

# **NEWYDDION BRO YSTUMANNER NEWS**

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**Nigel Adams**

Sixty-six years ago this month I started work at Pressed Steel Co in Cowley in Oxford. The company employed 10,000 people (mainly men) at that factory, 5000 in a new factory in Swindon, which had opened in 1956, and another 5000 in a factory in Glasgow. When I started work, a job at Pressed Steel was looked upon as a job for life.

Virtually all the management and supervisory staff had ‘started at the bottom and worked their way up’ and were all men. The factories made car bodies for nearly all the major car manufacturers including Rolls Royce, Rover, and Jaguar.

The parish of Cowley had grown very fast and the original church was totally overwhelmed by the incomers. The then Vicar went to see Lord Nuffield who owned Morris Motors (next door to Pressed Steel) and he paid for a brand new ‘mission church’ and hall to be built at the other end of the parish from the original ‘parish church’. Church attendance continued to increase so Lord Nuffield paid for a much larger new church to be built in the centre of the parish. That seated 500 and opened in 1938. It closed about 35 years ago and became the Oxfordshire County Council Records Office.

The original parish church (St. James’) and the ‘mission church’ (St. Francis) now have small congregations compared with when I was living and working in Cowley.

As far as the factories are concerned, Morris Motors closed some years ago as did the Glasgow factory and the Swindon factory is a ‘shadow of its former self’. The Pressed Steel factory where I started my motor industry career is now owned by BMW. It is where they make the Mini using automated machinery and employing less than half the number employed when I worked there.

I have written about this because I think there are many similarities with what has happened – and is still happening – in the Church today. I think the Church – of all denominations – must do as the motor industry was forced to do and that is **CHANGE TO SURVIVE**.

What happened to the motor industry in Oxford and Swindon also happened in Coventry and Birmingham. Most of the factories that I used to go to when I worked in the car industry have now gone. Those that are left employ much smaller workforces and use lots more automation. The

well-paid jobs of ‘semi-skilled production workers’ have virtually disappeared.

Of course, I fully realise that ‘making cars’ is totally different than ‘making Christians’ but the basics of both are still the same.

The Christian message is also still the same – Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Cars perform the same function ‘yesterday, today and forever’ but the way that they are made and work has changed out of all recognition. E.g. We now have electric cars and they are supposed to be the cars of the future.

We must surely find new ways of proclaiming the Christian faith afresh to new generations, new ways of welcoming and encouraging newcomers of all ages. I believe that most non-churchgoers perceive our churches to be ‘private worship clubs’ which are irrelevant to today’s world.

I also believe that many in our congregations (of all Christian denominations) also look on our churches as ‘private worship clubs’. This isn’t new. When I was Area Dean we had a Deanery meeting at which we discussed the implications of falling congregations and what should be done to overcome that. One person said ‘I’m not worried about that – my church will see me out!’

If the motor industry that I knew and worked in for 28 years hadn’t changed drastically there would probably have not been any car manufacturing plants in the U.K. now. Could that be the fate of our churches and chapels?

The answer is in OUR hands.

# Spring

Mr AV Gamble

If we say farewell to winter,  
To welcome in the spring,  
For its many pleasures,  
And its joy once more to bring

The gardens that we care for,  
And down our country lane,  
Hedgerows and wild flowers,  
Will spring to life again.

Daffodils have now appeared  
Their stately heads to raise,  
For nature's endless wonder,  
To God we give our praise.

*Mr Vic Gamble is a resident of Llys Cadfan Care Home, well-known for his poetry.*

## **Deadline for the May Newsletter** **Friday 19th April 2024**

### **Instructions for sending items for the April newsletter:**

Please email items to Lee Taylor:  
foxeshome@sky.com

Bethany House, College Green, Tywyn, Gwynedd LL36 9BY

For emails, please put 'May Newsletter', and nothing else, in the  
Subject Line.

# Jamaica

Fiona Covington Mann

## **Jamaica? No, she went of her own accord!**

On January 31st, BA flight 2263 departed from Gatwick Airport taking 5 of us on a trip to Jamaica to support and celebrate the Street Pastors initiative there. A trip of a lifetime. Chris Jewell, the coordinator of Street Pastors from Scotland, Bejoy Pal, the Ascension Trust CEO and umbrella organisation of Street Pastors, Dawn, Karen and myself all had the privilege of being selected to visit.

On arrival there in the heat of the evening, we were greeted by our hosts and given our itinerary for the next 10 days. It certainly was full-on, with Street Pastor patrols initially in the ghettos of Kingston, and School Pastor patrols and devotions in Trenchtown, a notorious area known for drive-by shootings, high unemployment, drug dealing, and trafficking.

One school we visited in Trenchtown is supported by the Street Pastors there and Ascension Trust. Operation Resolution has evolved as a result of school refusers, truanting, and those just “slipping through the net”. It endeavours to work with the destitute families and those just slightly on the wrong side of the law. The hope is to turn these youngsters around so that they will not become involved in crime. This school is for those aged 11+ and has been so successful that a primary and a nursery school has developed. This school, known as Joy Town, now takes children as young as 2. There are limited provisions and it was distressing to see youngsters not knowing how to play and interact with each other.

Smoking Ganja is an unspoken part of the culture and there are a number of cannabis dens and taverns, especially in the centre of Kingston itself. To be honest, I am surprised that all of us were not addicts by the time we left as the smell was very noticeable!

Going out on patrol and meeting the vendors who endeavour to sell their wares in the markets along the streets was an eye opener. One vendor spoke to us in Patwa (Jamaican speak), which was translated for us by one of our team, that if he can make enough in an evening to feed his habit then he's happy. It's probably a means of making his life a little more bearable. There is a great deal of poverty, but among these people there is a great deal of love.

Patwa is a great language and we learnt a few words - Yeahman and/or Noman seemed to be attached to the end of sentence. Wata - pretty obvious, Holla is stop! Listening to Jamaicans speaking to each other was a real eye opener and jaw dropper, but occasionally one was able to gather the drift of what was being said.

The Street Pastor patrols are so very different to what happens in this country. Whereas we go out with bulging backpacks containing everything from lollipops to flip flops, sick bags to foil blankets, their Ministry is somewhat different. Their patrols start early in the evening and last for no more than 2 hours, whereas we start our patrols about 10am and finish at 4am. Jamaican Street Pastors go out with nothing and they meet the people. Their emphasis is upon prayer and the people expect just that. (Just don't mention the machete!)

We had the opportunity to support the Jamaicans with commissioning of more Street Pastors and attend their 10th Street Pastor anniversary and service. About 500 attended the service which lasted for over 2 hours. If their Church services are less than 2 hours long, then the people feel hard done by! We attended a variety of services and all were well attended. 300 -400 people in a Church is not uncommon. Karan attended one where there were over 1700! The music was vibrant and the Gospel Choirs sang and sang and the sermons were over an hour long. The welcome we all received was second to none.

We also met the Jamaican High Commissioner and we were involved in a Zoom meeting with the Minister of Education, who both wanted to hear about how the high crime rate could be brought down and questioned what could be introduced into the schools to support this initiative. I said that I was troubled by the lack of stimulating toys for the pre 5 year olds and I pointed out that interactive, stimulating and engaging play with appropriate toys would have a marked effect upon the communities over a period of time. This was supported by my host, a paediatric professor/consultant. (More about him another time). This was taken on board and finance is to be made available together with appropriate training to introduce this initiative.

School Pastors in this country support students as they leave at the end of a school day. The police have noticed that any difficulties with youngsters occur directly after school until about 5:30pm. School Pastors in Jamaica actually go into the class and offer weekly devotions. This for me was very interesting and Carl, the Jamaican coordinator for School and Street Pastors has requested a more uniform approach to this and somehow I have become involved in this too. (Uncertain how!). The Minister of Education is keen to see this enterprise flourish, hoping that it may help to bring down the crime and violence in the country. The School Pastors also offer a listening ear to the students at break times and lunch times, just offering time and showing interest, which is sorely lacking in the lives of many. Speaking to secondary aged students in Trenchtown, it was obvious that many had witnessed drive-by shootings and street violence which had scarred and affected them, but they felt safe in group situations or street gangs, many of whom were at loggerheads with other gangs in their communities. So the cycle continues.

A trip to Bob Marley's museum was a highlight. Did you know that his song "One Love" was voted as the "anthem" for the millennium? Great song. Great words.

*"One love, one heart*

*Let's get together and feel all right."*

*I'm pleading to mankind (One love)*

*Oh, Lord (One heart).*

*"Give thanks and praise to the Lord and we will feel all right."*

*Let's get together and feel all right"*

One thing that really amused me was the huge speakers attached to the roofs of the cars, belting out reggae music. Jamaica is not a quiet place. And then there is the hooting of the car horns ... they hoot to let people in ... they hoot to thank you ... they hoot if you're driving too slow ... they hoot if you've done something wrong ... they hoot to their friends... they seem to hoot for no apparent reason.

If you think the roads are bad here, then they are pristine compared to theirs. It has become a national joke and the game of "Street Golf" is often mentioned (using the many pot holes!).

The trip to Montego Bay across the Blue Mountains was interesting. Montego Bay suffered the worst storms in living memory so there was no electricity along the coast and all the beaches were cordoned off for the clean up. The waves were pounding the sea walls and breaching them and arching over the cars travelling along the coastal roads. It was still very warm, however.

Again, we did both School and Street Pastor patrols, which was very similar to those in Kingston. As a matter of interest, when we stopped at Starbucks, the music playing was gospel music and when we asked the staff, they said that this is the norm.

It certainly was a wonderful experience and yes, I'll definitely go back there again.

PS. Still can't limbo dance!

The sea! We did manage a swim at a beach about 30 minutes drive from Kingstons. Beautifully warm ... and plenty of really loud reggae music from the enormous speakers strategically placed along the length of the beach to accompany our strokes.



Meeting with the Jamaican High Commissioner, with Pastor Bruce Foster, Bejoy Pal, the Ascension Trust CEO, Chris Jewell, the Street and School Pastor for Scotland, and the Finance Director for the Ministry.

The 10th anniversary of Street Pastors in Jamaica and the commissioning service. Our group from the UK.



## Around Bro Ystumanner

### Have Your Say! – Annual Congregational Meetings

Our Annual Congregational meetings will be taking place between April 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup> (see table below). It is an opportunity to show your support for your local church, as we thank all those who have supported the life and ministry of each church in many different ways. It is also your opportunity to have your say in the appointment of local church officers for the coming year, and feed in your views on various matters under discussion in the Ministry Area.

<b>Annual Congregational Meetings 2024</b>		
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>St Cadfan's Church, Tywyn</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>St Mary &amp; St Egryn, Llanegryn</b> <i>(Meeting to be held at Peniarth)</i>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>St David's, Abergynolwyn</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>St Cynon's, Fairbourne</b>
<i>(Joint meeting of St Cynon's, Fairbourne &amp; St Celynnin's, Llwyngwrl)</i>		
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>St Peter's, Aberdyfi</b>

**United Service with the Archdeacon, Ven. Robert Townsend**  
**3.00 pm, Songs of Praise, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Venue to be decided.**

The Archdeacon will be coming to licence the church wardens and affirm everyone in their different ministries. Churches may have a morning service if they wish, but prioritising the United Service would be good.

### For discussion at Annual Congregational Meetings

This year all Ministry Areas in the Diocese are being encouraged to formulate Mission, Property, and Finance Development Plans (if they do not already have them – we don't!). The plans are envisaged to be active, working documents that change with time and circumstance to help us to think creatively about how we develop our mission and ministry in the years to come. At the last Ministry Area Council meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>, diocesan initiatives to help us in managing our buildings and finances were presented for further discussion at our Congregational meetings and Ministry Area Council.

## **Property Management Meeting**

To help us begin to formulate a Property Development Plan, Simon Ogdon, the Diocesan Director of Property, and Paul Skeet, the Diocesan Property Officer for the south of the diocese, will be joining us for a Property Management Meeting at 10.30 am on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at St Cadfan's Church to discuss the work required on all our church buildings. In the afternoon, they will be touring some of the churches to look at what repairs are needed. Everyone is welcome to the meeting.

## **Managing Ministry Area Finances**

The diocese is also offering a scheme to support Ministry Areas in managing their finances, as many Ministry Areas struggle with finding enough volunteers to fill all the treasurer posts and other finance roles. In this scheme a part-time book-keeper, provided by the diocese at a rate based on a sliding scale depending on what the Ministry Area can afford, would gather all the finance information from the churches (a role carried out currently by local treasurers and Meryl Glover) and enter it all into My Fund Accounting. This is already used to generate reports for review by the Ministry Area Council, and for producing the Annual Accounts, which are then submitted to the Charity Commission. Each church will then have one or two people responsible for paying in collections and donations and paying out cheques. To enable this, the Ministry Area will need to combine the different church accounts into one Ministry Area account. However, the ability for people to support their own church will continue as each church will have separate general and restricted funds within the account, as well as their own paying in card, so the book-keeper knows which payments belong to which church. Individual church investments can be kept in the Bangor Diocesan Trust as CCLA investments with a simple system for accessing any funds required. In order to explain the scheme more fully and respond to any queries or questions, there is a meeting with Robert Townsend, and Owain Pritchard, the Director of Systems and Operations, at 7.00pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at St Cadfan's Church. Everyone is welcome to the meeting.

### **Please note:**

**Our Annual Ministry Area Council meeting is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June!**

## Monthly Prayer Walk Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

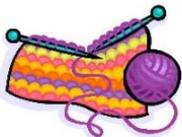
**PLEASE NOTE: This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday!**

**A walk around Tonfannau/Beacon Hill**

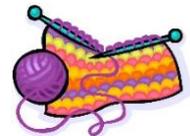
**10.00 am Meeting at Bailey Bridge, Tywyn**

April marks the first of our longer walks this year with packed lunch in hand. We are planning to meet at Bailey Bridge and then head off towards Tonfannau. The route will depend on the weather and how wet it has been! We will either take the road towards Rhoslefain and then come back via one of the paths over or around Beacon Hill or take the path one side of Beacon Hill path and come back the other. Footwear to cope with muddy paths and fields is advised plus a packed lunch and drinks.

We will stop periodically during the walk to hear a poem or a Bible reading and say some prayers, but there is no requirement to pray yourself unless you would like to. If you need a lift, do please get in touch with Rev. Ruth (01654 710 255). Everyone is welcome!



## CRAFTS FOR GIVING



Calling all knitters, crocheters, stitchers (and card makers, it would be nice to have a stock of cards to present with gifts to individuals) - please come and join our monthly session in St Cadfan's Church on the second Monday afternoon of each month (it's April 8th this time) from 2 till 4. Hot drinks and biscuits provided. We make prayer shawls and blankets for people in the community and further afield, to say "we're thinking of you and praying for you", and hats and scarves for seafarers, and little "Fish & Chip" jumpers for tiny babies in the poorest countries, who would otherwise get sent home from hospital wrapped in newspaper like fish and chips. Patterns, yarn and needles are available. Please get in touch with Rev. Ruth or Sue Whitehouse (details in Contacts)

## Hansford Family Update

Since our last update, Paul has had a birthday! Paul usually likes his birthdays to pass as unnoticed as possible. This year it coincided with a day trip to Velindre Cancer Centre in Cardiff, so Paul had the joy of each member of staff who had to ask him his date of birth then being able to comment it was his birthday! Paul is one of the unusual people who actually likes having an MRI (most people find them very loud and claustrophobic), so his birthday treat was 45 minutes in the MRI, during which he almost fell asleep! He has just finished taking Cycle 4 of his monthly chemotherapy tablets and has two more cycles to go before a treatment break. They will then decide what treatment is needed next. Fatigue continues to be the main symptom and chemo-brain causes some funny moments, but with the practical and prayer support of lots of people, we are doing OK. We are therefore very aware of the need and the worth of holding others in our prayers. At this time, we are thinking of the Royal Family – so hard for them all, and especially for William with both his father and his wife undergoing cancer treatment.

*Rev. Ruth*

## News from the Churches

### Aberdyfi



#### Community Lunch

March 8<sup>th</sup> saw the final lunch for our 2023/24 season with an attendance of 54 diners plus the team of helpers.

What started as a millennium project for Aberdyfi Churches is now firmly established as an important part of village community life. It is amazing how the team provide freshly cooked food, for an average attendance between 55/65 diners each month, without ever knowing how many will come through the doors on the day.

Hopefully, on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> October, the season will start again but it is very much dependent on volunteers to help and lead. Anyone interested and committed should contact Kathy Rynn at St Peter's for more details.

### Congregations

Like many churches, St Peter's congregation has shrunk dramatically these last few years. It is so nice at this time of the year when we see daffodils springing up and buds appearing, and for Aberdyfi, tourists and regular visitors joining us at our services. They give a much needed boost to our numbers attending and to the fellowship that we enjoy at each service. Many blame Covid for this fall-off in numbers, which is partly true but we must not just blame Covid. We must look at ourselves and ask why are we not attracting newcomers to our services? Is it the services we offer, the hymns we sing, the ambience of our churches or perhaps the welcome that we offer? Whatever the reason, we must find an answer before it is too late or we will be facing some difficult questions in the near future.

*David Rynn*

## **Abergynolwyn**

Our fortnightly services continue to be well attended and it is always a delight to welcome everyone in spite of, often, inclement weather.



We look forward to the highlight of the Christian year and our Easter Service this year will be led by Reverend Nigel Adams.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to His Majesty the King, the Princess of Wales and all who are suffering illness, pain and undergoing treatment at this time. We pray for healing and a good recovery to full health.

As always, my grateful thanks to everyone who assists with the Church. Your time and help are greatly appreciated.

*Janet Wright*



## Arthog

In March, we enjoyed having Cerys Matthews supporting us in singing ‘Mi glywaf dyner lais’ (Gwahoddiad), sadly only on a music track, at our Evening Prayer service.

Plans are in place for celebrating Easter Sunday with the Archdeacon, the Ven. Robert Townsend. Following the service (3pm, March 31<sup>st</sup>), there will be an Easter Egg hunt (for all ages) and refreshments (tea, coffee and maybe even cake). Thank you to everyone who is contributing to the celebrations!

## Fairbourne.



At the time of writing we are looking forward to a service of meditations and reflections on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday, we will give a warm welcomed to our Archdeacon, the Ven. Robert Townsend and look forward to hearing his sermon and chatting with him. Following the service, our traditional egg hunt, in and around the church, will take place. This is enjoyed by the young and not so young members of the congregation (I include myself in the latter category!). I think some of the younger members of the congregation start to guess the hiding places of the little chocolate delights as soon as they come into the church! You have to be fleet footed to outrun them!

I had the pleasure to meet and chat with Gwylan Williams. Gwylan’s father had been a curate in Llwyngwril and then Priest in Charge of St Cynon’s and St Catherine’s between 1948-1953. They lived in the Parsonage in Belgrave Road. Maybe some might remember it.

Our churches are open to all and we welcomed a Russian Orthodox visitor to our congregation, who enjoyed our Morning Worship and also an Albanian Christian, who found comfort just sitting in the church and spending a few moments with God.

You may have noticed that the panels and iron railings have been painted, many thanks to Vanda and Michael.

As always, we seek to offer pastoral care for everyone, not only in our churches but also in our communities. If you would like a pastoral visit or Home Communion, please contact me. Also please contact me if you would like prayers included in our services on a Sunday.

We offer our prayers to those who are in need, the sick, the bereaved, and the recently departed.



## **Llanegryn**

The church is open every day for visitors to visit and enjoy. Services are regularly held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Everyone is welcome!

## **Llanfihangel y Pennant**

There are no services at St Michael's at present but the church is open every day for people to visit and see the Mary Jones exhibition and the 3-D map of the Dysynni Valley.



The church is very popular with visitors and in each of the last two years the wallbox has taken well over £1000 in donations. Easter is normally a busy time of year for visits, and keeping the church clean and well maintained is always important, especially over holiday periods.

We are very grateful that one of the regular visitors, a local resident who visits to enjoy the peace and quiet of St Michael's, is also helping to ensure that the church is kept clean. They have also been able to make a number of improvements to the layout of the exhibition in the vestry. We are very fortunate to have a loyal supporter who can help St Michael's be a welcoming place for its congregation of visitors from all over the UK and the world. Thank you.

## Llwyngwrl



Thanks to volunteers the church has been beautifully decorated for Easter. On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March the marriage was solemnized between Peter Joynt and Alice Liddle. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Dr. Ruth Hansford. We wish the young couple a healthy and happy future. As from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March the church has been opened daily and we extend a warm welcome to all visitors.

*Ann Hackney*

## Pennal



At last, a few days without rain - a signal that Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter approach? The other signal is the coming of Ysgol Pennal for their end of term service - much palm waving, singing and shouting Hosanna, and the donkey up the aisle. Once again, a very good occasion hopefully remembered by children, parents and grandparents. Then we have a full programme leading up to Easter, as shown elsewhere, (and our Easter garden weeded and cleaned in readiness).

Otherwise, everything back to normal with the road opening, and lambing beginning to dominate activities. Fund raising to repair the wall goes well and has involved contact with families connected to the church now living away. Visitors once again are signing the book and showing their appreciation of an open, welcoming church.

The final Winter Warmer Coffee Morning saw another full house of village residents and some visitors much enjoying the company, coffee and delicious home-made cakes. Though winter seems to be officially over we will continue having these coffee mornings on the second Saturday of the month

A Happy Easter to all.

*Hugh Ramsbotham*

# Tywyn



Building matters still loom large at St. Cadfan's, as the Diocese are looking into ways to help us fund the repairs to the Vestry floor. We also have to replace a cast iron downspout on the tower, which will cost more than we expected. Again the diocesan Architectural Consultant is examining the details of this.

The Llan Project took a step forward this month with the visit of several members of the Project team to look at our churchyard, and to begin planning a path around it which would lead visitors on a sort of mini pilgrimage for reflection and as a starting point for the Pilgrim Path from St. Cadfan's to Bardsey. There could also be a space for small outdoor services. The Celtic emphasis on the material world as a sacramental sign of the Heavenly one also came into focus as this churchyard is recognized as an important ecological resource in Tywyn.

The Church Secretary found himself taking on an unaccustomed role one day recently, when Years One and Two from Ysgol Penbryn visited St. Cadfan's, and Ruth was unable to meet them. The substitute just happened to be in the church when they arrived, and was able to offer a brief guide to the church and what goes on in it. He was also asked which was his favourite Bible story (the Prodigal Son) and, unlike the Vicar, was also able to provide a short sample of the sounds available from the organ! This seemed to go down well, but it would be nice if some of these children came back on a Sunday, perhaps dragging their parents along!

Looking ahead, we have our Prayer Vigil on the evening of Maundy Thursday, starting at 8.30pm (stay as long as you wish), and a service on Good Friday afternoon, which will finish just in time to allow joining the Stations at Stations train on the Talylyn Railway. There will also be a Coffee Morning on Easter Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Max Birchenough*

## **Croeso Dydd Mercher – Welcome Wednesdays**

Croeso Dydd Mercher – Welcome Wednesdays in the Glass Room at St. Cadfan's Church, Tywyn is taking a short break over the Easter holiday. Please note that there will be no sessions on 27<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> April. We look forward to welcoming everyone, starting again on:-  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Croeso cynnes i bawb! A warm welcome for everyone!**

*Paul Inman 07980 374770*

## **ST. CADFAN'S COFFEE MORNINGS**

We are hoping to run our usual series of Monday coffee mornings in 2024 - the first one being Easter Monday April 1st. (That one is definite! - 10am till 12 noon in church)

But PLEASE - we are appealing for more helpers. Can you bake cakes or make jam? Can you help run a stall? Are you good at selling raffle tickets or doing tombolas? Can you provide a raffle prize or two? Helpers from across the Ministry Area are welcome, and if you want to direct some or all of your takings to another church or the Area that's fine.

BUT...

We have an urgent need for extra funds to repair a very poorly vestry floor at St Cadfan's, so it's important that we run our full permitted number of events.

Future dates planned are the two Bank Holidays in May (6th and 27th) and each Monday in July and August including the Bank Holiday. We get some time off in June for good behaviour... or making some more saleable goods...

Please contact Sue Whitehouse or Linda Birchenough - our numbers are in Contacts.

Thank you - in anticipation!



The Whitehall, Tywyn

# GET TOGETHER

MEETING FRIDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

12:30 PM FOR 1:00 PM

## SOUP LUNCH

Alternative meals may be ordered by contacting The Whitehall directly in advance.

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ANITA INMAN 01654 711633  
07939 287172

# Croeso Dydd Mercher

## Welcome Wednesdays

2.00 – 4.00 p.m.  
Eglwys Cadfan Sant  
St Cadfan's Church  
Tywyn



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**St Peter's Church**  
**Aberdyfi**




**Wedding at Cana**  
**Fri 31st May**  
**10 - 11.30**  
**FAMILY FUN FREE !!!**  
**Warm Welcome to All**  
**Croeso Cynnes i Bawb**

# April 1st 2024

## Easter Monday Coffee Morning

St Cadfan's Church,  
Tywyn

10.00 am – 12 noon

Tea, coffee, cakes, books  
and more

**Everyone Welcome!**

# Dates for your Diary

<b>Every Wed</b>	Welcome Wednesdays (Starting again on April 10th)	2-4pm	St Cadfan's, Tywyn	p17
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<b>Apr</b>	1	Easter Bank Holiday Monday Coffee Morning ( <i>with a variety of stalls</i> )	10am-12noon	St Cadfan's, Tywyn	p19 & p20
	8	Crafts for Giving	2-4pm	St Cadfan's, Tywyn	p12
	13	Coffee Morning	10am-12noon	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal	p
	16	Property Management Meeting with Simon Ogdon	10.30am-12.30pm	St Cadfan's, Tywyn	p10-11
	25	Monthly Prayer Walk ( <i>Tonfannau/Beacon Hill</i> )	10am start	Bailey Bridge, Tywyn	p25
	26	Golden Girls	12.30pm	Whitehall, Tywyn	p20
	30	Finance Management Meeting with the Archdeacon & Owain Pritchard	7pm	St Cadfan's, Tywyn	p10-11
<b>May</b>	6	May Bank Holiday Coffee Morning	10am-12noon	St Cadfan's, Tywyn	p19
	27	May Bank Holiday Coffee Morning	10am-12noon	St Cadfan's, Tywyn	p19
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# Services in April

## Midweek Services

Wednesdays 10.30am Holy Communion St Cadfan's, Tywyn  
*(April 17th – Followed by Prayers for Healing and Wholeness)*

## Sunday 7th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

## Sunday 14th April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

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	Morning Worship	St Cadfan's, Tywyn

## Sunday 21st April – 4th Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Holy Communion	St Celynnin's, Llwyngwril
10am	Morning Worship	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal
10am	Morning Worship	St David's, Abergynolwyn
11am	Holy Communion	St Cynon's, Fairbourne
11.15am	Sung Matins	St Peter's Aberdyfi
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Cadfan's, Tywyn
3.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Catherine's, Arthog

## Sunday 28th April – 5th Sunday of Easter

9.30 am	Morning Worship	St Celynnin's, Llwyngwril
10am	Holy Communion	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

**We look forward to welcoming you to our churches!**

Please safeguard your health and the health of others and do not attend services if you have symptoms of coronavirus or a positive test. Hand sanitizer and masks are provided in our churches.

*Thank you for your support and your consideration of others.*

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