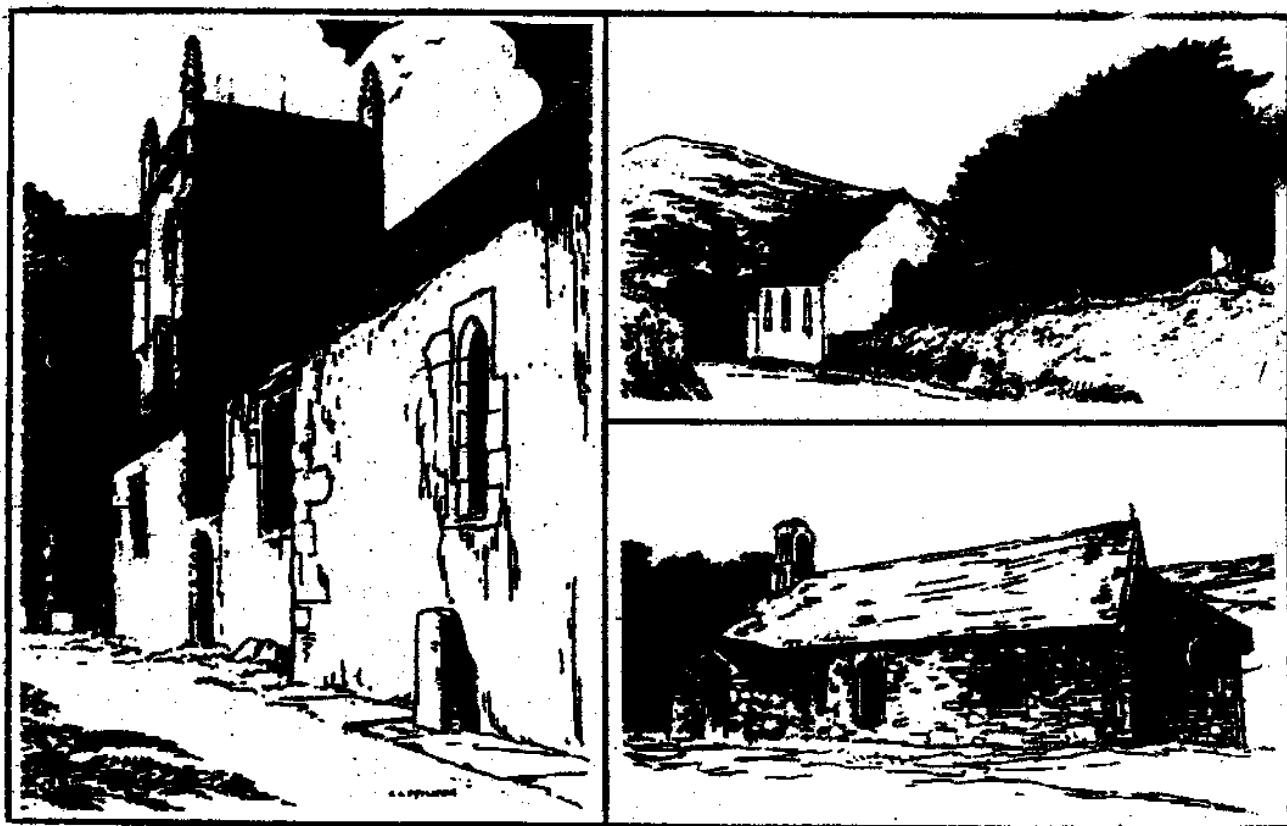


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# *Easter* BLESSINGS

**LLANSILIN  
PARISH CHURCH**  
WITH **LLANGADWALADR CHURCH**  
AND **RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH**

**N E W S**



### 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 Bendigaidd	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	10.00am
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	Matins	Rhiwlas	2.30pm
4th Sunday	Matins	Llangadwaladr	2.30pm

#### VICAR Rev. C.F. CARTER

The Vicarage Llansilin. Tel: 01691 791209

### GOFALAITH BRA LLANSILIN. 1999.

#### CHAPEL SERVICE

##### Mawrth - March.

7th.	Gweinidog	(C)	Bethesda.	10.30am
14th.	Parch. Margaret. Jones.		Salem	2.00pm
21st.	Gweinidog.		Cefncaanol.	6.00pm
28th.	Parch. R. Dyfan Thomas.		Bethesda.	2.00pm

##### Ebrill - April.

4th.	Gweinidog	Soar (C)		10.30pm
11th.	Parch. O. J. Roberts.	Rhiwlas		2.00pm
18th.	Gweinidog.	Bethania		6-30pm.
25th.	Parch. Iwan Lewis.	Salem.		2-00pm.

##### Mai - May.

2th.	Gweinidog (C)	Cefncaanol		10.30am
9th.	Mrs Mair Penri Jones.	Bethesda		2.00pm.
16th.	Gweinidog	Soar		10.30am
23rd.	Parch. John Carig Thomas.	Rhiwlas.		2.00pm.
30th.	Parch. Elfed ap Nefydd Robers.	Bethania.		2.00pm

### Congratulations

Wynn & Kay Hughes,  
The Laurels,  
On their golden wedding  
anniversary  
February 12th 1949.

### WHO'S WHO IN YOUR CHURCH.

Vicar - The Rev: C. F. Carter 791209.

#### Church Warden -

The Peoples - Beryl Jones 653941.  
The Vicars - Deborah Hill Trevor 791402.

P.C.C. Sect: - Val Burton 791274.

P.C.C. Treasurer - Esther Milner 791323.

Organist - Morfudd Williams 659369.

Mothers Union - Glenice Jones 791287.

Cleaning & Flower rota - Wardens

#### Gweinidog Minister -

Y Parch Stanton T Evans. 654682.

Llangadwaladr Vera Evans 791471.

Rhiwlas Marjory Evans. 600228.

#### Magazine Editorial Panel.

Gill Avery. 791298.  
Anneli Thomas. 791239.

Distribution Margaret Lloyd 791472

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£1 in stamps to Mrs M Lloyd 6. Maes y Llan  
Llansilin, Oswestry, S.Y.10 7Q.E.

Deadline for items to be included in the Newsletter.  
To the editorial panel by the 1st May: '99.

## The Vicars Viewpoint.

As 1999 ticks away, and the Millennium begins to obsess the media and loom ever larger across the horizon, it's worth pausing to wonder what the person whose anniversary we are celebrating would make of the world, and of humankind who He hoped to redeem from themselves, 2000 years on.

The world is changed beyond recognition, both by the ingenuity of our race and by our reckless squandering of earth's natural riches, while humankind has changed all too little. During this Lenten season we traditionally reflect on Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, and for me the three challenges He refuses - to turn stones into bread, to survive a spectacular "stunt" and to rule the world if he paid homage to the Tempter who claimed it for his own -- represent the traditional means by which rulers have sought to keep those whom they ruled reconciled to their lot, the Roman "bread and circuses", cheap food and showmanship in modern terms, and the reality at the heart of all power exercised by such means; that it corrupts and enslaves rulers and ruled alike, as the tragic history of this last century of the second millennium has demonstrated all too well.

So I have been very impressed by a suggestion made by a survivor of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's worst horror, whose father died in Auschwitz a few days before it's liberation. "As we approach the Millennium", she writes "we reflect on the bloodiest century in history and anticipate the future with fear: we look at the greedy exploitation of our planet, the unjust and immoral sharing of it's resources, the ever-escalating

arms trade ..... how can we call a halt, how can we build a just and peaceful world and use our technological ingenuity to enhance and protect life instead of planning each other's destruction? I suggest that to celebrate the new Millennium the United Nations should institute an International Day of Atonement which every nation

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will keep as an annual Holy Day on which to unit in the spiritual task of facing and teaching children the truth about their history ..... All our misdeeds, economic, ecological, cultural, military and those done in the name of religion should be truthfully shown, and the need for atonement and restitution should be made clear by all the media, and by exhibitions in every town and country.

In the balance could be shown those deeds and inventions any country had made in the service of humanity, so that this day need not be one of shame only, but will end with celebration of our own culture and respect and admiration for all others - a truly united international day where we help each other to bear the burdens of guilt and

shame and together resolve that the future will be dedicated towards building a better humanity, which honours and loves it's diversity and shares the longing for a healthy planet and a world at peace."

Too unrealistic and utopian? As Christians we cannot so lightly dismiss this Jewish lady's idealism. For when Jesus rejected the temptation to use bribery, propaganda and the surrender of integrity to gain worldly power he was choosing the far more difficult course of challenging humankind to cast aside the lies and illusions which hindered them from facing the truth about themselves and each other and together to turn back to God in common penitence and common faith. Few wanted to listen to him, let

alone rise to his challenge./


Their outraged rejection put him on the cross. But a handful did listen, and their message -corrupted, misunderstood and misused as it inevitability has been down the centuries - still challenges a world running wild after indulgence and excitement and ready to do anything to get them - no matter what the cost to others, no matter what the damage to the planet - to face the harsh truth while there is still time to draw back from the brink and in mutual penitence and mutual forgiveness resolve to enter the new millennium together by the steep and difficult path whose clearest signpost is the cross on which Jesus died to point us out the only way to safety.

### From the Church Records.

Funeral On 26th. January of Mrs M. E. Jones.

1, Maes y Llan, Llansilin.

*Christopher Carter*

	<p>Forth coming events.</p> <p><u>18th March, 2.15pm.</u></p> <p>A talk by Christine Williams. of Llansilin. On "Needlework"</p>
	<p><u>15th April, 2.15p</u></p> <p>Mr. Davies. Lodge, Llangedwyn. A talk on local history.</p>
	<p><u>29th. April, Deanery Festival</u></p>
	<p><u>May meeting. Gardening.</u></p>

### Diocesan Youth Activities.

23rd - 25th. April. Oxford. Alleluia '99.  
Weekend for 15-20 year olds exploring  
faith through drama, music, art and wor-  
ship. Rev, Rex Mathrias (01745) 720273.

23 May 1999 at 3 pm,  
a BBQ at Shotton to celebrate Pentecost.

26 - 30 July 1999

at St Asaph. A summer camp with all  
night discussions.

DYA Contact Authur Tyerman. Llan-  
rhaedr Y. M. (780 094.)

A Millennium meeting, The Mountain  
Zoo Colwyn Bay.

Details from Sheila Ashley. 791283.

### School visit to the belfry.

Just before half term all the classes of *Ysgol Bro Cynllaith* had a conducted tour of the tower and belfry, just in time before the bells were dismantled. Even the tiny children climbed all the long flights of stairs. Each child was able to tap a bell to hear the note, and all put their hands over their ears while a clapper was swung to make a very loud ring and vibration. The 250-year old clock mechanism (older than the tower) was also on display before its well-earned rest during the renovations.

The children were so interested that a number of them would like to have a go at learning to ring when they are bigger. We look forward to welcoming them all again to see the next steps in the restoration work.

## Sunday School Latest...

Sunday School finished for the time being with a visit to Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant to see Pinocchio performed by the Tanat Theatre Company. This treat, which all the children enjoyed, was in place of the usual Christmas party.

There will be no Sunday School in Llansilin until September 1999. Quite a few of the members of Sunday School were confirmed last May and as there has not been any new children enrolled, it was decided to take a break and re-charge the batteries.

The appeal is still about for a replacement for Sheila Ashley who wishes to hand over the running of the Sunday School to a successor. Alternatively, there may be somebody who would consider helping Sheila run the Sunday School. In either case, please contact Sheila on tel. 791 283 for further information of what is involved.



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## A MILLENNIUM PROJECT

SUPPORTED BY FUNDS  
FROM THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

## PROSECT Y MILENIWM

CYNGORFFS CYDA CHYMOETH  
ARWANGOL O'R LOTERÏ GŪNIDLAETHOL

The great news for this issue is that work has started on the bells. The trials and tribulations are all forgotten and great was the excitement to see each bell very slowly descending through two floors down to the porch floor - the chains of the block and tackle tinkling on the mouth of the bells.

Then followed the dismantling of the 150-year old oak frame. Amazingly, all the bolts were freed without much difficulty and over twenty sections of frame were gently lowered. There were anxious moments with the last two massive foundation beams - sixteen feet long with each end resting inside the tower masonry. However, careful manoeuvring released them and they in turn were lowered.

The bells have already been transported to Eayre and Smith, Bell-hangers, Melbourne, Derbyshire for refurbishment. However in the church porch is a display of a bell wheel, headstock, clapper, rope guides and rope. Do go and have a look.

Many thanks to those who so freely gave of their labours. Thanks, too, to the provider of free B&B for the Bell-hanger from Eayre & Smith, to those who kept the workers supplied with sustenance, to those who are making photograph & video records, to all those who continue to give us the encouragement and moral support to carry out the project.

### Gift Aid.

This is a way of recovering tax from a donation to charity which greatly benefits that charity.

It involves a single donation from a taxpayer of a minimum of £250 and tax is recovered very quickly.

If you, or anyone you know, can give a lump sum, a Give Aid form is signed and the £250 becomes £328 if the tax rate is 24%.

This is such a tremendous benefit; anyone wishing to make a single payment gift to Llansilin Church at any time – should contact the covenant secretary *Mrs Brenda Jones (791261)* to maximise the giving.

### CALENDAR

#### **St Silins Church**

- 14th, March, Mothering Sunday 10-00 am.  
23rd, March, A service by the School Children  
26th, March, P.C.C. Meeting. 7-30pm.  
1st, April, Maundy Thursday 7-00pm. Llangedwyn.  
2nd, April, Good Friday. 2-00pm. Llansilin.  
2nd, April, Good Friday. 6-30pm. Llangedwyn.  
4th, April, Easter Sunday. 10-00am. Llansilin.  
10-30am. Llangedwyn.  
2-30pm Rhiwlas.  
18th, April, Deanary Confirmation 10-30am. Llanfyllin.  
2nd, May, Joint Christian Aid Service  
10-00am Communion. Llangadwaladr.  
13th, May, Ascension Day 7-30pm. Communion.  
14th, May, Christian Aid Coffee Evening Memorial Hall.

THE PLYGAIN which was held on 4th of December at Llansilin Church was well attended. The Church was nice and warm, and six parties took part, namely The Rev C F Carter, The Fronhaelog party, Lloran party, Triawd Penygroes, Rhian Griffiths and Awel Jones and Emlyn Evans. Refreshments were served in the Hall afterwards by the ladies of the church.

Fe gafwyd PLYGAIN yn Eglwys Llansilin ar Rhagfyr 4 1998. Daeth chwech parti ymlaen i gymeryd rhan; Rev. C.F. Carter, parti Fronhaelog, parti Lloran, Triawd Penygroes, Rhian Griffiths ag Awel Jones ag Emlyn Evans. I ddilyn cafwyd swper yn y Neuadd wedi ei Baratoi gan Merched yr Eglwys.

### Churchyard Trees.

A feature of the southside of the Churchyard has been an interesting variety of trees, both deciduous and coniferous, planted in the 1970s.

Several specimens of conifer close to the boundary have now reached a great height. It is felt that they are now ready for felling, not only for safety but also to give light and space to the interesting variety of trees nearby.

Due to the restriction of space each tree will have to be cut and lowered in sections and then carried to the south path to be taken away. – Quite a big job!

### Village Hall Committee Concert.

The Committee has arranged a concert on **March 6th** in the Memorial Hall to raise funds for stage two of the Hall Improvements. *OFFAS DYKE MALE VOICE CHOIR AND ARTISTS* will feature. Look out for posters locally with full details.

### Millennium Celebrations.

There was an open meeting in the Memorial Hall in Llansilin in mid-January to sound out interest for local celebrations for the millennium. Plenty of ideas were exchanged and a subcommittee was elected. *Eirian Glennie*, Rossett House is Chairperson, *Dawn Thomas*, Monfa House is Secretary and *Eirianwen Pugh*, Afonfechain, is Treasurer.

Fundraising events are being planned, details will be displaced locally. Please approach any of the committee members with ideas and suggestions and offers of help if you wish to be involved in the celebration arrangements.

**SIDESMEN'S ROTA March - May 1999.**

March 14th	Matins	10.00am.	Mrs Anneli Thomas	791239
March 21st	Holy Communion.	8.30am.	Vera Evans.	791471
March 28th	Welsh Service.	9.00am	Mr Wynn Hughes.	791261
	Evensong	6.30pm.	Mrs Esther Miiner	791323
April 4th.	Holy Communion.	8.00am.	Mrs Margaret Lloyd.	791472
	Holy Communion.	10.00am.	Wardens	
April 11th.	Matins	10.00am.	Clive Inman.	791497
April 18th.	Holy Communion.	8.30am.	Mrs D. Hill-Trevor.	791402
April 25th.	Welsh Service.	9.00am.	Mr Dan Jones	791287
	Evensong	6.30pm.	Mr Peter Carter	791226
May 2nd.th	Holy communion.	10.00am.	Mrs Beryl Jones.	653941
May 11th.	Matins	10-00am	Mrs Sheila Ashley	791283
May 16.th	Holy Communion.	8.30am.	Miss Mary Morris.	791223
May 23rd.	Welsh Service.	9.00am.	Mrs Phyllis Hughes.	791412
	Evensong.	6.30pm.	Mrs Gill Avery.	791298
May 30th.	Family Service	10-00am	To be appointed.	

**Church Flower & Cleaning Rota. March to May. 1999. inclusive**

**No Flowers for Lent**

March. 7th.	Quick Clean	Avril Jones & Janet Davies.
March. 14th.	QuickClean.	Mr. & Mrs. Withers Green.
March. 21st.	QuickClean.	Mr. & Mrs. Withers Green.
March. 28th.	QuickClean.	Mrs. Beryl Jones. & Morfydd Williams.
March. 31st.	Big clean.	
April 1st.		ready for Easter. Wednesday & Thursday,
		Will all ladies please help on either of the
		two days. Thank you.
		List for decorating in the porch.
April 3rd..		Flowers.
April 11th.	Quick Clean	Mrs. Beryl Jones. & Morfydd Williams.
April 18th.	Quick Clean	Glenys Jones & Alma Jones
April 25th..	Quick Clean	Glenys Jones & Alma Jones
May 2nd.	Quick Clean	Sheila Ashley & Chistine Williams
May 9th	Quick Clean	Sheila Ashley & Chistine Williams
May 16th.	Quick Clean	Nancy Willian & Megan Evans.
May 23rd.	Quick Clean	Nancy Willian & Megan Evans.
May 30th.	Quick Clean	Ester Millner & Eileen Bignall.

**Llansilin Souvenirs – Ideas for Easter gifts.**

**Tea Towels** £2.50.  
(Village scenes drawn by Clifford Milner.)  
Green/Red/Blue/ Black.

**Notelets** – 5 Assorted village pictures. £1.20.  
(Drawn by Clifford Milner.)

**Llansilin Yew Key Rings.** £0.50.  
(Made by Gill Avery.)

**Church History Booklets.** £0.50.  
(Written by Kathleen Jones.)

**Village Guide.** £0.10.  
(Produced by Local History Society.)

**Prints in coloured mounts** £4.00.  
From original water-colours, £4.50.  
(by Catriona Wilkinson.) £5.00.

**Llansilin Church Horse Brasses – Sorry Sold Out.**  
Hope to produce another Limited Edition,  
Design to Celebrate the Millennium.

For sale at Glyndwr Garage, Llansilin.

# Competition Time

Write a poem on the subject of

*“Bells for the Millennium.”*

To celebrate the renovation of our bells.  
Three prizes have been given, £10, for first prize  
and £5. each for two runners up.

Entries by 1st. August 1999, to the editorial panel, winning entries will be published in the Autumn issue.



## Llansilin Play Scheme

This group has been busy lately in planning a wide variety of activities and discussing facilities for the younger members of our parish. A committee consisting of **Awel Jones, Wendy Cosford, Jan Needham and Renee Springett** has been formed and it is going to be a very busy time for them all as the list of activities they are considering is very comprehensive indeed and includes literary workshops, woodsculpting village objects, mosaic work, music, art and drama workshops, holiday playscheme and under 8's science workshops.

Funding for these activities is in hand and it is envisaged that the activities will materialize this summer and autumn. A **quiz night** was held before Christmas which raised around £30, and is now a regular event **every second Monday** each month at **7.30 pm in The Wynnstay Inn.**

Funds have already become available for a **DRAMA WORKSHOP** which will run from February to June. A theatrical artist is coming to Llansilin organizing this and it is hoped that a theatrical production will be the result. The workshop will be in two parts, Friday after school for the under 8's and Wednesday and Friday evenings for age nine upwards. The club is free and anyone interested can contact **Renee Springett** for details, tel. 791 366.

### GLYNDWR GARAGE SHOP

Support your local store

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Monday to Saturday  
8.30 am to 6 pm

closed for lunch 1-2pm.



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Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.  
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## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Aelwyd - Welsh League of Youth - Fridays 7.30 - 10 pm from September in the Memorial Hall.  
Emyr Evans 791 240.

Bowls Club, Mondays 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall . Sharon Lee 831 431.

Community Council, from September, every second Tuesday alternate months at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Harry Hughes 657 972.

Cymdeithas Ddwylliadol Llansilin - a welsh cultural and literary society - monthly September to April Mondays 7 - 9 pm.  
Sarah James 791 436.

First Llansilin Guides, Tuesday at 7 - 8.30 pm in the Institute. Alison Beeston 791 262.

Kneeler Project. In the Institute the first Saturday monthly at 2-30pm. Anneli Thomas 791 239.

Local History Society, contact Chris Burton 791 274.

Mothers Union 3rd. Thursday in the month at 2-15pm, in the Institute. Contact Glenice Jones 791287.

Meals on Wheels Service, need assessed by Social Services. Local contacts Margaret Lloyd 791 472 and Olive Jones 791363.

Over 60's Club, in the Institute alternate Tuesdays from 8th September 2 - 4.30 pm Kay Hughes 791216.

Play group - Cylch Meithrin - in the Memorial Hall. Eiriann Glennie 791 378.

Rhiwlas Community Centre, Will Thomas 680 451.

Rhiwlas Gardening Club, first Monday each month at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. Dorothy Bullard 791 373.

Rural Car Service for visiting the doctor, dentist, chiroprapist etc. Please ring between 8.00 – 9.00am. Or 6.00 – 7.00pm.  
(Unless it is an emergency ). Norma Garment 791335

Sunday School Meet in the Institute at 10-00am. on the first Sunday each month during school term time. Participate in Family Service on the fifth Sunday. Sheila Ashley. 791283.

Village Hall. The Committee meet as and when needed. Secretary Arthur James 791 436.

. Booking clerk for the Hall and Institute, Wendy Jones 791 498.

Whist Drive. From 9th September this will run every second Wednesday each month at 7.30pm. in the Memorial Hall, up to and including 12th May 1999. Money raised will go towards hall funds

Womens Institute meet every second Friday each month in the Institute at 7 pm. Dorothy Bullard 791 373.

YFC, Catrin Williams 780496.

Youth Club meet in the Memorial Hall Thursdays 7 - 9.30 pm. Youth Leader Elena Jones. 780315.