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# BABELL ZION NEWYDD

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*Lest We Forget*  
**REMEMBRANCE  
DAY**



Babell Zion

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Cynorthwy-ydd Gweinid  
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We experienced a wonderful Harvest Service a couple of weeks ago and were thrilled to see the children, parents and members of the congregation taking part. Thank you to Rosemary who so kindly decorated the worship area.



Also, a huge thank you to everyone who donated items for the food bank. Your kind generosity will go towards helping so many people in need. The donations were split between Xcel and Christ Church Food Banks and the loose collection of £89.91 was donated to Xcel Food Bank. A note of thanks has been received from the Manager.



## Christmas Fayre



We will be holding our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November commencing at 10 am. Contributions towards the cake stall and bottle stall will be greatly appreciated as would donations towards Raffle prizes.

**Any donations for the Christmas Fayre can be put on the long table in the vestry.**

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 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm in Christ Church.

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



It is with great sadness that we report that Mrs Nesta Wyn Davies has passed away. She had been a faithful member at Babell for many, many years and displayed a strong, resolute character. She did not let her age stop her from doing anything. She was part of a team when Babell arranged a social event at Xcel Bowls and was highly competitive, attended the Dementia Singalongs and not even COVID could stop her as she attended our “open air” meetings held at Carmarthen Park. She will be sorely missed by so many. A service to celebrate her life will be held in Babell on Friday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm



**Rev Mike writes:**

### **ON PROTESTING PEACEFULLY AND HUMANELY**

I can understand why people have taken to the streets, often in their thousands, in support of the suffering masses of Gaza.

It would be welcome, nonetheless, if protesters were to express condemnation of Hamas whose iniquitous actions, all of two years ago, sparked a response which Israel felt to be justified.

I have sympathy with the views of those who drape themselves in Palestinian flags and yet the word ‘*but*’ finds its way, continually into my mind.

Have they forgotten that Iran has called repeatedly for Israel to be obliterated from the world map and funds terrorists, such as Hamas, to help achieve that end?

Has the Holocaust been wiped from their memory? Have protesters such a warped view of history that they can no longer comprehend the philosophy of *Never Again!*

What worries me most is that marchers seem to give little credence to the fact that their actions are stirring up racial hatred towards Jewish friends who made Britain their home generations ago and who have nothing to do with the actions of Israel based politicians.

Is it right that peace loving Jews must live their lives in fear?

One would have thought that the curse of antisemitism would, by now, have been consigned to history’s rubbish bin.

Instead of that it lives on, and marchers need to ensure that they are not contributing to an evil which is an indelible stain upon our society.

I write in October 2025 and have just learned that supporters of a Jewish football team have been advised not to attend an international game at the Aston Villa Ground for fear that their presence will provoke violence on the part of fans who oppose the current political situation and, indeed, Jewish religious beliefs. The fear is that Moslem fans might react to them with aggression.

I was amazed to learn that Graig Guildford, Chief Constable of West Midlands Police, has given his support to such a course of action as he cannot guarantee 'to keep Israeli fans safe.'

What on earth has happened to our society? This cannot be right. The task of our Police is to keep all citizens safe – whatever their religion, views, or politics.

Prejudice has no place in modern society, and we must oppose it at every opportunity.

Meanwhile there is a ceasefire in Gaza and that is so welcome.

The situation there is nevertheless very fragile, and violence might well erupt again at any time.

I close with a plea that all the inhabitants of Israel and Gaza learn the words of a protest song with a difference. I use it again deliberately. Mark the words well.

*From the mountain to the sea,  
May Palestinian / Israeli –  
Learn to live in harmony,  
Let each speak words of peace.  
May there be a turn of tide,  
As hearts and arms open wide,  
To embrace the 'other' side,  
And let all hatred cease.  
No bullets, bombs, to kill or maim,  
No missiles fired in faith's name,  
An end to creeds – religion's shame,  
And let love be increased.  
Grant, O God, that ways be found,  
To hallow other's holy ground,  
And may 'Shalom' drown out the sound  
Of war with words of peace.*

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## HOFF ADNODAU FAVOURITE VERSES

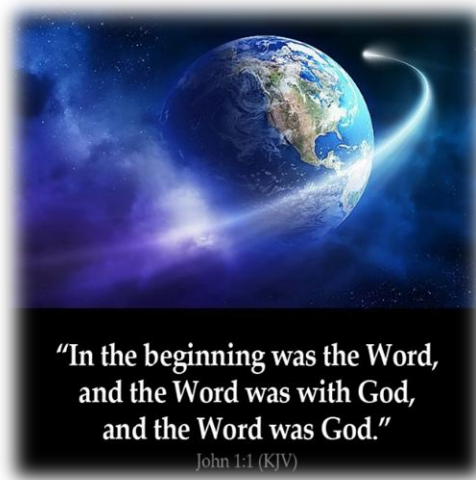


### **Hoff adnod Gwynedd**

“Yn y dechreuad yr oedd y Gair, a’r Gair oedd gyda Duw a Duw oedd y Gair.”

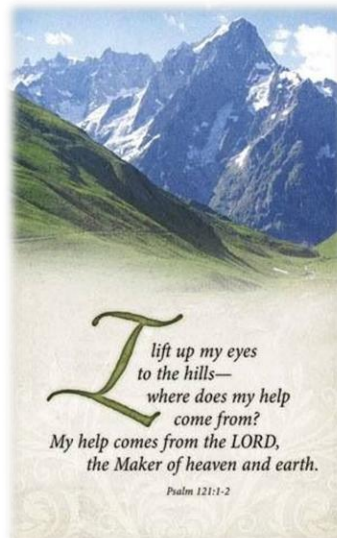
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Dyma un o’r adnodau cyntaf i mi ddysgu yn yr Ysgol Sul yn Gwyddgrug gyda Mrs Gerallt Jones. Mae’n atgof o blentyndod hapus mewn cymuned glos pan oedd y capel yn ganolbwynt i’r pentref.



### **Hoff adnod Helen**

“Dyrchafaf fy llygaid i’r mynyddoedd; o ble y daw fy nghymorth? Fy nghymorth a ddaw oddi wrth yr Arglwydd, yr Hwn a wnaeth nefoedd a daear.” Salm 121 : 1-2



I have recited these two verses many times in the last few years along with the whole Psalm and many others. They are the first two verses of Psalm 121 which is a personal prayer for help especially in times of need. God, the Creator, protects us from all evil and is there for us throughout our earthly journey.

## A Candle Of Peace

Light a candle of peace for all nations  
And watch as it steadily burns.  
Remember the brave fallen heroes –  
Those who will never return.  
In the quietness, pray for all families,  
Wherever they are in the world,  
Whose lives have been scarred by violence and pain,  
As the banners of battle unfurled.  
Light a candle of peace for all races,  
All cultures and creeds of mankind,  
Ask God to touch every heart with his love  
So, in days to come, we will find  
Peace for the whole world over,  
No longer a dream or a prayer,  
But something to last to the end of all time,  
For the great heart of God will be there.  
— Marian Cleworth



*"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.*

## A visit to Westminster

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 6am and 47 of us from The Myrddin Presbytery were on the coach from Llanddarog and headed towards London. The purpose was to visit and support our local MP, Ann Davies, who is also an Elder of Cefnberach, a chapel within our Presbytery. 5 hours later and we were through security and shepherded by Ann herself into Westminster Hall where we were split into three groups with a tour guide. Our guide was very informative on the history of the Parliamentary buildings which were once the homes of the monarchy as well as being seat of government. But after the reign of Henry VIII, who favoured other residences, the palace became the official home of Parliament.

The Palace of Westminster has witnessed many significant scenes over the years, one of which has not been forgotten for over four hundred and twenty years, that being the Gunpowder plot of November 5<sup>th</sup> 1605.

Two hundred years later in 1834 a great fire broke out and destroyed most of the medieval palace but Westminster hall survived and the two architects, whose designs won the competition for the new Parliament, incorporated the Hall into the Gothic style new build. They were Sir Charles Barry and Augustus Pugin.

We spent a time in the Peers' Lobby and also in the House of Lords where unfortunately taking photos was not allowed. Also unfortunately we were not allowed access to the House of Commons due to the sitting of Parliament that day. However one or two did get the chance to get to the public gallery in both houses which made their day.

People were amazed at the splendour of the House of Lords and also at the starkness of the walls of Westminster Hall where the late Queen Elizabeth II had lain in state. Above the doorway to St Stephen's Hall was a circular glass art work named "The New Dawn" produced by Mary Branson to commemorate the campaigning of the suffragettes which led to some women gaining the vote in 1918. What was most amazing about this artwork was that its lighting is linked to the tides of the River Thames. It builds from low tide when only one disc is lit to high tide when the whole sculpture is illuminated.

After a photo shoot on the steps of Westminster Hall with Ann we were escorted to a room in Portcullis Hall where we were able to question Ann about her work and how she has found the transition from being a County Councillor to Member of Parliament. This ended with a short time of prayer and then it was to lunch and an afternoon of witnessing the hustle and bustle of city life amidst the sounds of sirens and gongs. A full and very interesting day.



## Sunday Services/Gwasanaethau ar y Sul

Mrs H Gibbon	10 am	02/11/2025
Rev Emyr – Communion	10 am	09/11/2025
Mr Hugh Waddell	2 pm	16/11/2025
Rev Emyr	2 pm	23/11/2025
United Service @ Pontyberem	10 am	30/11/2025
Dr D Lloyd	2 pm	07/12/2025

### Friendship Centre Rota

06/11/25 *	Maisie & Rosemary
13/11/25	Pat & Carole
20/11/25	Tina & Kevin
27/11/25	Helen & Siân
04/12/25 *	Maisie & Rosemary
11/12/25	Pat & Carole

\* We will be running a craft session during Friendship Centre on these dates where you will be given the opportunity to try out different forms of craft. Please come and join us.

	Flowers/Blodau	Cleaning/Glanhau	Announcing and Communion/ Cyhoeddi a Pharatoi'r Cymun
November	Nelda Davies	Gwyn & Helen	Meurig Rees
December	Nan Thomas	Sian, Carole & Meurig	Lynn Davies
January 2026	Helen Gibbon	Sian, Carole & Meurig	

### Dates for the Calendar

Singalong Tuesdays:	November 4 <sup>th</sup> November 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Babell Plasydderwen Babell Carol Singing at both Towy Castle & Plasydderwen and possibly Yr Aelwyd
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Christmas Fayre:                      Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 10 am

Community Carol  
Service at Babell:                      Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4 pm

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

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