

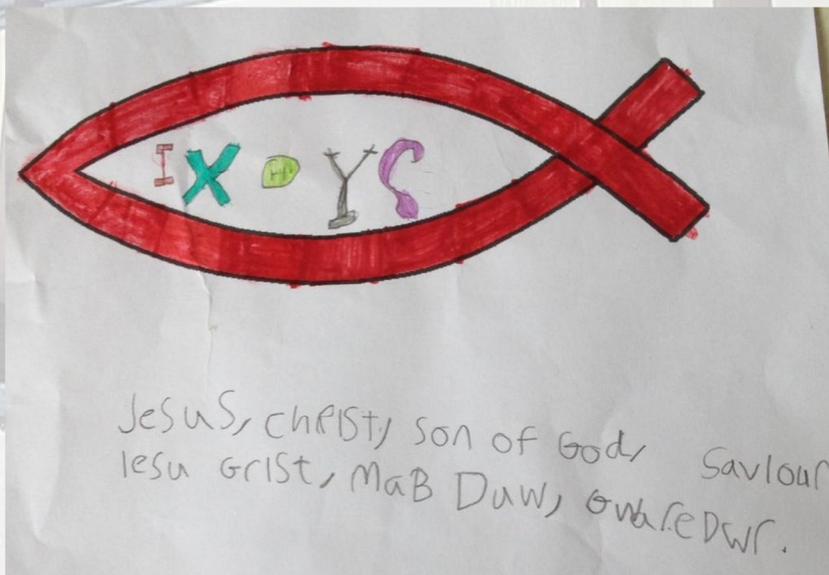
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Corey writes

Annwyl gyfeillion, | Dear friends,

As I write this short introduction, I'm reminded again of the great privilege of being a part of the leadership team of Babell Zion Newydd. Though great challenges lie ahead of us, I'm truly hopeful, confident, and expectant about our future together. Why? Because we worship the God who 'is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us' (Eph. 3:20). And as we've seen throughout Eastertide, we know that this is the God who raises us to new life in Christ. And, as we'll be exploring further in the coming weeks, we know that this is the God who empowers us for mission by the Holy Spirit.

Friends, we can finally start making plans to return safely to our chapel building, and this is exciting news for us all, especially after such a long time away (can you believe it's been fifteen months?). Most (if not all) of us will have had the vaccine by now, the extension work is coming along nicely, and the restrictions are slowly lifting. But we want to return with fresh vision and hope for our future, because this is, indeed, a new season for us. Therefore, I ask you to join me in prayer as we seek God and his empowering presence in our lives.

I also ask that you remember Janet and Lynn Davies' great nephew Jesse and his family as he prepares for more treatment. It has been a month of losses. We thank God for the lives of Roy Davies, Janet's brother, who was the principal of Ysgol Llangynnwr, and Kim and Owen Jones' father and father in law. As we go to print the news has been received of the death of Trevor Lloyd. We give thanks for his life. Trevor, as we know, played an important part in the life of the Friendship Centre, most especially, and we shall remember his zeal for the Quiz and Cawl evening which he arranged for the St David's Day celebrations during the last few years. He will be sorely missed. We pray that the 'Father of compassion and the God of all comfort' (2 Cor. 1:4) will be near their families in their loss.

Diolch yn fawr i chi i gyd am eich ffyddlondeb mewn gweddi a gwasanaeth. Cofiwch gysylltu os gallai fod o gymorth i chi. Dw i wastad ar gael am sgwrs.

Remember to connect with me any time. I'd love to hear from you.

Siaradwn yn fuan, | Speak soon,

Corey Hampton

The Congregation

Cartref Newydd/New Home

Mrs Molly Thomas has settled well into her new home in Parcmaen, a move that she made at the beginning of the year and we wish her every happiness.

Dymuniadau gorau am bob hapusrwydd i chi yn eich cartref newydd Molly.

Cyfarfod Gweddi/Prayer meetings

Mae Corey yn arwain cyfarfod gweddi bob bore Iau am 10 o'r gloch. Mae'r amser hwn gyda'n gilydd fel pobl ar draws yr Henaduriaeth yn fendithiol iawn. Mae profiadau bob yr un ohonom yn gyfrwng i'n cyfoethogi ni yn ysbrydol a bod yn gefnogaeth i'n gilydd. Cysylltwch â Corey os ydych am ymuno.



Cymorth Cristnogol/Christian Aid

It was decided at the Elders' meeting, held on May 17th, to send a sum of three hundred pounds to Christian Aid following the absence of door-to-door collections and town shop

collections for the second year running. If you would like to contribute to this sum please send your donations to Carole or directly to Christian Aid at the Water Street office which is now located at Water Street Chapel site.

The Christian Aid services were held on May 16th with the Welsh and English services at 5 and 6pm respectively. Helen, Catrin, Pat and Carole took part in these services held via Zoom.

The Vestry Extension

Many are looking forward to seeing the reopening of the chapel and are enquiring about how the vestry is coming along. The toilet block is all but finished and then when we get the builders back on track a start will be made on the kitchen. Hir pob aros.

Zoom Services continue at 11 am

Zoom Service for BZN:

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87986477837>

Telephone: +44 203 481 5240

Meeting ID: 879 8647 7837

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88350840738?pwd=UHG0MzdYVEJxMWZrRXNXNHk2OFZiQT09>

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THE REPAIR SHOP

One of my favourite programmes is, 'The Repair Shop,' and it is impossible not to warm to the personality of Jay Blades. He has won legions of fans breathing new life into treasured, if damaged possessions – but few know the story of poverty, love and redemption behind his success. It is truly inspirational.

He was raised in a single parent household and when he was born his young mother had "absolutely nothing." When she became pregnant, she was living with her mother and her mother's then partner – a most unpleasant man. He discovered that she was expecting a child and kicked her out of the house, the consequence being that Jay would be born in a refuge for homeless mothers. His mother eventually found a place of her own and worked to keep a roof over their heads. She seems, though, not to have had the residual energy to attend to her child's educational needs and, when he began school, he did not know the names for the days of the week. He was also dyslexic and the condition, being undiagnosed, resulted in an extremely poor performance. He writes:

"Shortly before I left school, with a U-grade for unclassified in every subject, I was called in for an appointment with the career's teacher. He told me that I would 'amount to nothing' and that it was not worth his while even talking to me."

There were indications, early on, that the prophecy would prove accurate. He and his younger brother were the subject of racial abuse and bullying and Jay Blades' reaction to bullying was to 'fight back.' On occasion he would react to situations prematurely and was fast becoming aggressive with a temper that could be explosive. Such a characteristic, together with other problems, resulted in employment problems and any jobs he had were of a dead-end variety. He was clearly on the road to nowhere. The words of the teacher had stung him but, at that stage, had not resulted in positive action.

It was whilst he was living at a Salvation Army hostel that an event occurred that would change his life. *"I met one of the trustees, Michael. He encouraged me to start volunteering for a Christian run charity and homeless hostel in Oxford, called the Cyrenians. I thought that I had been doing badly and my life was going wrong. I now had a new perspective. Compared to some of the men who lived there I was a king. I had been given a chance to help people and found I had a whole load of compassion. I had no idea I had this kindness in me. I had been given the chance to stand up for other people without resorting to violence. It was a revelation."*

Jay's memoir, as published in the Daily Mail, on May 1st, goes on to tell how he met partner, Jade and of how, together, they founded two charities designed to help young people failed by the educational system. He had always been good with his hands and began restoring furniture, teaching such skills to others, thus helping them to believe in themselves

The truth is that we all have hidden strengths and there is a potential in every person. Our task, surely, is to help demonstrate this to them. What we must never do is undermine or discourage.

If I relate to Jay Blades, it is because I too had a schoolteacher like the career's master in his childhood school. I remember the day I told him that I would not be staying in school to sit exams but intended to start work, firstly as a delivery boy on a bread round and later, as a trainee miner. The old-time miners, incidentally, were among the most educated and skilled of men and the lessons learned from them were invaluable. The teacher, blind to all this, simply berated me and I vividly recall his words. *"You are a waste of space, Shephard. You would not have passed the exams had you sat them. As for the future – you will come to nothing. You are going nowhere in life and have already arrived at your destination "*

Life, of course, can throw up strange events and people cross our paths, like Michael, in Jay's story, who cause us to change direction. Two years after leaving school I left Oakdale Colliery, in Monmouthshire, to undertake theological training and, further to ordination, returned to my old school, to lead a morning assembly. That teacher, now headmaster, was present and his face 'said it all.' I am, obviously, an extremely poor Christian as I relished that moment and discovered that 'revenge was indeed sweet.' The dish was all the better for being served cold!

Let us always believe in ourselves. And let us show others that we believe in them. Let us ensure that our touch enlarges and never diminishes. Life, for everyone, should be a solemn trust – a torch which we are privileged to hold aloft for a short while. we must not waste it but use the gifts given us – be they large or small – to make the world a little more special.

I suppose what I am trying to say is that we can all work in life's 'repair shop' giving people a new way of looking at themselves and thus making something positive of the cards dealt them.

Mike Shephard

In the last Newsletter Mike set us a challenge at the end of his reflection. However one or two of us noticed a discrepancy. Was it us or was it Mike? Here's the answer!

THE DELIBERATE MISTAKE?

I wonder if you spotted it. To be absolutely honest, it was not deliberate at all. I made a mistake and it was unintentional. In short, I asked you to solve a riddle but missed out the fifth line. It should have read thus:

My first is in grateful and also polite.

My second's in happy as well as delight.

My third's in appreciate and also accept.

My fourth's in sincere but not in expect.

My fifth's in acknowledge and not in repay.

My whole is a word which, though only small,

Says each of these things, and more than them all.

My THANKS FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS. MIKE SHEPHARD

The Sunday Club Corner

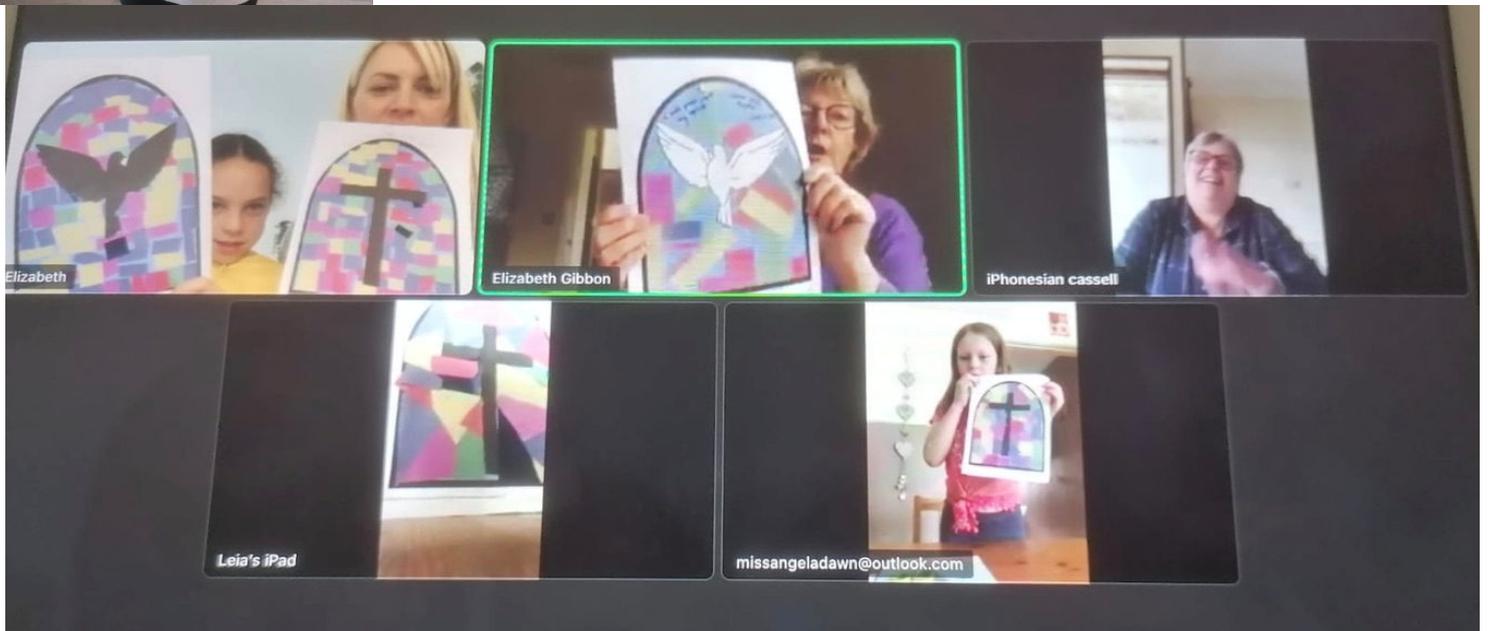
Cornel yr Ysgol Sul



A lot of craft has been happening recently over Zoom and in celebration of Whit Sunday or Pentecost we were able to make stained glass windows showing either the dove, the tongues of fire or the cross.



A challenge for the adults: Why is the symbol of the fish a Christian symbol?



The Sisterhood held on May 20th/Sasiwn y Chwiorydd ar Fai 20fed Pedr Fardd: 1775-1845 and the Presbyterian Appeal

E.Wyn James was the guest speaker for the Sasiwn this year held via Zoom on Thursday 20th of May and his subject was “Pedr Fardd.” Peter Jones was born in Eifionydd but arrived in Liverpool at 22 years old as a tailor and then a schoolteacher. In 1813 there were around 8000 Welsh speakers in Liverpool. By 1845 over 20,000 and later over 100,000. Peter was a staunch Methodist having had a Christian Methodist upbringing in Eifionydd and with his father being a natural poet with cynghanedd rolling off the tongue Peter soon followed and also like his father became elder and leader of the singing in the chapel in Pall Mall. This was the only Welsh chapel in Liverpool in 1797 but how they grew at that time. A chapel was built in Bedford Street, then Rose Place where there were 800 members and there followed Waterloo Road. We were shown a map of 29 chapels with the 29th being Bethel in Heathfield Road opposite Penny Lane built in 1926. And all these belonged to just the Methodist denomination. Bethel was of special interest since Côr Ty Tawe held a concert there in October 2014. The old chapel had been demolished in 2011 to make way for a new modern purpose built building for interdenominational Welsh speakers.



The Rev Dr Ben Rees, minister and leader of the Welsh Community in Liverpool since 1968, presenting Heledd with his biography of James Griffiths



Peter Jones who became known by his bardic name Pedr Fardd was one of the founders of The Foreign Missionary Society in 1840 under the auspices of which Thomas Jones left Liverpool for the Khasi Hills [Bryniau Cassia] in India. As a result of the Missionary Society over 200

missionaries went out to various parts of the world during this time. It was Thomas Jones who founded the Presbyterian Church in Bryniau Cassia over a century and half ago.

And this leads me to the Presbyterian Appeal which has just been launched for the two hospitals in the care of the Presbyterian Church, H Gordon Roberts Hospital in Shillong and Norman Tunnel Hospital in Jowai in The Khasi Hills. They are suffering great pressure due to Covid 19 and the lack of oxygen is one of special concern. In the words of the Moderator:

“Oxygen is in demand at their three Rural Health Centers run by the Hospital in Shillong, and we here in Wales can help. Our intention is to purchase Oxygen Concentrator machines for the H. Gordon Roberts Hospital Rural Clinics, while at the same time creating a facility to locate the main machine at the hospital in Shillong. We also plan to purchase ventilators for Norman Tunnel Hospital. The estimated cost, including transport, is £30,000.

As you can imagine, there is urgency, and so this appeal is for a short period, from 18 May to 6 June. We ask you to contribute according to your ability to help our brothers and sisters in the Shillong and Jowai area of the Khasi Hills. Our support can mean the difference between life and death for patients at both hospitals.

Most of you are aware of the close and dear relationship our Connexion has with the churches of the Khasi Hills, which are in the Meghalaya Province of Northeast India. The Reverend Thomas Jones of Berriew in Montgomeryshire founded the Presbyterian Church there over a century and a half ago, a church that is now widespread and its mission admired. As well as local churches there are hospitals, schools, colleges, advice centres and much more.

You can contribute in three ways:

***1. If you bank 'online', you can transfer the money directly into the bank account of the Presbyterian Church of Wales, and ensuring to include 'P0160-Covid India 2021' as a reference with the contribution. Here are the details:
Sort Code: 20-10-26
Account No: 30354546
Account Name: PCW Life and Witness***

2. Send a check made payable to the Presbyterian Church of Wales. But again it is important to write 'P0160-Covid India 2021' on the back of the check. The address is:

The Presbyterian Church of Wales, Tabernacle Chapel, 81 Merthyr Road, Cardiff

3. By contributing on the Presbyterian Church of Wales website:

<https://www.ebcpcw.cymru/en/india-covid-appeal/>

It is our privilege to contribute in this way as well as to support our brothers and sisters in North East India through prayer.”

To come back to Pedr Fardd. He was instrumental in the Missionary field having a great desire to see the spreading of the gospel over all the world. He was also one of the forerunners for the abolition of slavery and a pioneer for social justice and world peace.

There are six of his hymns in Caneuon Ffydd and during the service the following two were mentioned:

Y mae chwech o emynau Pedr Fardd yng Nghaneuon Ffydd ac fe soniodd Wyn James am ddau ohonynt:

Cyn llunio'r byd, cyn lledu'r nefoedd
wen,
Cyn gosod haul na lloer na ser
uwchben,
Fe drefnwyd ffordd yng nghyngor Tri
yn UN
i achub gwael, golledig, euog ddyn.

Trysorwyd gras, ryw annherfynol stôr,
Yn Iesu Grist cyn rhoddi deddf i'r môr;
A rhedeg wnaeth bendithion arfaeth
ddrud
Fel afon gref, lifeiriol dros y byd.

Mae'r utgorn mawr yn seinio nawr i ni
Ollyngdod llawn drwy'r lawn ar
Galfarî:
Mawl ymhob iaith drwy'r ddaear faith a
fydd
Am angau'r groes a'r gwaed a'n rhoes
yn rhydd.

Hyfryd lais Efengyl Hedd
Sydd yn galw pawb i'r wledd;
Mae gwahoddiad llawn at Grist,
Oes, i'r tlawd newynog, trist;
Pob cyflawnder ynddo cewch;
Dewch â chroeso, dlodion dewch.

Cyfod Haul Cyfiawnder llon,
Cyfod dros yu ddaear hon;
Aed dy llewyr i bob gwlad,
Yn dy esgyll dwg iachad;
Dos ar gynnydd, nefol ddydd,
Doed y caethion oll yn rhydd.

Iesu gaiff y clod i gyd,
Ymaith dug bechodau'r byd;
Rhoes ei hunan yn ein lle,
Bellach, beth na rydd efe?
Halelwia! Llawenhewch,
Dewch, moliennwch, byth na thewch

The two hymns refer to the plea for spreading the gospel of peace over all the world in the name of Jesus and for all people everywhere to be free from poverty, famine, injustice and slavery. John Elias was said to have uttered these words when he saw men working chains,
“Gwell marw o newyn na bod yn gyfranogion.” [“Better to die of hunger than be a part of this].

Yn ystod y gwasanaeth fe welsom lun Molly yn ymddangos ar y sgrin. Molly yw trysorydd Sasiwn y Chwiorydd ac roedd wedi recordio o flaen llaw ei hadroddiad. Roedd yn wasanaeth wedi ei llunio a'i hamseru'n dda a chyfraniad Wyn James yn arbennig iawn.

For all Open the Book Volunteers/ Gwirfoddolwyr Agor y Llyfr

Cynhelir gwasanaeth dwyieithog ar Fehefin 2ail am 10 o'r gloch y bore dros Zoom i ddiolch i wirfoddolwyr am eu rhan yn y gwaith. Fe fydd hefyd ar Facebook live. Croeso i bawb ymuno. Rhowch wybod i Helen er mwyn cael eich cofrestru.

BIBLE QUIZ WORDSEARCH

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1. Town in the heart of Asia Minor visited by Paul and Barnabas
2. Blind man healed by Jesus
3. It was from this place that Araham set off to offer up Isaac
4. Roman province in the NW of Asia Minor
5. Small animals from Proverbs 30:26
6. Bird which was the badge of the Roman legion
7. Great river which flows into the Persian Gulf
8. Plant from John 19: 29
9. Mary's song of praise from Luke 1:46-55
10. Egyptian official who bought Joseph as a slave
11. Bird that provided meat for the Israelites at the time of the Exodus
12. King of Assyria 705-681 2Chronicles 32:1
13. Coastal plain of Israel
14. Paul's birthplace
15. Occupation of Mathew
16. 2nd great river of Mesopotamia
17. Port and city of Lebanon
18. Father of the disciples James and John

Out and about CERDDWYR CYNNWR

It was the first of May, a beautiful sunny day for the Cerddwyr to start their walk from Pibwrlwyd up towards Croesyceiliog, down into the valley, through fields, up hill, down dale until we reached Penygraig cemetery. There, a chance to have a bite and a short rest before setting off again down to Llaingotten and Cwmffrwd. Who would have believed that a cloud burst could happen at the end of such a beautiful day. But on we trudged through the hail, wind and rain and by the time we returned to Pibwrlwyd we were almost dried out and managed to sit on our deck chairs as is the custom by now to enjoy a picnic and a natter to end the day. Thank you Gareth and Dawn for leading us to pastures new once again.

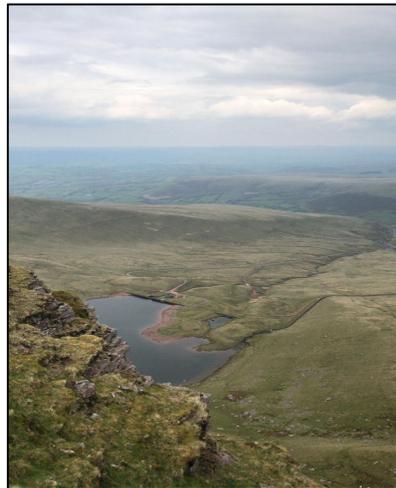


Serious Walking

Meurig Rees continues his training for the Charity Walk. Please note that the walk has been postponed to September 4th giving us extra time to support. Here are the details:

www.justgiving.com/fundraing/meurig-rees

On May 29th Meurig sent this picture taken on Penyfan while Lee sent us a picture of Llyn y Fan.



On May 22nd Gareth Jones led a group of students with Rosemary Kerr to Penyfan. Does dim angen mynd ymhellach na Chymru fach i fwynhau a gwerthfawrogi y golygfeydd godidog sydd gyda ni jyst o fewn ein cyrraedd a thystio i greadigaeth Duw ar ei orau. Diolch am rannu eich lluniau.



Rota for Readings and Prayers /Rota Darllen a Gweddi 2021

Gweddi/Prayer

Helen	30.5.21
Sian	6.6.21 Gwasanaeth Gymun
Carole	13.6.21
Kevin	20.6.21
Catrin	27.6.21

There will be a Communion Service on the 6th of June

Elders' Meeting/Cyfarfod Blaenoriaid

The next Elders' Meeting will be held on June 21st at 6pm via Zoom

Services/ Gwasanaethau

Zoom services continue every Sunday morning at 11am.

The details for the zoom links are as follows: Zoom

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87986477837>

Telephone: +44 203 481 5240

Meeting ID: 879 8647 7837

C - Cymraeg E - English

Readings/Darlleniadau

Molly C Rosemary E	23.5.21
Catrin C Pat E	30.5.21
Molly C Owen E	6.6.21
Vi C Sian E	13.6.21
Nan C Meurig E	20.6.21
Lynn C Nelda E	27.6.21

Rota for Announcements/ Rota Gyhoeddi

Mehefin: Molly

Gorffennaf Sian