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COME HOLY SPIRIT

Fiona Covington-Mann

*Now is the month of maying, when merry lads are playing,
Fa la la la la la la la la, fa la la la la la la.
Each with his bonnie lass, a-dancing on the grass,
Fa la la la la la la la la, fa la la la la la la.
The Spring, clad all in gladness, doth laugh at Winter's sadness,
Fa la la la la la la la la, fa la la la la la la.
And to the bagpipe's sound, the nymphs tread out the ground,
Fa la la la la la la la la, fa la la la la la la.*

Happy May Day! It's a day to celebrate spring, new birth and to put behind us the darkness of winter and to look ahead to the summer months. In this country as well as many other parts of the world, traditions and festivities are marking this day with everything from maypole dancing, to the singing of a Latin hymn from the Tower of Magdalen College, Oxford, to encountering 'Jack the Green Man', a mysterious figure linked to May Day celebrations.

May Day and Easter share an important and common link - the new life represented in the May Day festivities and the new life of the risen Christ bursting from the darkness of the tomb. "Alleluia! He is Risen!" to which we reply, "He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!" It is worth noting that this is said in the present tense: not the past or the future, but the present, showing that Jesus is with us now as well as yesterday and will be with us tomorrow. Jesus promises this: "I am with you 24/7/52 till the end of the era" (Matthew 28:20, from "The Word on the Street" Bible). So now we are walking with Jesus to his Ascension, when he is taken to Heaven, and then on to Pentecost. I didn't realise that there are almost as many days in Lent as there are in the Easter season, for Easter finishes at Pentecost, when we are given the peace, assurance and forgiveness that Jesus Christ stands among us through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The 11 days between Ascension and Pentecost is known as 'Thy Kingdom Come', a global initiative of daily prayer for all Christian denominations, where we are asked to pray for five people to come to know Christ or to reaffirm their commitment to Christ and to pray collectively for the nations of the world. Never has there been a time when prayer is needed more than now as we pray for peace, tolerance and understanding across the nations of the world.

As a Response Pastor and Street Pastor I couldn't go out and serve the community without prayer undergirding what I do. I have witnessed people at their lowest and saddest times – after the Manchester bombing or Grenfell Towers. I have been with people at their happiest too – stag and hen parties (the Mad Golfers was a particularly memorable one!). I

have sat with drug addicts going through “cold turkey” and have waltzed along the Embankment with individuals on New Year’s Eve, sung ‘Shine Jesus Shine’ with over 50 people rather worse for wear as they came/fell out of a nightclub at 4am....and then there’s the usual proposals of marriage! All this and much more but all supported with the prayer.

‘Come Holy Spirit’ is the arrow prayer I use when faced with unknown situations. I have never been let down. I know that I’m supported in my ministry to the people I serve. It is the global prayer that is used throughout the 11 days between Ascension and Pentecost. Let’s pray together for the peace in the world. Prayer is powerful. Let’s make a difference in the world through prayer. Let us say together: “Come Holy Spirit.”

Join the global wave of prayer: May 26th to June 5th 2022.
www.thykingdomcome.global

Around Bro Ystumanner

Thy Kingdom Come: Light Up the World in Prayer
May 26th – June 5th 2022

www.thykingdomcome.global

As Fiona explained in the Reflection at the start of this newsletter, this initiative, from Ascension Day to Pentecost, encourages Christians across the world to join in a global wave of prayer for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

Started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England, it has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. There are various resources online or to order, or just pray your way!

Novena Booklet: Reflections on 1 Peter by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. A short reflection on one or two verses each day with beautiful artwork by Anna Heslop.

Prayer Journal by Justin Welby. Designed to enable and stimulate our personal prayers, this booklet focuses on the simple prayer ‘Come Holy Spirit’, exploring how we experience the Holy Spirit as power, breath, water, fire, dove of peace, oil, comforter/advocate, wind, guarantee, words, and personal.

Both of these are free to download or £1.99 (plus any delivery charge) for a single copy via the website or Church House Publishing (cheaper with multiple copies).

Cheeky Pandas: Queen CJ and the Bouncy Castle. CJ imagines herself as queen of the castle, but can she be faithful like the best queens, kings, and rulers? A series of online, app, and written resources and activities encouraging children to think about faithfulness and how this can be shown to others. (Free to download or £1.50 plus any delivery charge for a single copy of the story book, but £5.00 plus delivery charge for 50!)

If you are unable to order resources online yourself, do contact me, as I have some copies of the Novena Booklet and/or the Prayer Journal available. The artwork from the Novena Booklet can be used to create Prayer Stations in your church. See online or contact me on how to get copies. – *Rev Ruth Hansford*

Meeting Together to Pray and Share

Starting with Panad and Prayer

Friday 13th May, 10.30-11.30 am, St Cadfan’s, Tywyn

In the Easter season, we hear the readings from Acts where the disciples meet together to pray and share. We used to have a monthly Ministry Team meeting, which had to stop during the pandemic. At the Ministry Area Council, we discussed reinstating a monthly meeting to bring people together to pray and share. We recognise that everyone has a role

in our prayer and ministry, so wanted a structure that allows involvement of people across the Ministry Area. We are therefore trialling a three-monthly cycle of more informal meetings. One month will be a more general time for Panad and Prayer for anyone in the Ministry Area, one month will be a Pudding and Planning to share ideas for services and events for up to six months ahead, and the last will be Panad and Chat – an opportunity for churchwardens, treasurers, and secretaries to meet up and share any ideas or issues they have. I will endeavour to be at all the meetings. Each meeting will only be an hour long and will involve a time for refreshments and a time for prayer!

The Pudding and Planning meetings are being held in the evenings to allow those who work to be there. People are encouraged to have supper at home and then come along for pudding! – *Rev Ruth Hansford*

Zoom Services

This Easter marks two years since the beginning of the Zoom Service set up by David Rynn and run throughout the last two years by a team from Aberdyfi and elsewhere. It has provided an important space for people from our communities and beyond to come together to worship and share with each other at a time when the chances to see family and friends were so limited and ‘live’ church services were not possible. It has been greatly appreciated by those who have attended and has allowed old friends to keep in touch and new friends to join the Bro Ystumanner family.

St Peter’s, Aberdyfi are now moving to weekly live services (and moving back to 11.15am from the beginning of May), as we encourage people to meet together in our churches when they are able. Therefore, it is difficult for the current team to enable the services in the way they have been doing. We will therefore only have one Zoom Service in May, on Sunday 8th May. In discussion at the Bro Ystumanner Ministry Area Council Vestry Meeting on Tuesday 26th April, it was decided to set up a Digital Ministry Working Group to explore the way forward with Zoom services and other forms of Digital Ministry, such as recording services at our

different churches to be available on our website or used in residential care home settings.

If you would be interested in helping enabling Zoom services in the future by helping on the technical side (training can be given), or taking part in the service (readings, prayers etc), or would appreciate their continuation, do please contact Rev Ruth (see Contacts for details). In the meantime, there will be a Zoom service this month on Sunday 8th May.

If you would be interested in being part of the Digital Ministry Working Group, please contact Paul Inman (paul.pninman@gmail.com; 01654 711 633).

In the meantime, I would like to express my sincere thanks to David Rynn, Alison Sayes, Paul Inman, David Church, members of the clergy, and various readers and intercessors for their enabling of the Zoom Service, as it has contributed in a very special way to the ministry and worship of our Ministry Area. – *Rev Ruth Hansford*

Monthly Prayer Walk

Thursday 19th May, 10am

Meeting at St Celynnin's Church, Llwyngwrl

Please bring a packed lunch with you

We are going to begin our longer itineraries this month in the hope that the weather will be a bit cheerier than it has been in April! We will begin at St Celynnin's Church and head south along part of the Wales Coast Path towards Rhoslefain. The exact route will depend on the weather and participants, but there is a choice of possible routes that will bring us back slightly further inland and back down to the village by 4pm. You will need good walking shoes as we will be walking across fields as well as along lanes, as well as a packed lunch and something to drink. We will stop periodically to hear a poem or a Bible reading and say some prayers, but there is no requirement to pray yourself. If you need a lift, do please get in touch with Rev Ruth (01654 710255). Everyone is welcome!

Crafts for Giving

Monday 9th May, 2pm-4pm

St Cadfan's Church, Tywyn

If you would like to knit, crochet, or create something in some other way to give away, please feel free to come along or do something at home to be blessed at one of our meetings. Everyone is welcome! If you require patterns or more information, or know of someone who would appreciate the gift of a prayer shawl or lap blanket, please contact Mrs Sue Whitehouse (01654 712 275) or Rev Ruth Hansford (01654 710255).

Donations welcomed

If you have any machine-washable (ideally) knitting yarn that you don't need lurking in a drawer or cupboard somewhere, or would be willing to buy and donate some to the Crafts for Giving group, it is always appreciated. Thank you to all those who contribute to the group in this way.

In memory of those who have died: Enfys Engylion/A Rainbow of Angels

If you would like a handcrafted angel in memory of someone who has died, do please contact Rev Ruth (01654 710255; ruthhansford@esgobaethbangor.net) with the name of the person, and the names and addresses of those who would like an angel.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Celebrating a Life Lived with Grace

Platinum Jubilee Weekend: 2nd–5th June 2022

On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. She has become a greatly respected and loved figure

around the world. On April 21st she celebrated her 96th birthday, and we now have the opportunity to join together in our communities and churches to celebrate with thanksgiving her long and amazing life of service and the faith in Christ she has witnessed to in word and action.

In her anniversary letter, the Queen wrote, ‘As we mark this anniversary, it gives me pleasure to renew to you the pledge I gave in 1947 that my life will always be devoted to your service...As I look forward to continuing to serve you with all my heart, I hope this Jubilee will bring together families and friends, neighbours and communities – after some difficult times for so many of us – in order to enjoy the celebrations and to reflect on the positive development in our day-to-day lives that have so happily coincided with my reign. Your Servant, Elizabeth R.’

There are many events over the four-day Bank Holiday weekend, but below there are some ways we as churches may wish to add to the celebrations.

Two new hymns for the occasion

A Life Filled with Grace: the new Song for the Commonwealth produced after a competition for lyricists and then composers across the Commonwealth. With lyrics by Lucy Kiely from Australia and music by Vincent Atueyi from Nigeria, it will be sung by choirs across the Commonwealth at the lighting of Platinum Jubilee Beacons across the United Kingdom and in all capital cities of the Commonwealth at 9.45pm local time on Thursday 2nd June. Sheet music and various recordings can be found online (www.commonwealthresounds.com/qpjb/a-song-for-the-commonwealth).

Rise Up and Serve: HOPE Together, a Christian organisation that seeks to resource and enable churches to make Jesus known by word and action, has commissioned a new anthem for the Platinum Jubilee, which has been written by Graham Kendrick, Mal Pope and the contemporary worship band Rend Collective. Lyrics, sheet music, backing tracks, and

a resource track can be downloaded from the HOPE Together website (www.theplatinumjubilee.com/sing).

Souvenir: Our Faithful Queen – 70 Years of Faith and Service

HOPE Together have produced a 64-page gift book for the Platinum Jubilee which includes rarely-seen prayers from a book of devotions written by the former Archbishop of Canterbury for the Queen to use from 1st May to 2nd June 1953 – her Coronation Day – of which only six copies were printed. This booklet is meant as a gift and conversation starter to talk to family and friends about her faith, prayer and the Bible. I have ordered 100 copies (but can order more), which comes to £1.20 per copy (with delivery costs). If churches would like copies to give to their congregations and community, or individuals would like one for themselves, do please get in touch – or order some yourselves from the HOPE Together website.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Platinum Jubilee

On 5th June, we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. This special day, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit inspiring the disciples to share the good news of Jesus with people from all nations, seems a fitting occasion to give thanks for Her Majesty the Queen in her faithfulness to serving God and the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

Therefore, across our churches we will have a special Service of Thanksgiving for the Platinum Jubilee to celebrate.

Stations at Stations

Stations at Stations on Good Friday on the Talyllyn Railway was led by the retired Archbishop of Wales Rt Rev Barry Morgan, who is well known to many of us as he was previously Archdeacon of Merioneth and Bishop of Bangor before he went to be Bishop of Llandaff. It was well supported ecumenically, and visitors joined us too. The train fare was

nominal, for which we thank the Talyllyn Railway, as it meant that people could give generously.

Again we are giving the money donated to the Bishop of Matabeleland (Cleophas Lunga) for work in his diocese and this year it will go to the building of a new church near the Victoria Falls dedicated to the Holy Trinity. The ‘ground breaking’ ceremony took place on February 26th 2022 and Bishop Cleophas sent us some photographs of that which were on display at Stations at Stations and are now in St. Cadfan’s. Perhaps the display should move round the churches in the Ministry Area.

It is a sobering thought that, in a country that is suffering deprivation, and where people live and work in conditions that we find difficult to comprehend, the church congregations are growing!

The collection on the train raised £294 and I was given a further £56 on Easter Day making a total of £350 which is excellent and Bishop Cleophas is extremely grateful.

He and his wife, Sonene, are spending four weeks in the UK in the summer to attend the Lambeth Conference – a two-week gathering of all the bishops in the Anglican Communion. He plans to come to Tywyn for a few days after the Conference before he and Sonene fly back to Zimbabwe, and has agreed to talk to a meeting of local Christians about his diocese and his work – as he did the last time he stayed with us. Watch this space for details.

Bishop Cleophas says that it is very suitable that the money we are donating to his diocese comes from an event on the Talyllyn Railway because the history of the Anglican Church in Southern Africa has been closely related to the development of the railways. In 1892 the Railway Mission was founded in Grahamstown diocese and this was the forerunner of the South African Church Railway Mission which continued to work in Zimbabwe until 1980. The final service held by the Railway Mission was held in Bishop Cleophas’ diocese in the Victoria Falls Hotel Chapel on April 6th 1980. When the Mission closed its work

was taken over by the various dioceses. As Bishop Cleophas says, ‘The Church does not remain static and continues to grow.’

If anyone unable to attend Stations at Stations wants to make a donation to the new church that is being built in Matabeleland, please give it to me and I will ensure that it reaches Bishop Cleophas. - *Nigel Adams*

Thinking green

Eco Ystumanner

Those of you who receive the newsletter in hard copy may have noticed that it has now gone green. The paper for the newsletter, various Ministry Area papers and documents, and service booklets is no longer white, but has a green/grey tinge. This is because we are now ordering paper from The Green Stationery Company (www.greenstat.co.uk), and what we have chosen to use at the moment is off-white, because it uses de-inked low-grade household waste material – the most difficult to recycle and often consigned to landfill. Whiter recycled paper is available from the company, but we thought it would be good to support the recycling of paper that is normally put in landfill. Recycled paper is a bit more expensive, but it is only by making such choices that we can make it such big business that it becomes the norm and cheaper. In the meantime, it does cost to save the planet, but we can’t afford to lose it. The Green Stationer Company also do recycled paper hand towels that are now in use in St Cadfan’s.

News from the Churches

Aberdyfi

It was wonderful to celebrate services in church again during Holy Week.



The Palm Sunday morning worship service was celebrated by our worship leaders and the traditional palm crosses were distributed to the congregation. The gospel reading described how Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. This immediately brought to mind a lovely poem that I learned many years ago.

The Donkey

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

- *G. K. Chesterton*

The Maundy Thursday Agape service was held at the Literary Institute in Aberdyfi at 7pm. Rev Ruth led a short service of blessing followed by a bring and share supper. Everyone who attended really enjoyed the service that allowed people to remember the important events at the last supper with Jesus and afterwards enjoy the food with friends.

The United Good Friday Procession was held in Aberdyfi. A group of worshippers gathered at the Literary Institute at 11am to process around

the village led by a crucifer, stopping at the main churches for a short prayer and to sing an appropriate hymn. It was a glorious spring morning with many visitors in the village. It was particularly gratifying that during the procession the group was joined by visitors who wished to share in our worship.

The Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist was held in St Peter's at 11am. We were pleased to welcome a large congregation of regulars and many visitors to this important service. The beautiful weather, the glorious setting and a large congregation made this a very memorable event. We would like to thank our churchwardens and Rev Steve Rollins for helping to make this such a special celebration. - *Maciek Wood-Kaczmar*

Abergynolwyn



Two lovely Services were held at St David's Church during April, one on Palm Sunday and one on Easter Day. Our Easter Day Holy Communion was officiated by Reverends Nigel and Celia Adams and was well attended. Thank you very much to everyone who

helped prepare the Church for Easter.

We look forward to two Services in May, Holy Communion on 1st May which also happens to be the day when Abergynolwyn are holding their famous duck race. The second service will be Morning Prayer on 15th May. Everyone is warmly welcome. - *Janet Wright*

Fairbourne

The Church entrances were decorated with palm leaves and the cross erected in time for our Palm Sunday service; many thanks to the Hobbs family.



Our Easter Sunday Baptisms in St Cynon's went well and were well attended - with Easter eggs as an added bonus!

In May, apart from our usual services, we will also have an All-Age Worship service. It is our intention to have St Cynon's open daily from May onwards, at least until winter! St Catherine's Arthog is open daily and many thanks to Pred, Rod and Jeanette for making this possible.

We remember those in our community both near and far who have asked for our prayers. We also pray for all those affected by and caught up by the ravages of conflicts across the globe.

If you know of anyone who would like our prayers, home communion or any pastoral support, please do get in touch. – *Rev George Williams*



Llanegryn

Details of May's services are on page 19.

Llanfihangel y Pennant

Details of May's services are on page 19.



Llwyngwril



Celebration of the Cadfan Way at Llangelynnin Old Church

Following the launch of the Cadfan Way through the Welsh Literary Project at St Cadfan's Church on 6th March, 6th to 8th May marks the celebration of the second site on the route – Llangelynnin Old Church. Sian Northey, one of the poets on the Welsh Literary Project will be doing creative workshops with the Year 6 children at Ysgol Craig y Deryn on Friday 6th May. An event will be filmed at Llangelynnin Old Church revealing the new poems written for Llangelynnin Old Church. Due to the limitations of parking this event will be available online to view in Welsh with English subtitles. On Sunday 8th May, there will be a bilingual Evening Prayer on the Cadfan Way at 5pm for those locally – our first service at Llangelynnin since the pandemic began, and my first service there at all! – *Rev Ruth Hansford*

Pennal



Easter approached with promising sunshine and it was good to have Rev Ruth with us to start the journey with the distribution of palms and our ‘riding on’. On Maundy Thursday evening Rev Ruth joined us again for a peaceful compline; and on Good Friday morning the peace was continued with the very welcome return of Richard Lingard to our lovely small organ, and an hour of his usual eclectic choice of music for quiet contemplation. In the afternoon we had the Reflections at the Foot of the Cross, ending the service again with our moving to the wooden crosses and empty tomb on the little green hill in our church garden.

On Saturday a full church of family and friends came to remember and give thanks for the life of Mark Yorke - a service of sadness and joy, of moving and happy words, rousing singing and music, in a church flowing with a mass of flowers and greenery and country ‘things’ that Mark loved, followed by reunion over coffee – mainly in the sunshine outside.

Easter Sunday finally dawned, and with Rev Christine leading us and Richard Lingard back at the organ we sang our Alleluias and our full Pennal Eucharist and it was so good to welcome so many to the church (we ran out of service books) and the feeling that at last we might be moving out of pandemic mode. And certainly the church team had earned the Bank Holiday!

Now the summer approaches, which will see a coffee morning organised by the Ding Dong Dinner Ladies to raise funds for the Ukraine Appeal on Saturday 14th May; and the celebration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee with a bring-your-own picnic on Sunday 5th June at 1.30pm on the Marian. The Dyfi singers have returned for their weekly practice and making plans for concerts; visitors put their names in the Visitors’ Book. Easter has truly been a season of hope. – *Hugh Ramsbotham*



Tywyn

A thank you

After many years doing the flowers in St Cadfan's Church, Margaret Evans has retired. We should like to thank her very much for all she has done, most of it unseen by members of the congregation. We just see and appreciate the flowers which result from her hard work and do not think about how they got there! Margaret's retirement means that, without a new volunteer, we shall no longer see flowers in church. Could you take it on? And once again, many thanks to Margaret. – *Meryl Gover*

Congratulations..... to everybody who worked so hard to resume St Cadfan's Easter Monday Market refreshment and sales stalls in church. The Market itself seems to have been very busy this year, and the total raised was a remarkable £475. - *Roger Whitehouse*

Join us for our May Bank Holiday Coffee Morning from 10am–12 noon on Monday 2nd May. There may also be one during the Platinum Jubilee Week!

An Easter Sunday sunrise on Tywyn seafront – gathering at 6am to celebrate a service of shared open praise, readings and reflection, intercessory prayer and songs of praise. The weather was lovely and we were blessed with a glorious sunrise. – *Peter Chadwick, of St David and St Mair, Tywyn*



‘Llefa’r Cerrig / Stones Shout Out’ Consultation

St Cadfan’s is one of the five large medieval churches in the Diocese that are part of the ‘Stones Shout Out’ project to preserve, renew and improve these historical gems in a way that engages more people with their history and current life and ministry. As part of this, all the churches involved are now consulting with their communities on a series of draft plans that can be viewed on the Diocese of Bangor website:

<https://bangor.eglwsyngnghymru.org.uk/llefarcerrig/>

The Diocese is planning to make an application to the Heritage National Lottery Fund for an initial development stage grant for this project in the coming month. Part of this process is finding out the views of church members, other churches, local schools and councils, and other groups and organisations and discovering what they think and what they would like to see is. The local 'Building Pilgrimage Group' that is working with the Diocese on this project has already identified various changes and amendments to the plans on the diocesan website, but **we would like to hear your views!**

There is a questionnaire accessible through the website link above, where you can fill in your views for St Cadfan's Church (and one or more of the others if you so wish). We would appreciate it if as many as people as possible would take the time to fill in the questionnaire. If you are not someone who does 'on-line' or you would prefer to have a conversation about your thoughts and ideas, please do contact Rev. Ruth Hansford.

Dates for your diary



Community Drop-In Centre

Fridays 10.30am-2.30pm

Neuadd Dyfi, Aberdyfi

Join a group from the local area for a cuppa and a chat

Golden Girls

Last Friday of every month, 12.30pm for 1pm

The Victorian Slipway, Tywyn

Enjoy a lunch with friends - find out more from Trina on 01654 710422 or Anita on 01654 711633 (and see the image on the left for more information)

Eco Ystumanner Group

Friday 29th April, 10am

12 Maen Gwyn Street, Tywyn (Max and Linda's house)

Panad and Prayer

Friday 13th May 10.30am–11.30am

St Cadfan's Church, Tywyn

Everyone welcome

Coffee Morning

May Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May, 10am-12 noon

St Cadfan's, Tywyn

Coffee Morning (*for the Ukraine Appeal*)

Saturday 14th May, morning

St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal

Building Pilgrimage Group

Monday 16th May, 2pm

St Cadfan's Church, Tywyn

Bring-your-own picnic, Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration

Sunday 5th June, 1.30pm

The Marian, Pennal

Pudding and Planning

Tuesday 14th June, 7.30pm

St Cadfan's Church, Tywyn

Sharing ideas for Autumn and Christmas – everyone welcome

Panad and Chat

Friday 1st July 10.30am

St Cadfan's Church, Tywyn

For Church Officers

Llwyngwrl Summer Fete

Saturday 6th August

Fun for all the family – including a dog show

For further information contact Ann Hackney on 01341 250534

The Resurrection Bird



Did you know that according to Mediaeval traditions, the goldfinch was noted to be the Resurrection Bird?

It is said that, taking pity on Jesus carrying His cross, the goldfinch came down and plucked the thorns from the crown of thorns to give ease and to help with His suffering. For that reason the face of the goldfinch is red.

The other colours were then given by Heaven for this act of grace: white for purity of intention, black to represent the night Jesus was in the tomb and the yellow, on the breast and wings signifying the colours of glory of the resurrection.

What it cost Christ and the British goldfinch to be pierced with thorns! –
Fiona Covington-Mann

Bro Ystumanner – now on social media!

We now have social media accounts for the entire ministry area – so if you are on Facebook or Instagram, please drop us a like or a follow!

Facebook – Bro Ystumanner Ministry Area -
www.facebook.com/broystumanner

Instagram – Bro Ystumanner - @broystumanner
www.instagram.com/broystumanner

The deadline for the June newsletter
will be Friday 20th May

Services in our churches

Every Tuesday

4pm Evening Prayer St Peter's, Aberdyfi

Every Wednesday

10.30am Holy Communion St Cadfan's, Tywyn

Sunday 1st May, third Sunday of Easter

10am Morning Worship St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal

10am Holy Communion St David's, Abergynolwyn

11.15am Holy Communion St Mary & St Egryn, Llanegryn

11.15am Morning Worship St Peter's Aberdyfi

11.15am Holy Communion St Cadfan's, Tywyn

Sunday 8th May, fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Holy Communion St Celynnin's, Llwyngwriil

10am Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal

11am Holy Communion St Cynon's, Fairbourne

11am Zoom Service*

11.15am Morning Worship St Peter's, Aberdyfi

11.15am Morning Worship St Cadfan's, Tywyn

Sunday 15th May, fifth Sunday of Easter

10am Morning Worship St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal

10am Morning Worship St David's, Abergynolwyn

11.15am Morning Worship St Mary & St Egryn, Llanegryn

11.15am Morning Worship St Peter's, Aberdyfi

11.15am Holy Communion St Cadfan's, Tywyn

Sunday 22nd May, Rogation Sunday

9.30am Morning Worship St Celynnin's, Llwyngwriil

10am Holy Communion St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal

11am Morning Worship St Cynon's, Fairbourne

11.15am Holy Communion St Peter's, Aberdyfi

11.15am All-Age Worship St Cadfan's, Tywyn

Thursday 26th May, Ascension Day

7.30pm Holy Communion St Cadfan's, Tywyn

Sunday 29th May, Sunday after Ascension Sunday

11am All-Age Worship St Cynon's, Fairbourne

11.15am Holy Communion St Peter's, Aberdyfi

11.15am Holy Communion St Cadfan's, Tywyn

6pm Evening Worship St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal

*The online Zoom Service is open to everyone. To take part, please contact Paul Inman (paul.pninman@gmail.com) so he can email you the link.

Please safeguard your health and the health of others. Please do not attend a service if you have symptoms of coronavirus or have a positive test. Hand sanitiser and masks are provided in our churches. Mask-wearing in churches, where ventilation is limited, continues to be a sensible measure to reduce the risk of spreading a range of respiratory infections. Please be respectful of any local measures made according to local circumstances. Thank you for your support and your consideration of others.

A note from the editor

Thank you so, so much to everyone who has taken the time to get in touch with me since I took over as editor of the newsletter. I really appreciate your thoughts and suggestions, and it's been great to get contributions from more people across the Ministry Area. If you're thinking of writing something, please don't be shy – drop me an email and I'll be more than happy to help you talk through an idea or suggest ways you might be able to write about a particular topic you care about.

And a quick housekeeping observation – I'm usually very quick to respond to emails or messages, but in May my out-of-office will be on as I'm having a few weeks off when Julian and I get married! Never fear, though - I'll be back at my desk in time to edit the June newsletter.

With all good wishes,

Carrie

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Spirit of Peace

John 20:19b

Jesus –
‘Peace be with you!’
you said to your disciples
when you came
and stood among them –
locked as they were
into their bewilderment
and their fear.

Breathe your Spirit of Peace
into *our* troubled hearts,
our full-of-fear world.
Enter into
our turbulence,
our disorder and our discord.

Bring your peace,
your serenity
and your harmony.
Calm us,
still us,
open us up,
in order that we may be
channels of your peace
to those in need
of that Life-giving river.

Susan Hardwick

(In *Wisdom is Calling: an anthology of hope: an agenda for change*,
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