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# BABELL ZION NEWYDD

“Non-violence is more powerful than all the armaments in the world. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man”

Gandhi

## What's happening at Babell Zion Newydd

The **Friendship Centre** opens every Thursday at 10.30 which is an informal gathering for teas, coffees and light refreshments with no obligation to stay long. Spread the word around to your neighbours and friends and welcome them in.

On the first and third Tuesday we hold a **singing session** for about an hour which is dementia friendly. Last Tuesday a group of us went to Plas ydderwen where, as usual, the welcome was surpassed with a lovely tea and cakes to follow. The icing on the cake was the lovely singing of Lisa Peart aka Maria von Trapp who led us in a few of the well-known hits from the Sound of Music.

The photo below was taken at the beginning of April when a few of the residents from Towy Castle accompanied by Zohra and Plas y Dderwen accompanied by Lisa and Ann were present. We are always treated to cakes by Pat, Tina, Maisie and Rosemary.



**Sunday Club** is held every week at 11.30 and we are always glad to welcome new members. Again, spread the word around to neighbours, family and friends.

The **services** are held every week with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> held at 10 and 2 pm respectively with our Minister Emyr officiating. The other Sundays do vary but please find the times on the noticeboard or in the Newsletter.

If you know of anyone who is without transport and would like to join any of the above please let us know and we can make the necessary arrangements.

## Agor y Llyfr/Open the Book

Mae'r tîm yn dal yn brysur bob yn ail ddydd Iau yn cyflwyno straeon o'r Beibl i blant Ysgol Llangynnwr.

Where would you see these plaques in Carmarthen?



Revd Dr Gwilym Davies was the originator of the the ‘Neges Heddwch ac Ewyllys Da’ [A message of Peace and Good will] which is sent out by Urdd Gobaith Cymru to the world on May 18<sup>th</sup> every year. It was first sent in May 1922 and within a decade 68 countries had responded to it. The aim was to translate it into 100 languages and to reach 100 countries by 2022. Dr Davies was a Baptist Minister and a strong peace

activist. He used radio, cinema and the press to promote peace in the world and was also the founder of the League of Nations which later became known as UNESCO. This year, the peace message celebrates a centenary since the Women’s petition for Peace was sent from Wales to America. On 19<sup>th</sup> of February 100 years ago an oak chest was opened containing a petition which appealed for co-operation for peace in the world. 390,260 Welsh women had signed the petition which was taken to the USA in an oak chest by Annie Hughes-Griffiths, Mary Ellis, Elined Prys and Gladys Thomas and presented to the women of the USA in the Biltmore Hotel, New York. The petition has now been returned to Wales from the Smithsonian National Museum of American History and has been donated to the National Library, Aberystwyth. We look forward to hearing this year’s message on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Emynwyr Bro Myrddin: Where would you find this plaque in the town

Peace also plays a major part in the hymns of these hymnwriters.  
Dafydd Jones o Gaeo  
Morgan Rhys Llanfynydd  
William Williams Pantycelyn  
David Charles Caerfyrddin  
Elfed Lewis Blaenyrcoed



Nantlais

Faint ohonoch sydd wedi adrodd y penillion bach hyn?  
Tu ôl i'r dorth mae'r blawd,  
Tu ôl i'r blawd mae'r felin  
Tu ôl i'r felin draw ar y bryn  
Mae cae o wenith melyn  
  
O lili wen fach, o ble daethost ti?  
A'r gwynt mor arw ac mor oer ei gri?  
Sut y mentraist di allan drwy'r eira i gyd?  
Nid oes blodyn bach arall  
i'w weld yn y byd!

William Nantlais Williams yw'r awdur. Gweinidog Bethany Rhydaman o 1900 tan ei ymddeoliad yn 1944. Fe'i ganwyd yn Gwyddgrug, Pencader yn 1874 ac felly mae'n gan mlwyddiant a hanner ei eni eleni. Roedd yn fardd ac yn enillydd eisteddfodol ond pan gafodd droedigaeth yn 1904 fe roddodd y gorau i gystadlu er mwyn rhoi ei holl sylw i'w Arglwydd ac i'r weinidogaeth. Ym marn Dr Gwyn Davies y mae ei emynau cynharaf yn emynau neis i blant ond yn ddiweddarach cawn emynau o sylwedd ganddo yn defnyddio adnodau a chyfeiriadau Beiblaidd sy'n dangos ei wir brofiad o'r Arglwydd. Fe aeth i'r Wladfa yn 1938 ac fe gafodd ei ddisgrifio gan un newyddiadurwr fel : "A distinguished Divine from Wales". Roedd yn fawr ei barch yn Rhydaman a phan bu farw ar Fehefin 18fed yn 1959 claddwyd ei weddillion o flaen drysau Bethany sydd bellach wedi cau. Cynhaliwyd y gwasanaeth datgorffori yno ar y 26ain o Hydref 2023.

Dyma restr o'i emynau sy'n gyfarwydd iawn i ni:  
  
Gyda thoriad gwawr y bore  
Pwy all beidio canu moliant iddo ef  
Suai'r Gwynt  
Yn y dwys distawrwydd

William Nantlais Williams was the author of those verses which we learned as children. He was a Presbyterian Minister at Bethany Ammanford from 1900 until his retirement in 1944. Born in Gwyddgrug Pencader, he was a hymn writer, minister and a poet and won several bardic chairs including the Chair at the National Eisteddfod in 1902. However, following his conversion during the Revival of 1904 he gave up competing in order to devote his life to his Lord and to the Ministry. He wrote many hymns for children but his later ones are more theological in content. He was described in 1938 on his visit to Patagonia as "A distinguished Divine from Wales". He is buried in front of Bethany which unfortunately closed its doors for the last time in October of last year.  
  
Heddiw cododd Crist o'r bedd  
Fe dorrodd y wawr, sancteiddier y dydd  
Draw, draw yn China a thiroedd Japan.  
Yn dy law y mae f'amserau  
Pwy yw hwn sy'n rhodio'r tonnau?  
  
[Yn seiliedig ar ddarlith Dr Gwyn Davies Ebrill 2024]



## CODI ARIAN / RAISING MONEY

Rydyn ni'n ailgylchu ond hefyd yn codi arian at y capel.

We are recycling items but also raising money for the chapel.



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)



We are grateful for all contributions. There are leaflets and a box in the vestry ready to accept any items. Any questions, check with Nan or Tina. Please support and help us raise money.



**Cefnogwch os gwelwch yn dda. Bydd pob cyfraniad yn help i gyrraedd y nod.**

## Sunday Services/Gwasanaethau ar y Sul

Rev Mike Shephard	<b>10 am</b>	5/5/2024
Communion Service with Rev Emyr	<b>10 am</b>	12/5 2024
Mr Martin Dalling	<b>10 am</b>	19/5/2024
Rev Emyr Williams	<b>2 pm</b>	26/5/2024
Dr Dai Lloyd	<b>2pm</b>	2/6/2024

Flowers/ Blodau		Cleaning/Glanhau	Announcing and Communion Cyhoeddi a Pharatoi'r Cymun
Mrs Pat Morgan	May/Mai	Rosemary and Nelda	Helen Gibbon
Sian Cassell	June/Mehefin	Owen and Kim Jones	Meurig Rees
Vi Williams	Gorffennaf/ July	Sian/Carole/Meurig	Sian Cassell

Singalong Tuesdays: May 7<sup>th</sup>  
May 21<sup>st</sup>  
June 4<sup>th</sup>  
June 18<sup>th</sup>

At Towy Castle

### Dates for the Diary

Mai 14eg : Cwrdd Dosbarth ym Mro Dewi Fawr Meidrim 7pm  
 Mehefin 5ed: Gwasanaeth Chwirydd yr Henaduriaeth yn y Babell Zion 2pm  
 Mehefin 6ed: Henaduriaeth Myrddin yng Nghapel Bancyfelin am 6.30pm  
 Mehefin 17: Christmas the Story Meeting at the English Baptist 6pm  
 June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Service at 10 am. Dinner at the Falcon at 1 pm. Deposit of £10 to Rosemary asap

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## Out and about

## Cerddwyr Cynnwr

Gareth led the walkers on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April with the intention of breaking us in gently after a wet and windy winter's break of six months. It was not so gentle as Gareth had presumed it would be for us out-of-practice walkers. However the views along the country path behind Pentremeurig fields made up for the tired feet and as we headed down to Traveller's Rest and the bypass we were bound for the cars parked in Pensarn with our minds firmly fixed on the meal to end the day at Llandyfaelog. It was good to see Ben back with us on our walks and we wish him every success in his up and coming GCSEs. Diolch Gareth am baratoi taith ddi-ddorol unwaith eto a dymunwn wellhad llwyr i Dawn yn dilyn ei llawdriniaeth ddiweddar gan obeithio ei gweld gyda ni yn fuan.

Ydych chi'n barod am wibdaith?

Pryd: Dydd Sadwrn Mehefin 29fed  
Ble?: Capel Blaenycod a'r Gangell: Cartref yr emynydd Elfed  
Canolfan Arddio Henllan  
Gwersyll y Carcharorion yn Henllan a'r Eglwys  
Pryd o Fwyd yn y Calabria i ddiweddu'r dydd

Enwau os gwelwch yn dda i Helen erbyn Mehefin 2ail

## Friendship Centre Rota

2/5/2024	Sian and Helen
9/5/2024	Maisie and Sian
16/5/2024	Pat and Carole
23/5/2024	Nan, Tina and Kevin
30/5/2024	Sian and Helen



## Mai 20fed o 7 hyd 8 o'r gloch yng Nghapel Newydd Llanddarog

Have you any news or items for the newsletter? Please forward to Carole at [carolerees4@gmail.com](mailto:carolerees4@gmail.com) or Helen at [helengibbon1@btinternet.com](mailto:helengibbon1@btinternet.com)

## Cymdeithasfa'r De/ The Association - South

Babell Zion Newydd opened its doors to the Association on Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> with 25 present and about 12 on Zoom. Helen was the organist at the meetings and Carole at the Service of Communion at which Sian led the congregation in prayer and Helen read from the Gospel of Mathew Chapter 26 verses 17-30. Rev Eifion Roberts gave a short sermon on the following verse: "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

The meetings were presided by Rev Richard Brunt London and the Secretary for this year is Mr Anthony Platt. Our Minister Emyr will succeed him in this role at the next Association to be hosted by the Morgannwg Llundain Presbytery at Eglwys y Drindod Cockfosters in London. The General Secretary for the denomination is the Rev Nan Powell Davies who gave us a comprehensive insight into the work that has been done during the last year. One proposal which has been put forward is that of the commissioning of elders for a period of time only, say five or seven years. This has met with many different responses and is yet to be brought to a conclusion.

During the meetings we were encouraged by Mrs Margaret Jones to pray for the situation in Port Talbot where so many will be affected by the closure of the steel works there, and also for the situation in the Middle East.



Rev Aneurin Owen [ General Assembly Moderator, Rev Richard Brunt [Association Moderator and Secretary Mr Anthony Platt.

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A Prayer for our schools and our young people  
Oh Lord our God, we pray for our schools; for teachers and pupils everywhere.  
Inspire them to recognise the good and to love truth in all its different facets.



Enable them to be patient with one another, and to respect each other's beliefs and practices. We pray that all educational institutions be safe places for an education which broadens the minds and leads to a source for good in the world. We pray that our streets be safe from violence and that people of all ages can walk freely without fear. Make us true followers of your teachings and examples of your peace in the name of Jesus, Amen.