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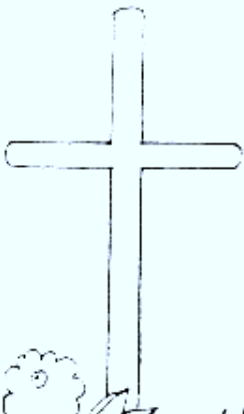
LLANSILIN PARISH CHURCH

with **LLANGADWALADR CHURCH** and
RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH

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ISSUED QUARTERLY

MARCH 1996



CHURCH SERVICES

LLANSILIN

1st Sunday	Holy Communion	10.00am
	Sunday School	10.00am
2nd Sunday	Matins	10.00am
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30am
4th Sunday	Cymun Bendigaid	9.00am
	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 & RHIWLAS CHURCHES

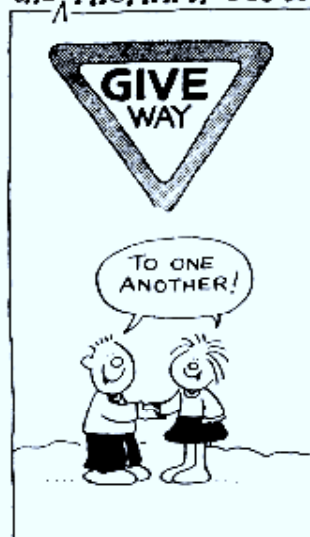
1st Sunday	Holy Communion	Rhiwlas	2.30pm
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	Llangadwaladr	2.30pm
3rd Sunday	Evensong	Rhiwlas	2.30pm
4th Sunday	Evensong	Llangadwaladr	2.30pm

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

CHAPEL SERVICES

Mawrth 3ydd	Gweinidog (Cymun)	Rhiwlas	6.30pm
Mawrth 10fed	Parch Ann Jenkins	Bethania	2.00pm
Mawrth 17eg	Gweinidog	Salem	10.00am
Mawrth 24ain	Mr T M Ellis	Cefncanol	10.30am
Mawrth 31ain	Mrs N Barker Jones	Bethesda	2.00pm
Ebrill 7fed	Gweinidog (Cymun)	Soar	10.30am
Ebrill 14eg	Parch John Tudor	Rhiwlas	2.00pm
Ebrill 21ain	Gweinidog	Bethania	10.30am
Ebrill 28ain	Parch R Dyfan Thomas	Salem	6.30pm
Mai 5fed	Gweinidog	Cefncanol	10.30pm
	Gymanfa Ganu, Seion		
Mai 12fed	Mr Noel Jones	Bethesda	2.00pm
	Gymanfa Ganu, yr Annibynwyr		
Mai 19fed	Gweinidog	Soar	10.30am
Mai 26ain		Rhiwlas	

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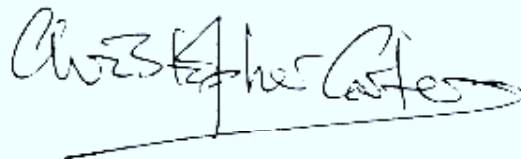
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THE VICAR'S LETTER

The other day somebody gave me a scrap of paper with a story printed on it. It told of an old priest who took stock of his ministry and realised that he had become by degrees so reluctant to offend his self-satisfied congregation that he had ceased to tell them the truth, or at least that very important aspect of the truth - the truth about themselves. He decided that it was high time he took himself in hand and made them sit up and listen. Accordingly, on the next Sunday, he captured their attention by saying that he proposed to preach for just 30 seconds. Then he said, "There are millions of needy people starving all over the world and most church people don't give a damn about it. And the really scandalous thing is that most of you are more outraged by the fact that I have just said "damn" in the pulpit than by the fact that there are millions of needy people in the world who are starving". Then he sat down.

Well, you may think that his method of waking up his congregation was a trifle drastic, however salutary. But in fact he was only doing exactly what Jesus did, time and again, for exactly the same reason. Think of the people in the synagogue who watched to see if Jesus would heal the man with the withered hand, not to applaud the cure but to pounce on him for breaking the Sabbath. Or the Pharisee, who, instead of being pleased that Jesus' good influence had won over a notorious sinner, was merely disgusted because he let such a creature approach him, let alone weep at his feet. There are plenty of other examples. Jesus kept trying to make people understand that God's first concern was for everyone in need, not least the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" who had gone astray, but most of his hearers remained entrenched in the sort of narrow-minded self-righteousness which shuts its eyes and its heart to the claims of such people, and of God's claims on us on their behalf. So Jesus took his shock tactics as far as they would go: he hung there on the cross on Good Friday, his silent agony crying out "Look! I care this much! God cares this much! Now do you understand?" But very few did. And even fewer were prepared to admit that they did, and do anything about it. Most of them didn't give a damn - and to be honest, most of us still don't.

This Passiontide and Easter, may the story of Christ's sacrifice and what followed strike us afresh in all its shocking reality and breath-taking wonder, and may God bless, and use, the outcome for us all.



CHURCH SERVICES PASSIONTIDE AND EASTER 1996

Palm Sunday	31st March	Family Service	Llansilin	10.00am
Maundy Thursday	4th April	Holy Communion	Llansilin	7.00pm
Good Friday	5th April	Devotions	Llangedwyn	10.00am
		Devotions	Llansilin	2.00pm
Easter Day	7th April	Holy Communion	Llansilin	8.00am
		Holy Communion	Llansilin	10.00am
		Holy Communion	Llangedwyn	10.30am
		Holy Communion	Rhiwlas	2.30pm

THE EASTER VESTRY will be held at Llansilin on 24th April 1996 at 7pm at the Institute.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

MOTHERS' UNION



The service and meeting in January was taken in the absence of the vicar by the Enrolling Member, Mrs. Glenice Jones. It was agreed that the Christmas Party held at Ashfields Hotel had been very pleasant. The speaker was Mrs. Christine Williams, who gave her talk on Malmesbury, Wiltshire - her home town. Mrs. Pat Roots served refreshments.

The Rev C Carter opened the February meeting with a short service. Mrs. Glenice Jones, the Enrolling Member, asked all present to stand in silent tribute in memory of Mrs. E M Morris, Tynwydd, who had died recently. Mrs. Kaye Hughes was welcomed back after some months' absence, due to her hip replacement. Mrs. Kathleen Jones and Mrs. Brenda Jones gave a most interesting talk on their holiday to South America. Tea was served by Mrs. Christine Williams.

SERVICES

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - LLANSILIN CHURCH - November 12th 1995

In the absence of the vicar - Rev C F Carter - the service was taken by the Rev Cummings of Llanfyllin. Miss Morfudd Williams was the organist. Mr. C Burton, Llansilin, read the roll of honour. Wreaths were laid by Mr. R Edwards, Llangedwyn and Mr. C Burton. The Last Post was played by Anna Jones, Llangedwyn. The collection was forwarded to the Royal British Legion Poppy Fund.

PLYGAIN - LLANSILIN CHURCH - December 2nd 1995

The Annual Plygain service, which has been held at Llangadwaladr Church for a number of years, has now been transferred to Llansilin. The proceedings were opened by the Vicar - Rev C F Carter. A number of parties took part. Mrs. Esther Milner was the organist. The evening concluded with refreshments being served at the Institute by lady members of the church.

CAROL SERVICE - LLANSILIN CHURCH - December 17th 1995

The church looked very festive for the above annual service which was held in candle light. The Rev C F Carter took the service. Local children read the lessons which were intermingled with the congregation singing carols. The collection was taken by Robert Evans, Rhiwlas and Gareth Jones, Llansilin.

CAROL SERVICE - RHIWLAS CHURCH - December 24th 1995

The Annual Joint Service which this year was held at the church was well attended with the Rev C F Carter taking the service. Miss Morfudd Williams was the organist. The church, as in previous years, had been decorated by Mrs Marjorie Evans, Hafod.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Despite the wintry weather, both the midnight and early morning services were well attended at Llansilin. Both services were taken by the Rev C F Carter.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING (cont'd)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School children enjoyed their Christmas Party and the lovely food their mums had provided. Thank you PCC for the gifts they each received and thank you Nancy and Joanne for choosing such nice ones.

We went to Trefonen Christingle Service on February 11th - luckily the thaw came just in time. We are very grateful to them for inviting us each year - it is good for our scholars to realise they are not the only ones who go to Sunday School, and Mr. Bott always makes the service so interesting for them - and for the parents too! We enjoyed the coffee/squash afterwards and meeting friends from Llangedwyn S.S. who had also been invited. We hope that they will be able to come and join us one Sunday in return.

MRS ELLINOR MORRIS

The death of Mrs Ellinor Morris, at the end of January, aged 83, ended a lifelong association with St. Silin's. She was born at Moeliwrch, within sight of the church, into a family long associated with the parish, while Mr Morris' family have centuries old links with Llansilin.

They were the last couple married by the Rev O D Williams before he left in 1935, and were able to celebrate their diamond wedding, last September, at Ty Newydd where they had lived all that time, and where Mr Morris had been born.

And it was there, a few months later, that Mrs Morris' life ebbed quietly away, with her family around her, as she would have wished. Her daughter said of her, "she was a wife and mother, but she was our friend as well". Indeed, she had many friends; St. Silin's was crowded for her funeral, and doubtless the church would have been full to overflowing had it not been for the heavy snow.

She had been a faithful member of the congregation and of the mothers' union, coming whenever she could, latterly in a wheelchair, and receiving communion at home when old age and illness kept her indoors. She died as she had lived, upheld by a deep and sincere faith. Happily, the eagerly awaited news of her great-nephew Gethin Bickerton's birth, reached her in time to gladden her last hours.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr Morris, to his son and daughters, and to the ten grandsons of whom she was so proud.

Taken from the radio broadcast of 1938 by **W H Elliott**:

"If the lovely things of springtime are just outside your door, go out quietly and look at them and think about them.....Think reverently, for you are very near to God".

DAVID LLOYD GEORGE - A YOUNG RELIGIOUS REBEL PART 3

David's mother consulted "Uncle Lloyd", and after considering the various options open to a bright boy with limited means they chose the law. David was told, the next day, and was quite pleased! Law books came into the house, David Evans the schoolmaster did what he could to help, and much midnight oil was burned. One other book which David read at this time was a life of Abraham Lincoln, the poor boy who rose from a frontier shack to be a crusading lawyer and then the President of the United States who set the slaves free. David imagined that it was himself! At fourteen he was beginning to join in the discussions of national and local politics in the cobblers shop or the smithy, but soon it was time for him to catch the train to Liverpool to take his preliminary law exams. Uncle Lloyd walked with him to and from St. George's Hall each day. All went well, and David Evans made a special entry in the school log book to record his success.

His interest in politics continued, and once, when Gladstone made a big speech he walked to Porthmadog and back for the London paper - a round trip of 14 miles. But within the year he was working in Porthmadog as a junior clerk in a solicitors office. His employer was clerk to the petty sessions, clerk of the peace and clerk to the Lord Lieutenant of Merioneth, so he soon acquired a thorough grounding in public affairs as well as a practical knowledge of criminal and civil law. But his sense of justice was outraged when he saw nonconformist farmers having their property seized because they refused to pay tithes to the Anglican church, or tenants being evicted by Tory landowners if they dared to vote Liberal. So, when having served his time as an articled clerk, he qualified in 1884 and went into practice on his own account (William soon joined him, and carried on until he was nearly 100!).

He soon acquired a reputation as a champion of the underdog - "The Poacher's Advocate". He came to real fame in 1888, when the rector of the nearby village of Llanfrothen locked his churchyard gate to prevent a poor nonconformist quarryman being buried there, as was his legal right. Lloyd George advised the family to force open the gate, and when the rector and the archdeacon took them to court - incredible as such an unchristian act seems to us now - he defended them in the County Court, and when the case went against them appealed to the High Court in London - and won! Moreover, the appeal judge strongly criticised both the offending clerics and the judge who had tried the case at Porthmadog. Lloyd George's crusading career was well and truly launched, and in the same year he founded a radical newspaper "Otgorn Rhyddid" (The Trumpet of Freedom) to campaign against all kinds of injustice.



David Lloyd George, the "Welsh wizard".

While still in his mid-twenties, he was elected onto the first ever Caernarvonshire County Council, becoming known as "The Boy Alderman". But his ambitions looked higher still, and in 1890 his chance came. An unexpected by-election occurred in the scattered constituency of Caernarvon Borough, and in a highly-publicised and hard-fought campaign, Lloyd George took on the Tory squire of his own village, H J Ellis-Nanney. It went to a nail-biting recount, and he won by just 18 votes. He was to represent the seat for 55 years, during which the cobbler's grandson from Llanystumdwy helped to hammer out a new future for Wales and for the World.

(This concludes our account, based on notes compiled by Mr. W Richards, of the formative years of the man who played the leading part in Welsh Church Disestablishment, so bringing into existence the Church in Wales.)

LLANSILIN CHURCH SIDESMEN'S ROTA

MARCH

3rd Mrs Beryl Jones
17th Mrs Vera Evans

10th Mr Clive Inman
24th Miss Olive Jones 9.00am
24th Mr Lloyd Edwards 6.30pm

31st Sunday School

APRIL

7th Wardens
21st Mr John Roberts

14th Mr Peter Carter
28th Dan Jones 9.00am
28th Michael Withers-Green 6.30pm

MAY

5th Mrs Beryl Jones
19th Mary Morris

12th Richard Jones Plas
26th Wynn Hughes 9.00am
26th Annali Thomas 6.30pm

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 - March to June

March	3rd and 10th	Mrs Beryl Jones, Mrs D Jarvis and Miss O Jones. -No Flowers
March	17th and 24th	Mrs Sheila Withers-Green and Mrs Alma Jones (17th - Service at Llangedwyn - No flowers)
March	31st	Mrs Val Burton and Mrs Annali Thomas - No Flowers
April	7th	Mrs Val Burton and Mrs Annali Thomas - Flowers please
April	14th and 21st	Mrs Kaye Hughes and Mrs Brenda Jones.
April	28th	Mrs Nancy Williams and Mrs Pat Roots.
May	5th	Mrs Nancy Williams and Mrs Pat Roots.
May	12th and 19th	Mrs V Evans and Miss Morfudd Williams.
May	26th	Mrs Chris Williams and Mrs Sheila Ashley
June	2nd	Mrs Chris Williams and Mrs Sheila Ashley
June	9th and 16th	Miss Mary Morris and Mrs Margaret Lloyd
June	23rd and 30th	Mrs Betty Evans and Mrs Kathleen Jones.

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



Can we give the church a good spring clean on TUESDAY APRIL 2ND and decorate for Easter on SATURDAY 6TH?

"God's promise of resurrection is written not only in books
but in every springtime leaf" - MARTIN LUTHER

