

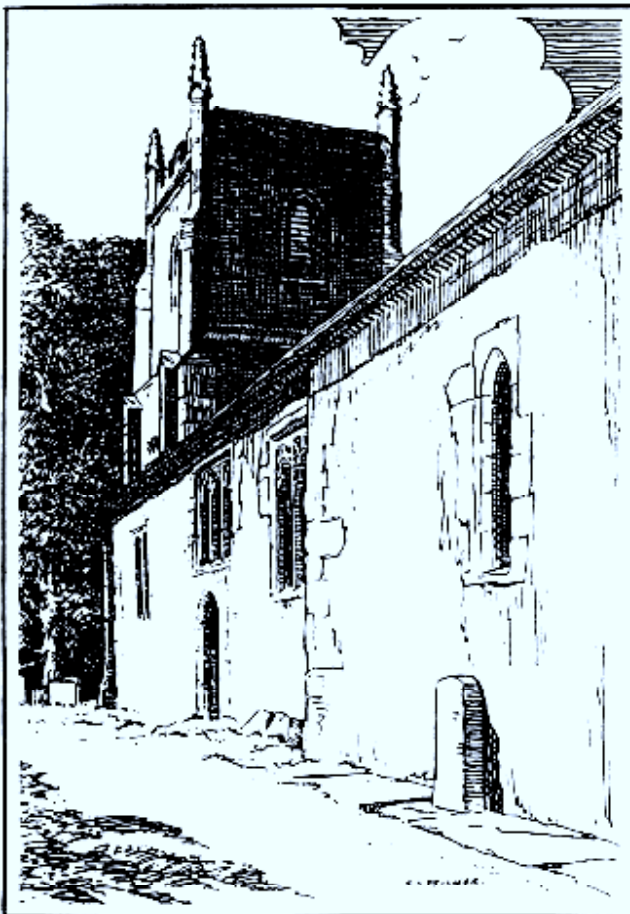
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# LLANSILIN PARISH CHURCH

WITH LLANGADWALADR CHURCH AND  
RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH

## N E W S



JUNE 1997

## 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

### 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



"YOUR FIRST BAPTISM, IS IT?"

### LLANGADWALADR

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 number: 791209 (Code 01691)

## CHAPEL SERVICES

### June

Mehefin	1af	Y Gweinidog (Cymun)	Soar	6.30p
Mehefin	8fed	Parch. Gwenda Roberts	Rhiwlas	2.00p
Mehefin	15fed	Gweinidog	Bethania	10.30a
Mehefin	22ain	Parch. W. Bryn Williams	Salem	2.00p
Mehefin	29fed	Mr Thomas Morris	Cefn Canol	6.00p

### July

Gorffennaf	6fed	Gweinidog (Cymun)	Bethesda	6.30p
Gorffennaf	13eg	Mrs Renee Tudor	Soar	2.00p
Gorffennaf	20fed	Gweinidog	Rhiwlas	10.00a
Gorffennaf	27ain	Mrs Sulwen Davies	Bethania	2.00p

### August

Awst	3ydd	Mr R A Platt	Salem	2.00p
Awst	10fed	Parch. Glyn Morgan	Cefn Canol	6.00p
Awst	17eg	Mr John R Thomas	Bethesda	2.00p
Awst	24ain	Dr Nerys Tudor	Soar	10.30a
Awst	31ain	Parch. Richard Owen Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00p

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

JESUS CHRIST the same yesterday, and today and forever. Hebrews 13, 8

The Vicar writes :-

On the day I paid my first visit to Llansilin in 1980, to "spy out the land", I found the church locked during the vacancy, and was reduced to standing on a tombstone to peer through a window. Suddenly a stocky little man in a beret and overalls appeared from nowhere and asked if I'd like to see inside. So I met Bell Hughes in the same way that so many others first encountered him, for he kept a very close watch on St. Silin's, and it was difficult to approach it without being spotted, intercepted and treated to a guided tour of his beloved church. Now he has gone, and for once the tired old cliches are absolutely true: his passing really does mark the end of an era, and we shall never see his like again. He was one of the last of his kind descended from a long line of parish clerks, an almost legendary office whose occupants had served, shadowed and coped with the vagaries of generations of English and Welsh parsons. Bell's boyhood, even then in and out of the church and churchyard all the time, coincided with the long-drawn-out trauma of disestablishment, and to the end he harboured a grudge against Lloyd George; in spite of his pride being Welsh he never really understood, I think that his "bete noir" did the Church in Wales an unintentional favour when he forced her to cut Canterbury's leading-strings. He was a tradion-alist loving the familar patterns of Anglican worship and of the Christian year, and he took a keen interest in Church affairs; often he'd proudly tell me who'd been appointed to a parish I'd hardly noticed was vacant! But no-one could say that his religion was all form and no substance. To him being a churchman meant being a real christian too practical kindness, and a benevolent interest in his neighbours, was second nature to him. I seldom called on any sick or bereaved villager without finding that Bell had got there first, and everyone seems to have an affectionate anecdote to tell of him. It is sad that his last years were shadowed by the illness and death of his adored Martha and the tragic end of his brother Peter, who was truly his "rock" for so long. He was never quite the same after Peter's death and eventually he fell ill during the preparations for our 1995 flower festival and was carried off to Coventry to be looked after by his devoted sister Edna. Of course, it was only when he was'nt there anymore that we realised how much, in so many things large and small, we had depended on him and taken his faithful service for granted. Time and again we were literally lost without him! and we felt doubly bereaved because his funeral necessarily took place far away from St. Silin's and from the community of which he was so inseparable a part. So with his family's agreement we propose to hold a memorial service for him at St. Silin's on Sunday 22nd June at 11.00am when we hope a good number of his old friends will flock to fill the church he loved to honour a plain man who spent his life trying his best to serve God and his neighbours, and has left so many of us in his debt. CFC.

BELL HUGHES

1913 - 1997



EASTER VESTRY MEETING - Thursday 18th April - INSTITUTE

This is the Church's "A. G. M", so called as it traditionally took place in the Vestry room around Easter time.

The Vicar the Rev: C F Carter reviewed the activities of the past year and gave his thanks to the very many people who help the church - from organizing special events such as the very enjoyable Salvation Army Concert and the most successful Promises Auction - to those who sweep the floors, dust the pews, arrange the flowers, cut the grass etc.

The year has seen the continued maintenance of the fabric of the building - not without its unforeseen problems. Careful thought is continuing on ways and means of making more flexible use of the church building for future generations. Plans for full renovation of the bells and bell frame are taking shape. The Sunday School is thriving, the annual Carol Service with the pupils of Ysgol Bro Cynllaith was a great success and the Candlelight midnight service on Christmas Eve was inspiring.

The Vicar accepted his Warden's resignation - Mrs Sheila Ashl of Graigwen Fawr with regret, and thanked her for her loyal support during the past five years. Mrs Deborah Hill-Trevor Plas Lledrod graciously accepted the Vicar's invitation to be his warden, initially for one year. Mrs Beryl Jones Oswestry (late of Craiglwyn Farm) continues as people's warden. Mrs Bronwen Taylor Bryn Melis resigned from the PCC and was thanked for her loyal support during past years. Mrs Gill Avery was elected a new member.

Finally members discussed a recent report by the Archbishop Pastoral Re-organization. The members endorsed the report's aim to emphasize mission, but did not wish to accept the report's suggestion of a radical alteration to the present Llanfyllin Deanery Boundary. A statement to this effect was drafted and forwarded to the secretary of the Deanery Ruridecanol Conference. At the conclusion of the meeting the Vicar gave the grace.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - Monday 21st April - INSTITUTE

The Vicar the Rev: C F Carter opened the first meeting after the "Easter Vest" with a prayer. As is traditional at this meeting the secretary and the treasurer namely Mrs V Burton and Mrs E Milner were elected to continue in office. The Vicar was presented with the Easter Day collection by Mrs E Milne. Mrs B Jones remains as covenant secretary.

A wide range of issues was discussed and dealt with, some needed more thought or help. It was sad to report that the church grass strimmer had been stolen - just as the church yard volunteers were meeting once again every thursday to do battle with the phenomenal grass growth!

Forthcoming events were discussed these to include a Scandinavian Evening at Plas Lledrod on the 5th July and an Easter Fayre on 21st March 1998!. The Vicar closed the meeting with the grace.

THE NEXT P.C.C. MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE INSTITUTE ON  
WEDNESDAY 28th MAY AT 7.30pm.

JUST A THOUGHT - "If you give people an EXCUSE to come to Church they may well come again - and again - and again - " !

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

### ST DAVID'S DAY SERVICE - Bethesda Chapel - Sunday 2nd March

The Revd Stanton Evans took the Annual Bi-lingual Joint Service at the above chapel. Various members of the congregation took part in the readings and prayers. The Vicar the Revd C F Carter gave the address, Mrs Rhiannon Lewis Fairview was the organist and the collection was taken by Mr Glyn Roberts Hafan Deg and Mr Emyr Evans Cefnbraich. The collection amounted to £50 and this is to be forwarded to the Children's Hospice in Albania.

### MOTHERING SUNDAY - Llansilin Church - Sunday 9th March

This year it was the turn of Llansilin to host the Annual Joint Service. Members and friends of our sister church Llangedwyn attended as did the Cor Cedwyn Choir who also sang an anthem. The Revd C F Carter took the service. Miss Morfudd Williams was the organist. Small posies of flowers were blessed by the Vicar, these were given to the children to be given to their mother's and also to members of the congregation present. The posies were kindly given by Mr and Mrs Withers-Green Moelfre. The collection was taken by two young members of the congregation Jonathan Sockett Moeliwrch and Gareth Jones Maes-y-Llan.



### MOTHER'S UNION

A most interesting talk at the February meeting was given by Mrs Betty Hughes, a Methodist lay-preacher from Pant, her subject was "The part played by women in the Scriptures". The Vicar the Rev: C F Carter opened the meeting with a short service. Mrs Christine Williams thanked Mrs Hughes on behalf of the members. Tea and biscuits concluded the meeting.

The March meeting opened with a short service conducted by the Rev: C F Carter. The guest speaker was Mrs Siloid Stubbs who gave a talk illustrated with slides on her holiday in India. She was thanked by Mrs K Hughes, Laurels. Tea and biscuits were served by Mrs Christine Williams.

For the April meeting members attended the Deanery Festival at PenybontFawr. This was much enjoyed by one and all.

May meeting. The Rev: C F Carter opened the meeting with a short service. Members welcomed Mr David Gregg of Rhydygaled Nurseries as their guest speaker. Mr Gregg gave a most interesting talk on "Gardening", the caring of unusual plants and the importance of watering your plants. Thanks were accorded and the meeting concluded with Mrs C Williams serving tea and biscuits.

### ASCENSION DAY SERVICE - Llangadwaladr 8th May

Members and friends from Llansilin Church joined the congregation for the annual service at Llangadwaladr Church. The Rev: C F Carter took the service. The guest preacher was Rev: Arthur Mosely. Mrs Esther Milner was the organist. The Church Warden Mrs Vera Evans took the collection. After the service light refreshments were served.

CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE AND COFFEE EVENING

Sunday 11th May and Wednesday 14th May 1997

Both The Rev: C F Carter and the Rev: Stanton Evans took part in the united annual bi-lingual service which this year was held at Bethania Chapel (school lane). The guest preacher was Canon Trehearne of Oswestry who gave a moving address about a part of his life when he was a missionary out in India. He was accompanied by his wife. Miss Morfudd Williams was the organist and the collection was taken by Mr Henry Evans.

Mrs Rhiannon Lewis Fair View again organized the above service and the Coffee Evening which was held in the Institute. The Girl Guides served coffee and biscuits. As always the "Bring and Buy" stall was popular, this was in the capable hands of Mrs Phyllis Hughes, Mrs Nancy Williams, Mrs Dilys Hughes and Mrs Margaret Lloyd. The Rev: C F Carter welcomed the North Wales Area Co-ordinator for Christian Aid - Liz Perkins who introduced the guest speaker Dr Rukmini Rao chairperson of the Deccon Development Society who gave most interesting and moving address about her work in India. A vote of thank was given by the Vicar to everyone who had made the evening such a success. Again Mrs Rhiannon Lewis would like to convey her grateful thanks to everyone for their generosity the total amount collected will be given in the next Newsletter.

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After morning service on Sunday 13th April a Bench was donated (and placed in the churchyard) by past and present members of Dyffryn Tanat Young Farmers in memory of Elizabeth Ashley Graigwen Fawr. Elizabeth would have been pleased know that the Bench had been purchased from the "Derwen".

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A thought for the present.

It's not for us to worry, to tremble and to fuss,  
or ponder on the awesome things that life can do to us,  
It's not for us to think about a grief that is not here,  
to dread a bit of trouble or anticipate a fear.  
It's not for us to be distressed about some future strife.  
we must not think what life may do,  
but what we'll do with life.  
How we'll work and how we'll plan,  
how fair we'll try to be, and overcome the obstacles  
to shape our destiny.  
How kindly we will use our time  
and how much good we'll do,  
or how we'll strive to make another person's dreams come true.  
It's not for us to chafe and fret and fear the unseen powers,  
but make the very best of present blessings  
that are ours.

(Kathleen Partridge)

LLANSILIN CHURCH SIDESMENS ROTA - June, July and August

JUNE

1st Mrs Beryl Jones	8th Mr Clive Inman	15th Miss Mary Morris
22nd Miss Olive Jones	22nd Mr Ivor Ashley (E)	29th Sunday School

JULY

6th Mrs Beryl Jones	13th Mr Edgar Jones	20th Mrs Hill-Trevor
27th Mr Wyn Hughes	27th Mrs Sheila Ashley (E)	

AUGUST

3rd Mrs Beryl Jones	10th Mr Withers-Green	17th Mrs Hill-Trevor
24th Mr Dan Jones	24th Mr Peter Carter (E)	31st Sunday School

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. If their are any problems please telephone 791402.

FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA - June to September

June 1st and 8th	Mrs Sheila Ashley and Mrs Christine Williams
June 15th and 22nd	Mrs Valerie Burton and Mrs Annali Thomas
June 29th and 6th July	Mrs Beryl Jones and Miss Olive Jones and Mrs Dorothy Jarvis
July 13th and 20th	Mrs Glenice Jones, Mrs Avril Jones and Mrs Janet Davies
July 27th and 3rd August	Mrs Withers-Green and Mrs Alma Jones
August 10th and 17th	Mrs Nancy Williams and Mrs Pat Rootes
August 24th and August 31st	Mrs Kaye Hughes and Mrs Brenda Jones

If again, any of these dates are unsuitable for anybody, would you please arrange for someone else to do it. THANK YOU. As above, any problems please telephone 791402.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us in either helping to clean the church, arrange the altar flowers or help with the grass cutting etc in the churchyard - we meet every thursday evening @ 6.30pm. For more details please telephone Llansilin 791402 or 791274.

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**the mouths of babes**

**by Roy Mitchell**



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### JUNE

Thursday	19th	1.30pm	Mother's Union	Annual Outing
Sunday	22nd	11.00am	Memorial Service to Bell Hughes Brynaber.	St. Silin's

#### JULY

Saturday	5th	7.30pm	Scandinavian Evening	Plas Lledrod
Thursday	17th	7.00pm	Mother's Union	Institute

#### SEPTEMBER

Thursday	18th	7.00pm	Mother's Union	Institute
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#### FORTHCOMING EVENT

Plas Lledrod will be the venue for a "Scandanavian Evening" to be held on Saturday 5th July at 7.30pm. Details will be circulated at a later date.

#### PARISH REGISTERS

May	10th	Marriage	Melanie Amanda Jones Christopher Maddocks	Lloran Ganol to Nescliffe
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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 Sheila for organizing the Fun Quiz last Christmas - it certainly got us all thinking!. We look forward to the next one Sheila!.

THANK YOU TO ALL who have contributed in different ways to this Newsletter.

A special thank you to Rosemary for the paper cutting of Bell which was taken from the Oswestry Advertiser - the event being the Church Fete which was held at Lloran Ganol in the early 90's - incidently Bell won one of the raffle prizes!

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The next Newsletter will be produced on 1st September 1997. We would be grateful for contributions, information or suggestions from anyone for future Newsletters - so please do not hesitate to contact either Margaret or myself - Mary - Tel: 791223 before 1st August 1997.

YOU CAN EASILY JUDGE THE CHARACTER OF A  
MAN BY HOW HE TREATS THOSE WHO CAN DO NOTHING FOR HIM.  
James Miles.