

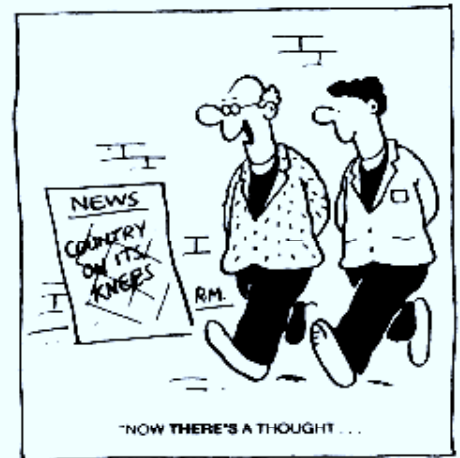
CHURCH SERVICES

Llansilin

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Sunday School	10.00am
2nd Sunday	Matins	10.00am
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30am
	Cymun Bendigaid	9.30am
4th Sunday	Evensong	6.30pm
5th Sunday	Family Service	10.00am

Llangedwyn

1st Sunday	Evensong	6.30pm
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30am
3rd Sunday	Family Service	10.30am
4th Sunday	Holy Communion	10.30am
5th Sunday	Matins	8.30am



Llangadwaladr and Rhiwlas Churches

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	Rhiwlas	2.30pm
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	Llangadwaladr	2.30pm
3rd Sunday	Evensong	Rhiwlas	2.30pm
4th Sunday	Evensong	Llangadwaladr	2.30pm

VICAR: Revd C F Carter, The Vicarage, Llansilin. Tel: 791209

Chapel Services

Medi	3ydd	Y Gweinidog (Cymun)	Bethesda	6.30pm
Medi	10fed	Parch R Leslie Jones	Soar	2.00pm
Medi	17eg	Y Gweinidog	Rhiwlas	6.30pm
Medi	24ain		Bethania	
Hydref	1af	Y Gweinidog	Salem	10.00am
Hydref	8fed	Parch Athro John Tudno Williams	Cefn Canol	2.00pm
Hydref	15fed	Y Gweinidog	Bethesda	10.30pm
Hydref	22ain	Mr Moelwyn Jones	Soar	2.00pm
Hydref	29fed	Mr Gwilym Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00pm
Tachwedd	5fed	Y Gweinidog (Cymun)	Bethania	10.30am
Tachwedd	12fed	Parch Brifathro Elfed ap Nefydd Roberts	Salem	2.00pm
Tachwedd	19fed	Y Gweinidog	Cefn Canol	6.00pm
Tachwedd	26ain	Mr Arthur Hughes	Bethesda	2.00pm
Rhagfyr	3ydd	Y Gweinidog	Soar	6.30pm
Rhagfyr	10fed	Mr Geraint Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00pm

Gweinidog/Minister: Y Parch Stanton Evans, 20 Croeswylan Lane, Oswestry. Tel: 01691 654682.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My last letter was written at the time of the V.E. day celebrations, and by chance I am writing this over the weekend marking the 50th anniversary of V.J.day. This time the mood is rather more sombre, partly because we've just been reminded of the horror of Hiroshima and Magasaki, and also I think because inter-views with ex-prisoners of the Japanese revived memories of what they were made to suffer, and doubts as to whether modern Japan is still ready to acknowledge it. At our united service some reminiscences of a survivor were read which brought vividly to life both the ordeal he and his comrades went through, and their incredulous joy when they heard on a clandestine radio that the war was over. He ended with some words from the old version of Psalm 126: "When the Lord turned the captivity of Zion, then were we like unto them that dream; then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with joy". But as I read those lines I could hear on the radio accounts of refugees in flight and atrocities committed in Bosnia and Central Africa, raising the age-old question, "When will they ever learn?" One who did learn was Bishop Leonard Wilson of Singapore, (a cousin, as it happens, of Mrs Kathleen Jones, White House) who under torture by the Japanese was reminded "by the grace of God", he said later, of the communion hymn "Look, Father, look, on his anointed face, and only look on us as found in him", and was able to see his tormentors "not as they were, but as they were capable of becoming, redeemed by the power of Christ" and to forgive them. Jesus once compared himself to grain of wheat which must fall to the ground and seem to die to produce a harvest of new life. As the children's hymn says "He died that we might be forgiven", and it is only when we understand that that "we" includes everyone whom we are tempted to divide into "us" and "them" that we will begin to learn the lesson which will heal the world's wounds and reap a harvest of peace and gladness for all to share. In the last words of the same psalm the prisoner quoted "He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, bringing home the sheaves"

Kit Carter

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

Llansilin	Friday	6th October	7.00pm	Guest Preacher Rev: W.J.Jones
Llangadwaladr	Tuesday	10th October	7.00pm	Guest Preacher Rev: W.Villiers
Llangedwyn	Friday	13th October	7.00pm	Guest Preacher Rev: M.Roberts
Rhiwlas	Friday	27th October	7.00pm	Guest Preacher Rev: E.Roberts

As of previous years we shall be decorating the Church for the Harvest Festival at Llansilin on either the Wednesday or the Thursday before - we are always in need of willing hands so why not come along and join us. If you need more information please ring the churchwardens - Sheila on 791283 or Beryl on 653941.

THE ANNUAL JOINT HARVEST SUPPER will be held at the Memorial Hall at Llansilin on Wednesday 4th October - 7.00pm for 7.30pm



VOCATION - A LAY WOMAN WRITES AN ARTICLE FOR THE PARISH MAGAZINE:

The week after the Church of England voted to ordain women to the priesthood, a friend asked me if I would now be thinking about "going into the Church". Although I can now dismiss his ignorance of the Anglican Church, the ministry and myself, at the time I was aggravated to say the least. Perhaps, because the annoyance has stayed with me, it can serve as a reminder to those of us who value a lay ministry, just how difficult it is to explain the concept of ministry to those outside the Church and often also to those within.

Most people detest meetings, many of which are boring and seem not to lead to action. Ministry is like that - I have a 'calling' in the Church which is not about being ordained. That calling has led me into lots of committees and meetings, some of which seem to have been fruitless - but who knows what God can do with such? This calling has also led me into situations and responsibilities where a strong sense of ministry has been my experience. Perhaps the most onerous and certainly the most humbling of these, has been my years as a member and more recently Vice-Chair of the Provincial Selection Panel. How can the Church try with candidates for ordination to discern their vocation to the ordained Ministry without people bringing a breath of experience and an entirely different focus to the selection process. In talking and living for a few days with those who feel a call to be 'set apart' in the sacred ministry, we lay people are called to exercise our ministry differently - not as Deacons, Priests or Bishops, for that matter. That does not make our ministry less important. Maybe an identifiable failure in our Church is that we get little formal training for ministry as laity, but without us what of the ordained ministry? Collaborative ministry is the "in" term at present and the Church in Wales selection process could be used as an ideal example of collaboration.

My 'calling' has led me along many paths - very often off the main highway - provided many joys and some serious dissappointments. As a member of a Parish with only a small congregation and as a Reader, I have perhaps had a more prominent lay ministry within the worship of the Church, than is open to some, but surely the real test of calling is in the community in which we function, whether in terms of residing, working or pursuing any other activity. Do the people we meet know at the end of the contact that we are Christians? Is our behaviour on our good days and bad, when we are succeeding or failing in whatever task we are undertaking, reflective of our ministry?

The most important question for me is about partnership with the 'ordained' ministry, both recognising the God-given gifts of the other and working together, supporting each other in the true ministry which is the responsibility of all baptised members of the Church.

The final part of DAVID LLOYD GEORGE - A YOUNG RELIGIOUS REBEL (Part3) will be in the next Newsletter.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Llansilin Flower Festival - Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th June 1995

THIRD TIME LUCKY! With the sun shining the weekend festivities proved very successful with visitors from near and, as far as Canada. The theme of the Festival throughout the weekend was 'Light' and this was shown through the very effective Flower Arrangements in the Church, the History Exhibition at the Memorial Hall and the Gymanfa Ganu (Singing Festival). The entertainment by the local talented children was excellent, the churchyard 'Trail' for both adults and children reminded us all what an interesting place a churchyard can be! and as usual the homemade refreshments were as appetizing as ever. And finally the Gymanfa Ganu held in the church on the Sunday evening with a Guest Conductor, Soloists, and Organist namely Mair Carrington-Roberts, Triawd-y-Bryn and Neris Pritchard was a fitting conclusion to what was once again a most memorable and enjoyable weekend.

A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL.

At this moment of time the money raised for the churchyard maintenance fund amounts to approx £2,300. Souvenirs will be available at the Autumn Fayre and after this event the account for the Flower Festival will be closed and a final figure given.

A Summer Evening- Thursday 10th August 1995

We had a most enjoyable evening at Ysgubor Goch. The weather was perfect and the food and wine delicious. The Vicar had organized a 'Quiz' to do with items in his house - ranging from an occupied mouse hole to a witch ball and a Hindu God. We raised £140 towards sponsoring Koffi (a child from Ghana via Action Aid) - thanks to all who helped and gave raffle prizes, wine and food.

Maintenance of the Churchyard

A good gang of helpers met to tackle the Churchyard on the hottest evening of the year. Thanks to the Averys, Rob and Trev for joining us. When the elder bushes by the Wynnstay were felled some tombs were revealed and when a rhododendron bush was pruned near the sundial three head stones were uncovered. The ivy was removed from some tombs to reveal hitherto hidden inscriptions. When dusk finally rescued us most of us retired to the Wynnstay for a most welcome long cool drink.

P.S. It was especially nice to have Mr & Mrs Davies, Preswylfa's grandson with us. We miss having them with us in church and remember them in our prayers.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING - continued

Sunday Morning Service - August 20th

As part of the V.J. Celebrations members of both the Church and the Chapels held a United service at the Memorial Hall. The Revd: C.F.Carter took the service with various members of both congregations taking part. The Revd: Stanton Evans of Oswestry gave the address. Mrs Rhiannon Lewis was the accompanist. Mr Glyn Roberts & Mr Dan Jones took the collection. The collection which amount to £50 is to be forwarded to the Tribute & Promise Appeal Fund.

LOOKING AHEAD!

This year has been an exceptional busy and eventful year for the Church and we now come to our final fund-raising event - The Annual Autumn Fayre which is being held on Saturday 23rd September at the Memorial Hall at 2.30pm. As you will all know the money raised goes towards the day to day running of the Church - heating, water, lighting, general maintenance etc. As of previous years we have a very good variety of stalls - homemade cakes, pastries, bread, produce, preserves, plants just to name a few. The afternoon would not be complete without the usual raffles and homemade refreshments. If anyone would like to help on any of the stalls or whatever please contact the People's Warden Mrs Beryl Jones - 653941.

Please don't forget the Annual Joint Harvest Supper - Wednesday 4th October which this year is being held at Llansilin - this of course is more of a Social evening when we all join together and enjoy a meal with entertainment. Look out for the posters which will have all of the details on.

WHAT IS TIME?

Time is a gift given to us. We can use it or we can waste it. Time is not simply an extension of duration. It is something that we can handle. We make time. We find time, if we have the will.

If we do not have the will we lose time. Time passes us and escapes us. The foolish virgins, it is said temporised delayed and time passed them by. They were not masters of it. They were mastered by it - so the present moment is all important.

It is the entry of your soul into eternity. The urgency of the present moment makes the Stewardship of time essential.

STOP PRESS

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs D Davies who died on August the 19th. Both Mr & Mrs Davies have been loyal members of the Church during their years at Preswylfa. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr Davies and his family.

LLANSILIN CHURCH SIDESMEN'S ROTA

I am sure you will all have noted that on the inside cover of this Newsletter the times of both Llansilin and Llangedwyn Church Services have been revised. A notice for the time of the Welsh Communion Service will be displayed in the Church Porch before the 17th of September.

September

3rd	Mrs Beryl Jones	- 10.00am	10th	Mr Clive Inman	- 10.00am
17th	Miss Mary Morris	- 8.30am	17th	Mr Wyn Hughes	
24th	Mr Lloyd Edwards	- 6.30pm			

October

1st	Mrs Beryl Jones	- 10.00am	8th	Mr David Bickerton	- 10.00am
15th	Mrs Vera Evans	- 8.30am	15th	Mr Dan Jones	
22nd	Mr Ivor Ashley	- 6.30pm	29th	Sunday Sch Children	- 10.00am

November

5th	Mrs Beryl Jones	- 10.00am	12th	Mr Dennis Sockett	- 10.00am
19th	Miss Mary Morris	- 8.30am	19th	Mr Wyn Hughes	
26th	Mr Peter Carter	- 6.30pm			

December

3rd	Mrs Beryl Jones	- 10.00am	10th	Mr John Roberts	- 10.00am
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If you are unable to collect on any of these dates, would you please arrange for someone else to do it. Thank you.

FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA - September to December

September 10th & 17th	Mrs Vera Evans and Miss Morfudd Williams
September 24th & 30th	Mrs S Ashley, Miss E Ashley & Mrs C Williams
October 1st & 8th	Mrs Margaret Lloyd and Miss Mary Morris
October 15th & 22nd	Mrs Betty Evans and Mrs Kathleen Jones
October 29th & Nov 5th	Mrs Phyllis Hughes and Mrs C Williams
November 12th & 19th	Mrs Bronwen Taylor and Mrs Megan Evans
November 26th & Dec 3rd	Mrs G Jones, Mrs A Jones & Mrs J Davies

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

Prescription for Loneliness

Art thou lonely, O my brother,
Share thy little with another,
Stretch a hand to one unfriended,
And thy loneliness is ended.

- John Oxenham

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

Thursday	7th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	Institute
Thursday	21st	7.15pm	MU Meeting	Institute
Saturday	23rd	2.30pm	Autumn Fayre	Memorial Hall

October

Wednesday	4th	7.00pm	Harvest Supper	Memorial Hall Llansilin
Thursday	19th	7.15pm	MU Meeting	Institute

November

Sunday	12th		Remembrance Service	Venue & time to be announced
Thursday	16th	7.15pm	MU Meeting	Institute

December

Sunday	3rd		Deanery Advent Service	Venue & time to be announced
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Parish Registers

July	21st	Burial	John Percy Morgan	Greenacres
July	22nd	Marriage	Heather Sockett, Llanfihangel-yng-Ngwynfa to Steven Joyce, Shrewsbury. Grand-Daughter of Mr R Sockett, Moeliwrch	

Christian Aid Week - Mrs Rhiannon Lewis would like to thank everybody for their generosity during this week, the total money raised amounted to £389.96.

We acknowledge with grateful thanks a donation of £495.00 given in memory of Mr John Morgan, Greenacres to the Churchyard Maintenance Fund.

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 once again to everyone who has contributed to this newsletter.

DISTRIBUTION : Margaret Lloyd - Telephone number - 791472.

The next NEWSLETTER will be produced on 1st December 1995. We would be pleased if anyone would like to contribute or has any useful suggestions or information to contact Mary Morris on 791223 before November 1st.

