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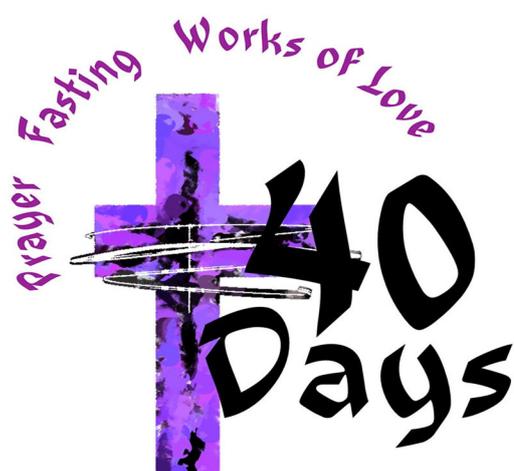
BABELL ZION NEWYDD

Pedwar deg diwrnod

Y Grawys

Yn arwain at Sul y Blodau

A'r Wythnos Fawr



D.M.S.W. 1997

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**LLANGUNNOR
NETWORK**

The Congregation at Babel Zion Newydd

Best wishes to all who have been unwell over the past few weeks or are undergoing treatment at this time. We miss you at the services and at the Friendship Centre on a Thursday and pray that you will be comforted and fully restored.

Condolences

We sympathise with Liz Amery and Ellie grace on the loss of a dear brother and uncle, Stephen, whose funeral was held on February 20th at Parc Gwyn. Our condolences to the family.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The service this year had to be cancelled due to the snow but we hope we can hold our own service using the material that has been prepared this year by the women of Surinam.



Lenten Bible Study/

Astudiaeth Beiblaidd y Grawys

Bible study is now held every Thursday morning at 9.30am under the guidance of Mr David Folland and discussion is based on the Book of Revelation. It is thought that it was the disciple and then apostle John who wrote the Book of Revelation as did he also the gospel and the three letters. The message of the book is for the Seven Churches in Asia, the Asia of the Roman Empire which is Turkey today with Ephesus being its capital. The seven churches are symbols of the church of Christ for all time and so

comparisons are drawn with the condition of those churches then with the church of today. So far we have studied the church at Ephesus and the Church at Smyrna [modern Izmir]. There have been very interesting remarks made and much learnt. Please join us.

Cwrdd Blaenoriaid/ Elders' meeting

Next Elders' Meeting will be held on Monday March 26th at 5.30pm

Dymuniadau gorau i bawb sydd wedi bod yn dioddef o anhwylderau yn ddiweddar neu sy'n gwynebu llawdriniaeth. Ryn ni'n gweld eich heisiau yn ein hoedfaon ac yn y Ganolfan ar ddydd Iau. Gweddiwn y cewch eich cysuro a chael llwyr wellhad.

Gwasanaeth Gwyl Ddewi'r Dref

Cynhaliwyd Oedfa Gymun yn Eglwys Sant Ioan nos Sul Chwefror 25ain a'r pregethwr gwadd oedd y Canon Dorrien Davies sydd newydd adael Eglwys Gadeiriol Ty Ddewi lle bu'n gwasanaethu am saith mlynedd i ddod yn Archddeacon Caerfyrddin. Tynnodd ein sylw at yr aberth a wnaed gan Gristnogion fel Dewi Sant a'r aberth mae'n rhaid i ni fel dilynwyr Crist i'w wneud yn yr oes hon.

Dydd Gweddi Byd Eang y Chwiorydd

Canslwyd y gwasanaeth eleni oherwydd yr eira a'r tywydd garw. Gobeithir y gallwn ddefnyddio'r deunydd rhywbryd eto mewn gwasanaeth ein hunain.

A Blind Man Preaches to 3,000,000



David Folland writes

Here is a story written by D.L Moody who was an internationally famous American Evangelist who worked with Ira Sankey on the 1877 hymn collection "Sacred Songs and Solos."

' I was at a meeting in London and while there, I heard a man speaking with wonderful power and earnestness.

"Who is that man?" I asked, my curiosity being excited. "Why, that is Dr..... He is blind."

I felt some interest in this man and at the close of the meeting, I sought an interview, and he told me that he had been stricken blind when very young. His mother took him to a doctor, and asked him about his sight.

"You must give up all hope," the doctor said. "Your boy is blind, and will be forever."

"What! Do you think my boy will never see?" asked his mother.

"Never again."

The mother took her boy to her bosom and cried,

"Oh, my boy, who will take care of you when I am gone? Who will look to you?" - forgetting the faithfulness of that God she had taught him to love. He became a servant of the Lord and was permitted to print the Bible in twelve different languages, printed in the raised letters, so that all the blind people could read the Scriptures themselves. He had a congregation, my friends, of three millions of people, and I think that blind man was one of the happiest beings in all London. He was naturally blind, but he had eyes to his soul, and could see a bright eternity in the future. He had built his foundation upon the living God. We pity those who have not their natural sight; but how you should pity yourself if you are spiritually blind.'

D.L. Moody.

My research suggests that Moody was probably referring to George Matheson who was the author of the hymn "O Love that wilt not let me go." He certainly preached in London- once before Queen Victoria- though his ministry was based in Scotland. Moody being American might well have been unaware of this fact!!

O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2 O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

3 O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

4 O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be



Trevor Lloyd writes

QUIZ and CAWL 1st March to celebrate St. David's Day

The threat of doom and gloom from a forecast incoming blizzard failed to deter twenty brave souls contesting this year's six round quiz. They formed six teams of varying numbers: Celtic Wizards (4), Llysmorfa Fools (3), Molly's Follies (4), Llangunnor Community Council (2), Cawl Cennin (3) and Eggheads Mk2 (4). The evening proved to be great fun with lots of laughter and all the teams acquitted themselves pretty well considering the wide range of questions they faced. There were 87 questions over the six rounds and the winning team scored 69 with second place just two points behind. Even the team in last place scored got over 55% of the questions correct. As usual everyone had a dip in the 'sweetie box' as a reward for taking part. Celtic Wizards collected the booby prize of a tube of Smarties each, whilst the runners up, Llysmorfa Fools, each received an even bigger tube of Smarties and the winners, Eggheads Mk2, were awarded a Smarties Easter Egg each.



As usual after the first three rounds everyone was invited to take their seats at the tables in the vestry to be served with a bowl of traditional Welsh cawl. The daffodils, on the attractively laid tables, sadly failed to open probably due to the very cold weather. There was ample bread and Cheddar cheese to accompany the splendid Welsh cawl. Almost everyone had second helpings which is a good

indication that cawl was to people's liking. The noise level was a good indicator that everyone was enjoying themselves.

On returning for part two of the quiz Linda kept disappearing to the vestry, in-between quiz rounds, so by the end of the evening all the washing up was done. A big thanks from us all for all your hard work. Of course she also keeps scores for me; aren't I lucky!!

The preparation of the cawl was a little fraught due to helpers' various commitments. Nelda kindly provided the lamb before going on holiday. Two nights before the quiz the lamb was cut up and coated in seasoned flour, in readiness for sealing the next day, and the bones boiled to create a rich stock. Sian and Helen joined Linda and me the day before the quiz to make the cawl. As always Helen was pressed for time but managed to clean and chop all the carrots, Sian washed and sliced the leeks and Linda peeled and cut up the potatoes whilst I dealt with the onions and swedes. The cawl was cooking by midday and

the seasoning adjusted and chopped parsley added to complete the process. The four of us sat down lunchtime to a bowl of my vegetable soup before going our separate ways. The cawl received its second cooking on the day of the quiz and tasted quite special.

Personally, I would like to thank all who attended the quiz and entered into the spirit of the evening. My feeling is that it was a successful evening despite the weather. I have always thought the quizmaster certainly has the easiest job of the lot and certainly that was the case this year. [Diolch Trevor a Linda am yr holl waith.]

A lovely story

Mrs Esme Phillips has not been well of late and is expecting a cataract operation in the near future. Be that as it may, she had to post a letter recently and slowly made her way down to the post box at the bottom of Llys Morfa. Then as she began the trek back up the hill, the little service bus passed her, and while she thought nothing of this, as she turned the corner, the bus had stopped in the middle of the road. Her thoughts at that moment were that someone must be being dropped off, or that there was something wrong with the bus. But no indeed. It was the bus driver who had stopped to take Esme up the remaining part of the distance home. Down to Bryn Tywi went the bus and then stopped outside her house, so that she could alight on the right sight side of the road. What a kind and thoughtful driver.

Diolch am adrodd y stori hon, Esme.



Helen writes

Food for thought

I gave up chocolate for Lent. It's in the perfect tense because I have succumbed! To my shame and dismay. However this portion of Scripture on the cover of the Welsh Presbyterian weekly "Y Goleuad" certainly gave me a stark reminder of what Lent, and not only Lent, should be all about.

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:

to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?

Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and
blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness[a] will go before you,
and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.
Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

Na, dyma'r math o ymprydio dw i eisiau:
cael gwared â chadwyni anghyfiawnder,
datod rhaffau'r iau a gollwng y rhai sy'n cael
eu gormesu yn rhydd; dryllio popeth sy'n
rhoi baich ar bobl. Rhannu dy fwyd gyda'r
newynog, rhoi lle i fyw i'r rhai tlawd sy'n
ddigartref a rhoi dillad i rywun rwynt yn ei
weld yn noeth; peidio ceisio osgoi gofalu am
dy deulu.

Wedyn bydd dy olau'n disgleirio fel y wawr,
a byddi'n cael dy adfer yn fuan.

Bydd dy gyfiawnder yn mynd o dy flaen di,
a bydd ysblander yr ARGLWYDD yn dy
amddiffyn o'r tu ôl.

Wedyn, byddi'n galw, a bydd yr
ARGLWYDD yn ateb;

Mae ein cysylltiadau gydag Ysgol Llangynnwr yn parhau. Bob yn ail dydd Iau mae tim Agor y Llyfr yn darparu gwasanaeth i'r ysgol gyfan ac yn ddiweddar ar ôl trafod gyda'r gynulleidfa ar ôl yr oedfa cytunwyd noddi Beiblau. Dyma'r hanes.

Mae Bible Explorer yn gwneud gwaith ardderchog yn darparu Beiblau i Ysgolion ein gwlad ac yn cymryd rhai gwersi hefyd am gyfnodau ar y tro. Ym mis Chwefror cyflwynwyd £500 i'r mudiad fel eu bod yn gallu ariannu Beiblau i Flynyddoedd 4, 5 a 6 Yn Ysgol Llangynnwr. Profiad arbennig i Sian a finnau oedd bod mewn gwasanaeth yn yr ysgol yn cyflwyno'r Beiblau i'r disgyblion. Roedd rhai yn dewis Beibl y plant, eraill The Children's Bible a rhai, copi o Beibl.net, sef y fersiwn diweddaraf o'r Beibl ar lein. 'Bible Explorer' or 'Bibles for Children' as it is now known has been instrumental in presenting schools with Bibles for twenty years and via volunteers they provide follow-up presentations in classes for a few weeks at a time. To date 53,498 Bibles have been presented in Wales to 308 schools.



Last month we at Babell Zion Newydd presented a cheque for £500 to Llangunnor School to help with providing Bibles to Years 4, 5 and 6. A letter of thanks in appreciation has been received. Let us hope that we can do this on a permanent basis for Year 4 annually.

The Open the Book team continues to present assemblies to the whole school every other week. If anyone would like to join the team please contact Helen.

CD Emynau William Williams Pantycelyn ar werth

Mae Cwmni Parrog yn gwerthu CD o emynau Pantycelyn. Nid ydynt yn y siopau ond gellir danfon amdanynt trwy Helen am £10. Mae rhain yn emynau a ganwyd ar Ganiadaeth y Cysegr mewn oedfaon trwy Gymru gyfan ac yn cynnwys Cymanfa Priordy o dan arweiniad John S Davies.

DIGWYDDIADAU GWENER Y GROGLITH:

Cynhelir oedfa Gymraeg yn y Tabernacl am 10.00 y bore gyda'r Parch Densil Morgan yn pregethu, ac oedfa Saesneg yng Nghapel y Wesleaid am 10.30 y bore; bydd y Daith Gerdded yn dechrau o Gapel y Bedyddwyr Saesneg am hanner dydd; taith i ben Bryn Myrddin, gan gario'r groes, am 2.30 y prynhawn, er mwyn cyrraedd y copa i gynnal oedfa fer am 3.00 o'r gloch.

Adran y Chwiorydd CERDDED GYDA MARI

Cinio yn yr **Ivy Bush yng Nghaerfyrddin ar Ddydd Mawrth, Ebrill 17eg 2018. Enwau i Mrs Molly Thomas erbyn Ebrill 8fed.** Bwydlen yn y cyntedd.

Siaradwraig: Sarah Morris ar Mari Jones

OEDFA Gymraeg WYTHNOS CYMORTH CRISTNOGOL

Dydd Sul, 13 Mai yn y Tabernacle am 10am

GOOD FRIDAY EVENTS:

English Service at Wesley Chapel at 10.30. The Walk will begin from the English Baptist Church at mid-day. There will also be a walk following the cross to the top of Bryn Myrddin at 2.30 in the afternoon, where there will be a short service at 3pm.

GWYL LLANW/Christian Festival come to Carmarthenshire

Services will be held in The Gwenllian centre in Cydweli at 10 and 7 from April 2-5. There is a poster in the porch for more details or go to the website Llanw Cydweli 2018. English translation provided at all services.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning Saturday, 7 April 2018 English Baptists

Announcing and Preparing the Communion Table

March	April	May
Ian Wilkins/ Mrs Carole Rees	Mrs Nan Thomas /Meurig Rees	Mrs Nelda Davies/Mrs Pat Morgan

	Blodau/Flowers	Glanhau am y mis/Cleaning for the month
March	Mrs Helen Gibbon	Mrs Janet Davies
April	Mrs Marian Evans	Mrs Rosemary Kerr
May	Mrs Edwina Jones	Mrs Joan Stephens

Services for the next three months/Gwasanaethau'r tri mis nesaf

	Pregethwr /Preacher
4/3/2018 2pm	Parch Geraint Lloyd
11/3/2018 2pm	Rev Iestyn ap Hywel Communion/ Cymundeb
18/3/2018 10.30am	Capt Neil Duquemin
25/3/2018 2pm	Rev Iestyn ap Hywel
1/4/2018 10.30am	Rev Adelaide Wheeler Cocks Easter Sunday Service
8/4/2018 2pm	Rev Iestyn ap Hywel
15/4/2018 2pm	Mr Hugh Waddell
22/4/2018 2pm	Rev Geraint Lloyd
29/4/2018 2pm	Rev David Jones (Llanelli)
6/5/2018 10.30am	Rev Mike Shephard
13/5/2018 10.30am	Mr David Folland

Dates for the diary/ Dyddiadau i'r dyddiadur

Mawrth 23ain: Recordio Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol o Gapel y Priordy am 6.30
Arweinydd: Mrs Meinir Richards

Ebrill 26/27 7 o'r gloch: Theatr y Lyric:

"Dau Hanner Brawd" Drama Gerdd Nan Lewis ac Eric Jones

Mai 14fed: Patagonia with Helen and Gwyn Gibbon

June 5th: Social Evening for all those involved with **Christmas- The Story** and friends
in The Quins at 6.30pm.

Editor this month: Mrs Helen Gibbon

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