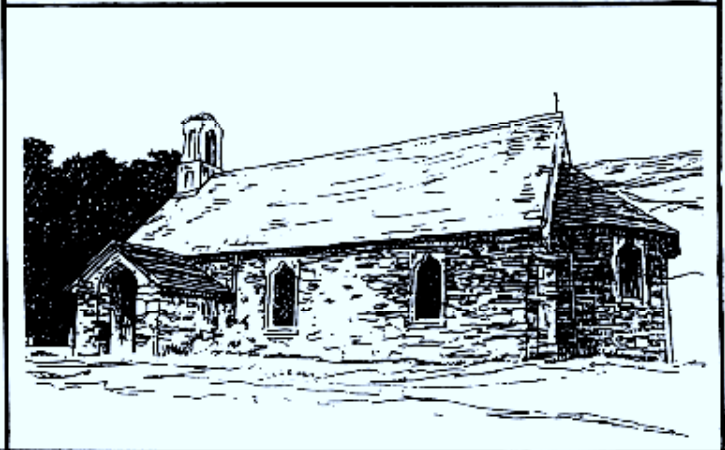


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LLANSILIN PARISH CHURCH

WITH LLANGADWALADR CHURCH AND
RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 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 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. Telephone: 01691 791209

CHAPEL SERVICES

<u>Medi</u>	1af	Gweinidog	Salem	10.00am
	8fed	Mrs Mair Penri Jones	Cefncanol	2.00pm
	15fed	Gweinidog	Bethesda	6.30pm
	22ain	Mr Geraint Jones	Soar	2.00pm
	29fed	Mr Eric Greene	Rhiwlas	2.00pm
<u>Hydref</u>	6fed	Gweinidog (Cymun)	Bethania	10.30am
	13eg	Parch Richard Owen Jones	Salem	2.00pm
	20fed	Gweinidog	Cefncanol	6.00pm
	27ain	Mrs Nesta Barker Jones	Bethesda	6.30pm
<u>Tachwedd</u>	3ydd	Gweinidog	Soar	6.30pm
	10fed	Parch Gwilym o Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00pm
	17eg	Gweinidog	Bethania	6.30pm
	24ain	Mr Arthur Hughes	Salem	2.00pm
<u>Rhagfyr</u>	1af	Gweinidog (Cymun)	Cefncanol	10.30am
	8fed	Mr Moelwyn Jones	Bethesda	2.00pm

GWEINIDOG/MINISTER: Y Parch Stanton Evans 20 Croeswylan Lane Oswestry.
Telephone: 01691 654682.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

Recently on the radio I heard a naturalist tell how he was snorkelling along an Indonesian coral reef, revelling in the rich panorama of marine life, when he was half-stunned by a sudden concussion. Recovering, he swam grimly onward, knowing what he would find - the lifeless devastation left by a cyanide bomb. Foreign entrepreneurs had armed local fishermen with the means of mass destruction to supply seafood restaurants in East Asia's bombing cities. Such methods are illegal, of course, but the law is seldom enforced, and men who have slaved all their lives for a risky pittance can't resist taking a short cut to apparent rich pickings - which are just a fraction of what the middlemen get. The narrator concluded gloomily in three years' time those reefs, whose areath of life had fed generations of local people, would be destroyed.

Such tales - and all this happens world-wide - naturally exasperate us against people who let themselves be conned into sawing off the branch they're sitting on - and so threaten the whole tree. But I'm writing this just before a holiday in China, where I might unwittingly sample delicacies obtained in just this wasteful way. And who knows how our supermarket shelves are stocked? We in the wealthy West want cheap food, package holidays, electronic gadgets and a high standard of living. So we set in train the headlong rush to "develop" the world's resources, often only maintained by the rape of the environment and the exploitation of the poor. Our "consumer society" grows by consuming countless smaller communities, sucking them in the vortex of its ever-growing hunger. Will we end up like a big fish in a little pond, starving when we have gobbled up everything that once shared it with us? Such thoughts are not new: the prophet Isaiah condemned those who "buy more houses and fields to add to those you already have. Soon there will be nowhere for anyone else to live, and you will be alone in the land". And Jesus' parable of the rich fool, called to his account before God in the middle of his expansion plans, warns us against the danger of "gaining the whole world at the cost of our own soul". In Christian tradition it is the Devil who seeks to absorb everything into himself, only to glut his own utter emptiness like a super natural black hole in space, and God who in Christ "emptied himself and took the form of a servant" so that we might be filled with all the fullness of God". This harvest-tide, as we give thanks for all we have, let's pause for a moment to wonder where it all comes from, and who really pays, and whether we've got our priorities right.

Kit Carter

HARVEST SERVICES

LLANSILIN: Friday 4th October, 7p.m. Preacher: The Right Rev: David Hallett
The Bishop of Shrewsbury.

LLANGADWALADR: Tuesday 8th October, 7p.m Preacher: The Rev: Robin Martin
Treflach.

LLANGEDWYN: Friday 11th October, 7p.m. Preacher: The Rev: David Austerberry
Rector of Kinnerley.

RHIWLAS: Friday 18th October, 7p.m. Preacher: Mrs B Scotfield
Guilsfield.

THE ANNUAL JOINT HARVEST SUPPER this year will be held at the Memorial Hall, Llangedwyn on WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER - 7.00pm. for 7.30pm.

VOCATION - A LAY MAN WRITES:

Ten years ago I offered myself for ordination. After my Selection Panel I started a course of training on the Diocesan Ministerial Training Course. Convinced I had a vocation, a calling to the priestly ministry, I continued with my studies and I was eventually sent to a Provincial Selection Conference at Chester. I had reservations about the conference, but I was still very happy in my own mind that I was being called to serve in the sacred ministry. The conference was demanding and searching, it lasted two and a half days.

One Saturday morning about six weeks after the Conference I received a letter from my Bishop indicating that the Provincial Conference felt unable to recommend me for ordination.

All the emotions anybody could expect came rushing to the surface. There was initial disbelief; followed by the hurt and pain of rejection and the fact that the parish would now know that I had been rejected. There was also the feeling that I had wasted so much time and effort. My confidence and self esteem had gone, I felt worthless.

Thank God for my wife, Vicar and Bishop who put me back together again, although this did take some time.

Ordination is by the Church, for the Church. It was not clear to me that the Holy Spirit did not intend me to go down the road of ordination.

So what did the future hold for me? Nothing so far as I could see. What was I to do with the training I had been given. I went into my own little world for a while where I was comfortable and no one could hurt me. I did not really want to see the inside of a Church, but nevertheless kept on going. I'm not able to be specific about a time or place, or even an event, but slowly I was conscious that I was exercising a ministry. It is a ministry that does not have a "dog collar" attached to it, although it is no less important than an ordained ministry. My ministry has grown out of the Chester experience. My ministry is taken to my place of work and into people's homes as I visit them. My ministry is one of rejoicing with a young family at the birth of a baby.

My ministry is one of hope for the future with those getting married. My ministry is one of tolerance and understanding with those in a crisis situation. My ministry is one of compassion and silent prayer for those who have lost a loved one. My ministry is not really mine - it is God-given.

As in all ministry there must be self giving and a determination to see it through to the end. Always have for your pattern our Lord's ministry.

In your ministry try to see Christ in the everyday circumstances, more important the everyday people, for they are God's people and your ministry is one of service to God's people.

Let every day of ministry be a joyous experience.

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WORD SEARCH

'Boys' names from the Bible'

ADAM	MARK
ANDREW	MATTHEW
BENJAMIN	PAUL
DANIEL	PETER
DAVID	PHILIP
JAMES	SIMON
JASON	STEPHEN
JOHN	THOMAS
JONATHAN	TIMOTHY

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - GIVING TO YOUR CHURCH

GIFT AID is a recently introduced way of enabling people who wish to give money to the church during their lifetime, the satisfaction of knowing the Church can reclaim the tax on that amount back. For instance a £2.000 gift would become £2.480 / £500.00 would realise £620.00 and so on.

The minimum amount eligible is £250.00. Money left to the Church in wills is not eligible. £10.000 would remain £10.000 but £10.000 gifted by Gift Aid during life would become £12.400 after tax repayment on standard tax. £10.000 would become £14.000 if given by a higher rate tax payer - what a good way of adding to our assets.

COVENANTING - Many of you know the benefits of covenanting your giving to the Church. Covenanting can be arranged by giving annually, monthly or weekly, whichever suits the giver best. This can be done by cheque, bankers order or with the weekly envelope scheme.

A thank you to those already covenanting and hopes that those not doing so yet will consider it soon and contact me the covenant secretary: Brenda Jones - Telephone: 791261.

TEST YOUR CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE - Literature

1. In which novel did G.K.Chesterton introduce his priest-cum-detective, Father Brown, to the public?
2. What was the name of Oliver Goldsmith's Vicar of Wakefield?
3. In Trollope's "Barchester Towers" whos is Bishop of Barchester?
4. Which of Jane Austen's characters in "Mansfield Park" is saying this to Edward Bertram with an arch smile: "I am just as much surprised now as I was at first that you should intend to take orders. You really are fit for something better"?
5. In which of Henry Fielding's novels do we meet Parson Adams?
6. Who wrote "Scenes from Clerical Life" published in 1858?

The answers will be in the December edition of this Newsletter.

CARE OF THE CHURCHYARD

Recently The Shropshire Wildlife Trust organised talks and slides on Churchyard Care at Criftins. Some of our members attended and found it most beneficial. Finally to their astonishment there was a slide of a headstone at Culmington, near Ludlow with an inscription in Welsh and Cornish. This commemorated the Reverend Robert Williams, 1810 - 1881, a noted scholar, formerly Vicar of Llangadwaladr and Rector of Rhydygroesau - just proving what a surprising source of interest a churchyard can be!

An interesting notice was seen recently in the church porch at Cheddar in Somerset "Visitors welcome - Locals expected"!



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Mother's Union

In May Llansilin Mother's Union were hosts to the Deanery Festival. Members from Tlanfyllin, Llansanffraid, Llangedwyn and Penybont Fawr Branches attended with our own members in all, amounted to over 70 people. The guest speaker was Mrs Evelyn Davies of Pennant Melangell. Members from the various Branches read lessons, said prayers and took the collection. Tea was served in the Memorial Hall by the Llansilin members.

The annual outing took place in June. Members and friends enjoyed an afternoon visit to Rhug Chapel and Llangar Church near Corwen. En route home - Pale Hall, Llandderfel was visited for afternoon tea.

The Revd C F Carter opened the July meeting with a short service. The meeting took the form of discussion which had been requested by the St. Asaph Action Outreach Unit of the Mother's Union - the subject being "Media Awareness" i.e just what are we watching, hearing and reading on television, radio and books. If it was felt unsuitable, what do we do about it? Various thoughts and comments were made and these would be forwarded to the Unit. Light refreshments concluded the meeting.

Llansilin Promises Auction

A highly successful Promises Auction was held on the evening of Saturday, 13th July, in the Memorial Hall, when a grand total of over £2,000 was raised in aid of Llansilin Parish Church and Hope House Children's Hospice. The organisers would like to give their heartfelt thanks to both those who "promised" and those who bought, and, indeed, to all those who helped make this such an enjoyable evening.

"THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM"

Why not start thinking about Christmas now? The Webb Ivory Catalogues are now available - please contact Janet on 791336. Janet would also like to thank Margaret for helping her and also to everyone who has supported her these last years - the amount raised last year for church funds amounted to £261.00. Thank you Janet.

NEEDLESS WORRIES

A counsellor once analysed the many problems about which people had sought advice. The worries fitted into 5 categories:

1. Worries about things that never happened - 40%.
2. Worries about decisions already made and not changeable - 30%.
3. Worries about sickness that never comes - 12%
4. Worries about children and friends who turned out to be quite capable of helping themselves - 10%
5. Worries about real problems - 8%
6. The conclusion is that 92% of all our worries are needless.

LLANSILIN CHURCH SIDESMEN'S ROTA

SEPTEMBER

1st Mrs Beryl Jones 8th Mr Edwin Ashley 15th Miss Mary Morris
22nd Miss Olive Jones 22nd Mr Peter Carter (E) 29th Sunday School

OCTOBER

4th Mr Ivor Ashley and Mr Tony Jones - HARVEST FESTIVAL
6th Mrs Sheila Ashley and Mrs Beryl Jones
13th Mr Stephen Jones 20th Mrs Vera Evans 27th Mr Dan Jones
27th Mr David Bickerton (E)

NOVEMBER

3rd Mrs Beryl Jones 10th Mrs Sheila Ashley 17th Mr John Roberts
24th Mr Wynn Hughes 24th Mr Andrew Ashley (E)

(E) - Evensong

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 1st and 8th	Mrs Valerie Burton and Mrs Annali Thomas
September 15th and 22nd	Mrs Kaye Hughes and Mrs Brenda Jones
September 29th	Mrs A M Roberts and Mrs Christine Williams
October 4th and 6th	Harvest Festival - Church Ladies
October 13th and 20th	Mrs Nancy Williams and Mrs Pat Rootes
October 27th	Mrs Vera Evans and Miss Morfudd Williams
November 3rd	Mrs Vera Evans and Miss Morfudd Williams
November 10th and 17th	Mrs Sheila Ashley and Mrs Christine Williams
November 24th	Mrs Margaret Lloyd and Miss Mary Morris
December 1st	Mrs Margaret Lloyd and Miss Mary Morris

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

We would again be grateful for help to decorate and clean the church for the Harvest Festival. Please contact Church Wardens re day and time.

WHO'S WHO'S IN THE CHURCH

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Telephone number: 01691 653941
Parochial Church Council secretary -
Mrs Valerie Burton, Wernddu Fach, Llansilin, Oswestry
Telephone number: 01691 791274
Covenant Secretary - Mrs Brenda Jones, Bwlch-y-Rhiw, Llansilin, Oswestry
Telephone number: 01691 791261
Treasurer - Mrs Esther Milner, The Old Hand Inn, Llansilin, Oswestry
Telephone number: 01691 791323

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September				
Thursday	19th	2.15pm	Mother's Union Meeting	Institute
October				
Wednesday	4th	7.00pm	Joint Harvest Supper	Memorial Hall Llangedwyn
Thursday	17th	2.15pm	Mother's Union Meeting	Institute
November				
Sunday	10th	10.30am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	Llangedwyn Church
Thursday	21st	2.15pm	Mother's Union Meeting	Institute

PLEASE NOTE - NO SERVICE AT LLANSILIN on Sunday 10th November, except brief act of Remembrance at Memorial here after the service at St.Cedwyn's.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK commencing 12th May 1996



The secretary Mrs Rhiannon Lewis and the Treasurer Mr John Jones would like to thank everybody for their generosity during this week - the total amount this year exceeded last year's - the total being f431.35.

PARISH REGISTER

June 13th	Burial	Mary Jones	Pentre Cefn	Craigllwyn	Oswestry
July 20th	Marriage	Anna Elizabeth Roberts	Graigwen	Fach	to
		Carl William Elkerton	Warwickshire		

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 everyone who has contributed to this newsletter.

DISTRIBUTION Margaret Lloyd - Tel: 791472

The next NEWSLETTER will be produced on 1st December 1996. If anyone would like to contribute or has any useful suggestions or information, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Morris - Tel: 791223 before the 1st November 1996.

