

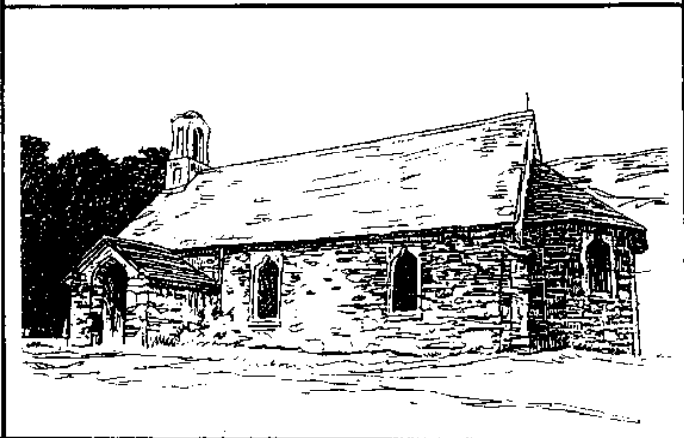
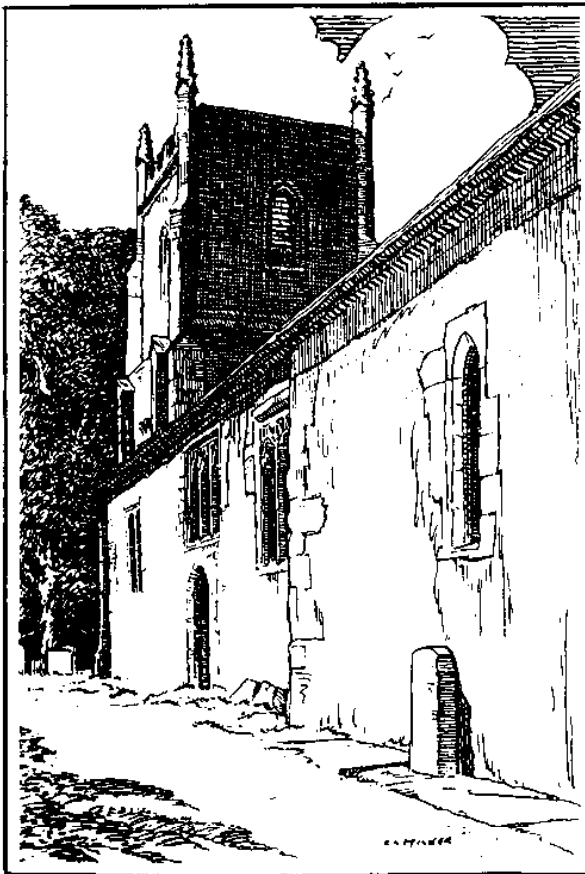
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LLANSILIN PARISH CHURCH

WITH LLANGADWALADR CHURCH
AND RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH

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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



"I MUST SAY, I AWAIT YOUR EASTER MESSAGE WITH ANTICIPATION."

LLANGADWALADR AND RHIWLAS CHURCHES

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

VICAR: Rev: C F Carter The Vicarage Llansilin. Telephone number: 01691 791209

CHAPEL SERVICES

Mawrth - March

1af	Gweinidog	Salem	10.00am
3fed	Parch R Dylan R Thomas	Cefncaanol	6.00pm
15fed	Gweinidog (Cymun)	Bethesda	6.30pm
22ain	Buddug Medi	Soar	6.30pm
29fed	Parch Eifion Jones	Rhiwlas	2.00pm

Ebrill - April

5ed	Gweinidog	Bethania	10.30am
12fed	Parch Gareth Edwards	Salem	2.00am
19fed	Gweinidog (Cymun)	Cefncaanol	6.00pm
26ain	Parch Dewi Williams	Bethesda	2.00pm

Mai - May

3ydd	Gweinidog	Soar	10.30am
10fed	Parch Trefor Jones	Cymanfa Ganu	Seion
		Rhiwlas	2.00pm
17eg	Gweinidog	Cymanfa Ganu yr Annibynwyr	
		Bethania	10.30am
		Sul Ieuenctid	
24ain	Parch Gwilym O Jones	Salem	6.30pm
31ain	Mr Gareth Roberts	Cefncaanol	2.00pm

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

THE VICAR'S LETTER

I'm writing this only a few days after the last night of "The Snow Queen" at Llanrhaeadr, in which I played my now-customary villainous role. At the party afterwards we experienced the familiar mixture of feelings - relief that all the effort and anxiety was over and satisfaction with a job well done, mingled with a sense of anti-climax and regret that the company would now disperse and the magic which we had created together dissipated. And thinking ahead to Passiontide and Easter I had a sudden insight into the minds of Jesus' disciples, huddled together in the upper room on that first Holy Saturday. It had all been too good to be true: there they were, rank amateurs unexpectedly hand-picked by a rising star for key roles in his forthcoming "big production" and painstakingly trained and rehearsed over long months of preparation culminating in a thrilling build-up to the great day - and then suddenly the authorities had stepped in at the last moment arrested the star and banned the whole undertaking. The sense of let-down and disillusionment must have been shattering.

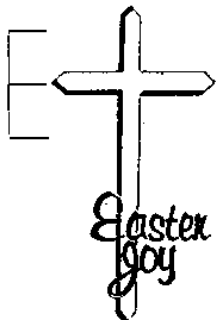
But with hindsight, we can see that they were shocked and disorientated because they didn't really understand just what sort of "play" they were taking part in. In spite of all Jesus' patient instruction they persisted in imagining a pretentious melodrama, with lots of fighting in which good triumphed over evil, and a happy ending in which the victorious hero handed out rewards and titles to his faithful followers. The reality, in fact, was very close to the plot of "The Snow Queen": the boy Kay's heart is turned to ice by the kiss of the proud and selfish queen, and his devoted friend Gerda, to whom he has been rude and unkind, has to travel through many perils to venture at last into the very heart of her enemy's frozen realm to recall him to his old self and bring him home. Even so God's son dared all the dangers of a world dominated by the power of evil to appeal to fallen and uncaring humanland and win us back to life and freedom by showing that faith and hope and love can challenge and defeat the worst, that pride and greed and malice can deride. This was the staggering surprise which Jesus sprang on his friends on Easter Sunday morning, so that they suddenly saw everything in a new light and realised that what they had thought was the final curtain falling on a play which had suddenly become a tragedy was only the interval before the curtain rose again for the second act. But whether the play was to have a happy ending after all remained to be seen; it all depended on them - and it still depends on us!!

May the spirit of Jesus awaken us to life and love and encourage and inspire us to play our parts with all our heart and soul until the curtain falls on that "last night" which is only the darkness before the dawn of an unending Eastertide.

Christopher Carter

CHURCH SERVICES PASSIONTIDE AND EASTER 1998

Maunday Thursday	9th April	Holy Communion	St Silin's	7.00pm
Good Friday	10th April	Services of Prayer and Meditation with Hymns	St Silin's Llangedwyn	2.00pm 7.30pm
Easter Day	12th April	Holy Communion	St Silin's	8.00am
The Rev: Llewellyn Cumings		Holy Communion	St Silin's	10.00am
		Holy Communion	Llangedwyn	10.30am
		Welsh Holy Communion	Llangadwaldr	2.30pm



THE EASTER VESTRY WILL BE HELD AT THE INSTITUTE LLANSILIN
MONDAY ~~10th~~ APRIL 1998 AT 7.00pm

30th March

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Advent Sunday 29th November

As of this year the first Sunday of Advent happened to co-incide with the 5th Sunday of the month (always a family service) so the service was taken by the Sunday School children. The Rev: C F Carter opened and closed the service. The first candle of Advent was lit by Mrs Phyllis Hughes Awelon. The children announced the hymns, gave readings and said prayers, those taking part were :- Sarah & Gareth Bickerton, Ceri & Jonathan Davies, Kate & Nicola Jones, Tessa & Emma Jones, Carl Jones, Jonathan & Stephen Sockett and Rosie Thomas - well done children!. Prayers and readings were also said by Mrs Glenice Jones the Enrolling Member of the Mother's Union, and the Sunday School teacher Mrs Sheila Ashley. Mr Dennis Sockett took the collection. The organist was Miss Morfudd Williams.

Thursday 3rd December



The Annual Mother's Union party was held once again at the Wynnstay Inn where an excellent meal was enjoyed by members and friends. The entertainment was provided by the Rev: Raymond Hughes of Llanrhaidr.

Friday 4th December

The annual Plygain organized by Mrs Eirianwen Pugh was held in St. Silin's Church when six parties plus individuals took part. The Rev: C F Carter opened and closed the service. The collection was taken by Mr Glyn Roberts Hafandeg. Mrs Esther Milner was the organist for this evening. Refreshments were served in the Institute by the lady members of the church. To conclude the evening the traditional carol Y SUPER was sung by those taking part in the Plygain.

Monday 22nd December

The lighted Seren (Candleabra) shining brightly and the Christmas decorations of fresh flowers, foliage, holly, ivy and candles etc was indeed an attractive background for the well attended Annual Carol Service. The Rev: C F Carter took the service of seven lessons and nine carols. The lessons were read by various members of the congregation with everyone joining in with the singing of the carols. Prayers concluded the service. Miss Morfudd Williams was the organist and the collection was taken by the Church Wardens - Mrs Deborah Hill-Trevor and Mrs Beryl Jones.

Christmas Eve/Day Services.

Despite the very stormy weather and the late arrival of the Vicar - Rev: C F Carter (due to having to remove a large branch of a tree off the road!) the Christmas Eve service (7pm) at Rhiwlas Mission Church finally got underway with a congregation of 15 people. The collection to be forwarded to 'Shelter' was taken by Mrs Marjorie Evans. Miss Morfudd Williams was the organist.

The midnight Candlelit service at St Silin's Church was well attended despite the atrocious weather conditions. The church looked beautiful with its Christmas decorations and the softness of the candlelight. As at Rhiwlas and at both services at Llansilin the services were taken by the Rev: C F Carter. The collection was taken by the churchwardens. The organist was Miss Morfudd Williams.

With the weather conditions slightly improved the 8am service in St Silin's Church on Christmas Day took place with a congregation of 10 persons. The collection was taken by Miss Olive Jones.

St Silin's Church kneeler project was launched last September and is now in full swing with twelve kneelers being worked at present. The kneelers are worked in tapestry and the designs vary according to the ideas of the embroiderer. The group would like to welcome anyone interested in taking part to join their get-togethers. All the materials are provided as well as help and guidance. Quite a few of the members of the group are tackling tapestry for the first time and coping well. The kneelers cost £25 each to produce and anyone wishing to sponsor a kneeler for reasons of their own can do so by contacting Esther Milner, Tel: 01691 791323 to arrange the sponsorship. Information about the project from Annali Thomas - 01691 791239 (evenings) or simply come to one of the following meeting times - Friday 6th March @ 7pm and Thursday 12th March @ 2pm. The get-togethers are held in the Memorial Hall, Llansilin.

Church Seren - Candleabra

I wonder have any of us ever wondered what the weight of the above is? As the Seren has not been lowered for a number of years it was decided to lower "it" down and examine it - we are fortunate indeed to have our very own engineer Chris Burton (of television fame!) who with his son took this task on. A detailed report is available from either the vicar or the churchwardens. At the same time it was a golden opportunity to give the Seren a really extra polish and it certainly shone brightly for us all at the Christmas services. All the parts of the Seren were weighed and these totalled 1½ cwt (approx).

Plough Sunday - January 11th 1998

After a number of years it was decided to revive this service. Members of the Sunday School took the major role with the children reading the lessons saying prayers taking the collection and joining in with the congregation singing the hymns. The Vicar the Rev: C F Carter gave a short address. The youngest member in the congregation Johann Elkerton with his toy tractor and trailer took some bags of barley seed corn (distributed afterwards) up to the chancel to be blessed. The Vicar concluded the service with the blessing.

A note especially important to givers through the weekly envelope scheme.

It is very easy to covenant the amount you give weekly so that the church receives 24p extra for every £1 (pound) that you give.

Several people already Covenant this way - the form is very easy to fill in - So please contact Brenda Jones (tel 791261) who will be very pleased to give help and/or advice.

If for example you give

£2 a week becomes	£2.32 a week
£3 a week becomes	£3.48 a week
£5 a week becomes	£5.80 a week
and so on.	

This is a painless way of raising money!.

Please act on this if you're a taxpayer or have a tax payer in the family.

Your cross may feel heavy, but it is your passport to LIFE, and JESUS

will help you carry it.

CHRISTMAS FUN QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 101 Dalmatians
2. 2000 the Millennium
3. 3 Wheels on Tricycle
4. 100 Runs in a Century
5. 64 Thousand Dollar Question
6. 3 Hands on a Watch (not Digital!)
7. 27 Bones in a Human Hand
8. 8 Pints in a Gallon
9. 9 Planets in our Solar System
10. 1765 first ever P *
11. 4 Gills in a Pint
12. 24 Months in Two Years
13. 13 Bakers Dozen
14. 14 Days in a Fortnight
15. 3 Fiddlers Old King Cole Sent For
16. 4 Quarters in a Hundredweight
17. 7 For a Secret Never to be told
18. 65 Retirement Age for Men (U.K)
19. 1066 Battle of Stamford Bridge
20. 15 Men on a Dead Man's Chest
21. 21 Shillings in a Guinea
22. 40 "Quarante" in French *
23. 180 Degrees in a Straight Line
24. 240 Old Pennies in a Pound
25. 6 Wives of Henry the Eighth
26. 26 Letters of the Alphabet
27. 1822 Louis Pasteur Born
28. 7 Sides on a Fifty Pence Piece
29. 76 Trombones in the Big Parade
30. 37 Degrees Centigrade-Temp Human Body
31. 3600 Seconds in an Hour
32. 4 Pecks in a Bushel
33. 12 Disciples of Jesus (-1+1!)
34. 60 Years Diamond Wedding (or Jubilee)
35. 25 Pounds in a Pony
36. 4 Roods in an Acre
37. 37 Compartments on a Roulette Wheel *
38. 22 Players in a Cricket Match
39. 3 Musketeers (Athos, Porthos, Aramis)
40. 40 - When Life Begins
41. 144 - a Gross
42. 2 Sides in a Quarrel *
43. 32 - Freezing Point of Water *
44. 1600 Pennsylvania Av-the White House
45. 1922 British Broadcasting Company (USA Founded/formed - Corporation counted
46. 1937 Christopher Franklin Carter Born
47. 4 Inches in a Hand
48. 1 Jereboam - 6 Standard Bottles
49. 1 Methuselah - 8 Standard Bottles
50. 609 Days - Gestation Period of an Indian Elephant (Average).

* No 10 - Sorry about this I wanted "first ever photograph taken" but although Joseph Nicepore Niepre was born then he did'nt take the photo until 1826 it took 8hrs exposure!

* No 22 - Not "Quotas in Farming". It just feels like it!

* No 45 -The 1922 Back Bench Committee is named after the address where the original meetings were held. Big Ben did'nt catch fire either!

* No 37 - correct phrase "canoes" but chances etc all counted. "Councillors on a Randy Weekend did not count!.

WINNER - Mr Brian Goodger Nant-y-Caws - 49 maximum. 6 others 47/48 correct well done. Did'nt know so many people knew about Indian Elephants.

LUCKY DIP WINNER - Mrs Margaret Lloyd.

TICKET SELLERS - Mrs Phyllis Hughes & Mrs Margaret Lloyd.

f40 was raised for the Royal National Institute for the Blind and f40 for Action Aid via the church. THANK YOU EVERYONE SA.

A "Note" from the Organist

I would like to thank the church members most sincerely for the lovely vase you gave me on my 10th anniversary of being your organist, and also for my "special birthday"! I shall always treasure the gift, but most of all I'll always remember your kindness. Thank you all so much for making me feel so much part of your family. Diolch yn fawr iawn.



STOP PRESS :

Due to lack of space the accounts of the Mother's Union meetings have been held over until June.

LLANSILIN CHURCH SIDESMEN, S ROTA - March to May 1998 incl:

March

1st Mrs Beryl Jones 653941 8th Mrs Annali Thomas 791239 15th Mrs Hill-Trevor
22nd Miss Olive Jones 791363 22nd Mr Peter Carter (E) 791226 29th Sunday School

April

5th Mrs Beryl Jones 12th Easter Day 8.00am - Mrs Margaret Lloyd 791472
10am - Church Wardens 19th Miss Mary Morris 791223 26th Mr Wynn Hughes 791216
26th Mr Clive Inman (E) 791497.

May

3rd Mrs Beryl Jones 10th Church Wardens 17th Mrs Vera Evans 791471
24th Mr Dan Jones 791287 24th Mr Peter Carter (E) 31st Sunday School.
E - Evensong.

N.B. If you cannot do your day, please try and arrange for some-one else to do it (telephone numbers as above) or ring Deborah H-T. I would like to remind all sidesmen that their duties do include arriving in time to give out books, and putting them away afterwards. Also please see the collection is put in one of the envelopes provided and put away in the safe, having written time and date of service on it. There is now no need to count it!. I would also like to thank you all - in anticipation - for all your help.

CHURCH FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA - March to May 1998 incl:

MARCH

Lent - No flowers for six weeks - Clean only.

1st Quick Clean - Olive Jones.
8th Big Clean - Brenda Jones, Annali Thomas, Mary Morris & Megan Evans.
15th Quick Clean - Mr & Mrs Withers - Green.
22nd Quick Clean - Mr & Mrs Withers - Green.
29th Quick Clean - Sheila Ashley & Sunday School.

APRIL

5th No Flowers and all ladies please to give an extra clean for Easter.
12th Easter Sunday - Date for Easter - see separate notice.
19th Quick clean & Flowers - Valerie Burton.
26th Quick clean & Flowers - Fiona Jones & Mary Morris.

MAY

3rd Quick clean & Flowers - Phyllis Hughes & Glenice Jones.
10th Quick clean & Flowers - Elizabeth Bickerton & Christine Sockett.
17th Big clean & Flowers - Sheila Ashley, Pat Rootes, Christine Williams.
24th Quick clean & Flowers - Deborah Hill-Trevor & Margaret Lloyd.
31st Quick clean & Flowers - Sheila Ashley and Sunday School.

We hope these dates are suitable for everyone, if not would you please arrange for some one else to do it for you or ring 791223 - THANK YOU.

Decorating the Church for Easter

We shall be decorating the Church on Saturday 11th of April from 10.am onwards. As of Christmas a list will be put up in the church porch regarding who's doing what or, if anyone would like to decorate a certain part of the church please do not hesitate to contact 791402 or 791223. As Easter is a very special time perhaps someone in memory of a loved one would like to contribute in some way to the Altar flowers if so please contact one of the above numbers.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

Sunday	1st		St David's Day: No service at St Silin's	
(1st Sunday in Lent)			Holy Communion, Salem Baptist Chapel	10.00am
Thursday	19th	2.30pm	Mother's Union meeting	Institute
Saturday	21st	2.00pm	Spring Fair	Memorial Hall
Sunday	22nd	10.30am	Joint Mothering Sunday Service	Llangedwyn Church

APRIL

Thursday	16th	2.30pm	Mother's Union meeting	Institute
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MAY

Sunday	10th	10.30am	Deanery Confirmation Service	St Silin's
Thursday	21st	7.30pm	Ascension Day	Llangadwaladr
			Holy Communion Service	
Sunday	31st		Whit Sunday	

LENT COURSE, using "The Crisis of the Cross" by Bishop John Davies, Wednesdays at 7.30pm at the Vicarage, 4th March to 8th April.

CHRISTIAN AID, Joint Christian Aid Service will be held at Soar Wesleyan Chapel on April 26th at 2.00pm.
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The Annual Christian Aid Coffee Evening will be held at the Institute on the 12th May 7.00 - 9.00pm.

PARISH REGISTERS

December 16th	Burial	Andrew John Shaw	Pentrefelin.
February 8th	Baptism	Eric John Ashley	Rhandir Issa

THANK YOU to everyone who so kindly gave fresh flowers, foliage etc, etc for decorating the church for Christmas and also a big THANK YOU to all the decorators and cleaners who worked so hard - well done one and all!

FORTHCOMING EVENT
Our first fund raising event this year will take the form of a Spring Fair to be held on Saturday 21st March in the Memorial Hall from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.
The proceeds will be in aid of the Spinal Injuries Unit at the Orthopaedic Hospital and St Silin's Church. More details will be available nearer the event, so PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE POSTERS!.
If you require further information please telephone 01691 791223.

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 - 791472

The next NEWSLETTER will be produced on 1st June 1998

If anyone would like to contribute, or has any useful suggestions please do not hesitate to contact Mary Morris - 791223 before 1st May 1998.