

Mai/Mehefin
May/June 2018

Cylchlythyr/Newsletter

Rhif/Issue 10

BABELL ZION NEWYDD

“Yn wir rwy'n
dweud
wrthy'ch, yn
gymaint ag
ichwi ei wneud i un o'r lleiaf
o'r rhain, fy nghymrodyr, i mi
y gwnaethoch.”

wythnos
**cymorth
cristnogol**

13-19 MAY

“Truly, I say to
you, as you did it
to one of the least
of these my
brothers, you did it to me”

Mathew 25: 40

D.M.S.W. 1997

This newsletter has been digitised as part of a project to archive material relating to Llangunnor so that a record exists for future generations

Llangunnor Network
*Preserving and Promoting
Llangunnor*

Thanks to Babell Zion Newydd Chapel for permission to do this

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.

Dymuniadau gorau

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.

Condolences/Cydymdeimlad

It is with sadness that this is the second time within the space of four months that we sympathise with Liz Amery and Ellie Grace. The funeral of Liz's father, Mr Eric Amery, was held on April 30th at The English Baptist Church Lamma St. Our sincere condolences to the family.

Cwrdd Blaenoriaid/ Elders' meeting

Next Elders' Meeting will be held on Monday May 21st at 5.30pm.

The Presbytery Sisterhood/Chwiorydd Myrddin

A few of the BZN ladies joined the ladies of Henaduriaeth Myrddin for a lunch and talk on Mari Jones at the Ivy Bush Hotel on April 17th. The story of how Mari walked to the Bala to buy a Bible is very well known but what happened afterwards? How old was Mari when she died? Did she get married and did she have children? What was her legacy to the world? These questions were all answered that afternoon by Mrs Sarah Morris and Mrs Carys Davies in a back to school situation. A most enjoyable event.

Two Half Brothers/Dau Hanner Brawd

Helen has been busy during the winter months rehearsing for a two night production on April 26th and 27th of "Dau Hanner Brawd" at the Lyric Theatre. This was the story of Abraham's two sons by Hagar and Sara. Nan Lewis wrote the script and Eric Jones the music.

Leprosy Mission - Used Stamps

Don't forget your used stamps for the Leprosy Mission collection. Rev Adelaide will collect them on May 20th when she will be with us next.

Mil o Leisiau/Thousand Voices

On May 19th we shall all be thinking of Meurig and David as they take their place amongst hundreds of male choristers in the Royal Albert Hall. It will definitely be an unforgettable experience. All the very best.

Easter Sunday/Sul y Pasg The Sunday School

Cymerwyd rhan gan blant yr Ysgol Sul ar fore Sul y Pasg yn ôl eu harfer. Canodd y plant ddwy gân a thrwy ddarlleniad a chyflwyniad llafar syml adroddwyd hanes y gwragedd yn dod at y bedd a'i gael yn wag. Ond "Y mae'n fyw" oedd testun eu cân.



During the last four months the children have been busy studying the Creation, Abraham's journey from Ur to found a new settlement in Canaan, the birth of Isaac and the deceit of Jacob. They are faithful members of the Sunday School and thoroughly deserved all the eggs they could find on their egg hunt during the service. Congratulations to Leia Rose's mother Stephanie on the birth of twin boys, Oliver and William.

We look forward to seeing them join the Sunday School very soon!

We were fortunate to have Rev Adelaide officiating at the Easter day service and below she is pictured with Kenzie, Ben, Leia Rose, Ellie Mae and Ellie Grace. Also pictured are Lilian and Sybil with the children



CD Emynau William Williams Pantycelyn ar werth

Mae Cwmni Parrog yn gwerthu CD o emynau Pantycelyn. Nid ydynt yn y siopau ond mae gan Helen 5 i'w gwerthu am £10 yr un. 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.



Two articles by David Folland

There was a Sabbath-school teacher who had led every one of her children to Christ. She was a faithful teacher. Then she tried to get her children to go out and bring other children into the school. One day one of them came and said she had been trying to get the children of a family to come to the school, but the father was an infidel, and he wouldn't allow it. "What is an infidel?" asked the child. She had never heard of an infidel before. The teacher went on to tell her what an infidel man was, and she was perfectly shocked. A few mornings after the girl happened to be going past the post-office on her way to school, and she saw the infidel father coming out. She went up to him and said, "Why don't you love Jesus?" If it had been a man who had said that to him probably he would have knocked him down. He looked at her and walked on. A second time she put the question, "Why don't you love Jesus?" He put out his hand to put her gently away from him, when, on looking down, he saw her tears. "Please, sir, tell me why you don't love Jesus?" He pushed her aside and away he went. When he got to his office he couldn't get this question out of his mind. All the letters seemed to read, "Why don't you love Jesus?" All men in his place of business seemed to say, "Why don't you love Jesus?" When he tried to write his pen seemed to shape the words, "Why don't you love Jesus?" He couldn't rest, and on the street he went to mingle with the businessmen, but he seemed to hear a voice continually asking him, "Why don't you love Jesus?" He thought when night came and he got home with his family, he would forget it; but he couldn't. He complained that he wasn't well, and went to bed. But when he laid his head on the pillow that voice kept whispering, "Why don't you love Jesus?" He couldn't sleep. By and by, about midnight, he got up and said, "I will get a Bible and find where Christ contradicts himself, and then I'll have a reason," and he turned to the book of John. My friends, if you want a reason for not loving Christ, don't turn to John. He knew Him too long. I don't believe a man can read the gospel of John without being turned to Christ. Well, he read through, and found no reason why he shouldn't love Him, but he found many reasons why he should. He read this book, and before morning he was on his knees, and that question put by that little child led to his conversion

LESSONS FROM THE GREATEST BOOK IN THE WORLD

If prayer is us talking to God, then the Bible is God talking to us- and He has a lot to say! Even with today's wealth of books, the Bible remains the only source of divine revelation and power that can sustain Christians in their "*daily walk with God.*" If you are only going to read one book in your life, let it be this! The Bible is so important and because it has unparalleled eternal benefits our responses should be 1. Believe it (John 6:68-9); Honour it (Job 23:12); Love it (Psalm 119:97); Obey it (1 John 2:5).

TOOLS FOR THE JOB

1. Invest in a good **Study Bible**. You cannot read this like any other book by starting at page 1 and reading to the end. Try that with Scripture and you will miss the grandeur of the book as Old Testament prophecies are fulfilled in the New. The

Study Bible will have useful cross-references for this purpose, a concordance of key words with their references etc. The copy I have in front of me has a section entitled “*read through the Bible in a year.*” Should anybody be interested, I would be happy to supply this. I can also recommend Spurgeon’s “*Devotional Bible*” which will take you two years to complete when studied daily- (Amazon:- Book £14.80; Kindle £4.61)

2. A good **Bible commentary** will help explain some of the more difficult passages you will encounter. Though ancient, I heartily recommend the Matthew Henry Commentary. This is the most famous of the historic commentaries, and for personal use it remains unsurpassed. There could be no more precious gift alongside the Bible than this treasure-house of applications and spiritual devotion. For daily Bible study, this volume is supreme. This massive tome is available at the Metropolitan Tabernacle Bookshop for £15.50.
3. Make the **time** in your life to study because there is power in it to change your life and become the person God wants you to be.
4. **Prayer** This may seem obvious or redundant, but it’s critical. When we approach Scripture, it should be with humility and an attitude to receive and learn. Ask God to reveal himself to you through his Word. We are given the Holy Spirit as a guide (Acts 2) as we interpret the Word.
5. Approach the Bible with a **teachable spirit**. If I’ve learned anything over the last few years, it’s how much I don’t know. There are a lot of things about the Bible that we have to wrestle over. We’re grappling with concepts and truths about theology and doctrine, and it’s hard. It’s important to dig and ask questions, but knowing that we can’t (with our finite minds) completely understand it all. Continue to ask hard questions, and don’t give up!
6. **Allow God to speak**. So often, we approach the Bible with a “*what’s in it for me?*” attitude, and there are times that we just need to read to understand. Don’t just read to check it off a list, but read to understand and learn. The Word begins to come alive as you start to soak it in! In a very real sense we are giving our brains a bath; we are washing it in the purified solution of God’s Word. As you spend time in the Word daily, it allows God to speak to you through His Word.
7. **Share** with others. Share with friends the great things that you have discovered- “*always be ready to give a defence to everyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.*”

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seats of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be planted like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.” Psalm 1:1-3

	Blodau/Flowers	Glanhau am y mis/Cleaning for the month
May	Mrs Rosemary Kerr	Mrs Joan Stephens
June	Miss Sian Cassell	Miss Charmaine Williams
July	Mrs Sally Evans	Mrs Jackie Evans

Quiz

1. Who was the disciple who was not with the other disciples on Easter Sunday?
2. What did Rev Nicholas Bee suggest about this disciple?
3. Who went fishing?
4. Which Psalm did Rev David Jones take as his subject [also quoted by David Folland in this newsletter]?
5. Can you complete the following verses taken from Psalm 121?

I will lift up mine unto the from whence cometh my

My cometh even from the who hath madeand

AND/OR

Codaf fy tua'r.....: o ble y daw fy

Daw fy oddi wrth yr, creawdwr a

6. Cecil Frances Alexander was born in April 1818. Can you name one of her hymns and one of her carols?
7. Who were the two sons of Abraham on which Cwmni Myrddin's production was based?
8. Who was chosen as the surrogate mother?
9. What is the second line of this hymn O'r fath gyfaill ydyw'r Iesu

OR

What a friend we have in Jesus

10. Name the Seven churches of Asia as recorded in John's Revelation Chapters 1-3

A trip to Trawsfynydd and Bala

Saturday July 28th 2018

Bus leaves Morrisons at 7am

Arrival at Trawsfynydd: 11am

A visit to the Ysgwrn farmhouse+film+ cuppa and cake £7

Leave Trawsfynydd at 1pm

A brief stop at Tryweryn

Arrive at Bala: Byd Mari Jones at 2pm £2.79 (Opportunity for refreshments)

Leave Bala at 4pm

A stop for a meal [venue and price to be confirmed]

Arrival at Morrisons 9pm

In order to keep costs down we must fill a 33 seater bus. Please invite family and friends to join us. 14 have shown an interest at this time.

Announcing and Preparing the Communion Table

May	June	July
Nelda Davies/Pat Morgan	Alun Evans/Sian Cassell	Helen Gibbon/Meurig Rees



Helen writes

Two Half Brothers and a lesson for today's world

The story comes from the chapters [12-25] in Genesis which deal with the call of God to Abraham to leave Ur of the Chaldees, his birthplace and home and seek a land which was totally new and strange. Abraham we learn had made a good life for himself in Ur, he was the eldest child of a prosperous family, his father was an artist, who was employed as a carver of statues for the temples and palaces and skilled in carving poetry and myths on clay tablets. Abraham had been sent to a special school to follow in his father's footsteps. However he saw that man's idol worship was based on man's creation and not the true God who was calling him to leave.

He persuades his family to follow him and we learn of their disappointment in him and their nomadic way of life as they are led to an unknown land. They are also disappointed that Abraham has not had a child by his wife Sarah to continue the line, lead the tribe and secure their future as a nation.

Sarah, in this predicament, hatches a plan which she thinks can save the situation. She believes that by allowing her slave girl Hagar to become essentially a surrogate mother, Abraham can have a child to succeed him. Thus Ishmael is born. However, in her later years Sarah gave birth to Isaac which Abraham in faith had always believed possible. However, the existence of two half brothers splits the family and Sarah, again influentially, decides that both brothers be separated. This had far reaching consequences for it led to the creation of two nations with differing faiths [Islam and Judaism].

Over the centuries we find that the two nations have found it difficult to live in harmony with each other and the question arises: shall we see a day when, like Ishmael and Isaac's reconciliation, these two nations, who can trace their lineage back to their Father Abraham, will live in peace together? Indeed, can we envisage, all the nations of the world agreeing to live in concord and peace? There was certainly a glimmer of hope with the North and South Korean leaders last week



Abraham and Sarah played by
Dafydd Llyr Davies Hermon and
Helen Gibbon

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

	Pregethwr /Preacher
6/5/18 10.30am	Rev Mike Shephard
13/5/18 10.30am	Mr David Folland
20/5/18 10.30am	Rev Adelaide
27/5/18 2pm	Rev Iestyn ap Hywel
3/6/18 10.30am	Rev Brian Lewis
10/6/18 2pm	Mr Marc Lonney
17/6/18 2pm	Rev Iestyn ap Hywel
24/6/18 2pm	Mr Hugh Waddell
1/7/18 10.30am	Canon Aled Griffiths
8/7/18	Sul Sbsial Ysgol Bro Dinefwr
15/7/18 2pm	Mr Martin Dalling
22/7/18 2pm	Rev Iestyn ap Hywel
29/7/18 2pm	Mr David Davies

Dates for the diary/ Dyddiadau i'r dyddiadur

Mai 14fed: Patagonia with Helen and Gwyn Gibbon 7pm

May 27th: 2pm service: voting for the New Minister

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

Mehefin/June 7fed: Henaduriaeth ym Methel Penbre 6.30pm

Mehefin 24ain: Gŵyl Hirddydd Haf yn y Parc 4.30pm

July 28th: Trip to Canolfan Hedd Wyn & Byd Mari Jones in Bala

Editor this month: Mrs Helen Gibbon

Please forward any news/articles to Carole at carolerees4@gmail.com.

[01267222573] by **June 18th** for the July/August issue