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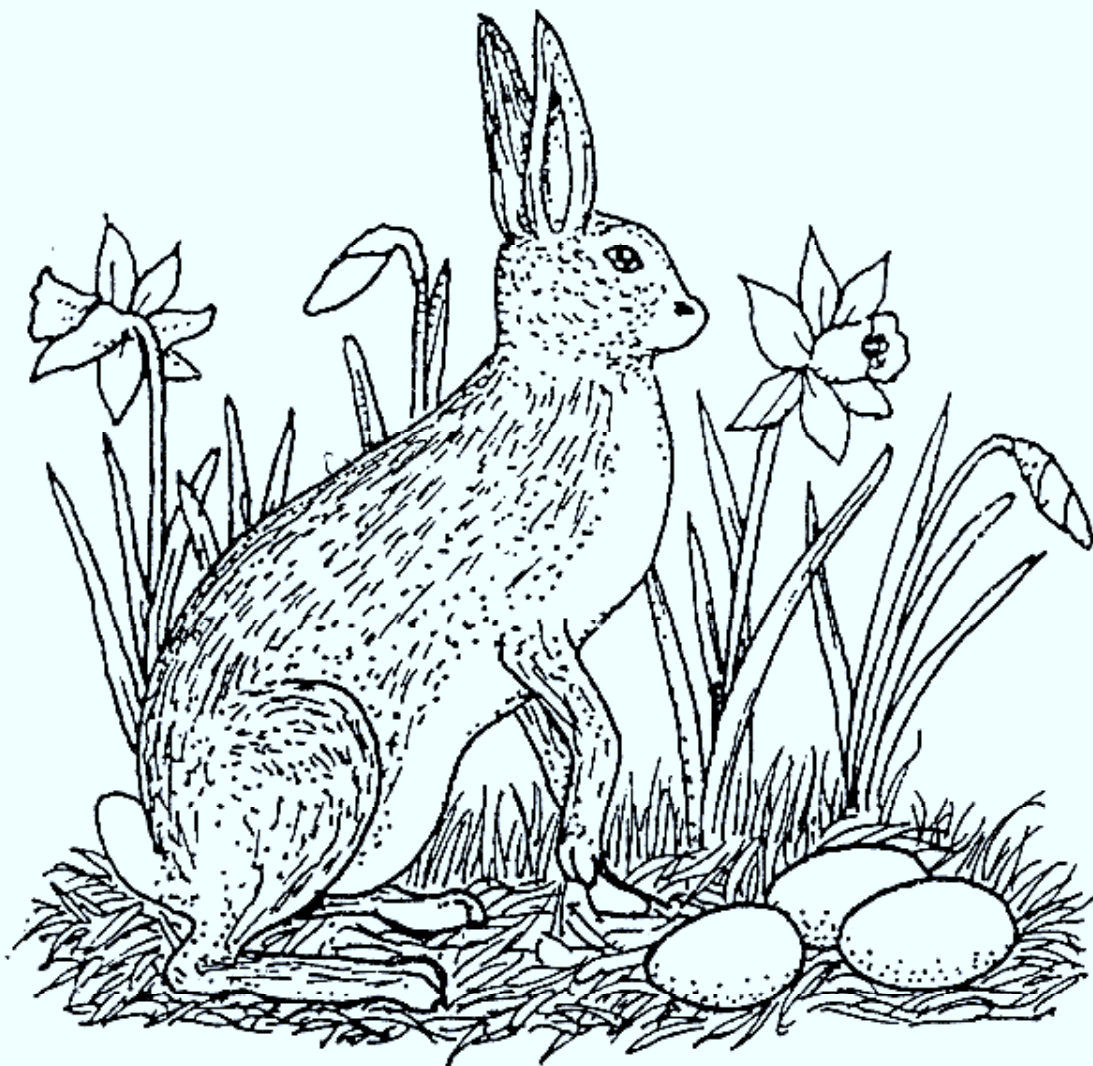
# LLANSILIN PARISH CHURCH

with LLANGADWALADR CHURCH and  
RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH

## N E W S

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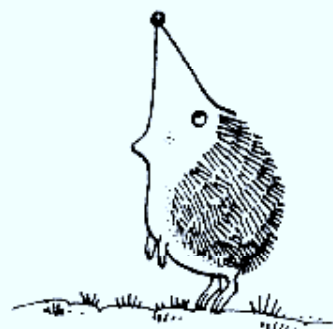
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## C H U R C H   S E R V I C E S

### 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.
	April to October	
5th Sunday	Family Service	10.00 a.m.



With God all things are possible.

### 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

1st Sunday	Rhiwlas	Holy Communion	2.30 p.m.
2nd Sunday	Llangadwaladr	Holy Communion	2.30 p.m.
3rd Sunday	Rhiwlas	Evensong	2.30 p.m.
4th Sunday	Llangadwaladr	Evensong	2.30 p.m.

VICAR: Rev Christopher Carter, The Vicarage, Llansilin. Tel: 209

## C H A P E L   S E R V I C E S

Mawrth 6ed	Gweinidog	Gwasanaeth Y Cymun	Bethesda	10.30 a.m.
Mawrth 13eg	Parch Eifion Roberts		Soar	2.00 p.m.
Mawrth 20fed	Gweinidog		Rhiwlas	6.30 p.m.
Mawrth 27ain	Parch Issac Jones		Bethania	2.00 p.m.
Ebrill 3ydd	Gweinidog		Salem	10.00 a.m.
Ebrill 10fed	Parch Trefor Jones		Cefn Canol	2.00 p.m.
Ebrill 17eg	Gweinidog		Bethesda	6.30 p.m.
Ebrill 24ain	Parch Geoffrey Davies		Soar	2.00 p.m.
Mai 1af	Gweinidog	Gwasanaeth Y Cymun	Rhiwlas	10.00 a.m.
Mai 8fed	Parch Gareth Edwards		Bethania	2.00 p.m.
Mai 15fed	Gweinidog	Sul Ieuencid	Salem	10.00 a.m.
Mai 22ain	Mr Maelor Griffiths		Cefn Canol	2.00 p.m.
Mai 29ain	Parch Gwilym C Evans		Bethesda	2.00 p.m.

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

THE VICAR'S LETTER : THOUGHTS FOR PASSIONTIDE

"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?"

That plea from Lamentations of Jeremiah is traditionally used in the liturgy for Good Friday, and judging by the poor attendance at services on that day, and the general lack of interest, the honest answer is "No, not much". Around the small group holding an open-air act of witness most people get on with their business or their shopping, or hurry past on their way to some holiday destination, just as the Jerusalem crowds doubtless did on that other holiday week-end while another little group at the roadside watched Jesus die on the cross. So why should it matter to us what was done to one man all those years ago, even if he was the Son of God? What difference can it make now?

The original context of the question suggests the beginning of an answer. "Lamentations" expresses the despair of the defeated Jews at the mercy of their enemies. "Our heritage is in the hands of strangers, aliens live in our homes ..... we must buy our own water to drink, our own wood can only be had at a price. The yoke is on our necks, we are overdriven; we are weary and are given no rest". We might be listening to outcries from Bosnia or Tibet or Palestine today, or from any country where the poor are exploited and dispossessed, and denied justice by the rich and powerful. When the Vicar of Llansanffraid led prayers before our Deanery conference he used words prayed by a grassroots community in Brazil, asking for decent wages and working hours, clean water, drainage, electricity, schools, freedom of speech and assembly, justice for all - things which we in Wales take for granted but which in Brazil were reckoned so subversive that, even as the people prayed, security forces were occupying another part of the building. But while the author of Lamentations asks for vengeance on Israel's oppressors, the Christians in Brazil ended by praying "that our people, terrified by all kinds of threats, may still have the possibility and the courage to practice justice and to show kindness to others".

And that is the difference that Good Friday can make. That is why it matters even in today's self-centred, cynical, uncaring society, adrift without moral landmarks: because one innocent man died forgiving his murderers and comforting the criminal dying beside him, people still find the courage to shoulder their crosses, the integrity not to let cruelty and injustice make them unloving and unjust, and the faith to go on praying in the belief that God himself is just and loving, and that the one sure way not to be overcome by evil is to overcome evil with good. Only if we share that belief on Good Friday can we confidently greet Easter morning with the triumphant affirmation: "Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!"

Kit Carter



ACTION - WHO? ACTION AID - Giving People Choices

For many people in the developing world, poverty means no opportunity and no choice.

No choice but to send children to work - instead of school - for the family to have enough food to survive.

No choice but to walk miles to the nearest clean water supply.

No choice but to travel hours, if not days, for the simplest medical treatment.

ACTIONAID works for long term development in poor communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Our aim (1) to alleviate poverty and (2) help create conditions in which poverty is less likely to happen in the future. We can be in an area for up to 10 years, until the community can really 'stand on its own legs' (as put by a village person in southern India). Working in PARTNERSHIP ActionAid designs, funds and manages development projects, always respecting people's cultures and values. If people can identify the causes of their poverty, they are more able to perceive the need for various projects to happen, and therefore will be more ready to MAKE IT WORK.

Tackling poverty requires an integrated approach, no single line will do. Maybe sinking wells, health, education (water and health education are inseparable), better training in agriculture, environmental problems. All will need to be put into place. What the priorities are rests with the community - it is their choice.

What makes ACTIONAID different? We were the first to pioneer this approach. Building upon our experience we also try to achieve wider change through lobbying work with governments both in the UK and worldwide. We also try to achieve greater understanding of poverty and development issues through our work in schools in UK, from the youngest, to GCSE, Sixth Form and Higher Education, we promote the need for the humanity (and wisdom) in supporting the poorest, most disadvantaged, most vulnerable people.

ACTIONAID is one of Britain's leading overseas charities. Through ACTIONAID YOU CAN HELP by becoming linked to long-term development projects, by supporting a child, by supporting groups in your area. Why not start today. 20p a week can make an enormous difference to someone else's life.

Brenda Sandilands

He who loses money loses much;  
he who loses a friend loses more,  
but he who loses faith loses all.

## M O T H E R ' S U N I O N



The Enrolling member Mrs Glenice Jones took the November meeting which was held in the afternoon at the Memorial Institute. Mrs Clara Morris gave a most interesting talk on her recent holiday to Canada. Final arrangements were made for the Annual party on 16th December.

Members and their were guests were welcomed by the Enrolling member Mrs Glenice Jones to the Annual Christmas Party held at the Memorial Hall on the 16th of December. An excellent sit down meal was enjoyed. Mrs Enid Breeze entertained with traditional songs and carols and a Beetle Drive was organized by Mr Wyn Hughes. The Rev C Carter thanked everyone for coming and for those who gave prizes.

The January meeting at the Memorial Institute was well attended. The meeting was taken by the Enrolling member Mrs Glenice Jones who extended a warm welcome to the guest speaker the Rev C Carter who gave a most entertaining talk and also showed slides of his recent holiday to Morocco. Thanks were expressed by Mrs Pat Rootes.

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## S U N D A Y S C H O O L

We had our party on 9th January - 16 children, their mums and the Vicar had a lively afternoon - and played all the usual games and managed to avoid the toddlers too. It was grand to have them with us, and Mrs Wilkes too, but we missed the rest of you. Hope you can join us next time. We had some balloons that were determined not to burst, one blew away from our house and I picked it up at the bottom of the Bwlch and took it to the party with me! Thanks to the Mums for all their help and to the Church for the lovely presents. If anyone wants to come and join us at Sunday School please give me a ring on 283 - We're a bit unconventional but I try and pass across the Gospel - the Good News - and we all need that. S.A.

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## M O T H E R I N G S U N D A Y

Our Mothering Sunday custom developed from a mediaeval ecclesiastical practice and has never lost its connection with the Church's Calendar. Let's hope it doesn't get swallowed up by "Mothers Day and commercial exploitation" (I quote). S.A.

Mothering Sunday this year is the 13th of March. A family service will be held in the Church at 10.00 a.m.

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## SOME THOUGHTS FROM THE CHURCH TREASURER

As everyone will have heard, Llansilin Church has been very fortunate to receive a very generous bequest from Miss Wright.

People are coming up with ideas as to how the money should be used, but it needs a great deal of thought, consideration and discussion before any decisions are made. One distinction must be remembered, much money is needed each year to run the church. The main running costs last year amounted to £7,923.00 (these will be itemized in the next newsletter after the annual Easter vestry meeting) are recurrent and have to be met from regular income - however a bequest is capital and must not be dissipated on a short-term item of income and, as in any prudent organization, capital has to be widely used for long-term benefit and continuing efforts made to fund continuing regular income.

Various ideas are floating around, more would be welcomed to be considered.

Brenda Jones

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## CHURCH SERVICES, PASSIONTIDE AND EASTER 1994

Palm Sunday	27th March	10.00a.m.	Matins	Llansilin
Maundy Thursday	31st March	7.00p.m.	Holy Communion	Llansilin
Good Friday	1st April	2.00p.m.	Devotions	Llansilin
Easter Day	3rd April	8.00p.m.	Holy Communion	Llansilin
"	"	"	"	"
"	"	10.00a.m.	Holy Communion	Llansilin
"	"	11.15a.m.	Holy Communion	Llangedwyn
"	"	2.30p.m.	Holy Communion	Rhiwlas

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The Llansilin Church Easter Vestry Meeting will be held at the Memorial Institute on Wednesday 13th April at 7.00p.m. We hope all church members will attend.

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## ANSWERS

### BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

1	Used in Maths	Ruth	10
2	Two books of ancient records	Samuel	9
3	Book named after a beautiful queen	Jonah	8
4	A book of tears	Daniel	7
5	A king's song	Proverbs	6
6	Wise sayings	Song of Solomon	5
7	This book's hero told a king's dreams	Lamentations	4
8	This hero was swallowed by a great fish	Esther	3
9	2 books of name of a man who was called out of his grave by a witch	Chronicles	2
10	This lady was a Moabitess	Numbers	1

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

### Christmas Coffee Evening/Tea and Mincepie Afternoon - 4th December

Due to wintry weather and the 'flu', the Church Christmas Coffee Evening at the Memorial Institute was postponed and transferred to the following Saturday afternoon - hence the title!

The afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended - and there was brisk buying from the various stalls which included a cake stall, homemade christmas decorations, a miscellaneous stall; various competitions were held and also several raffles.

Cups of tea, homemade mincepies and biscuits were served by the lady members. Raffle prizes were won by Mrs A Roberts, Mrs M Lloyd, Mrs K Jones and Rev C Carter. Thanks were extended by the Vicar to all who had given various prizes, raffle prizes, refreshments and to all the helpers.

The above was in aid of the Church's sponsored Ghanian boy Koffi and the marvellous amount raised was £156.00. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

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### PLYGAIN LLANGADWALADR CHURCH - 7th December

The Church was again decorated for the Annual Plygain when the Bishop of Asaph attended. The Rev C Carter opened the service. Eight local parties took part. Mrs Vera Evans took the collection. Refreshments were served afterwards by Mrs E Pugh at Tygwyn.

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### CAROL SERVICE LLANSILIN CHURCH - 23rd December

The Church looked very festive for the Annual Carol Service which was taken by the Rev C Carter. Lessons were read by members of the congregation - these alternated with carols. Miss Morfudd Williams was the organist and Rhian and Paul (grandchildren of Wyn and Kaye Hughes) took the collection. After the service, coffee and mincepies were served by the Sunday School children. THANK YOU to all who took part, decorated the church and provided the seasonal refreshments.

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RHIWLAS CHURCH was decorated for the CAROL SERVICE held on Christmas Eve. The Rev C Carter took the service, local children took part. Mrs Esther Milner was the organist and Mr Eaton Evans took the collection.

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Children - did you know that the last Sunday before Easter is called Palm Sunday. It celebrates Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem before the Jewish Feast of Passover. Do you remember that on this Sunday the Vicar always asks us all to go up to the altar to receive our Palm Crosses. These Palm Crosses are made from Eastern Palm Trees and are thought to bring luck and preserve our homes during the coming year. The Palm Trees in this country are the fluffy, budded 'Pussy Willow' whose soft grey catkins are found on willows near the water.

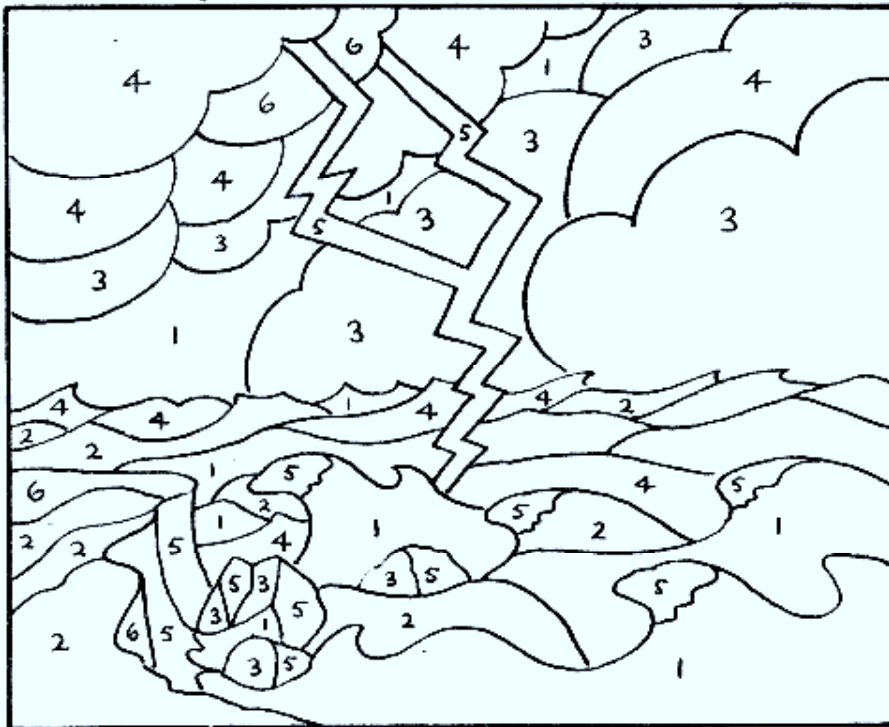
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WORD CIRCLES

How many words of three letters or more can you make from the letters in the circle? No plurals, no proper names.

When you have found as many words as you can, all the letters in this circle will spell the name of the youngest son of Jacob and Rachel.

STORM PAINTING by NUMBERS

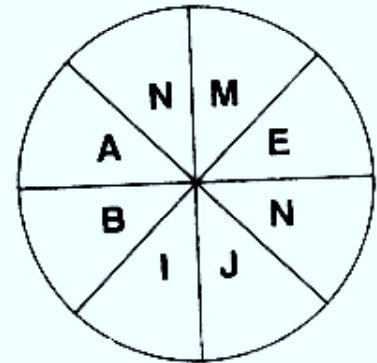


- 1 = BLUE
- 2 = GREEN
- 3 = GREY
- 4 = PURPLE
- 5 = WHITE
- 6 = BLACK

'Lightning flashes from the clouds, as they move at God's will.'

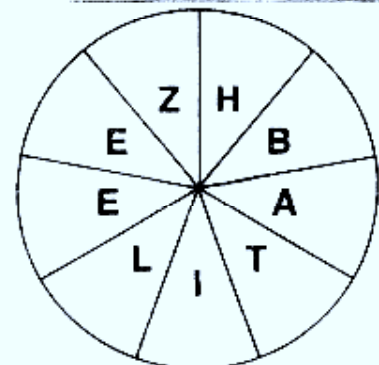
'The storm makes my heart beat wildly.'

(Job 37:1-20)



Answer: Benjamin

When you have found as many words as you can, all the letters in this circle will spell the name of the wife of Zechariah and the mother of John the Baptist.



Answer: Elizabeth



## C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S

### MARCH

Wednesday 9th	7.30p.m.	P.C.C. Meeting	Memorial Institute
Sunday 13th	10.00a.m.	Mothering Sunday Service	Llansilin Church
Thursday 17th	2.30p.m.	M.U. Coffee Afternoon	Memorial Institute

### APRIL

Wednesday 13th	7.00p.m.	Easter Vestry	Memorial Institute
Thursday 21st	2.30p.m.	M.U.	Memorial Institute

### MAY

Sunday 15th		Rogation Sunday	
Tuesday 17th	7 - 9p.m.	Christian Aid Coffee Evening with Musical Entertainment	Memorial Institute
Thursday 19th	2.30p.m.	M.U.	Memorial Institute
Sunday 22nd	6.30p.m.	Gymanfa Ganu Collection to Christian Aid	Llansilin Church

The Lent Study Group will commence Thursday 24th February at the Vicarage from 7.30p.m. to 8.30p.m.

PLEASE NOTE -- Change of Service at Llansilin Sunday 22nd May as this is WHIT SUNDAY THE 10.00a.m. service will be Holy Communion.

### P A R I S H R E G I S T E R S - No entries

THANK YOU to Mr Bill Jones, Val Burton and Anna Thomas for tackling the undergrowth around the new trees. *a GETHIN*

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 to all who have contributed to this newsletter.

Distribution: Margaret Lloyd Tel - Llansilin 472

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

LLANSILIN CHURCH SIDESMEN'S ROTA - March to June 1994

MARCH

6th	Mr Bill Jones	13th	Mr Withers-Green
20th	Mr Bell Hughes - 8.30a.m.		Mr H Morris - 10.00a.m.
27th	Mr John Roberts		

APRIL

3rd	Churchwardens	10th	Mr H Ogden
17th	Miss Mary Morris - 8.30a.m.		Mr Wyn Hughes - 10.00a.m.
24th	Mr Withers-Green - 10.00a.m.		Mrs Sheila Ashley - 6.30p.m.

MAY

1st	Mr Bill Jones	8th	Mr Dennis Sockett
15th	Mr Bell Hughes - 8.30a.m.		Mr Dan Jones - 10.00a.m.
22nd	Mr David Bickerton 10.00a.m.		Mr H Ogden - 6.30p.m.
29th	Sunday School		

JUNE

5th	Mr Bill Jones	12th	Mr Ivor Ashley
19th	Miss Mary Morris - 8.30a.m.		Mr H Morris - 10.00a.m.
26th	Mr John Roberts - 10.00a.m.		Mr Lloyd Edwards - 6.30p.m.

If you are unable to collect on any of these dates would you please arrange for someone else to do it - Thank you.

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FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA ----- March to May 1994

March 6th/13th	Mrs Val Burton, Mrs Annali Thomas
March 20th/27th	Mrs Phyllis Hughes, Mrs Christine Williams
April 3rd/10th	Mrs Brenda Jones, Mrs Kaye Hughes
April 17th/24th	Mrs Nancy Williams, Mrs Pat Roots
May 1st/8th	Mrs Kathleen Jones, Mrs Betty Evans
May 15th/22nd	Mrs Margaret Lloyd, Miss Mary Morris
May 29th/June 4th	Mrs Ann Roberts, Mrs Christine Williams

If again any of these dates are unsuitable for anybody would you please arrange for someone else to do it - Thank you.

It has been suggested that we give the Church a thorough clean for Easter and Christmas and continue to do the flowers, but that we employ someone to do the routine cleaning and polishing. Ideas please to P.C.C. members or wardens.

Could anyone that has an hour to spare come to help us to spring clean the Church on THURSDAY 31st MARCH at 10.30a.m.

We will decorate for Easter on Saturday 2nd April at 10.30a.m.

**What did the mother egg say to  
her baby on its first Easter?  
Don't get over-eggcited.**