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Lest We Forget
**REMEMBRANCE
DAY**



Babell Zion

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Cynorthwy-ydd Gweinid
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Sunda



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As reported in previous Newsletter, the box had been emptied and the contents sent away. We have received £68 – 10 for these items. However, this is an ongoing project, so please continue to bring your unwanted, broken items to be recycled.



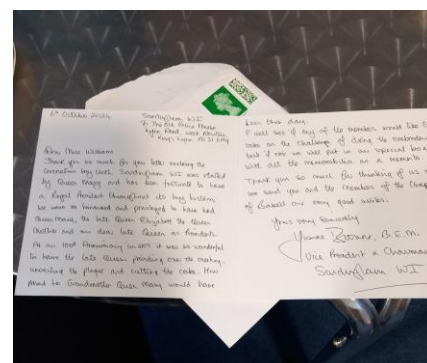
Christmas Fayre



We will be holding our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30th November commencing at 10 am. Contributions towards the cake stall and bottle stall will be greatly appreciated as would donations towards Raffle prizes. All our other usual stalls are well stocked.

Any donations for the Bottle stall and the Raffle can be put on the long table in the vestry.

Recently, our knitting/crochet queen Charmaine, came across a Coronation Tray Cloth as she was sorting through items for the Macmillan Coffee morning. On a suggestion, this was sent off to Sandringham W.I. to see if it would be of any interest. Charmaine has received a wonderful reply from them thanking her for the Tray Cloth and sending their best wishes to both Charmaine and to us here at Babell Zion Newydd.



What you may not know, is Charmaine is also quietly working in the background, knitting and crocheting blankets, jackets and hats for the premature baby unit at Glangwili Hospital.



We experienced a wonderful Harvest Service a couple of weeks ago and were thrilled to see the children, leaders and parents from the Sunday Club taking part. They ended with a very lively song which included plenty of actions which encouraged the congregation to join in.

Thank you to all who brought food items during the service. These were taken to the local Food Bank and we have received a letter of thanks from them for our donation.



Earlier in the year, we had been placing a box in the entrance lobby for anyone wishing to donate items of non-perishable food. These items would then have been taken to the local Food Banks. After donating our Harvest items, it was mentioned that these Food Banks experience a lull in donations over the winter months. We will be re-introducing this “food box” to try and assist. If you are willing and able, all we ask is for us as individuals to add 1 item to our shopping list to place in the box.

As Christmas is fast approaching, we are looking for “volunteers” to form a small group to take part in this years’ Plygain which will be held on Sunday 8th December, 7pm in Heol Awst.

We will be holding the rehearsals after worship on Sundays. Everyone is welcome.

(I have used the term “volunteer” very loosely as I believe some of you have already had your arms twisted !!!!!)



The English Cong are organising a Curry Night for their church at the Belfoi Restaurant on Tuesday 26 November at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Cost £17.00. Anyone interested please let Helen know by this Sunday – 3rd November.

I went to see the soldiers

I went to see the soldiers, row on row on row,
And wondered about each so still, their badges all on show.
What brought them here, what life before
Was like for each of them?
What made them angry, laugh, or cry,
These soldiers, boys and men.

Some so young, some older still, a bond more close than brothers
These men have earned and shared a love, that's not like any others
They trained as one, they fought as one
They shared their last together
That bond endures, that love is true
And will be, now and ever.

I could not know, how could I guess, what choices each had made,
Of how they came to soldiering, what part each one had played?
But here they are and here they'll stay,
Each one silent and in place,
Their headstones line up row on row
They guard this hallowed place.

Kenny Martin
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*"They shall grow not old, as we that are
left grow old. Age shall not weary
them, nor the years condemn. At the
going down of the sun, and in the
morning, we will remember them."*

*Let us remember before God the men and
women of all nations who have died as a
result of war - those who we have known
and whose memory we treasure; those we
never knew, and those who died unknown.
We will remember all who have lived in
hope, but died in vain - the tortured, the
innocent, the starving and the exiled, the
imprisoned, the oppressed and the
disappeared.... Living God, by whose love
we are united with one another across the
boundaries of time and space, bring us to a
new remembrance of your love and life,
reflected in earth and sky, and every person
who ever lived. Teach us to be reconciled to
one another and to you, through Jesus Christ
our Lord.*

Why go to Church on Sundays?- Author Unknown



A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.'

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this.

They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!'

When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL !

B. I. B L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

Nelda writes: Albania and North Macedonia Sept 2024

Why the Balkans you may ask? Well I befriended 4 lovely ladies whilst in Japan last year, and we had been to Ireland in March together and decided we wanted to go 'somewhere different'.

Our tour started with 5 nights in Tirana, the Capital of Albania, our hotel being on the main square and we were told that it was where all the 'Spies' had met during the day!!!!

It is certainly not a 3rd world country as many believe, and I can see it as an up and coming holiday destination with beautiful scenery and many places of interest to visit. It was of course where Mother Teresa was born. At St. Paul's Cathedral in Tirana, there is a wonderful picture of her all made out of shells. Very impressive.



We were also taken to visit one of the seven hundred and fifty thousand, yes that is seven hundred and fifty thousand nuclear bunkers they have in Albania!!!!

The average temperature for the week was 33/34 degrees, bit too hot for my liking!! We were taken to many Monasteries and Fortresses, but am afraid to say that the walk to some of them had very long steep and uneven stone paths which I found difficult so can't report on their beauty. On the ones I did manage to visit, they were quite spectacular.

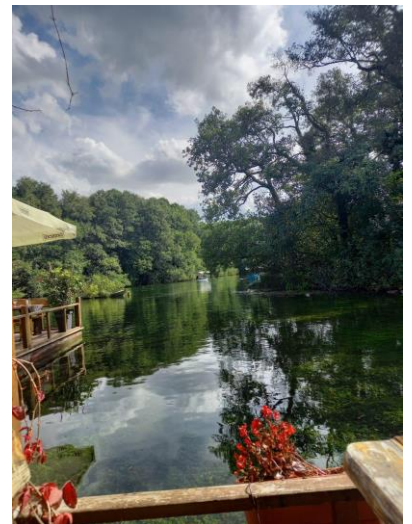
The 2nd half of the tour took us over the border into North Macedonia. Our base for 6 nights being in Ohrid, one of the country's prettiest places. Our hotel overlooked the lake, and again the scenery was beautiful. Glad to say it was not as hot as the previous week.



One of the trips took us to Skopje, Macedonia's Capital. It had been destroyed by an earthquake in 1963 but has now been rebuilt to its former glory. On the day we visited Mavrovo National Park, afraid it poured with rain, so we viewed the highest mountains, lakes and dramatic gorges in Macedonia through 'misty' windows.



One of the highlights of the holiday for me was a boat trip over to St. Naum's Monastery, passing pretty villages en route. The walk up (uneven stone paths again) was well worth it, with views of the lake 'sparkling' in the sun. After lunch, we took a small boat out to see the hot springs bubbling away under the water. A magical peaceful 45 mins.



Ohrid itself was a very pretty town with smart shops (I bought a jacket) and restaurants and overlooked by the Church of St. Jovan Kaneo perched high on a clifftop.

The only drawback of the holiday was that there were 42 people on the tour. Far too many for my liking, as I like to get to know my fellow travellers, but have to say I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

Sunday Services/Gwasanaethau ar y Sul

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| Mr Dafydd Evans | 10 am | 03/11/2024 |
| Rev Emyr – Communion | 10 am | 10/11/2024 |
| Rev Geraint Lloyd | 2 pm | 17/11/2024 |
| Rev Emyr | 2 pm | 24/11/2024 |
| Mr Hugh Waddell | 2 pm | 01/12/2024 |
| Rev Emyr | 10 am | 08/12/2024 |

Friendship Centre Rota

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| 07/11/24 | Maisie & Rosemary |
| 14/11/24 | Helen & Sian (swapped for this month only) |
| 21/11/24 | Tina, Nan & Kevin |
| 28/11/24 | Pat & Carole (swapped for this month only) |
| 05/12/24 | Maisie & Rosemary |
| 12/12/24 | Pat & Carole |

| | Flowers/Blodau | Cleaning/Glanhau | Announcing and Communion/ Cyhoeddi a Pharatoi'r Cymun |
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| November | Nelda Davies | Gwyn & Helen | Carole Rees |
| December | Nan Thomas | Sian, Carole & Meurig | Helen Gibbon |
| January 2025 | Helen Gibbon | Sian, Carole & Meurig | Sian Cassell |

Dates for the Calendar

Singalong Tuesdays: November 5th Babell
 November 19th Towy Castle
 December 3rd Babell
 December 17th Carol Singing at both
 Towy Castle & Plasydderwen
 and possibly Yr Aelwyd

Christmas Fayre: Saturday 30th November from 10 am

Community Carol Sunday 8th December at 2 pm
 Service at Babell:

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