third of a mile we had forged mutual links and had learned something of each other. *We strangers had become potential friends*. We discovered that she worked in the care sector and that she had come to this country with her husband - to be who studied medicine at university.

The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that it is important to show hospitality to the stranger. The motivation for so doing is quite simply that, thereby, people have entertained *angels unawares*.

Immigration must have controls, and the small boats crisis must be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

But let us not become so insular that we can no longer befriend the strangers in our midst. When all is said and done the *Stranger* is a **Friend** to whom we have yet to be introduced.

A closing thought. How friendly is the church to which we belong? How welcoming are we of the stranger? If they attend a service, will they want to come again? Do we include them in conversation or exclude them on grounds of race, language, sexuality or theology?

How open are we to others? Are churches part of the solution or do we add to the problem?

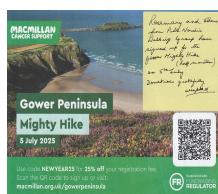
If the latter, what hope is there for religion or for the world?

Mike Shephard ©

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Macmillan Cancer Support

Rosemary Kerr is undertaking a half marathon hike on the 5th of July and would be grateful of your support. Sponsor Forms have been left in the vestry.



Revd Mike Shephard has already contributed £600 towards the Macmillan Coffee Morning through the sale of his newly published book "The Jigsaw of Life." He wishes to thank everyone associated with Babell Zion Newydd who supported the venture and made it possible.

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Diolch i'r casglwyr ac am yr holl gyfraniadau yn ystod Wythnos Cymorth Cristnoqol. Daeth y casqliad i £244.22.

Grateful thanks to all collectors and for all contributions during Christian Aid Week. The collection this year came to £244.22

National Week of Prayer: June 1st to the 7th

Monday's meeting June 2nd will be held at Capel Newydd Llanddarog. For more information please contact Emrys.

**The Zoom link for each online prayer gathering is
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86840505238?pwd=Sho6MhRb5mNbPv2INjU5RarnqcISi.1>**
**ID: 868 4050 5238
Password: 259186**



An appeal please for raffle prizes, cakes, bottles, bric-a-brac items and books for the Christian Aid Coffee Morning on the 7th of June at the Baptist Cellar Church. Diolch yn fawr!

Esme writes

So Long Ago - Spa Water



Stories of the healing powers of Spa Water began around 1760 when a patient was cured of Scrofula- an infection of the glands in the neck- after bathing and drinking of the waters. By the turn of the century a surgeon was treating patients for rheumatism, skin conditions and other complaints at the Spa Town of Ballater which is on the banks of the River Dee in Aberdeenshire. It quickly grew to be a popular health resort for those who went to drink the waters throughout the 19th century. It was visited by Sir Walter Scott, Lord Byron and Queen Victoria herself who recorded sampling the waters in the Highland Journal. It went into decline with the spread of modern medicine.

Consultant physician Dr David Galloway who co-ordinated the study said the response rate from patients who were suffering mild to moderate rheumatoid arthritis showed they did remarkably well in the mineral waters. The composition of the water appears to have had the ability to reduce inflammation. Later on medication was introduced but with a litre of Deeside a day. In addition to the clinical findings, some patients reported reduced pain and less morning and evening stiffness. This water even came available in some branches of supermarkets. The survey was welcomed by many, however, a spokesman added that improvements could be attributed to the effects of medication at the time which patients continued to take throughout the trial.

Diolch Esme am yr adroddiad hwn. Daeth y Baddonau Rhufeining yng Nghaerfaddon [Bath] a Cheltenham yn enwog ac fe dyfodd sawl tref yng Nghymru o amgylch y ffynhonnau gwyrthiol yma fel, Llanwrtyd, Builth, Llangammarch a Llandrindod. Ar nodyn personol roedd tad Gwynedd, Elwyn Gibbon, yn dioddef o Rheumatoid Arthritis ac fe fu ef sawl gwaith yn Droitwich yn profi rhinweddau'r dŵr yno. Mae'n siwr bod y mineralau yn medru lleddfu peth o'r boen ofnadwy hyn ond diolch hefyd am feddyginaeth.

A Prayer for Pentecost

Thank you, Heavenly Father for the gift of the Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide and so many other things. We pray that we will all grow in faith, hope and love and be encouraged, as we remember the blessings that our churches have known in the past. Be near to all who are suffering this day and dear people known to us who are undergoing treatment. We especially remember Rev Adelaide Wheeler Cocks and ask that you be near to her. May we continue to pray for peace in our world and an end to all conflicts. Amen.

Diolch Arglwydd Dduw am rodd yr Ysbryd Glân, ein cysurwr, a'n harweinydd a llawer mwy. Gweddïnn y byddwn i gyd yn tyfu mewn ffydd, gobaith a chariad ac yn cael ein hannog i ddyfalbarhau wrth i ni gofio bendithion y gorffennol.

Bydd gyda phawb sy'n dioddef heddiw. Ryn ni'n cofio yn arbennig am y Parch Adelaide ac yn gofyn i ti fod yn agos ati. Rydym yn parhau i weddio dros heddwch yn ein byd a diwedd ar y brwydrau dieflig sy'n diystyrru hawl sylfaenol pobl, ac yn enwedig plant, o fwydd. Amen.

Sunday Services/Gwasanaethau ar y Sul

Mr Geraint Lloyd	2 pm	1/6/2025
Communion Service with Rev Emrys	** 2pm	8/6/2025
Mr Clyde Briggs	2 pm	15/6/2025
Minister	2pm	22/6/2025
United Service at Capel Newydd Llanddarog Bore o Fawl dan Arweiniad Mrs Meinir Richards	10.30am	29/6/2025
Gwyl Hirddydd Haf yn y Parc	4.30pm	
Revd Dr Mary Thorley	10am	6/7/2025
Sul Sbesial -Brynaman -Dafydd Iwan	10.30am	13/7/2025

Flowers/ Blodau		Cleaning/Glanhau	Announcing and Communion Cyhoeddi a Pharatoi'r Cymun
Sian Cassell	June/Mehefin	Owen and Kim Jones	Sian Cassell
Vi Williams	Gorffennaf/ July	Pat, Doreen and Charmaine	Meurig Rees

Singalong Tuesdays: June/Mehefin 3ydd
 June/Mehefin 17fed at Plas y Dderwen
 Gorffennaf/July 1st
 Gorffennaf/July 15th at Towy Castle
 July 5th Singalong group singing at Wesley Coffee Morning at 10am

Dates for the Diary

Mehefin 5ed:
 June/Mehefin 7th : Henaduriaeth Myrddin yng Nghapel Morfa Cydweli 6.30pm
 Christian Aid Coffee Morning at the English Baptist Cellar
 Mehefin 8fed:
 Mehefin 30ain: Capel Heol Awst: Cymanfa Ganu 'Cofio Gwynfor' 5.30 pm
 Cwrdd Dosbarth yng Nghapel Bro Dewi Fawr Meidrim

Friendship Centre Rota

5/6/2025	Tina, Kevin and Nan
12/6/2025	Sian and Carole
19/6/2025	Rosemary and Maisie
26/6/2025	Pat and Helen



A reminder of the box in the vestry

Rydyn ni'n ailgylchu ond hefyd yn codi arian at y capel/ We are recycling items but also raising money for the chapel. Ymholaadau i Nan neu Tina.



Rydyn ni angen / We need:

- Gemwaith /Jewellery (e.g. bracelets, rings, watches - any style, any metal, any condition)
- Offer digidol / digital devices (e.g. mobile phones, cameras, sat navs, games consoles, ipads, ipods, tablets)
- Arian / Coins (e.g. any currency UK or foreign, even unchangeable currency)
- Stampiau / Stamps (e.g. loose stamps, used stamps, first day covers)

Photo gallery



VE Day in the Friendship Centre

Maisie and Tina dressed for the occasion

Congratulations to Ellie Grace and the cast of the Forge Company on their performance of Beauty and the Beast in the Lyric during half term.



Llongyfarchiadau i bawb a fu'n cystadlu neu'n gweithio tu ôl y golygfeydd yn Steddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd ym Margam. Mae'r safonau'n codi'n flynyddol. Da iawn bawb.