

# LLANSILIN

NUMBER 2

PARISH CHURCH

with

LLANGADWALADR CHURCH

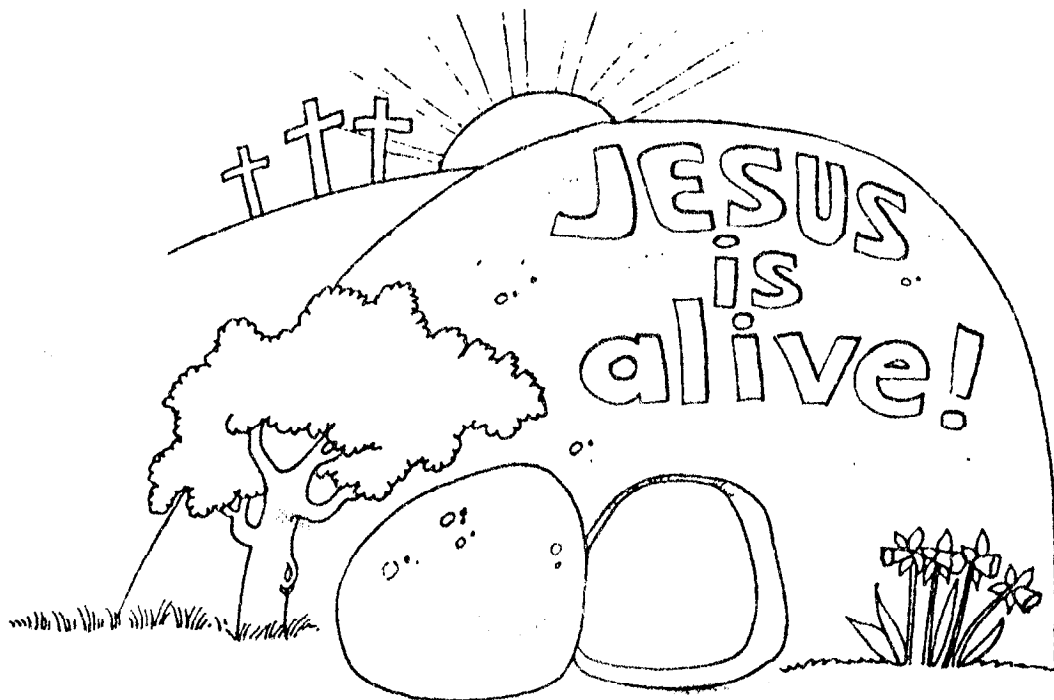
AND

RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH

## NEWS

ISSUED QUARTERLY

MARCH 1993



## CHURCH SERVICES

### LLANSILIN

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.
	Sunday School	10.00 a.m.
2nd Sunday	Matins	10.00 a.m.
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Cymun Bendigaid	10.00 a.m.
4th Sunday	Matins	10.00 a.m.
	Evensong	6.30 p.m.
5th Sunday	Family Service	10.00 a.m.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

An United Service to celebrate  
St David's Day will be held in  
Soar Chapel on 28<sup>th</sup> February  
at 10.00 am.



ALL ARE VERY WELCOME

### LLANGEDWYN

1st Sunday	Family Service	11.15 a.m.
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
3rd Sunday	Sunday School	11.15 a.m.
	Evensong	6.30 p.m.
4th Sunday	Holy Communion	11.15 a.m.
5th Sunday	Matins	11.15 a.m.

LLANGADWALADR/RHIWLAS CHURCHES (Services alternate between these 2 Churches from these dates:)

7th March 1993 Rhiwlas Mission Church 2.30 p.m.  
14th March 1993 Llangadwaladr Church 2.30 p.m.

VICAR: Rev Christopher Carter The Vicarage Llansilin Tel: 209

## CHAPEL SERVICES

Mawrth 7fed	Gweinidog (Cymun)	Rhiwlas	6.30 p.m.
Mawrth 14eg	Mr Selyf Roberts	Bethania	2.00 p.m.
Mawrth 21ain	Gweinidog	Salem	6.30 p.m.
Mawrth 28ain	Parch Geoffrey Davies	Cefn Canol	2.00 p.m.
Ebrill 4edd	Gweinidog	Bethesda	10.30 a.m.
Ebrill 11ain	Gweinidog	Soar	10.30 a.m.
Ebrill 18eg	Gwyn Erfyl Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00 p.m.
Ebrill 25ain	Parch Eifion Roberts	Bethania	2.00 p.m.
Mai 2ail	Gweinidog (Cymun)	Salem	10.00 a.m.
Mai 9fed	Mrs Renee Tudor	Cefn Canol	2.00 p.m.
Mai 16eg	Gweinidog	Bethesda	6.30 p.m.
Mai 23ain	Parch Huw Jones	Soar	2.00 p.m.
Mai 30ain	Parch Richard Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00 p.m.

Gweinidog/Minister: Y Parch Stanton Evans 20 Croeswylan Lane  
Oswestry Tel: 654682

PLEASE NOTE --- CHANGE OF SERVICES AT LLANSILIN SUNDAY 21st MARCH  
As this is Mothering Sunday the services are as  
follows :- 8.30 a.m. Cymun Bendigaid  
10.00 a.m. Family Service


## THE VICAR'S LETTER: PASSIONTIDE AND EASTER

At his restoration King Charles II wryly remarked that it must be his own fault that he had been away so long, as everyone he met claimed to have longed for his return. It must have galled the faithful companions who had shared his poverty stricken exile to find many who had prospered under Cromwell now competing with them for Royal favour. Charles needed tact and charm to reconcile friends with foes and persuade them to work together for the common good.

At Easter we celebrate another King's return from a far more terrible "exile" with well-attended services at which we enjoy singing the triumphant Easter hymns. But how many who hail Christ's victory over sin and death will have come to Church on the days which mark the stages towards that victory: Ash Wednesday, when he began his struggle against temptation in the wilderness: Maundy Thursday, the night of the Last Supper, his agonised prayer under the olive-trees and the traitor's kiss: and Good Friday, on which he shouldered the weight of our sin, ignorance and weakness and bore their cruel outcome on the cross?

Like our 17th Century ancestors we readily embrace the hope of a glad new age promised by our King's triumph against all the odds, but are less eager to share his struggles or follow him into privation and danger - indeed when it suits us we even compromise and collaborate with his foes. We want to claim eternal life without first facing the shameful truth about our faults and failings, or choosing whose side we are really on - except our own! But if we do choose and ask his help, like Charles he will not reject even last-minute converts to his cause. For like him our master needs the eleventh-hour recruits to work alongside those who have laboured all the long hot day - and through his goodness all shall share the same reward.

May Christ's cross comfort us in all our trials, and the light of Easter morning bring joy and hope to us.



### CHURCH SERVICES, PASSIONTIDE AND EASTER 1993

Palm Sunday	4th April	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Llansilin
Maundy Thursday	8th April	7.00 p.m.	Holy Communion	Llangedwyn
Good Friday	9th April	10.30 a.m.	Devotions	Llangedwyn
	9th April	12.00 noon	Open act of Witness	
	<del>9th April</del>		Market Square	Llanfyllin
	9th April	2.00 p.m.	Devotions	Llansilin
EASTER DAY	11th April	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Llansilin
		10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Llansilin
		11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Llangedwyn
		2.30 p.m.	Holy Communion	Rhiwlas

The Llansilin Church Easter Vestry Meeting will be held at the Memorial Institute on Wednesday April 21st at 7.00 p.m.

## WHO IS OUR PATRON SAINT?

### S T D A V I D

Once a year on March 1st every Welshman, wherever he lives celebrates the day of his patron Saint - St David - Dewi Sant. He was born in 515 and died on March 1st 589. He was the son of Sant - King of Ceredigion - and his wife Non.

He was given his early education at Henfynyw - near Aberaeron - then went on to study under Paulinus - an old and wise man who became almost blind. The story tells that while many of his other pupils were unable to help him, he asked David to try and help him, and David put his hands over Paulinus's eyes and prayed, when he removed his hands Paulinus could see clearly and was without pain.

After finishing his education, David started his work as a missionary, teaching the word of God to his people. He travelled mostly in South and Mid Wales following the old Roman roads and traditional paths. About sixty of St. David's Churches are found near these routes as well as many outside Wales, in Somerset, Gloucestershire, Devon and Cornwall and there are also nine in Brittany. These were on routes that pilgrims took on their way to Rome. One such Church, at Llanddewi Brefi in Ceredigion, is built on a mound which is said to have risen under David's feet so that the people could see and hear him.

Eventually he returned to Glyn Rhosyn - now St. David's and established a monastery there. This was a convenient centre for travellers, as it was within easy reach of the sea.

David's lifestyle was now of an ascetic disciplined nature, his clothing was primitive - animal skins in summer and furry skins in winter and walking barefoot. They ate very simple food and did not eat meat and drank only water - which is why he was called 'David the Waterman'.

He believed in the social expression of Christianity - supported the widows and homeless, maintained the poor and weak and also the pilgrims who passed by.

There are many stories about David but they all go to show that he spent his life working for God and his fellow men.

His last words were 'Brothers and Sisters, be joyous, keep the faith and do the little things that you have seen me do'.

O hyd y mae Dewi yn dyfod am dro,  
I weled ei hil ac i weled ei fro;  
Mae ganddo genedl yn gwisgo ei gwyrdd,  
Ond gwell ganddo genedl yn dilyn ei ffyrdd. (Anon)

A. R. Roberts

The annual ST DAVID'S DAY dinner will be held in the Institute on Monday 1st March.



## M O T H E R ' S   U N I O N

The Annual Christmas Party was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 17th December. The enrolling member, Mrs Glenice Jones, welcomed members and friends. After an excellent meal prepared by Mrs Jean Morgan of Llanrhaeadr, the evening took the form of a Beetle Drive organised by Mr and Mrs Wynn Hughes followed by a most delightful half-hour of songs and Christmas Carols led by Mrs Iona Jones, Pantglas Isa and her daughters Nia and Lowri. Miss Olive Jones organised a very successful raffle for funds. The evening concluded with Mrs Glenice Jones thanking everyone for making the evening such a success.

At the January meeting, the speaker was Mr John Bowles, Appeals Organiser for the Children's Society in North and Mid Wales who gave a most interesting talk on the work of the Society. Once again, the meeting was well attended. Mrs M Ogden gave a vote of thanks. The winners of the raffles were Mrs K Jones and the Rev C Carter.

DID YOU KNOW that Mrs Kaye Hughes of Laurels, has been secretary of the above Society in Llansilin for the past 20 years. She has regularly organised coffee evenings and during this time she has forwarded between £2,000 and £3,000 to the Society.

Well done Kaye!!!

The next meeting will be held on 18th March in the Institute. The speaker will be Mrs Brenda Sandilands of Ffryddlyn on the theme of the work of 'Action Aid'.

HEALTHY TIPS!!!      FOR THE RHEUMATISM      (taken from a recipe book dated 1814)

Take a pint of spirits of turpentine and add half an ounce of camphor. Let it stand until the camphor is dissolved, then rub it on the affected part and it will ease the complaint. Flannel should be applied after the part is well rubbed with the turpentine. Repeat the application, morning and evening.

A PROVEN REMEDY to reduce swellings eg on knees. Treat overnight. Enclose an even sprinkling of washing soda into a piece of fabric which is large enough to envelop it, to prevent skin contact. Hold over the swollen area with a crepe bandage to prevent slipping overnight. You will find that the crystals have hardened and the swelling reduced. Repeat as long as necessary.

## E A S T E R T I D E

Eggs are one of man's oldest symbols of continuing life, thus at Eastertime - the spring time of the year - eggs are used in many dishes.

An old custom is still continued at Easter in the North of England, when eggs are wrapped in onion skins or flower petals or brightly coloured material and placed in a large pan, covered with water and hard-boiled.

Then these Pace-Eggs, the north country name for paschal eggs, are left to cool and later used for the game of 'JARPING', which is played like CONKERS except that the eggs are held in the hand, not strung on a string. Playing games with dyed eggs used to be common all over the country at Eastertide.

## EASTERTIDE BISCUITS

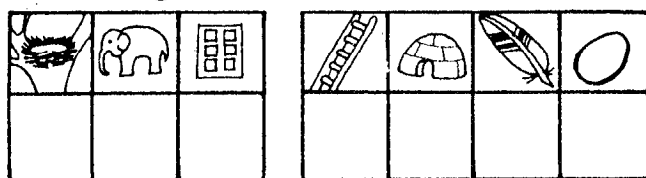
### Ingredients

4oz butter or margarine, 4oz castor sugar, 1 small egg, 8oz plain flour,  $\frac{1}{2}$  level teasp ground cinnamon or 1 teasp grated lemon rind,  $\frac{1}{2}$  level teasp mixed spice, 2oz currants, milk as required.

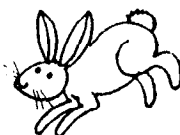
### Method

Cream the fat and sugar and beat in the egg. Sift flour with spices or grated lemon rind and add to the creamed fat mixture. Add currants and mix to a stiff consistency, using milk as required. Roll mixture to  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thickness and cut into 4 inch rounds. If desired, brush with egg white and dredge with sugar. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F, Gas 4) until golden brown. Cooking time 20 - 30 minutes: makes 12 - 16 biscuits.

So we  
give each other  
as a sign of



# HAPPY EASTER



## WHAT'S BEING HAPPENING

Llangadwaladr Church was decorated for the Annual Plygain on December 4th. Rev C. F. Carter led the proceedings. Several local parties took part. Mrs Esther Milner was the organist and Mrs Vera Evans took the collection. Afterwards the parties were entertained to supper at Tygwyn.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We meet in the Memorial Hall on the first Sunday of the month (in term time) at 10.00 a.m. Our meetings are informal and fun - we rarely have many members missing! As well as basic bible study we usually make something - last year it varied from biscuits to a whale swallowing Jonah. No age limits - at the moment it is under 4 to over 40. We try to be "Practical Christians". Last Autumn we raised £65.00 for an Oxfam irrigation appeal and we helped with the Koffi concert. At Christmas we acted a play "Papa Panov" in the carol service (and probably hold the world 100m record for shepherds running to find the babe). We gave the congregation coffee and mince pies after the service too.

In January we had our party and had lovely presents (via M.U.) to take home. We joined Trefonen and Llangedwyn Sunday School at Llanyblodwell for their Christingle Service on January 30th, we'd had ours in December, and the collection of £21.95 was forwarded to Christian Aid.

Thank you for all the help you've given us last year and that you're going to give us this year. If you'd like to come and see what we get up to either come along or ring Sheila on 283.

### KOFFI ABAGRE

It was decided by the P.C.C. for our Church to sponsor a child in Ghana, via Action Aid - to make sure the £180.00 a year actually gets through.

The first event for fund raising was a Musical Concert in November. We had artists of all ages and they all gave first-class performances either on the piano, singing or on the harp. We are most grateful for the pleasure they gave us and not one of them would take a penny towards expenses.

We are sponsoring Koffi until he leaves school in about 5 years - see the porch for his photo and details of the area where he lives. We hope to have more information about him for the next Newsletter.

**QUIZ TIME** How about trying your hand at these ANAGRAMS. Send your answers to Mrs Margaret Lloyd, 8 Maesyllan, by 8th May. There's a £1.00 prize.

Marc the garter hat - politician  
Up in a close gag - a footballer  
He can aim lice - actor  
Really lazy hot bite - film star  
Needs a rest - television programme

Cryptic clues which involve anagrams

- 1 It's prime sting soon (6,4):
- 2 Tessa is advantages backwards(5):
- 3 Noisy sheep messes up stable (5):

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH 1993

Thursday 18th	7.15 p.m.	M.U.Meeting	Memorial Institute
Sunday 21st	10.00 a.m.	Mothering Sunday	Llansilin Church

### APRIL 1993

Thursday 15th	7.15 p.m.	M.U.Meeting	Memorial Institute
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### MAY 1993

Sunday 2nd	3.00 p.m.	Deanery Confirmation	Llanwddyn Church
Sunday 16th		Rogation Sunday	
Wednesday 19th	7- 9 p.m.	Christian Aid Coffee Evening	Memorial Institute
Thursday 20th		Ascension Day	Venue to be decided
Sunday 23rd	6.30 p.m.	Gymanfa Ganu Collection For Christian Aid	Llansilin Church

The Bible Study Group will commence Wednesday March 3rd at the Vicarage from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE --- Change of Service at Llansilin Sunday 30th May  
As this is WHIT SUNDAY the 10.00 a.m. service  
will be Holy Communion.

## P A R I S H R E G I S T E R S

November 28th 1992	Baptism	William Michael Gallagher, Bwlchyrhiw
December 21st 1992	Marriage	David Michael Evans, Fron, Moelfre to Judith Marsden, Holywell, at Llangadwaladr Church
January 13th 1993	Burial	Dorothy Ann Lee, Oswestry
January 27th 1993	Burial	John William Huntbach, Blodwel Bank
February 4th 1993	Burial	Sybil Mary Jones, Maes y Llan

PLEASE NOTIFY THE VICAR if you would like home Communion, special prayers or if you know of anyone who is in hospital or ill at home.

Thank you Mrs Roberts for your most informative article.

The next Newsletter will be produced on 1st June. If anyone would like to contribute, or has any useful suggestions or information, please contact Mary Morris, Tynewydd (Tel:- 223) before 8th May.