

**Cyngor Eglwysig    Parochial Church Council**  
**Y Ffestri Flynyddol    The Annual Vestry**  
**Ebrill 10<sup>ed</sup> 2016    April 10<sup>th</sup> 2016**

25 members attended the Annual Vestry with Canon Bryan Witt in the Chair. The meeting commenced with prayers. Sad reference was made to the faithfully departed. Tribute was paid in the usual manner.

### **Chairman's Address**

The Vicar expressed his gratitude for all the support received over the year. He enjoyed taking the services and there was joy in the worship. He also wished to record his thanks to all who contribute so much to the life of the church: church wardens, treasurer, secretary, sub-committee, PCC members, organists, lesson readers, cleaner, flower rota, bell ringer, Tafod Twrog team, website co-ordinator, Health and Safety Officer, Safeguarding Officer, leaders, officials and members of both Mothers' Union and Clwb Iau, open church volunteers and churchyard crew. The church is extremely grateful to Jean Voyle Williams, our Lay Reader, for her exceptional contribution to the parish and also to the diocese.

### **Annual Report**

- a) Finance presented by Nia Thomas: Several additional members have opted for standing orders resulting in a regular income. Increases in donations, planned giving, loose collections. Thanks to the organists who have donated part or all of their fees back to the church. Also John Rees had donated the fees for grass cutting in the Vicarage back to the church. There was a reduction in the Ministry Share. The Vicar thanked Nia for her hard work and presentation of the report.
- b) Fabric presented by Huw Voyle Williams: Regular meetings had been held during the year between the sub-committee and Steven Knott to discuss the tower. The Puxley memorial had been removed for Health and Safety reasons. Due to the wet weather damage had been caused to the toilet. These matters were being looked into by the wardens and sub-committee.

- c) Tower: Nia Thomas gave the current positioning of commencing the work on the Tower. The tender of David Siggery had been accepted. We were now awaiting the final element of the Delivery Phase of the HLF grant. John Ellis was thanked for his tremendous efforts in securing Grant Aid for the project. We were very lucky as a Church to have such a capable member.
- d) Safeguarding was presented by Daphne Evans: There had been no major issues regarding safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults during the year. Arrangements were in place to assist in the services those needing help with mobility. The new format of Clwb Iau means that parents/carers are present with the children in the session. A variety of stimulating experiences had been available for the children. The Bishop had visited the December workshop.
- e) Churchyard was presented by Geoff Quick. An inspection of the graveyard had been carried out by the sub-committee. Subsequently a number of headstones had been made safe. A new mower had been purchased.
- f) Worship was presented by the Vicar: Attendance at services was very encouraging. Our association with Capel Newydd for the Lenten Course was continuing, also participation with the other chapels in "Cytun". The sunrise service on Easter morning had been an uplifting experience followed by a marvellous breakfast. A confirmation had been held in the presence of the Bishop and nine from our church had been confirmed. The Vicar raised the matter of the different times of the morning services on alternate Sundays. After a discussion it was proposed and carried unanimously that Llanddarog would prefer that the morning service be at 9.30. The Vicar would have further discussion with the congregation at Llanarthne.
- g) Mission was presented by Jean Voyle Williams: This year we had supported Plant Dewi, Tŷ Miriam, Carmarthen Food Bank, Ysgol yr Eglwys yng Nghymru Llanddarog, Lent Lunches at the Vicarage, Open Garden at Ty'r Llain. The contribution of

the website and Tafod Twrog cannot be underestimated. The Welsh lessons were proving to be a great success. The Craft Fayre had been a fantastic day and a different way to get people into the Church. The Annual Barbecue had raised money for the school and the Pensioners. The pilgrimage to Winchester and the visit to Ludlow had been very successful. Our link with the school is very strong with the Vicar and his deputies, Jean, Myfanwy and Vilna attending the Tuesday assembly. Lastly she thanked the Vicar for his ministry and leadership during the year.

## **Elections**

Vicar's Warden: Huw Voyle Williams was retiring after eight years of service. He was thanked for his dedication and service to the Church at all times. The Vicar had asked Peter Rees to be his warden.

People's Warden: The name of Mair Rees was proposed. The meeting was in favour.

Secretary: Vilna Thomas – re-elected.

Treasurer: Nia Thomas – re-elected

PCC: Angela Knott wished to resign from the PCC. Angela was thanked for all her work for the church. Meurig Rees and Huw Voyle Williams were elected on to the PCC.

Sub-Committee: Huw Voyle Williams – co-opted

Foundation Governor: Vilna Thomas

Health & Safety Officer: Geoff Quick expressed his wish to stand down. He was thanked for his diligence in looking after the graveyard and the church in general. Huw Voyle Williams is the new Health & Safety Officer.

Safeguarding Officer: Daphne Evans – re-elected

Auditor: Ruth Lewis

## **Triennial Elections**

Ruridecanal Conference: Peter Rees

Diocesan Conference: Jean Voyle Williams

**Any Other Business**

Open Church – same arrangements as 2016.

As there was no further business the meeting ended with Grace.

**Parochial Church Council Members as from 10 April 2016**

Mrs Marian Daniels	Mrs Yvonne Lewis	Mr Meurig Rees
Mrs Eirwen Davies	Mrs Marian Little	Mr Peter Rees
Mrs Iris Davies	Mr Gordon Mason	Miss Nia Thomas
Mrs Kim Davies	Mrs Carol Owen	Miss Vilna Thomas
Mr John Ellis	Mrs Barbara Quick	Mr Huw Voyle-Williams
Mrs Daphne Evans	Mr Geoff Quick	Mrs Dawn Webb
Mrs Marilyn Jones	Mrs Doreen Rees	Mr Elfryn Williams
Mr Robert Jones	Mr John Rees	
Mr Keith Knott	Mrs Margaret Rees	