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**Thank You
Celia Adams**

'In July the sun is hot. Is it shining? No, it's not!

These words are from a 'Flanders and Swann song' talking about the weather each month. July is a month of holidays for many people. Children start their long summer break and, as far as the U.K. is concerned, the big topic of conversation is usually the weather!

I am reminded that our sons always asked, 'Is it going to be fine for our holidays?' Obviously, I couldn't answer in the affirmative, but we always seemed to enjoy it anyway. Irrespective of the weather, how do we spend our holiday?

It seems an ideal time for prayer about our future and the needs of others. A long time ago I was taught a different way of praying which wasn't to pray for people by name but, instead, to wrap them in an outer layer, like a parcel, and offer it to God because He knows the needs of each person and will respond as He thinks is right.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank people for their prayers, concern, prayer cards, messages and phone calls following my possible stroke and the 4 days I spent in Bangor Hospital.

I had to go there instead of Bronglais because the relevant machine they needed to use had broken down! After a journey of almost 2 hours, I waited outside in the ambulance for 4 hours!

Nigel had phoned the Chaplain there - who we have known for a long time - to say that I was on my way and he came and sat with me in the ambulance for a long time and he paid me regular visits on the ward during the 4 days I was in hospital.

When you are about 70 miles from home in hospital, to see someone you know is very comforting and important.

It also reminded me that it is very important to keep in touch with our family and friends, especially those whom we don't see very often.



CRAFTS FOR GIVING

Monday 14th July

2.00-4.00 pm

St Cadfan's Church, Tywyn



Whatever the state of St Cadfan's vestry refurbishments we shall meet for our usual knit, stitch, natter, pray and donate session on Monday July 14 at 2pm in the Glass Room. Free of charge!

We have a gratifyingly large number of shawls and blankets to donate to people for whom prayers are particularly timely (this can be for happy reasons like a new grandchild or a house-move as well as "you've been through a lot, we're praying for you") - so if you know of anyone you'd like to give such a gift to, come and choose one on that Monday or speak to Sue Whitehouse on 07789 442 035.



Monthly Prayer Walk



These are suspended for the time being. Watch this space for October! .

Coffee Mornings at St Cadfan's

Mondays (field market day!) in July and August, we shall have our coffee mornings from 10-15 to 12-15 DESPITE the closure of Corbett Sq and Maengwyn St.**Please come!**

Please give us some help if you can (serve, make cakes or scones, just come and be welcoming!) **and...** if you want to have a stall selling anything in aid of church or Ministry Area, please contact Sue Whitehouse, see under Contacts.

Dates - July 7,14,21,28.....Aug 4,11,18,25

Thank you! These mornings may seem like hard work but they contribute a good chunk to church funds and represent a very significant part of our community ministry.

Service in St Cadfan's on the 20th of July

Those with ears tuned to Talyllyn Railway matters may know that 19-20 July is a weekend of celebrations of anything linked to Rev. Wilbert Awdry who, as author of the "Thomas" and "Skarloey" stories, gave a huge lot of publicity to the Talyllyn and to Tywyn. We hope to have a contribution to the service in Tywyn that morning from the railway and/or the Awdry family. Please come and swell the congregation anyway and until then "dry rails and good running"!

Sue Whitehouse

Eco Ystumanner

Max Birchenough

Though we are doing very little ourselves on this front, nature, as Gerard Manley Hopkins reminds us, is "never spent", and the St. Cadfan's churchyard is getting a little overgrown, as are one or two of the others in our Ministry Area. We are waiting upon the Community Payback Scheme for the opportunity to make things more presentable, and also, perhaps to begin the task of opening up the space to pilgrims with a mown pathway around the churchyard.

News from the Churches



Aberdyfi **School Pastors.**

The meeting held at the Baptist Church on Monday June 9th was well attended and the Representatives from Ascension Trust, the Pastor umbrella organisation, explained the next stages in some detail.

It seems as though we have enough financial support to start up this initiative here in Tywyn and there is sufficient people power to sustain it. However, the next stage is to work with the school to ascertain their vision and to find out how School Pastors can support the students and the staff as well as the wider community.

I will be sending out emails to all those who have expressed an interest, detailing the next stages.

Finally, thank you for your commitment to this initiative, which will have a positive effect upon the students, staff and the community.

Fiona Mann

Abergynolwyn



We have two Services scheduled for July, a Holy Eucharist on Sunday 6th July and Morning Worship on Sunday 20th July. Everyone is very welcome and we look forward to seeing as many as possible.

Arthog



Fourteen gathered in St Catherine's on Trinity Sunday for a service led by Rev Steve and followed by *panad o de a chacen gri*. We were glad to welcome a lady who has been a regular visitor to the area over the years. Her father had been the last station master at Arthog. The station was closed in 1965 when the Ruabon to Barmouth line was taken out of service.

Continuing thanks to Peredur and his team for cutting the grass and clearing brambles in the churchyard. The two benches there are a very pleasant place to sit and are often used by walkers heading for Arthog Falls or the Mawddach Trail.

Thanks too to Roderick for the smart new noticeboard in the porch. Services are on the third Sunday of every month, so our next gathering will be on July 19th at 3pm.

Catherine

Fairbourne



By time, you read tis we have hopefully had a 'Spring Clean' or should it be 'Summer Clean'

Our bats love the building so much, they refuse to leave and this meant an other visit by Cambrian Ecology. I was late to bed buy time they left.

We also remember those in our community who have asked for our prayers.

As always if you know of anyone who would like our prayers or any pastoral support, please do get in touch.

Rev George

Llanegryn



We are looking forward our services at 11.15am on July a3th and 27th. Please do continue to pray for our community here in Llanegryn as well as for Bro Ystumanner and the wider world. Naturally Rev Ruth and all her family are at the heart of our prayers. Please do join us if you can.

Ven Robert

Llanfihangel-y-Pennant **Quite Days at St Michael's Church**



In addition to the usual Celtic Evening Prayer services every Friday in July and August, this year we will be running two Quiet Days in St Michael's, on 25th July and 22nd August. These will be a gently led days, away from everyday distractions of mobile phones and social media, for us to enjoy the beautiful St Michael's church, long associated with Mary Jones, and its stunning surroundings. A time of rest and spiritual refreshment.

The Quiet Days will commence with a brief Celtic Morning Prayer at 11 am. A meditation will follow with a focus on the local landscape as it might have been when Mary Jones was a child, to prepare us for a period of quiet. After lunch there will be a second meditation and a quiet mini-pilgrimage across the valley to Ty'n y Ddol, the remains of the house where Mary Jones grew up. The day will conclude with the usual Celtic Evening Prayer at 3 pm at which we hope to be joined by those who wish to come to just that service.

A few practical details: Please bring cushions and picnic chairs to ensure you are comfortable in the church and churchyard. Also, please bring your own refreshments and a picnic lunch. There will be some water and paper cups provided. There are the National Park toilets in the copse adjacent to the car-park opposite the church. There is further car parking at Castell y Bere, a 5-10 minute stroll away up the hill. Please car-share if at all possible.

There is no charge for this day, but a contribution towards the costs of maintaining St Michaels would be very much appreciated.

Please contact Paul Inman for further details, and to book your place.

Paul Inman

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Llwyngwrl



We will be having our summer fete on Saturday the 26th of July from 11am at Hendry Hall, Llwyngwrl.

See poster on page 15 for details.

Pennal



We were very grateful to welcome Sue Whitehouse and the Rev Miriam Beecroft to officiate on the first two Sundays of the year as we approached and entered the season of Trinity – both occasions when we also welcomed the beginning of our summer visitors.

Ysgol Pennal held their weekly worship sessions in the church, when they learned of the history and purpose of the building, of the changing congregations, and of the different events that take place. Many of the children also enjoyed the annual Wine Walk (without enjoying the wine !) when almost 100 people of Pennal raised **£1,400 in aid of the school with the walk with stops round the hills - a wonderfully organised event.**

And now we prepare for the work that has been planned for some years - the repairs to the East Wall start at the end of the month so there will be no services in July until it is finished. Coffee morning will still take place, on July 12th; the Dyfi Singers will continue to practice; the church will still be open to all each day; and the village clock in the tower will also hopefully be restored to full working and chiming order.

Tywyn



As the sequence of the Church's year rolls on from the events of the Passion, the triumph of Easter, and the glory of Pentecost into what some churches call "Ordinary Time", it is worth reflecting that, for us, no time is in fact "ordinary". Every day, every service, every routine act, is an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to invade our lives and that of the church. So we continue to see the Votive Stand much used by those for whom lighting a candle is their way of articulating the incomprehensible. The midweek Communion service sees a steady attendance, strengthened by Summertime visitors. Those visitors, many of them regular in their appearance every Summer, also swell our Sunday congregation.

We are also seeing an increasing number of entries in the Visitors' Book by people starting the Llwbr Cadfan.

We also mark the passing of the years with annual commemorations. This last week saw the tolling of a bel seventy-two times for the victims of the Grenfell disaster, with a further eight clangs for each year since that appalling tragedy. It is these things which remind us that we are part of the Universal and Eternal Church.

At the time of writing we are also looking forward to the annual Ministry Area Service of Licensing Churchwardens and Sidesmen, at which we shall welcome Archdeacon Robert Townsend to officiate.

Max Birchenough

St Cadfan's Coffee Mornings

Mondays in July and August see the return of our Market Day coffee mornings at St Cadfan's - a little later than previously, 10.15 to 12.15. First one July 7.

Wednesdays - while we're no less welcoming, we shall not be meeting for Welcome Wednesday during July, August or September (See below).

Fridays - 3pm each Friday in July and August we shall resume the services of Sung Evening Prayer at St Michael's Church, Llanfihangel-y-Pennant - a gentle service of prayer and praise with simple Celtic music of the kind used by the Northumbrian Community. A bit of a trek up narrow lanes but worth it when you get there. Lifts can be arranged. First one July 4.

Sue Whitehouse

Croeso Dydd Mercher - Welcome Wednesdays **Summer Break**

Croeso Dydd Mercher – Welcome Wednesdays is taking a Summer Break through July, August and September. This will enable the hard-working team to concentrate on the Coffee in St Cadfan's every Monday morning in July and August (please do come and support this – the cake is excellent!), and to have a well-deserved rest in September.

We will be welcoming everyone back on **October 8th**. Make a note in your diaries now!

Paul Inman

Meironnydd Archdeaconry Synod

There will be a meeting of our Archdeaconry Synod on Tuesday, July 15th at 12. 0 noon in St Peter's Church, Machynlleth.

We will be welcoming the Head of Christian Aid Wales, Mari McNeill, as well as Nia Roberts and Elin Owen from our Llan project team, to lead us.

The plan for the session is as follows:

1. 12:00noon Arrive
2. 12:15pm Worship
3. 12:45pm Presentation by the Llan team on Llwybr Cadfan (which runs through all but 2 of the Ministry Areas in our Synod)
4. 1:20pm Frugal Lunch (will be provided)
5. 1:50pm Christian Aid Presentation (It's their 80th Birthday this year!) by Mari McNeill
6. 2:40pm Depart

Bro Ystumanner's newly appointed Synod representatives are Alan Fisher and myself, but anyone from Bro Ystumanner is welcome to attend. It would be good to see others there, especially as Llwybr Cadfan includes three of our churches.

An idea of numbers and any dietary needs will be needed, so if you hope to attend please let me know (by email or telephone or in person) as soon as possible so that I can pass on the information when asked.

Archdeacon Robert remarks, for those of you who wish to travel on the train from the north of the Synod, that these times fit nicely with train times!!!

Prayers, please!

As I write, there are ever more world issues about which we need to pray.

Do please include, in your prayers for the Church, the need for new Ministry Area officers

Roger Whitehouse

Wanted - a Newsletter Editor

Lee Taylor has been editing our Newsletter for some while, in an interim capacity, and has now decided to step down after producing the August issue.

The Newsletter is a vital link between Bro Ystumanner and not only members of its congregations, but also other supporters who may have moved away from the district or encountered us as visitors. It is therefore **essential** that we find someone to step into Lee's shoes when he vacates them.

Please put your thinking caps on to identify someone with the skills needed, either from one of our congregations, or someone else you know who values our contribution to the local community and is willing to support the continued ministry of the church in Bro Ystumanner in this way.

Please pass any comments or suggested names to me (Roger Whitehouse) in the first instance

Meetings in Bro Ystumanner

At the Vestry (Annual General) Meeting on June 10th there were a few changes to the tables of Ministry Area Officers and Church Officers.

Janet Wright is now a Trustee, nominated by St David's, Abergynolwyn. Alan Fisher and Roger Whitehouse are newly elected representatives to both the Archdeaconry Synod and the Diocesan Conference. Alison Sayes is now Churchwarden of St Peter's, Aberdyfi.

Ministry Area Council meetings (listed in the diary) are held every four months. While voting powers are limited to Trustees, meetings are open for anyone to attend. The current Trustees are:-

Rev Ruth Hansford (during her absence Archdeacon Robert Townsend takes the chair), Charles Benedetto, Alan Fisher, Meryl Gover, David Harrison, Rev. Steve Rollins, Alison Sayes, Sue Whitehouse, Rev. George Williams, William Williams-Wynne and Janet Wright.

Congregational Meetings of (groups of) churches are calendared in the month preceding that of a Council or Vestry meeting. Hence **church officers are asked to arrange their next Congregational Meetings in October**, preferably in time for their dates to appear in the October Newsletter Diary.

Ministry Area Treasurer

The office of Ministry Area Treasurer has recently been divided between Meryl Gover, as Acting Treasurer, and Roger Whitehouse, as Accounts Clerk.

Meryl wishes to step down, so a successor is needed. Roger is willing to continue as Accounts Clerk, operating the bank account and dealing with routine transactions, but is unwilling to become Treasurer as this would create a potential conflict of interest with his office as a Church Treasurer. Hence the role of Ministry Area Treasurer could become one of general oversight of the Area's finances, which we have been too busy to address.

Are you, or is anyone you know, willing to consider taking a role in this area? Please pass expressions of interest to me in the first instance.

Celtic Evening Prayer,

St Michaels, Llanfihangel-y-Pennant

In July and August we will be running the Celtic Evening Prayer services on Friday afternoons at 3.00 pm. These services use prayers and music from the Northumbria Community and make a refreshing change from our usual services.

Please support these services if you can. Just by being there you can make a very big difference. For St Michael's to be eligible for the Small Donations Gift Aid scheme we need to have 10 or more people at a minimum of six services. If we reach this threshold we can claim Gift Aid on all the donations that we receive over the year from visitors in the wall box, and hopefully the CAF Donate giving as well.

Last year we were tantalisingly close to the target, so please come and join us at St Michael's this Summer on Friday afternoons and experience worship in a wonderful setting.

Paul Inman

Coffi yn Sant Cadfan Coffee in St Cadfan's



Bob dydd Llun ym mis Gorffennaf ac Awst

Every Monday in July and August

10.15 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.

Croeso cynnes i bawb!
A warm welcome for everyone!

Ardal Weinidogaeth
BRO YSTUMANNER
Ministry Area



Quiet Days at St Michael's



Gently led days of rest and spiritual refreshment.

Fridays - 25th July & 22nd August
11 am - 4 pm

St Michael's Church
Llanfihangel y Pennant LL36 9TS

For further details and to book your place
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Celtic Evening Prayer

*with music and prayers
from the Northumbria Community*



Every Friday at 3 pm
in July & August

St Michael's Church
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Services in July

Weekday Services

Wednesdays	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Cadfan's, Tywyn
		<i>(July 16th – Followed by Prayers for Healing and Wholeness)</i>	
Fridays	3pm	Celtic Sung Evening Prayer	St Michael's, Llanfihangel-y-Pennant

Sunday 6th July – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	All Age Worship	St Celynnin's, Llwyngwrlil
10am	Holy Communion	St David's, Abergynolwyn
11am	Morning Worship	St Cynon's, Fairbourne
11.15am	All Age Worship	St Peter's, Aberdyfi
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Cadfan's, Tywyn

Sunday 13th July – 4th Sunday after Trinity – Sea Sunday

11.15am	Morning Worship	St Mary & St Egryn, Llanegryn
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Aberdyfi
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Cadfan's, Tywyn

Sunday 20th July – 5th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	St Celynnin's, Llwyngwrlil
10am	Morning Worship	St David's, Abergynolwyn
11am	Holy Communion	St Cynon's, Fairbourne
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Peter's, Aberdyfi
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Cadfan's, Tywyn
3pm	Evening Prayer	St Catherine's, Arthog

Sunday 27th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

10am	Morning Worship	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Mary & St Egryn, Llanegryn
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Aberdyfi
11.15am	All Age Worship	St Cadfan's, Tywyn
5pm	Evening Prayer	Llangelynnin Old Church

We look forward to welcoming you to our churches!

Please safeguard your health and the health of others and do not attend a service if you have symptoms of coronavirus or have a positive test.

Thank you for your support and your consideration of others.

Dates for your Diary

July	8 th	Ministry area Council	7pm	St Cadfan's, Tywyn	P3
	12 th	Coffee Morning	10-12 Noon	St Peter Ad Vincula, Pennal	P3
	14 th	Crafts for Giving	2-4pm	St Cadfan's Tywyn	P3
	15 th	Archdeaconry Synod	12- 2.40pm	St Peter's, Machynlleth	P11 & P20
	15 th	Messy Church	10-11am	St Peter's, Aberdyfi	
	25 th	Quiet Day	11am	St Michael's, Llanfihangel-y- Pennant	P7/8
	26 th	Summer Fete	11am	Hendry Hall Llwyngwrl	P15

Every Wednesday	Welcome Wednesdays Summer Break Restarts 8th of October			P11
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Deadline for the August Newsletter Friday the 25th of July 2025

Instructions for sending items for the August newsletter:

Please email items to Lee Taylor:
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Diolch / Thank you

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Synod

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YMWUNWCH Â NI

Byddwn yn croesawu Pennaeth
Cymorth Cristnogol Cymru, Mari
McNeill, yn ogystal â Nia Roberts ac
aelodau o brosiect Llan i'n harwain.

JOIN US

We will be welcoming the Head of
Christian Aid Wales, Mari McNeill, as well
as Nia Roberts and members of our Llan
project team to lead us.



NIA ROBERTS
Pennaeth



MARI MCNEILL
Pennaeth Head of

**cymorth
cristnogol
christian aid**

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Trefn y Dydd

- 12:00yp Cyrraedd
- 12:15yp Addoliad
- 12:45yp Cyflwyniad gan Nia Roberts a Tim Llan am y
Llwybr Cadfan (sy'n rhedeg trwy bob un ond 2
o'r Ardaloedd Gweinidogaeth ein Synod)
- 1:20yp Cinio Cynnil (sy'n cael ei ddarparu)
- 1:50yp Cyflwyniad Cymorth Cristnogol
(Eleni yw Pen-blwydd 80 oed Cymorth Cristnogol! 🎉)
- gan Mari McNeill
- 2:40yp Gadael

On the Day

- 12:00pm Arrive
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Llan team on the Llwybr Cadfan (which runs through all
but 2 of the Ministry Areas in our Synod)
- 1:20pm Frugal Lunch (will be provided)
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(It's their 80th Birthday this year! 🎉)
by Mari McNeill
- 2:40pm Depart

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i rhoi gwybod eich bod am ddod ac am
unrhyw anghenion mynediad a dietyddol



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us of any access and dietary needs

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15 / 07 / 2025



12:00 – 2.45

**St Pedr
St Peter**



**Machynlleth
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