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# The Legend of the Fourth Wise Men Rev Ruth Hansford

(based on a story by Ronald H. Lloyd)

During Advent we make the journey to Christmas wading through a sea of decorations, guided by Christmas lights into the lure of shops overflowing with gifts and treasures. Yet at the first Christmas, it was the appearance of a star heralding the birth of a great ruler that guided the wise men to set forth with their treasures to find and worship the new king. The Bible does not state how many wise men there were, but traditionally we think of three of them because of the three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

However, there is a legend that tells of a fourth wise man. When the wise men saw the star appearing, they approached their ruler and suggested that they should take gifts on his behalf to the new king, who would one day rule the world, so that their own country might be favourably treated.

The wise men each chose a gift from the royal treasury and arranged the time they would meet at an oasis near the border of their country, stipulating that they would not wait for anyone who was delayed. They then went home to put their affairs in order and say goodbye to their loved ones, as they did not know how long they would be.

The fourth wise man set out in good time for the oasis, but travelling through a small village heard crying. He found a man dragging a boy away from his mother to sell him as a slave to repay the debt of the boy's father who had died. Although perfectly within the law in that place, the wise man could not bear to see the boy taken from his widowed mother, and sold. He made a deal with the man wanting payment of the debt and returned to his city to sell the ruby, one of the three precious stones that were his gift to the new king, returning a few days later to pay off the debt. The woman and her son were overjoyed.

Now late, the fourth wise man arrived at the oasis to find that his friends had left already. He set off in pursuit, asking everyone he met if they had seen three wise men with camels passing through. Reports of their progress ahead of him kept him going until he reached a crossroads. There was no clue as to which way they had gone. He tried one direction, but no one had seen them. He tried another, but the trail there was cold too. He tried the third route, but at each parting of the way, he had less and less confidence he was getting close, so he followed the star in the east as best he could over the months until he eventually came to the coast. Heading south, he finally found someone who remembered the wise men passing by and pointed him to Jerusalem.

With excitement he set off for the royal palace – the perfect place to find a new king. The king in the palace remembered the three wise men arriving about two years before and directed the fourth wise man to

Bethlehem. However, concerned that this arrival meant that his throne really was under threat, he then sent soldiers to go and kill all the children under two in Bethlehem.

In the meantime, the fourth wise man had reached Bethlehem and not only found those who remembered the strange visitors visiting the baby with their expensive gifts, but found the couple who had taken them in and helped with the birth, with a young child of their own.

Standing at their door, he heard the cries of children and the shouts of soldiers and realised what his visit to the king in Jerusalem had done. He told the couple to get inside and hide their child. As a soldier approached to search the couple's house, he took out the emerald he had chosen for the king. He showed it to the soldier and offered it to the soldier to mark the house as searched. The bribe worked.

Eventually the soldiers went away, leaving horror and grief in their wake. The couple expressed their gratitude for saving their child by giving the fourth wise man generous hospitality and supplies for the journey to Egypt, as that was where the couple had gone next.

The fourth wise man searched villages and towns. The days turned into weeks and months and years and decades. He longed for home, but could not return until he had fulfilled his duty and delivered his own king's gift to the new king. Eventually he retraced his footsteps to Jerusalem. As he entered the city, he saw a commotion as three men were led outside the city wall. He followed the crowd and watched in horror as the men were crucified. The man in the middle with a small group of people gathered around the foot of the cross shouted, 'I thirst!' The soldiers just laughed as they threw dice for the criminals' clothes.

The fourth wise man got out a beautiful diamond, the last of the precious stones he had chosen to give to the king. He went over to the soldiers and asked if they would give the man a drink. As he had thought, they just laughed at him. However, when he showed them the diamond, they could not be more eager to soak some vinegar wine into a sponge and offer it

to the man on the cross. The man gratefully let the thirst-quenching liquid roll over his tongue.

Hesitantly the fourth wise man went to the foot of the cross and, looking up, asked whether the man had been born in a little town called Bethlehem 33 years ago and been brought gifts by visitors from the east.

The man replied that he had and had been told of the visitors at his birth.

The fourth wise man knew his search was over. 'I too had gifts for you,' he said, 'but I lost my way and arrive empty-handed. I don't dare return home to my king without fulfilling my mission.'

'I have received your gifts,' the man said, smiling. The fourth wise man looked up in confusion. 'My friend, no ruby is as precious in the sight of God as the life of a child bought from slavery! No emerald, however lovely, is as acceptable to God as the life of an infant saved from the swords of Herod's soldiers! There is no diamond, however flawless, which is as beautiful in the sight of God as a drink given to a dying man. Go home and tell your king that the King of Kings is pleased with his gifts.'

Drawing on his last ounces of strength, the man said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit,' and died.

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As we journey towards Christmas, where will we end up? Most of us will probably end up at the foot of the Christmas tree sharing with joy and fun gifts that have a limited lifespan. However, the fourth wise man calls us to go further, to the foot of the cross, offering those gifts that bring love and light to others and last into eternity.

May your journey to find the Christ-child be constantly interrupted by opportunities to share your gifts with others. - *Rev Ruth Hansford* 

# Around Bro Ystumanner

#### Welcome to our new Associate Vicars

It was lovely to worship together as a Ministry Area on November 6th with Bishop Mary at St Cadfan's, as she licensed Rev Steve Rollins and Rev George Williams as Associate Vicars (Steve as priest and George as Distinctive Deacon), and licensed the churchwardens who were able to be there, expressing our thanks for their ministry and hard work. Congratulations to Steve and George. They have already been such a blessing to our churches and ministry, and we look forward to continuing our ministry together.

Thank you also to everyone involved in the service. Such services are always a bit of a learning curve for us all, but everyone rose wonderfully to the occasion. Bishop Mary has given me permission to licence, on her behalf, those churchwardens unable to be there, so I will do so in their local church services in the coming weeks.

## Welcome to St Catherine's Church, Arthog

We are very pleased to announce that Bishop Mary has agreed that St Catherine's Church, Arthog can come out of the Closed Church process. The Bishop has said this will be for a trial period of five years to ensure that we, as the church and community, are able to keep the life and ministry of the church self-sustaining in terms of finance and practical support. At the time of writing, we have reached £3014, just above our £3000 target for regular giving for the coming year with a few pledges still in the pipeline (with fundraising to raise another £1000 over the next year). We will need to continue to increase our financial support base to account for further increases in costs over the coming years, so do get in contact with Rev Ruth if you would be interested in contributing to the life of the church in this way.

At this point, we are delighted to be able to properly welcome St Catherine's Church and its members and supporters to the Bro Ystumanner Ministry Area. We are looking at having a monthly service in the first instance with the first being at 3pm on November 27th (probably after this newsletter goes out) to celebrate Advent and St Catherine's Feast Day (November 25th) followed by a Carol Service at 4.30 pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Sue Rollins**

The family would like to join me in thanking all those who participated in Sue's funeral, sent cards and especially those who donated so generously to Severn Hospice's Hospice at Home programme and/or to Marie Curie, either in person or online.

A fitting memorial might also be to get hold of her book published by Amazon as she was in hospital in the summer. Her pen name is Elizabeth Daniel (though it'll show the works of Elizabeth *Daniels*). It's called Reasons for Living: An Anthology, and it's £6 in paperback (Amazon only) or £0.81 on Kindle.

God Bless. - Rev Dr Steve Rollins

# **Monthly Prayer Walk**

Thursday 15th December - Monthly Prayer Walk Reflecting on Advent and Christmas on the Mawddach Trail 10am Meeting at the George III pub car park, Penmaenpool

Despite several of our regular walkers having other commitments a goodly band met at Tywyn Station for a walk around the town in November. Starting with sharing memories of journeys we have made, we went on to reflect on the Church in Wales Year of Prayer theme for November: 'Remembering, Letting Go, and Memories.' Our wander took us in a figure of eight down to the seafront, up the Promenade, around past Morfa Camp, then past the station again to the secondary school and Llys Cadfan. Then we cut over the bridge and back to the

High Street finishing with a lovely lunch at Toast. Our prayers included prayers for our five care homes, our Health Centre, and our community hospital.

The good company, fresh air without rain (!), and opportunity to hear a few poems and pray together made it a special morning. We ended with the prayer provided by the Year of Prayer resources for November, butit can be used at any time:

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of memory.

Help us to remember with gratitude all those times
which have given us joy and drawn us closer to you and to others.

When our memories wound us and hold us back,
grant us your healing touch.

When our memories remind us that we are flawed,
then may we remember your infinite forgiveness and grace.

Above all, may we remember your love,
present with us on every step of life's journey.

May your love so grow in us that it might overflow to gladden the lives of those around us. This we ask in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

In December the theme will be the journeys we make, as we travel through Advent to Christmas. We are going just out of area to walk along the Mawddach Trail from Penmaenpool towards Fairbourne returning to the George IIII pub for lunch. We will stop periodically 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!

# Zoom Services – an exciting development

The aim of the Zoom services post-pandemic is to make it easier for people who can't get to church in person to experience worship and still feel part of our church community. However, we have found that very few of these people have been able to access the necessary technology to join us online.

So, last month, on Remembrance Sunday, we ran the Zoom service from Abbeyfield House, Tywyn. An essential part of the set-up is a camera in Abbeyfield so that everyone can see each other. Rev Christina led the service (from Cheltenham), the reading came from Anita at the other end of Tywyn, and Rev Steve led the intercessions from Cwm Maethlon. With the residents in Abbeyfield we had a congregation of 10.

The Act of Remembrance and a short service of Morning Prayer were well received by the residents. Going forward through the inclement winter months it is our intention to continue the monthly Zoom services from Abbeyfield House. We are very grateful to Carl, the manager, for the support and encouragement he has given in setting this up.

# Warmer Winter Wednesdays are go!

Our Warmer Winter Wednesdays sessions started in early November. The Glass Room has been really warm, and there are copious supplies of tea, coffee and biscuits, and even a little background music. People have enjoyed a wide variety of board games, while others have crafted in various ways. And some, of course, just like to sit, chat and enjoy the company.

Do come along and find out what is on offer! There's a warm welcome for everyone!

## Aberdyfi Christmas Community Lunch

A reminder that the Christmas Lunch is on Friday 9th December at 12.30pm in Neuadd Dyfi.

However, owing to a surge in bookings at November's lunch, we are already fully booked. If you would like to be placed on the reservation list in the event of cancellations, please phone Kathy or David Rynn on 767935.

## Bilingual Carol Book for Christmas (and beyond)

We have compiled a Carol Book for the Bro Ystumanner Ministry Area. It contains 55 carols, with just over half of them bilingual and the others available in either Welsh or English. The Carol Books will be available for use by the churches and for singing carols in the community. We will be printing 1000 A5 Carol Books (at a cost of £1.68 each) and 100 A4 books for those needing larger print (at a cost of £4 each). We will be asking the churches to contribute towards the cost of the books they have as they are able. However, it would be lovely if individuals would be happy to sponsor the provision of these books by contributing to the cost of some of the books. Please give any donations to Rev. Ruth Hansford. Cheques should be made payable to Bro Ystumanner Ministry Area.

Various happenings mean that the book is ready for printing later than we planned. We hope it will arrive for use in some of our services before Christmas, but it will certainly be ready to support those who keep the tradition of only singing Christmas carols from Christmas Eve until Epiphany! – *Rev. Ruth Hansford & Elwyn Evans* 

# **Crafts for Giving**

# Monday 12th December 2-4pm in St Cadfan's Church, Tywyn

As the weather gets colder, you will receive a warm welcome at the Crafts for Giving group. Everyone is welcome to come along for a cuppa, chat, and the opportunity to make things to give away to others. Prayer shawls, Fish and Chip jumpers, and scarves and hats for seafarers are some of the things we make, bless at our monthly meetings, and give away. Everyone is welcome to come along or make things at home. 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 712275) or Rev Ruth Hansford (01654 710255).

#### **Eco Ystumanner**

Since the bronze A Rocha UK Eco Church award to St. Cadfan's, the group has met once on November 24<sup>th</sup>. We considered how we can help other churches in the Ministry Area work towards gaining awards as well. We will take this forward in the New Year on a church-by-church basis.

We also discussed our Fairtrade status with plans to check which of our churches are already registered as Fairtrade churches, and to put together material to promote Fairtrade Fortnight (February  $27^{th}-12^{th}$  March 2023) across our churches and Ministry Area. This will include information about where Fairtrade and local products can be purchased in our communities. – *Max Birchenough* 



#### **Advent Calendar**

(Rowan Williams)

He will come like the last leaf's fall. One night when the November wind has flayed the trees to the bone, and earth wakes choking on the mould, the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost.

One morning when the shrinking earth opens on mist, to find itself arrested in the net of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark.
One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come, will come like crying in the night, like blood, like breaking, as the earth writhes to toss him free. He will come like child.



# News from the Churches

# **Aberdyfi**

St Peter's held its annual Remembrance Sunday parade and wreath-laying ceremony on November 13th. The ceremony was preceded by a short service



in church led by Nigel and Celia Adams. Prayers of remembrance were said, followed by a moving poem read by David Rynn.

## IN FLANDERS FIELDS (Dr John McRae 1914/1915)

In Flanders fields the poppies grow, row on row, that mark our places; and in the sky the larks still bravely singing, fly scarce heard among the guns below.

We are the Dead.

Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved, and now we lie in Flanders fields.

Take up your quarrel with the foe; to you from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high, if ye break faith with us who die we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders fields.

After the blessing the congregation moved outside into the bright November sunshine to join a large crowd of over 250 people who had gathered around the war memorial to honour those who died during the two world wars. After the church clock sounded the 11th hour, a procession of representatives from many local organisations paraded to the war memorial to lay their wreaths. The names of those on the memorial who made the ultimate sacrifice, were read out and prayers for the fallen were then said by Nigel and Celia with readings by local representatives.

#### **Aberdyfi Advent Windows**

The advent season is upon us and as in the past two years here in Aberdyfi we count those days down with Aberdyfi Advent Windows. Twenty-four households will take it in their turn to reveal their Window and provide a colourful display around our village this December. Huge thanks to all so willingly taking part, bringing light and cheer to us all. – *Alison Sayes* 

#### The Aberdyfi Advent Windows with their dates:

- 1st. Ty Pen, Penrhos
- 2nd. Cartref, Penrhos
- 3rd. 1a Mynydd Isaf
- 4th. Hiraeth, 22 Mount Pleasant Copperhill St
- 5th. 7, Maes Newydd Copperhill St
- 6th. 4, Maes Newydd Copperhill St
- 7th. 18, Rhos Dyfi. Penrhos
- 8th. Ty Gwyn, Balkan Hill Drive
- 9th. 33 Terrace Rd
- 10th. 19, Maes Newydd, Copperhill St
- 11th. 5 Hafan Dyfi, Copperhill St
- 12th. 1 Bryncynlas, Copperhill St
- 13th. 3, Maes Newydd Copperhill St
- 14th. 4 Hafan Dyfi. Copperhill St
- 15th. Fairview, 23 Church St
- 16th. 36, Maes Newydd. Off top of Gwelfor Rd
- 17th. Nant Glyn, Terrace Rd
- 18th. Warren Point, Rhos Llan
- 19th. 44, Maes Newydd Copperhill St
- 20th. Tan y Graig, 5 Church St
- 21st. 7 Parc Ysgol, Penrhos
- 22nd. 24 Mount Pleasant. Copperhill St
- 23rd. Morfan. Off Gwelfor Rd
- 24th. Harbourside House, 14a Seaview Terrace. Next to The Brit.

**Aberdyfi Christmas Fair:** At the time of the December newsletter going to print the Aberdyfi Christmas Fair will not have taken place, but will hopefully have been a successful event for all those taking part.

The original Fair goes back decades to when it was known as United Charities Fair and organised wonderfully by Sue Mount . It was held in the Neuadd Hall long before the Studio annexe was even dreamt of.

I took over in 2010 and in 2018 it became Aberdyfi Christmas Fair when for the first time we had the Studio and the opportunity to invite local craft shops to also take part.

This annual event is a great opportunity for fundraising but also for sharing fellowship with all ages of our local community. So I take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported this event over the years and hope to welcome you again in the future. - *Alison Sayes* 

**Glorias:** Just a reminder that the "Glorias" vestment restoration group at St.Peter's in Aberdyfi meet on the last Tuesday in the month, 29th November, 2-4pm.

Come and join us, just to watch and enjoy the "glory being restored" to beautiful textiles in a warm church. Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake, Stollen, Leibkocken for seasonal treats, bara brith and biscuits are all possibilities.

Hope to see you soon, though there won't be a December as there are so many meetings in the festive month. We start again in January, weather permitting. - Jane Dew



# Abergynolwyn

Advent, like Lent, is traditionally a time for reflection, fasting and prayer. During this season we at St David's will be giving donations to our local Food Bank and

praying especially for all those who have no roof over their heads and find this time of year challenging, painful and very cold.

Thank you very much to everyone who assists with the upkeep of the Church be it assisting during Services, cleaning or tending the grounds. Your help is much needed and greatly appreciated.

Our Carol Service this year will be held on Sunday 11th December at 2pm. Wishing everyone a joyful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. - *Janet Wright* 

### **Fairbourne**

Don't forget our Big Breakfast and Christmas Fayre (10am) in Fairbourne Village Hall on December 10th; donations for the raffle will be



gratefully received. On Sunday 18th December there will be a carol service in church starting at 5pm, all welcome to come and sing some of your favourite carols.

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

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

We say goodbye to a loyal servant of St Cynon's – Liz Stokes. Liz, you will be missed and we wish you well and our prayers will follow you. Don't forget to visit! - *Rev George Williams* 

# Llanegryn

We look forward to welcoming all who would like to make Christingles to Neuadd Egryn at 10 am on



Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone is then invited to an ecumenical Christingle Service at St Mary & St Egryn Church at 5.30 pm later that day to explore the wonder of Christmas through the story of the Christingle. The service will be followed by Christmassy refreshments possibly down at the Neuadd (arrangements still being made!).



# Llanfihangel y Pennant

Details of services are on p17

# Llwyngwril

Our Christmas Market is on Saturday 3rd December at 10.30am in the Ganolfan. There will be plenty of opportunity to buy Christmas presents from the



many stalls selling ceramics, pots containing Christmas bulbs, honey, candles, wood craft and many others. Refreshments will be on sale and plenty of Christmas music to listen to.

The Crib Service will be held during the Morning Service on the 4th December and we look forward to seeing many children enjoying the Christmas story.

We shall be holding Carols by Candlelight at Llangelynnin Old Church at 3pm on Christmas Eve. We look forward to seeing many of you enjoying singing carols in the flickering candlelight of this atmospheric church. Please come and join us. – *Ann Hackney* 



#### **Pennal**

On the 11th of November the children of Ysgol Pennal stood silent for two minutes at 11am as an act of remembrance. The Children were much

moved by the trumpeter who played the last post.

# **Seasonal Preparations**

There will be a Christmas Fair at the Ganolfan on Thursday 1st December at 3pm. There will also be a concert at the Ganolfan with Côr Bro Meirion Dolgellau at 7pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets cost £8 (available at the door).

Pennal Church will be holding a Concert at 7pm on Friday 9th December in Church with donations going to Aberdovey Mountain rescue and our Charity in Africa. Admission will be £5.00.

On Friday 16th December Ysgol Pennal will be holding a Christingle service at Pennal School at 3pm all are welcome.

# **Tywyn**

Bishop Mary Stallard visited St. Cadfan's for the Commissioning Service on November 6<sup>th</sup>, at



which Revs. Steve Rollins and George Williams were licensed as Associate Vicars in the Ministry Area, and also Churchwardens were reappointed for the coming year. This was a most happy occasion, at which Bishop Mary spoke movingly about the importance of memory and of the symbols which aid it.

A working party was held to tidy up parts of the church and particularly the churchyard on November 12<sup>th</sup>. This made a great difference to the appearance of the entrance to the church, and was also enjoyed by those taking part. Also on building matters, the Building Pilgrimage Group met recently, to consider aspects of the Stones Shout Out and Llan Projects, in particular the proposals by Skellon Studios for display materials. There is a strong feeing that these do not take sufficient account of the church's chief purpose, which is as a place of worship.

#### **Remembrance Sunday**

A good number gathered for a short service and a two minute silence at the War Memorial at 11.00am at Bryn y Paderau on Armistice Day. On Remembrance Sunday we were blessed with blue sky and not too cold a day. It was wonderful to be able to have a full March including the Brownies, Guides and Cadets. The parade marched at quite a brisk pace from the Leisure Centre car park up to Co-op and down the High Street to St Cadfan's Church under the careful command of our Parade Major

Ian Garbutt. It was the first time we were able to have the service in church since 2019 and wonderful to have the brownies, Guides and Cadets taking part in the service. Many commented on how well they executed their various roles and on their excellent behaviour! Rev Ruth Hansford gave an evocative sermon about her grandfather who served in the Merchant Navy and died in World War II. After the service, the parade marched down to Neuadd Pendre, where everyone was invited to enjoy home-made soup, rolls, and bars brith provided by the Women's Branch of the Royal British Legion. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our commemorations. It was very special for the community to come together across the generations to remember those who have died for the sake of others in the World Wars and many wars since. We will remember them!

# The Cadfan Way: A Journey from Tywyn to Bardsey

# Slideshow and Talk by Jean Napier 7pm, Wednesday 7th December St Cadfan's Church, Tywyn

Light refreshments served afterwards.

**Entrance FREE** – Donations to St Cadfan's Church

Jean Napier, local photographer and writer, will be presenting a slideshow and talk about her latest book The Cadfan Way, exploring her personal pilgrimage from Tywyn to Bardsey Island, her spiritual home.

She has travelled the old trackways, exploring local sites of interest and ancient ruins on the way, revealing the fascinating history of this land. This is an opportunity for deeper knowledge and insight into an ancient pilgrimage route that is being revived by the Diocese of Bangor as Llwybr Cadfan / The Cadfan Way through its Llan project.

Copies of the book will be on sale for £7.75 (cash only).

# Dates for your diary

# **Warmer Winter Wednesdays**

#### St Cadfan's Church Glass Room

A warm welcome for everyone!

Turn down your heating at home and join us in our warm and comfortable Glass Room.

Chat, refreshments, friendship and support.

Or just come and enjoy the warmth.

Drop in and stay as long as you wish.

Wednesdays 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

(Commencing 9th November)

St Cadfan's Church – Tywyn

Contact Paul Inman 07980 374770

# Warmer Winter Wednesdays

Every week from Wednesday 9th November, 2pm-4pm St Cadfan's, Tywyn

# **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

# **Forthcoming meetings**

#### **Building Pilgrimage Group**

Friday 13th January, 3pm: St Cadfan's Church, Tywyn

#### **Panad and Prayer**

There will be no Panad and Prayer in January.



#### 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

# Bro Ystumanner – now on social media!

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 January newsletter will be Friday 16th December

# Services in December

Midweek Se	rvices							
Wednesdays	10.30am	Holy Commu	nion	St Cadfan's, Tywyn				
Wednesdays	7.30pm	Night Prayer		Zoom*				
Fridays	5pm	Silent Prayer		Zoom*				
Sunday 4th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent								
9.30am	Crib Service		St Celynnin's, Llwyngwril					
10am	Holy Communion		St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal					
10am	Holy Communion		St David's, Abergynolwun					
11am	Morning Wors	Morning Worship with		St Cynon's, Fairbourne				
	Baptism							
11.15am	Sung Matins	Sung Matins		St Peter's, Aberdyfi				
11.15am	Holy Commun	ion	St Cadfa	St Cadfan's, Tywyn				
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December								
4.30pm	Carol Service		St Catherine's, Arthog					
Sunday 11th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent								
10am	Morning Worship		St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal					
11am	Morning Worship		Zoom*					
11.15am	Holy Commun	ion	St Mary & St Egryn,					
	•		Llanegryn					
11.15am	Holy Communion		St Peter's, Aberdyfi					
11.15am	Morning Worship with		St Cadfan's, Tywyn					
	Baptism	_						
2pm	Village Carol Service		St David's, Abergynolwyn					
Wednesday 14th December								
5.30pm	Brownies and Guides St Cadfan's		an's, Tywyn					
	Christingle Service							
Saturday 17	th December							
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10am	Holy Commun	ion	St Peter	ad Vincula, Pennal				
10am	Morning Wors	ship	St David	d's, Abergynolwyn				
11.15am	All Age Worsl	nip	St Peter	's, Aberdyfi				
11.15am	Holy Commun	Holy Communion		St Cadfan's, Tywyn				
5pm	Carol Service		-	n's, Fairbourne				
6pm	Nine Lessons	and Carols	St Cadfa	an's, Tywyn				

Wednesday	Wednesday 21st December					
7.00pm	Carol Service	Peniarth Arms, Bryncrug				
Saturday 24th December – Christmas Eve						
3pm	Candlelit Carol Service	Llangelynnin Old Church				
3pm	Christmas Eve Communion	St David's, Abergynolwyn				
3.30pm	Blessing of the Crib and	St Peter's, Aberdyfi				
	Christingle Service					
5pm	Crib Service	St Cadfan's, Tywyn				
8pm	Christmas Eve Communion	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal				
9.30pm	Christmas Eve Communion	St Mary & St Egryn,				
		Llanegryn				
9.30pm	Christmas Eve Communion	St Peter's, Aberdyfi				
11.30pm	Christmas Eve Communion	St Cadfan's, Tywyn				
Sunday 25th December – Christmas Day						
10am	Christmas Day Family	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal				
	Service					
10am	Christmas Day Communion	St Cynon's, Fairbourne				
10.30am	Christmas Day Communion	St Peter's, Aberdyfi				
11.15am	Christmas Day Communion	St Cadfan's, Tywyn				
Sunday 1st January – New Year's Day						
10am	Holy Communion	St Peter ad Vincula, Pennal				
11am	Morning Worship	St Cynon's, Fairbourne				
11.15am	New Year's Day Service	St Peter's, Aberdyfi				
11.15am	Holy Communion	St Cadfan's, Tywyn				

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# We look forward to welcoming you to our churches!

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

Thank you for your support and your consideration of others.

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