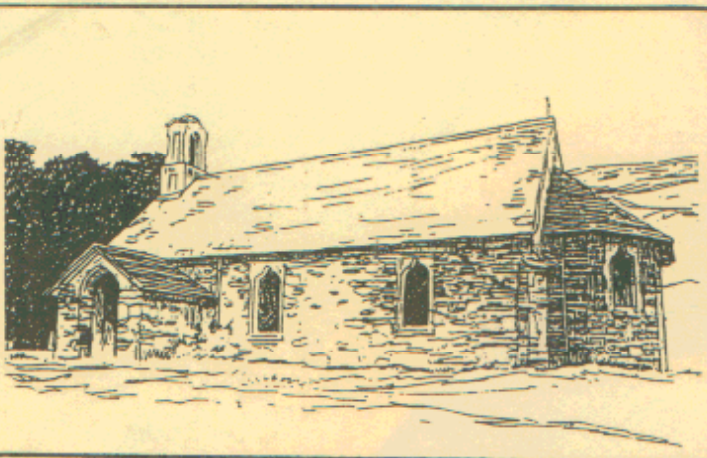
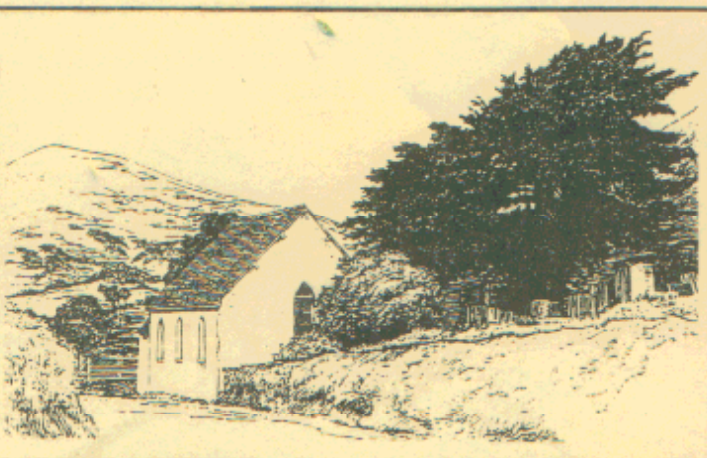


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LLANSILIN PARISH CHURCH

WITH LLANGADWALADR CHURCH AND
RHIWLAS MISSION CHURCH

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DECEMBER 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 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	10.30am
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

Rhagfyr

1af	Y Gweinidog	(Cymun)	Cefncanol	10.30am
8fed	Mr Moelwyn Jones		Bethesda	2.00pm
15fed	Y Gweinidog		Soar	10.30am
22ain			Rhiwlas	
29fed	Mr Thomas Morris		Bethania	6.30pm

Ionawr

5fed	Y Gweinidog	(Cymun)	Salem	10.00am
12fed	Y Gweinidog		Cefncanol	2.00pm
19fed	Y Gweinidog		Bethesda	6.30pm
26ain	Mr Gwilym Jones		Soar	2.00pm

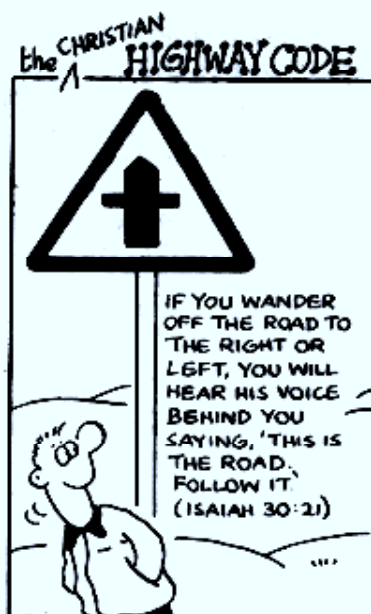
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2ail	Gweinidog		Rhiwlas	6.30pm
9fed	Parch O G Williams		Bethania	2.00pm
16eg	Gweinidog		Salem	6.30pm
23ain	Parch D Gerald Jones		Cefncanol	10.30am

Mawrth

2ail	Gweinidog	Bethesda	6.30pm
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GWEINIDOG/MINISTER: Y Parch Stanton Evans 20 Croeswylan Lane Oswestry.
Telephone: 01691 654682.



THE VICAR'S LETTER

Following the historic decision by the Governing Body of the Church in Wales to admit women to the priesthood (by a single vote in the House of Clergy, though the bishops were unanimously and the laity overwhelmingly in favour), it was announced that the ordinations would take place at the season of Epiphany, and one newspaper ran the headline "Women priests arrive with the wise men"! Amused by the picture this conjured up, I found myself wondering what gifts these new ambassadors of man-kind - I beg their pardon, humankind! - might bring to the infant king: perhaps not so much different gifts as a new richness of meaning to the traditional ones. Gold is the proper metal for a ring, the symbol of completion and fulfilment, and I do truly believe that the opening of the ministry to both sexes imparts to the Church a wholeness which we have lacked during all the centuries in which our skewed structures have reflected the prejudices of the world. Incense burned by the priests on behalf of the people whose prayers arose in the sweet smoke towards Heaven, can now as it were be offered by a priesthood truly representative of the whole people of God, called to a priestly role on behalf of the entire world. As for myrrh the embalmers' spice which foretold Christ's share in our sorrows and our mortality, surely all that women have suffered, and still suffer, all too often through the thoughtless selfishness of mankind (sadly the word must stand unaltered this time!) partakers of his sacrifice also, while the pains which usher us all into the world are used by St. Paul to symbolise the struggle to achieve the new order which will redeem not our fallen race alone but all creations along with us. Perhaps far updated Epiphany ought for once to imagine the wise women arriving at Bethlehem to be greeted by the cry "It's a girl!" for while "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" the loving providence of God is constantly renewed and reaffirmed, embracing all times and places, all ages, genders, races and conditions of human kind.

May the love of Christ incarnate indwell, gladden, enlighten and transform us all, this Christmastide and in all our lives to come.

Christopher Carter

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve	7.00pm	United Service Methodist Chapel	Rhiwlas
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Candlelit Midnight Communion	Llansilin
Christmas Day	8.00am	Holy Communion	Llansilin
Christmas Day	9.30am	Holy Communion	Llangedwyn



So why should we fear the winter's cold
When under the furrow sleeps the gold?
The earth bears seeds of the future sun
And out of the dark new life will come,
And care with the bells at midnight flees away,
And joy comes in on Christmas morning.

Sylvia Menta: "Bells at Midnight"



MOTHER'S UNION

The Rev: C F Carter opened the September meeting with a short service. Members then discussed arrangements for the Annual Christmas Party. The speaker for the afternoon was the Vicar - The Rev: Carter who spoke and showed slides of his recent holiday to China. Thanks were expressed. Light refreshments concluded the meeting.

The October meeting was cancelled. The Institute was the meeting place for the November meeting, despite the wintry weather conditions several members attended. The Rev: C F Carter opened the meeting with the usual short service. Unfortunately the speaker was unable to attend so a discussion was held on items which had been received from the Diocesan Outreach Group. Final arrangements were made for the Christmas Party.

CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE

How rewarding it has been to see the churchyard busy with people of all ages. The bottom end looks so much neater and tidier. This has allowed the band of volunteers to concentrate on the older part at the front and sides. Adults and children, we have met every thursday evening throughout the season - and we have mowed and strimmed, cut ivy off the walls, pulled out nettles, dug out elders and tidied the path and also chatted and laughed alot!. We have enjoyed our get-togethers and ended the season with a super informal supper at the Wynnstay Inn. We have made plans to make further progress next season and look forward to taking it in turns to use the brand new wheeled strimmer, which promises to make easier work of the more difficult areas.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed in their own way either on the thursday evenings or on other days of the week. We look forward to seeing you all in 1997!.

RECIPE FOR PRESERVING CHILDREN

1 grass grown field
One half dozen children or more
Several dogs (and puppies if available)
1 brook
Pebbles
Milk
biscuits

Method

Into field pour children and dogs
Allow to mix well
Pour brook over pebbles till slightly frothy,
When children are nicely brown, cool off with a paddle in brook,
Dry off hands and feet,
Serve with milk and biscuits.

LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD

It has been lovely to return to St Silin's Church this year, firstly to the Mothers' Union Festival which brings the faithful few from remote parishes together and re-affirms them in the objects of the Mothers' Union and provides welcome fellowship and exchange of ideas. Secondly to celebrate the marriage of Ursula and Huw, I love weddings, I love to be at the beginning of something special; at the hope and promise of years and loyalty and loving care one for the other - what a special day. Looking back over 35 years of happy married life with all its lights and darkness, ups and downs, it is with a thankful heart I remember the great adventure of sharing all that came our way and together with many widows, remembering is a great source of comfort in lonely times.

The last two years have been like climbing out of a great pit - or like the hardest journey I've ever made. When Paul and the children and I were living on the loneliest island in the world - Tristan Da Cunha, in the South Atlantic, among a tiny community of some two hundred souls who were trying to come to terms with the aftermath of the eruption of their volcano; their rejection as refugees by South Africa and their frightening journey by boat to Southampton in mid winter. There they had to learn a whole new set of skills to cope with living in an urban environment thousands of miles from their island before returning to their island in 1965.

During our ministry there we were invited to join a small group of islands making the 6000 foot ascent to the top of the original volcano and then down across the boulder strewn shore to a safe flat place called Stoney Beach where seals lived and whales sheltered in the bay with their young and the rock hopper penguins sat in massive groups full of movement and chatter.

The climb was easy to begin with - just the awful smell of sulphur and hot patches on the rocks - hot enough to fry an egg. Then the climb became almost vertical with loose shale and sharp pumice rock scratching and tearing at the flesh. At three thousand feet we hit a flat marsh which ringed the core and got sucked into deep holes, up to our waists in mud. The wet wind knocked us over at times and hand holds proved unreliable and dangerous. We circumnavigated the core into the lee of the wind and rested before beginning to climb down the sheer face, transversing gulches and wet rock. Exhausted beyond anything ever experienced before, I longed to be left behind to expire in peace. I became giddy and unable to walk straight and Paul had to rope us together to keep me from falling off the edge. The islanders also found it difficult but with stoical acceptance moved ahead without comment. Finally - clothes in tatters and cut and bleeding we made the shore. I thought we were there and collapsed in a heap only to be told we had to cross the boulder strewn beach where black volcanic sand cut like glass and demolished the last of our boots. Huge stones had to be negotiated - they looked strong and safe but wobbled horribly when stood upon and after three miles of very slow progress with ankles swollen, we finally saw grass ahead and a few donkeys grazing in the warm sun. What a relief - but what fear too - to know I would have to face the journey back again. It took three days before I could stand and longer until the cuts and bruises faded. After a week, out of the blue, a small fishing boat arrived and we were hauled aboard and shipped backed round the island home to the village.

In spiritual terms, the last two years could be likened to that journey into the unknown on Tristan Da Cunha as I expected to be stronger and fitter than I was and more able to cope with my grief, and when facing head on the huge difficulties which seemed ever there day after day, my only hope was to rope myself to Christ - redeemer and friend.

LLANSILIN CHURCH SIDESMEN'S ROTA

DECEMBER

1st Mrs Beryl Jones	8th Mr Tony Jones	15th Miss Mary Morris
22nd Mr Dan Jones (9.am)	22nd Church Wardens (E)	24th Church Wardens
25th Christmas Day	29th Mrs Sheila Ashley	

JANUARY 1997

5th Mrs Beryl Jones	12th Mrs Kathleen Jones	19th Mrs Vera Evans
26th Mr Wyn Hughes	26th Mrs Esther Milner (E)	

FEBRUARY

2nd Mrs Beryl Jones	9th Mr Clive Inman	16th Miss Mary Morris
23rd Mr Dan Jones	23rd Mrs Sheila 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 - December to March 1997

December 8th and 15th	Mrs Kathleen Jones and Mrs Betty Evans
December 22nd and 29th	Mrs Sheila Ashley and Mrs Christine Williams

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January 5th and 12th	Mrs Megan Evans and Mrs Bronwen Taylor
January 19th and 26th	Mrs Glenice Jones, Avril Jones & Janet Davies

February 2nd and 9th	Mrs Annali Thomas and Mrs Valerie Burton
February 16th and 23rd	Mrs Beryl Jones and Miss Olive Jones

March 2nd and 9th	Mrs Alma Jones and Mrs Withers-Green
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If again, any of these dates are unsuitable for anybody, would you please arrange for someone else to do it. THANK YOU.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped to decorate and clean the church for the Harvest Festival.

Answers to the Christian Knowledge Questions in the previous Newsletter.

1. "The Innocence of Father Brown" in 1911.
2. Upon his own father, Thomas Butler, Rector of Langar in Nottinghamshire.
3. Dr. Primrose.
4. The Monk's name is Brother William of Baskerville, and one of Sherlock Holme's stories is "The Hound of the Baskervilles".
5. Charles Dickens describing Mr Chadband in "Bleak House".
6. Dr Proudie.



Read the story of how God fed Elijah with warm bread when he was tired, sad and hungry. It is in *1 Kings 19:3-9*.



Ingredients

½ cup flour
1 teaspoon sugar
1 beaten egg

½ cup milk
2 tablespoons
of oil.

What to do:

1. Mix everything together.
2. Heat a lightly-oiled pan.
3. Pour mixture in and cook till bubbles form on top.
4. Turn over and cook other side.
5. Eat with a drink of fresh water.
6. Thank God for feeding you!

SEARCHWORD

'OLD TESTAMENT CHARACTERS'

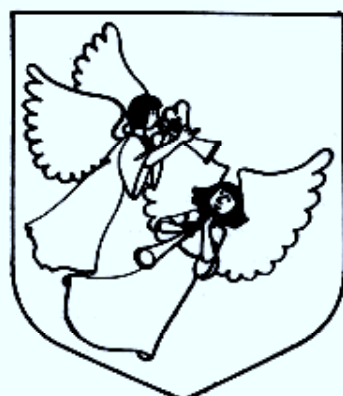
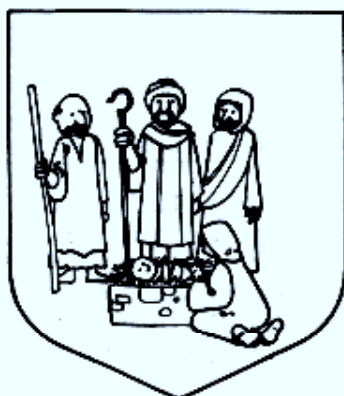
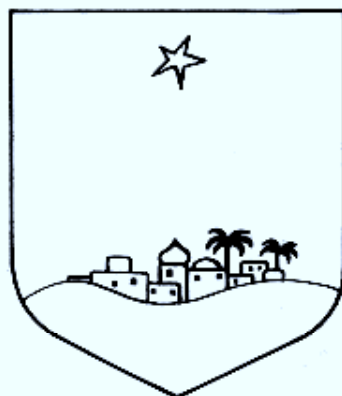
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Abel
Abraham
Adam
Amos
Boaz
Daniel
David
Elijah

Esau
Ezekiel
Goliath
Hosea
Isaac
Isaiah
Jacob
Joseph
Joshua

Miriam
Moses
Noah
Rachel
Ruth
Samson
Samuel
Solomon

CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS PICTURES

Colour in the pictures of Bethlehem under the stars, the Shepherds, and the Angels. You could use them to make your own Christmas cards!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

Thursday	5th	7 for 7.30pm	M U Christmas Party	Wynnstay Inn
Friday	6th	7.30pm	Plygain	St Silin's Church
Friday	13th	6.30pm	Carol Service Ysgol Bro Cynllaith taking part	St Silin's Church
Sunday	22nd	6.30pm	Plygain	Briw Chapel

January 1997

Thursday	16th	2.15pm	M U Meeting	Institute
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February

Thursday	20th	2.15pm	M U Meeting	Institute
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PARISH REGISTERS

September	7th 1996	Marriage	Ursula Amelia Jones Huw Moreton Owen	Lloran Ganol to Penybont Fawr
September	28th 1996	Baptism	Kieran James Dyke Mrs E Jones Maesyllan	Great, great Grandson
October	10th 1996	Burial	^ Sion Morgan Jones Llangadwaladr Churchyard	Pantglas Isaf Moelfre
October	17th 1996	Burial	Gwyneth Morva Stokes Llangadwaladr Churchyard	Bryntirion Moelfre
November	16th 1996	Marriage	Anne Hilary Sarah Davies Charles Edward Phillip Burton	Shrewsbury to Wernddu

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 ALL who have contributed in different ways to this Newsletter.

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The next Newsletter will be produced on 1st March 1997
We would be grateful for contributions, information or suggestions from anyone for further Newsletters - so please do not hesitate to contact Margaret or myself Mary Morris - tel; 791223 before the 1st of February 1997.