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Another World

Rev Ruth

In July, our family found ourselves in another world: a world where it is normal to be surrounded by a bevy of young (and not so young) princesses – certainly a sight to wake you up at breakfast; a world where it is normal to see people wearing Mickey Mouse ears whilst sauntering through the sunshine; a world where there is priority for those who are disabled; a world where you are met everywhere with a smile and a warm

greeting; a world where the unexpected is fun and delightful, and scary journeys in the dark are your choice, and always end up back in the light.

We had been gifted a week's holiday in Disneyland Paris and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves (except for one ride, Star Tours, that is not advised for those who suffer any kind of car or motion sickness!). It was a place where we found courtesy and kindness from the staff of the hotels, parks, and restaurants, and apart from a few tired children, crowds of people in the mood to enjoy and appreciate life.

Being surrounded by fantasy and adventure, children and families dressed in matching clothes, superheroes and Disney characters wandering down the street and appearing on the tops of buildings, and a pink castle illuminated with a plethora of images and colours and lit up with fireworks every night, it did feel like we were in a different world or a parallel universe, where what is right and good and just prevails.

It is therefore difficult to re-engage with a world where the news is full of conflict and violence with so many, including children, being killed, injured, and traumatized. At the time of writing, the Southport stabbings are the latest heart-rending story to hit the headlines. Our hearts break for all those involved in the incident, and our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of those who have died, those who are injured, those who are traumatized by what they saw and experienced, those who responded to the attack, and all the people in that community. This is not the world we want to live in, or want our children to have to deal with.

So is the feel good factor of Disney just a fantasy? In some part 'Yes', yet the genuineness and kindness of the people we met shows that there is another world: a world where people value and respect each other; a world where people take extra care to look after, and include, those who are vulnerable or in minority groups; a world where people can be who they want to be; a world where people can have the opportunity to enjoy and appreciate the joy and wonder that life can bring.

Such a world sometimes seems like another world to the one we actually live in. And yet, walking around Tywyn Monday Market with my daughter, we were struck by the friendliness and kindness of the stallholders, with my daughter commenting how nice each one we met was. And when we watch the Olympics, we see that spirit of support and encouragement between the competitors.

Such a world is not another world. It is our world, when we give the best of ourselves, treat each other with kindness, look for the good in each other, look out for the weak and vulnerable and protect them, and live life with a positive mindset that seeks to encourage rather than criticize, give rather than take, and love rather than hate. It is the world that Jesus taught about in so many of his parables – the Kingdom of God – where God’s values of love, compassion, justice, healing, wholeness, and peace take priority. Perhaps over the summer, whether at home, at work, or on holiday, wearing a Princess dress, a hero costume, or simply your gardening clothes, we can ensure that such a world is not a fantasy, but becomes reality in the way we choose to live our lives.

Rev. Ruth

Llwybr Cadfan Celebration

Rev Ruth

A new date has now been set for the Llwybr Cadfan / Cadfan Way Launch Celebration, so please put Saturday 28th September in your diary. The final arrangements are still being made, but it will probably include the opportunity to walk some of the Cadfan Way and then meet at Llangelynnin Old Church for a picnic, worship and some music.

In addition, unique stamps will appear in the next couple of weeks in St Cadfan’s Church and Llangelynnin Old Church. Although the Pilgrim Passports are still to be printed, people can stamp a notebook or journal to show the churches they have visited along the Cadfan Way.

May God bless you on your journeys!

Summer Musings

Sally Witt

How small the life
with space for only what I know
or can find with certainty
by moving just one finger on a surface.

I want to cast away
every instrument of instant answers
to enter mystery, that place
that lies in stillness, open to the Spirit.

There I might find room for emptiness,
for nothingness, for waiting;
there my heart may watch
for waves that rise and fall

as on a gentle lake in summer,
and there perceive the depths that gather,
the movement unrestrained by boundaries,
the wild and constant surging into love.

Monthly Prayer Walk

There is no Prayer Walk in August due to the vicar being on holiday!



A small band of us enjoyed a blustery, but dry walk from Tywyn to Aberdyfi near the end of July ending with a lovely lunch at Coast and a train ride back to Tywyn. We reflected on and gave thanks for the extraordinary in the ordinary that we are blessed by every day. We heard a variety of poems. This included the following taken from ‘Julian of Norwich’s Teabag’ by Martin Wroe, which is a good way to start each day, or any walk or meal you may enjoy over the summer.

Rev. Ruth

For what we are about to receive

For what we are about to receive
The water we drink
The air we breathe
The fire of sun
The food of earth
This company, these people
This now, this here,
May we be thankful
May we be aware
How every day is a gift
And every breath a prayer

Martin Wroe

Eco Ystumanner

Max Birchenough

Eco Ystumanner is called by that name because it is a plan for the whole Ministry Area, not just for St. Cadfan's. St. Cadfan's is pleased to have been given a bronze Eco Church Award, but the other churches in the Ministry Area can also apply. Obviously, manpower and time for doing this are in short supply in most of our churches, but should anyone feel they would like to explore what their church can do, I would be happy to help and advise. You can start by looking at the Eco Church website, and if you take a look at their survey form, you may well find that your church is already doing several of the things which would count towards an award. Do get in touch!

Max Birchenough

Vicar on Holiday (and Hansford Family Update)

Rev. Ruth will be on leave from August 12th-27th inclusive. Paul is enjoying getting out to a few more services and events, but has to be careful not to overdo it, as fatigue and some degree of head pain remain his predominant symptoms. He will have an MRI on August 5th and then we will find out how things are going. Thank you to everyone for their continued understanding, practical support, and prayers. It does make such a difference. This month (August) we are so grateful and blessed to be able to say that it is now a year since Paul was diagnosed. Thanks be to God for his grace and provision.

Rev. Ruth



CRAFTS FOR GIVING

Mon. 12th of August, 2-4 pm

Glass Room, St Cadfan's Church, Tywyn



This group meets in St Cadfan's Church (Glass Room) on the second Monday of each month from 2-4pm and is open to any knitter, stitcher or crafter willing to make items for donation to charities or individuals.

Yarn, patterns and needles can be supplied. There is no charge, even for our supplying tea and coffee and biscuits!

Contact: Sue Whitehouse 07789 442 035.

It's your newsletter!

This month has been a bit of a struggle to get things together for the newsletter for various reasons. One is that Lee had not received very much to put in the newsletter. Another is that busyness post-holiday means I have only just put together the August rota, and did not get round to sending out a reminder to everyone to send in news from the churches and other items to include. Therefore, I have added some things to fill the gaps. In the future, it would be really helpful if people could note the deadline for the next newsletter in their diaries to remind them to send copy in to Lee. The date for the September newsletter is Friday 23rd August. Thank you.

Rev. Ruth

News from the Churches

Aberdyfi



A wonderful Service to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the RNLI was held in St Peter's church on 14th July (appropriately Sea Sunday).

Bishop Andy, Archbishop of Wales led our service with Rev. Ruth and we had short talks by Dai Williams on the history of the RNLI and Will Stockford on the present day running of Aberdyfi RNLI. After the service the Archbishop walked to the RNLI station to give a blessing of the Lifeboat and then enjoy tea and biscuits. This successful service is now set to be an annual feature in St Peter's calendar. Huge thanks to Veronica Savage for the four wonderful Picture Boards which remain on display in church.



It will be eight years this Summer that a Messy Church session was first held in St Peter's. On that occasion we searched for The Lost Sheep, and since then we have covered many Parables of Jesus and other Bible Stories. We also enjoy songs, crafts and refreshments together in fellowship.

Our next gathering will be on Friday 16th August ... where we will welcome Daniel in the Lions' Den Lion face painting and mask making are sure to be fun crafts for all. Come and be a part of the fun .We look forward to welcoming youSee the poster for all details.



Our Worship on the Wharf services bring worship to the heart of the community at 6pm on Sunday 4th, 11th, and 18th August. Do come along and join us!

Alison Sayes

Abergynolwyn

The month begins with Carnival Week starting on July 29th, where the village comes together to enjoy a variety of events. Then on August 24th, the community gathers again for the Abergynolwyn Show on Station Field at the Tallylyn Railway from 11.30 am until 5pm. Join us for some summer fun.



St David's has two services this month with Holy Communion on August 4th and Morning Worship on August 18th. Everyone is welcome!

Arthog

For a little church with no easily accessible parking, it is always amazing to see the number of people who visit and leave a message in the Visitors' Book, and/or a prayer on the Prayer Tree. The prayers are offered up to God every week by members of the congregation, so that each situation continues to be remembered in prayer after it appears on the prayer tree.



In August, we look forward to a Songs of Praise service at 3.00 pm on Sunday 18th August. We would love to see you there!

Fairbourne

July had been quite a busy month in St Cynon's, with the vestry ceiling coming down (taken down, not a collapse – well, not yet anyway!). The next job will be to find a building surveyor.



A late night was spent with Cambrian ecology as they carried out another bat survey. A fine display of aerobatics by 'our' Natterer's bats would put any Red Arrows pilot to shame!

We can now look forward to our August Wedding and are praying for nice weather for the bride and groom on their big day.

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.

Aftershock

In the last issue of the newsletter, Zoe wrote about the future of The Ark and Aftershock. Aftershock (a youth club for young people between the ages of 11-16) will restart in September weekly from 5:30-7pm . If you are interested in being a 'second' adult please contact Debbie either by phone 07393235021 or email deborahpeck@churchinwales.org.uk

Debbie assures me that she will do all the work!

Rev. George



Llanegryn

We are looking forward to the wedding of Matthew Jones and Anwen Williams on August 10th and pray that it may be a special occasion for them and their families and friends.

Our Sunday services are at 11.15 am on August 11th and 25th and we look forward to welcoming regulars and visitors to our services and to visit. The church is open during daylight hours. Everyone is welcome!

Rev. Ruth

Llanfihangel-y-Pennant

Celtic Sung Evening Prayer – Time to Pause and Pray, St Michael's Church, Llanfihangel-y-Pennant Fridays, 3.00 pm.



We have been enjoying the quiet tranquility of Llanfihangel-y-Pennant at our Friday Celtic Sung Evening Prayer services. If you would like to come along, you will receive a warm welcome. If you are unfamiliar with

the music, it is quite easy to pick up and join in. If anyone needs a lift, do contact Rev. Ruth or Mrs Sue Whitehouse (*see Contacts page*).

We will also be meeting on Friday 27th September, as it is the nearest Friday to the Feast of St Michael and All Angels (Sept 29th), for a celebratory Celtic Evening Prayer followed by refreshments, so do put the date in your diaries!

We would just like to mention that if we have 10 or more people attending at least 6 of our services at St Michael's during the tax year, we are able, through HMRC, to claim Gift Aid on Small Donations (GASDS) on the collections and wall box donations there. This adds an extra 25% to those gifts, which makes a marked difference to the finances of the church which has little other income, so we do always hope for a good congregation!



Llwyngwril

Congratulations to Daniel and Sarah Hughes on their wedding at Llangelynnin Old Church on July 24th! It was unfortunately a rainy day (the joy/risk of getting married in Wales). However, the duller light conditions meant that the candles decorating the church created a warm glow and intimate atmosphere for a very special service. There was even a slight lull in the weather to allow for the bride and groom to walk between the congregation lining the path in the churchyard being showered with rose petals. Our prayers and best wishes to them both!

On Sunday 4th August we celebrate the Llwyngwril Village Fete and Dog Show being held for the first time at Hendre Hall. Starting at 11 am, there will be lots of craft stalls, vintage games, a treasure hunt, tug of war, refreshments and much more. There is a First Responders Cardiac Support and CPR Demonstration at 12 pm, with the dog show starting at 1 pm. Everyone is very welcome!

Our All Age Worship service is on the 2nd Sunday, August 11th (as the fete is on August 4th). We will be celebrating all things animal in our Animal Blessing Service. Please bring along any pets or pictures or other representations of animals you love and care for, so that we can celebrate them with a blessing for each one. Everyone is welcome (including

anyone without pets or animals they care for) as we celebrate God's gift of animals who give so much to us in so many ways.

On Sunday 25th, we have our Patronal Festival at Llangelynnin Old Church, where we give thanks for and celebrate Llangelynnin Old Church, St Celynnin's, Llwyngwrl, and St Cynon's, Fairbourne followed by refreshments in the churchyard.

We look forward to seeing you whether it be summer sunshine or rain!

Pennal

July seems to have been dominated by thoroughly enjoyable social gatherings. The Strawberry Tea and Prosecco party was a great success - perhaps because it was the first sunny afternoon for a long time and so we were able to sit outside as well as in - and over 60 people enjoyed doing so. And the monthly coffee, cake and chat on the second Saturday was again well attended by local residents and passing visitors. Both events helped us move towards our money-raising target to mend our east wall.

Since then we have recognised Sea Sunday, followed by what the readings suggested was Shepherd's Sunday, and finally what we called Mother Earth Sunday (based on the Feeding of the Five Thousand reading).

Finally the End of Term service was held - but this time in Ysgol Pennal not in church - and we said farewell and good luck to four leavers and one long-serving teacher.

August starts quietly - though again we meet for Coffee and Cake on Saturday 10th (10.00-12.00) and then the big build up starts to the Pennal Show on Saturday 24th when again we will be having our usual bottle store. We hope again for glorious weather. *Hugh Ramsbotham*

Tywyn



We are so pleased to be able to have our church open for people to visit, explore, pray, worship, and find a cool place in the warmer days of summer. We know that many visitors come to St Cadfan's Church to see the Cadfan Stone (as the first known memorial stone in the Welsh language) and the sundial, marvel at the medieval architecture of the nave, and explore the history of the church. But as important as these things are, St. Cadfan's is not a museum. This is something which can sometimes take a back seat in the historic focus of some visits, or in the desire of the Pererin Project, a project to help people engage with the faith and spirituality represented by the church, to highlight some of these historic aspects as one of the building blocks of the pilgrimage of faith.

However, as an active church, we are not focussed on the concept of Faith, or on what has been done in the past. Our faith may sometimes only be small, but we have faith in a great God. Therefore, we delight in the fact that at the heart of the life of St Cadfan's is our worship, where we meet together to celebrate and revel in the love of God and offer him our service. Therefore, as we promote the St Cadfan's Way / Llwybr Cadfan, the new pilgrimage route from St Cadfan's Church to Bardsey Island, and provide feedback on the draft Pererin Project plans for the presentation and interpretation of various aspects of the church, and the development of a pathway around the churchyard with places for reflection based around St Cadfan's journey from here to Bardsey, we also pray that we will ensure that these plans and developments have that same focus on worship, service, and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus.

We look forward to welcoming you to St Cadfan's and hope that, whatever the reason for your visit, you take with you our prayers that you may know God's peace and blessing.

Max Birchenough

Vestry floor Update

The latest information is as follows:

The contractors (RTS-Lime) hope to start work some time in the first half of October, depending how their existing work goes. Their work will take 2 weeks and the floor should take light foot traffic one week later.

The kitchen units (apart from kick plates) should not be reinstated until the floor has been down 4 weeks. Any floor coverings should not be installed until the slab has had 3 - 6 months to dry out and kick plates can also be installed then.

Meryl Gover



COFFEE MORNINGS



Monday is field market day in Tywyn, and for many years we have opened St Cadfan's Church on certain Monday mornings to welcome bargain hunters back into town with a hot drink and a cake..... And we're doggy-friendly, there's always a water-bowl for pooch!

We are still raising funds for urgent repairs in church, and our remaining coffee morning dates this summer are: _

August – 5th , 12th , 19th and 26th (Bank Hol.)

Time - 10am till 12noon

If you are able to help by making a cake or two, giving a hand serving coffee, or running a stall or tombola, do please contact Sue on 07789 442 035, or speak to the coffee servers after the Sunday service. More hands make light work and more hands are always needed!

THANK YOU to everyone who supports us and blesses us with their company. It's always a pleasure to see you.

Coffi yn Sant Cadfan's Coffee in St Cadfan's



Bob dydd Llun yn mis Gorffennaf ac Awst

Every Monday in July and August

10 a.m. – 12 noon

Croeso cynnes i bawb!
A warm welcome for everyone!

Croeso Dydd Mercher – Welcome Wednesdays

After a second successful year Welcome Wednesdays is taking a break over the Summer holiday period, so that the team can concentrate on the Monday Coffee Mornings in St Cadfan's throughout July and August.

Welcome Wednesdays will be back in the Autumn on **2nd October**
– a date for your diaries!

I would like to offer my personal thanks to everyone who has supported these sessions in any way this year. Putting out the notice boards, baking, serving refreshments, washing up, getting the notice boards back in, or even just turning up and joining in – the list is endless. But everyone who has been involved has contributed to this important part of our ministry as a church. A big thank you to everyone!

Croeso cynnes i bawb! A warm welcome for everyone!

Paul Inman 07980 374770

Give us this day

Give us this day
Our daily bread
Peace in our hearts
Calm in our heads
Give us this day
Whatever the struggle
Peace in our world
Whatever the trouble
Give us all faith
In each other

*Martin Wroe (Julian of Norwich's Teabag)
Another excerpt from our Prayer Walk*



Golden Girls is taking a
Summer Break through
August and September

Next meeting will be on
Friday 25th October 2024

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Croeso Dydd Mercher Welcome Wednesdays

Eglwys Cadfan Sant - St Cadfan's Church
Tywyn

Croeso Dydd Mercher – Welcome Wednesdays
is taking a break over the Summer Holidays.

We look forward to welcoming everyone,
starting again on **Wednesday 2nd October.**

Please support our **Coffee Mornings,**
every Monday in July and August
10 am – 12 noon in St Cadfan's Church

Contact: Paul Inman 07980 374770

Croeso cynnes i bawb!
A warm welcome for everyone!

Ardal Weinidogaeth
BRO YSTUMANNER
Ministry Area

Celtic Evening Prayer

*with music and prayers
from the Northumbria Community*



*Every Friday at 3 pm
in July & August*

St Michael's Church
Llanfihangel -y-Pennant
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crafts stories fun food

MESS CRUNCH

Daniel and the Lions' Den
St Peter's Church
Aberdyfi

Fri 16th Aug
10 - 11.30
FAMILY FUN FREE !!!
Warm Welcome to All
Croeso Cynnes i Bawb

Dates for your Diary

Every Mon	Coffee Morning	10am-12 noon	St Cadfan's, Tywyn	p14
Every Fri	Celtic Evening Prayer	3pm	St Michael's, Llanfihangel-y-Pennant	p10-11 & 16

Aug	4	Llwyngwrl Village Fete and Dog Show	11am	Hendre Hall, Llwyngwrl	p11
	12	Crafts for Giving	2-4pm	St Cadfan's, Tywyn	p7
	13	Coffee Morning	10am-12noon	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal	p12
	24	Abergynolwyn Show	11.30am-5pm	Abergynolwyn Station Field	p9
	24	Pennal Show	12 noon – 5pm	Pennal	p12
Sept	24	Ministry Area Council (re: Managing Finances)	7pm	St Cadfan's, Tywyn	-
	28	Llwybr Cadfan/Cadfan Way Celebration	tba	tba	p3
Nov	19	Ministry Area Council	7pm	St Cadfan's, Tywyn	-

Deadline for the September Newsletter Friday 23rd of August 2024

Instructions for sending items for the September newsletter:

Please email items to Lee Taylor:
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Services in August

Midweek Services

Wednesdays	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Cadfan's, Tywyn
<i>(August 14th – Followed by prayers for Healing and Wholeness)</i>			
Fridays	3.00 pm	Celtic Sung Evening Prayer	St Michael's, Llanfihangel-y-Pennant

Sunday 4th August – 10th Sunday of Trinity

10am	Morning Worship	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal
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
6pm	Worship on the Wharf (WOW)	Wharf Gardens, Aberdyfi

Sunday 11th August – 11th Sunday of Trinity

9.30am	Animal Blessing Service	St Celynnin's, Llwyngwriil
10am	Morning Worship	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Mary & St Egryn, Llanegryn
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Peter's, Aberdyfi
11.15am	Morning Worship	St Cadfan's, Tywyn
6pm	Worship on the Wharf (WOW)	Wharf Gardens, Aberdyfi

Sunday 18th August – 12th Sunday of Trinity

9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Celynnin's, Llwyngwriil
10am	Holy Communion	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal
10am	Morning Worship	St David's, Abergynolwyn
11am	Holy Communion	St Cynon's, Fairbourne
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Aberdyfi
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Cadfan's, Tywyn
3pm	Songs of Praise	St Catherine's, Arthog
6pm	Worship on the Wharf (WOW)	Wharf Gardens, Aberdyfi

Sunday 25th August – 13th Sunday of Trinity

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

We look forward to welcoming you to our churches!

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