

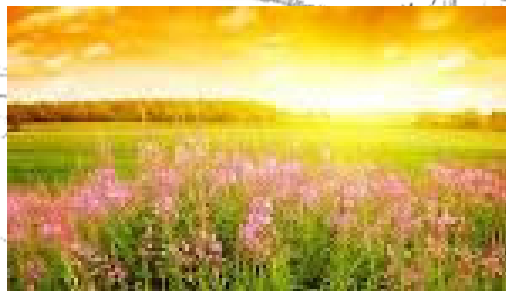
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The logo consists of a blue rectangular box with a thin white border. Inside the box, the words "LLANGUNNOR" and "NETWORK" are written in a white, serif, all-caps font, stacked vertically and centered.

LLANGUNNOR
NETWORK

Doing your best is more important than being the best!!

This is so true but it was a lesson the disciples were slow to learn. It seems they always wanted to be the best. To outdo each other. On more than one occasion, the Twelve desired only to be the best, the top dog, number one in their Lord's eyes and Kingdom. Even at the Last Supper, envy and rivalry stirred in their hearts according to Luke (ch22 v24).

How true that is of would be disciples and even entire Churches in 2007. We are programmed to be winners. Everyone remembers the winner of a competition but seldom who came second or third place. Jesus declares that such are not the motives of a true disciple. Greatness in the Kingdom of God is seen in humility, not in being number one. Humility is the sign of a true disciple, and those individuals and Churches who want to travel the Pathway of Discipleship must walk in the spirit of servant hood and childlikeness with their Lord. Humility means that our focus is away from ourselves and not on ourselves. A true disciple, indeed a Church of disciples becomes a servant to all God's people. That disciple or church will fully exercise the spiritual gifts and talents God has given them, not for their own good but for the good of their brothers and sisters in Christ. All services must be rendered in the selfless spirit of Jesus, who is the prime example of servant hood.

We all know the song made famous by Frank Sinatra "I did it my way." That is not the spirit of a Disciple of Jesus Christ. A Disciple should never say "I did it" or "I want it my way." It must always be "I did it God's Way" and to Him alone goes all the glory, honour and praise. The same is equally true for the Disciple Making Church. It can never say "We did it our way." If we are to be true disciples, we should be willing to serve God faithfully, raise our children to serve Him, never expecting the glory ourselves. A true disciple of Jesus is childlike in his walk and witness. Jesus is always elevating the place of children in His Kingdom: "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

We must simplify our approach to Him. We must strip down to the bare essentials. We must put away all effort to impress, and come with the guileless candor of a child. Unless you become like little children you won't enter the kingdom of heaven. The true disciple of Jesus and His Disciple Making Church are humble, childlike, servants.

May this always be the pathway we all follow, and may He always find us faithful in our servant hood.

Apêl Corwynt Cariad/ Typhoon of Love Appeal
Cynhaliwyd Bore Coffi dydd Sadwrn Mehefin 10fed er budd Apêl Eglwys Bresbyteraidd Cymru mewn partneriaeth gyda Chymorth Cristnogol sef Corwynt Cariad. Ffocws yr apêl yw Ynysoedd y Pilipinas gan eu bod yn dioddef corwyntoedd enbyd a thlodi difrifol. Diolch i bawb am eu cefnogaeth.

Following the Coffee Morning held on June 10th £132 was raised for the Presbyterian 5 year Appeal which this year is for the people of the Philippines. This month's loose collection will also go towards the fund. Our thanks to Nan and Carole for arranging the event.

Cyflwyno sic

Ddiwedd Ionawr cynhaliwyd Marathon Organ a Darllen y Beibl am 12 awr er mwyn codi arian er budd yr Uned Meddygol Dyddiol yn Ysbyty Glangwili. Yn y llun y mae Mrs Mandy Walters, a dderbyniodd driniaeth ardderchog yn yr uned, yn trosglwyddo sic o £500 i Sister Dawn Tapp a'i chydweithwyr yn yr uned.

Mandy yn trosglwyddo sic.



As reported in the previous newsletter, Rev Mike Shephard was planning to undertake a 4 mile sponsored walk on May 6th. This was to acknowledge the care he had received from the NHS during his recent health issues.

We were delighted to see Mike and Gwen in last weeks' Friendship Centre where he informed us that a cheque totalling £1,608 was handed over to the staff at Preseli Ward.



Mike would like to thank everyone who supported him whether by sponsoring him or accompanying him on the walk.

Fel yr adroddwyd yn y cylchlythyr blaenorol, y Parchedig Mike Shephard yn bwriadu cynnal taith gerdded nodedig 4 milltir ar Fai 6ed dosbarth. Roedd hyn er mwyn cydnabod y gofal a gafodd gan y GIG yn ystod ei broblemau iechyd diweddar. Roeddem yn falch iawn o weld Mike a Gwen yn yr wythnosau diwethaf 'Cyfeillgarwch Canolfan lle wrthym fod sic gwerth £ 1,608 wedi'i drosglwyddo i'r staff yn Ward Preseli. Byddai Mike ddiolch i bawb a gefnogodd iddo a drwy noddi ganddo neu sy'n cyd-fynd ag ef ar y daith gerdded.

Presbytery visit to Pantycelyn: Saturday July 1st 2017

We were on a mini bus at 10am bound for Llandovery. First destination was a coffee stop while the 49 seater bus from Llanelli made its way along the Tywi Cothi route picking up as it went along. It was Town Crier Day in Llandovery which meant a public display of Town criers and townsfolk dressed in period costume. Coffee and a brief stop at the craft centre and we were on our way to Llanfair ar y bryn Church. A distinctive church with the marks of yesteryear all around, one of them being the marks in the wall where the choir loft would have been. It was here that we met with Mr David Gealy who has guided countless groups across the years. The two Georgian altars had their tale to tell plus the beautiful stained glass windows. The one in the western wall, designed by John Petts could, on especially sunny days cast a light on the image of Christ on the Eastern window above the altar. Either side of Christ was depicted the Vicar Pritchard and William Williams Pantycelyn. One had to look for the "Câr di" window found in a crevice to the right of the altar and one particular window had been designed to commemorate a vicar's attempts in 1922 to save the red kite.



Behind the organ was a little room where Pantycelyn's writing desk was kept and now I've mentioned the organ. I was invited to accompany the congregation to Pererin Wyf. Wonderful. Outside we were shown William's grave and obelisk. His wife and two of his sons are also buried there.

We sang *O Llefara Addfwyn Iesu* at the graveside. Tradition has it that they had to dig up the grave to install the obelisk. As they did so they saw that Williams had red hair but as soon as the air got to the body all turned to dust.



From Llanfair to Pantycelyn farm and what a welcome. All 60 of us piled into the farmhouse where Mr Cecil Williams gave us a brief history explaining that he was descended through Sarah, Pantycelyn's daughter and was now the sixth generation to live there and farm the land. Mr and Mrs Williams have had a very busy year and, although the haymaking was still to do, all was put on hold for our visit.



The parlour was full of photographs and one in particular showed Lloyd George's visit in 1913 and in the visitors' book appeared his name followed by his family who accompanied him that day.

On with the journey, down the winding roads with Robert and Rick our drivers having to show their superb reversing skills at several points. Next stop, Talgarth, about ten miles from Brecon. It was here, when he was about twenty two, that Pantycelyn heard Howell Harries preach outside Talgarth Church on the grave stone of his parents.

Why here? Because his family owned this piece of land and Harries was not allowed anywhere else due to his preaching against the customs of the day. Harries, who had been converted to Christianity, was not happy with the practices of the Church of England at the time: the tithing of the poor people; the way of life of some of the clergy who, because they had many parishes, were often late for services, to mention just two. And so they held services outside of the church.

But what about this quote from the Anglican website: *Although Williams, Rowland and Harris are often thought of as Methodists, it is well to remember that all three remained Anglicans to the end of their lives, and they would probably have been disappointed to know that the Methodist movement seceded from the Church to form a separate denomination in 1811.*

Inside the church at Talgarth Rev Ian Sims gave us a brief outline of where it all began for Pantycelyn and we sang *Iesu, Iesu rwyd ti'n ddigon* and *Mae fy Nghalon am ehedeg*. Emyr Williams Ty Hen had printed a selection of Williams' hymns for us. There are over 70 in Caneuon Ffydd but Pantycelyn composed around 900 all told. Google search engine had helped Emyr find the grave where Howell Harries had preached that day while a tomb stone to Harries himself had been erected inside the church near the altar. It was a visit enabling us to step back almost three hundred years to a time when three young men would have had no idea what an impact their preaching would have made to the establishment of the Methodist Church later to be known as the Presbyterian church in Wales.

A meal at the Castle Hotel just outside Talgarth was most welcome at the end of a very interesting day.

Thank you Rev Ian Sims for organizing the day.

Janet's favourite hymn

Iesu, Iesu, 'rwyd ti'n ddigon
Words by William Williams

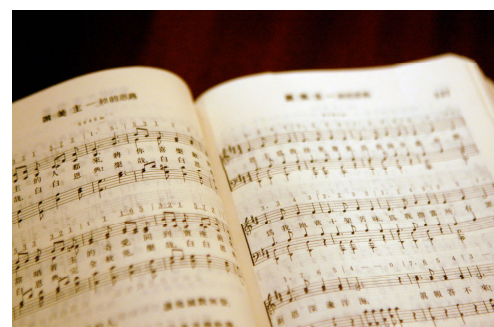
Iesu, Iesu, 'rwyd ti'n ddigon
'rwyd ti'n llawer mwy na'r byd;
Mwy trysorau sy'n dy enw
Na thrysorau'r India i gyd:

Oll yn gyfan

Ddaeth i'm meddiant gyda'm Duw.

Y mae gwedd dy wyneb grasol
Yn rhagori llawer iawn
Ar bob peth a welodd llygad
Ar hyd wyneb daear lawn:
Rhosyn Saron,
Ti yw tegwch nef y nef.

Sometimes there is no specific reason why a particular hymn holds that special place in our hearts. It could be just the words, just the tune it is set too or a combination of the both.



Gwyl Hirddydd Haf yn y Parc Mehefin 25ain 2017

Erbyn hyn mae Gŵyl Hirddydd Haf Dosbarth Caerfyrddin wedi hen ennill ei phlwyf a thyfu mae'r gynulleidfa ym Mharc Caerfyrddin o flwyddyn i flwyddyn. Trefnwyd y gwasanaeth yn ôl yr arfer gan y Parch Beti Wyn James ar gyfer Sul olaf Mehefin a'r thema a gymerwyd ganddi oedd 'Duw cariad Yw.' Cymerwyd rhan gan aelodau o gapeli Moreia Llansteffan, Tŷ Hen, Bethel Meidrim, Cwmdwyfran, Y Babel Zion Newydd, Trinity San Clêr a Bancyfelin. Roedd yno gynrychiolaeth o gapeli'r dref hefyd.

Fe'm harweinwyd ni trwy gyfrwng yr emyn, gweddi a'r Ysgrythur at eitem gan y plant a braf oedd gweld cynifer o blant Bancyfelin a Thŷ Hen yn cymryd rhan ac yn esbonio i ni arwyddocâd ffrwythau'r Ysbryd megis hunan-ddisgyblaeth, daioni, amynedd, caredigrwydd, hapusrwydd, ffyddlondeb, a chariad.

Mewn anerchiad byr cawsom ein hatgoffa gan Beti Wyn am y pedwar gair Groeg am gariad sef *storge*, *eros*, *philia* ac *agapé* a gan ganolbwyntio ar y gair *agapé* fe ddefnyddiwyd maged i ddangos grym cariad Duw yn ein tynnu tuag ato. Er ein bod ni meidrolion yn mynnu mynd ein ffyrdd ein hunain a mynych grwydro oddi ar y llwybr, nid yw Duw yn ein gadael ond yn ein tynnu nôl ato. Fe roddwyd hoelen yr un i'r plant i ddangos grym y maged ac yna wrth i bob hoelen lynu wrth ei gilydd dangoswyd sut y mae grym Duw cariad yn gweithio trwyddom i garu ein gilydd, i fod o gymorth i'n gilydd ac yn gefnogaeth i'n gilydd.

Diolchwyd i bawb am eu cyfraniad a'u presenoldeb ac i swyddogion y parc am ddarparu'r lle a'r system sain.

Diolch yn fawr i'r Parch Beti Wyn am drefnu'r cyfan.

	Blodau/Flowers	Glanhau am y mis/Cleaning for the month
Gorffennaf/July	Mrs Edwina Jones	Mrs Jackie Evans
Awst/August		
Medi/September	Mrs Marian Evans	Sian Cassell
Hydref/October	Mr Owen Jones	Carole Rees

WHEN GOD SAYS “GO FORWARD” TRUST HIM AND GO

God brought His children to the Jordan River that day,
But how could they cross—it was at flood stage they say.
God said, “Start marching and I’ll stop its flow,
Into the promised land I’ll permit you to go.”

They believed and went forward into the water to go,
But as their feet reached the water, what do you know,
God stopped the river and up stream piled it high,
And let His people cross over on land that was dry.

As soon as the last person set foot on the far shore,
God let the river, at flood stage, flow once more.
Everyone was amazed at the power God showed,
At His bidding the river stopped and at His word it flowed.

It may not be a river that God calls you to cross,
But you need to trust Him and let Him be the boss.
You may feel the pressures in your life are unfair,
That your trials and temptations are too hard to bear.

But when God says “Go forward,” trust Him and go,
Step out with confidence, don’t be hesitant and slow.
The God who stopped the river to let His people through,
Is the same powerful God who’s right there with you.

Please remember in your prayers
this month

Vi and Mandy

Mr Ian Davies

There may be others known only to us
as individuals who are also in need of
our thoughts and prayers. Please
remember to include them in your
daily prayers.

*O Lord Jesus who went about doing
good and healing all manner of
sickness, give strength, wisdom and
gentleness to all those we know who
are suffering ill health. Let us also pray
for our whole church fellowship at this
present time. Lord, we can only see a
little of the road ahead and cannot see
our final destination. However, you
have called us and will set our feet on
the true way. You have provided us
with the map of our way which is
yourself if we will just persevere and
trust in the path that you are taking us.
We pray for you to direct and guide
this, your church with your unfailing
care.*



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

	Pregethwr /Preacher
02/07 10.30am	Parch Iestyn ap Hywel Communion/Cymundeb
09/07/17 10.30am	Mr David Davies
16/07/17 10.30am	Mr David Folland
23/07/17 10.30am	Rev Adelaide Wheeler Cocks
30/07/17 10.30am	Rev Brian Lewis
06/08/17	No Service
13/08/17 10.30am	United Service at Babell Zion Newydd led by Rev Mike Shephard (c) Communion/Cymundeb
20/08/17	No Service
27/08/17	No Service
03/09/17 10.30am	Rev Adelaide Wheeler Cocks (c) Communion/Cymundeb
10/09/17 10.30am	Gwasanaeth Teuluol/Family Service
17/09/17 2pm	Mr Marc Lonney
24/09/17	Gwyl Mawl Myrddin, Tabernacl, Caerfyrddin

Preachers and times of services have been taken from the Blwyddlyfr. As this is published at the beginning of the year, Ministers and Service times may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Announcements and Preparing Communion Table

July	August	September	October
Sian/Alun		Helen/Carole/Allan	Ian/Allan

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