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Dear Friends

I look forward to being in your midst as I begin a new chapter of my ministry with you in September.

My spouse Debbie is from the Isle of Wight and we have been married for over thirty years. Debbie is a faithful member of the 'Mothers Union' and will be attending the General Conference in Portsmouth this year. Our two sons live and work in Bristol and our daughter lives with us and has recently been working with people with special needs.

I was born in Llanddewi Brefi and began my ministry at the age of 23. I spent part of my ministry in the diocese of Bangor where I was ordained, but for the past seventeen years have ministered in this diocese, in the parish of Newcastle Emlyn.

As a couple we enjoy the countryside and look forward to living near the Botanic Gardens. In my experience, walking amidst the natural melodies of the countryside and its sweet aromas is a great help to unwind and to reflective meditation; as is listening to classical music. I derive special inspiration from listening to the religious and classical music of Arvo Pärt.

Last year I had the privilege of being 'Director of Ordinands' for the diocese. Undertaking this role has opened up a new perspective for me on ministry within the diocese and it is inspiring to be involved in supporting and encouraging new candidates for ministry.

It will take a little while for me to familiarise myself with the pattern of church life in Llanddarog, and the order of services in this part of God's vineyard. So, I will appreciate every help and guidance, especially in the first few months of my ministry with you. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone in the parish.

Every blessing in Christ

Canon Dewi Roberts

Annwyl Gyfeillion

Edrychaf ymlaen i fod yn eich plith wrth i mi ddechrau siapter newydd o'm gweinidogaeth gyda chwi ym mis Medi.

Mae fy mhriod Debbie yn hannu o Ynys Wyth, ac yr ydym wedi bod yn briod am dros ddeng mlynedd ar hugain. Mae Debbie yn aelod ffyddlon o 'Undeb y Mamau' ac mae'n mynychu y Gynhadledd Gyffredinol yn Llongborth eleni. Mae'r ddau fab yn byw a gweithio yn Swydd Bryste ac mae'r ferch yn byw gyda ni, ac wedi bod yn gweithio yn ddiweddar gyda phobl ag anghenion arbennig.

Cefais i fy ngeni yn Llanddewi Brefi a chychwynais fy ngweinidogaeth pan yn 23 mlwydd oed. Gweinidogaethais am gyfnod yn esgobaeth Bangor lle cefais fy ordeinio, ond am yr 17 mlynedd diwethaf yr wyf wedi gweinidogaethu yn yr esgobaeth hon, ym mhlwyf Castell Newydd Emlyn.

Yr ydym fel cwpl yn mwynhau byd natur ac yn edrych ymlaen i fyw yn agos i'r Gerddi Botaneg. Yn fy mhrofiad, mae cerdded yng nghanol melodïau naturiol cefn gwlad a'i pher-aroglau yn gymorth i ddadflino ac i fyfyrdod tawel; megis ag y mae gwranddo ar gerddoriaeth glasurol. Derbyniaf ysbrydoliaeth arbennig wrth wrando ar gerddoriaeth crefyddol a chlasurol Arvo Pärt.

Cefais yr anrhydedd flwyddyn diwethaf o fod yn 'Warden Ymgeiswyr am y Weinidogaeth'. Mae ymgymeryd a'r swydd hon wedi agor persbectif newydd i mi ar weinidogaeth o fewn yr esgobaeth, ac mae'n ysbrydoliaeth cefnogi a chalonogi ymgeiswyr newydd i'r weinidogaeth.

Bydd yn cymeryd bach o amser i mi gyfarwyddo â phatrwm bywyd yr eglwys yn Llanddarog, a threfn y gwasanaethau yn y rhan hyn o winllan Duw. Felly gwerthfawrogaf bob cymorth ac arweiniad, yn arbennig yn y misoedd cyntaf, wrth i mi weinidogathu yn eich plith. 'Rwy'n edrych ymlaen i ddod i adnabod pawb yn y plwyf.

Pob bendith yng Nghrist.

Canon Dewi Roberts

Editorial

In the last edition of Tafod Twrog I was saying about the coming changes and now we know more. As part of a larger Ministry Area we will naturally be working with more churches, meeting and coming to know more people. We are looking forward to meeting our new Vicar – Canon Dewi Roberts and his wife Debbie and to giving them our usual warm welcome. Canon Roberts will have three Churches – Llanddarog, Llanarthne and Llangyndeyrn as well as his work with Ordinands. Jean has written a very interesting article about the various incumbents at St Twrog since her Christening and what a busy church we are!

The Llanddarog Show was well attended and we were lucky to have such wonderful weather for it again this year. It's a lot of hard work for many people, but it is appreciated by all and is a great showcase for Llanddarog.

We look forward now to Harvest Thanksgiving services, the timings having changes just slightly so please ensure you look at the Dates for your Diary. We have also started thinking about Christmas, yes I know it seems absurd, but as we are planning to hold an Angel Festival in St Twrog in December 12th-15th, it will need a lot of organising, but Vilna is on the case!

Articles for the next quarter's edition to me by Friday 11 October. Don't forget to let me know in advance if possible when you know someone has a special celebration.

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Blodau'r Allor ~ Altar Flowers

August/Awst

11 & 18 Mrs. Myfanwy Rees
25 & 1 Sept Mrs. Pam Roper

September/Medi

8 & 15 Mrs. A. Thomas
22 & 29 Mrs. E. Thomas

October/Hydref

6 & 13 Mrs. J. Thomas
20 & 27 Miss N. Thomas

Bedydd/Baptism

19 May Joshua Archer

6 June Lisa Edmunds

Priodas/Marriage

8 June Alun Roberts and Elin Davies

Angladd/Funeral

13 July Val Williams, 16 Cae Person

16 July Sharon David, 4 Brynhyfryd (at Llanelli Crematorium)

Cofiw'n yn gariadus am bawb a fu farw yn ddiweddar; ac am bawb y mae tymor eu coffhad yn syrthio yr adeg hon o'r flwyddyn. Bydded i'r ffyddloniaid ymadawedig orffwys mewn hedd a chyfodi mewn gogoniant. / We remember with love all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries fall at this time of the year. May the faithful departed rest in peace and rise in glory.

Cleifion/The Sick

Gweddiwch dros bawb sy'n glaf mewn ysbryd corff neu feddwl, gartref neu mewn ysbyty. / Please pray for the sick in body, mind or spirit. Please inform the wardens if someone falls ill or is in hospital. Home communion can be arranged.

Llongyfarchiadau/Congratulations

Congratulations to all those celebrating special birthdays and anniversaries in the coming quarter, including Marilyn who will be 70 in August and Margaret and Peter who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary in August.

A trip down memory lane

As we look back at the history of St Twrog Church, aren't we privileged as the worshippers of today, to play a small part in the life of the church. If only the walls of the church could speak, what would it say to us. I was the last to be baptised by the Vicar Llewellyn Rees in 1948 and my mother became a member of the Mothers' Union in September 1948, our oldest serving member in the branch today. As I was growing up in the church Revd David Williams was the Vicar and he was a father figure to us all. He was very active in all aspects of the life of the church and was an excellent storyteller. He had a

drama group with well-known local church characters, members of the cast, who performed a different version to the original script and they would tour around neighbouring parishes. It was during his time that the boys and girls robed choir was formed and also the weekly envelopes introduced. The church also had a new pipe organ. I remember all the delicious teas we had with Mrs Williams and the MU members, who were excellent cooks. I will never forget his last service at the church before he moved to Capel Bangor to be closer to their daughter, I cried throughout as I didn't want to see him leave. He had been with us for 11 years.

Then in 1960 Revd Emlyn Lewis became our Vicar and his wife Decima Morgan Lewis started the GFS which included church and chapel girls. Mrs Lewis was an excellent musician and she conducted many cantatas and operettas including "The Enchanted Glen". She also formed a local mixed choir of all denominations, the competition being for a Church or Chapel Choir, and they competed in the Llanelli and also the Swansea National Eisteddfod, where they won first prize. Vicar Lewis was also the producer of many dramas and got the young people of the Church fully involved. In 1962 in the Llanelli Eisteddfod Vicar Emlyn Lewis won the crown with the pseudonym Yr Hydd Gwyn (White Hart), as he could see the White Hart through the bathroom window. He was a character and wore a big rimmed hat, like the American cowboy on television, and that is why his nickname was Bronco. He was a straight talker and used to have long sermons that were interesting and well prepared, but he said to the congregation "most of you won't be here tonight so you'll have a double dose this morning". Hasn't life changed, today many churches and chapels would be happy to see people attend just once on a Sunday. Unfortunately, while with us his health deteriorated and he had to retire much earlier than expected. He was with us for 4 years.

In 1966 Revd Harold Rees became our Vicar, the year I went to college, but I always came back home at weekends to attend church and to see Huw (not sure in which order). This was a new challenge for us as Revd Rees was Vicar of Llanddarog and Llanarthne, the first time we had to share a Vicar. There was apprehension but everything worked out well between the two Parishes. Vicar Rees was an excellent visitor, Mondays his day for visiting the hospitals, Tuesday to Friday visiting people in their homes. There was no day off in those days. He would visit for 2-3 hours and the housebound and lonely used to look forward to his visits.

During his time with us there was a strong Sunday School and Youth Club in the Parish. He could delegate and always found suitable people to carry out different tasks within the church. He was the one who married us and we very often mention his premarital talk, telling us how we should respect and support one another. Also, important tips about how we should look first thing in the

morning, looking our very best for one another. He served us faithfully for 17 years. He was the one who gave me the opportunity to take services and preach in Church, and encouraged me to become a Reader in 1982, the second female in the Diocese in those days. It was with Mrs Jean Rees that I joined the Mothers' Union. Mrs Rees supported the Vicar in all aspects of Church life.

In 1984 Revd Emrys Jones became our Vicar, he had served at Llangrannog for many many years and was born and bred in Cardiganshire. During the war years he was in the RAF and a contemporary of Bishop George Noakes. Both he and Wilma were characters and they were nicknamed night owls as they would take Benny the dog for a walk about 10 at night and if they saw the light on in the house, they would call in to visit you. Soon after their arrival Mrs Jones recruited people for the MU and had an open meeting in the Vicarage. Looking at the photo taken at that time we had over 50 members in the MU. Some who joined at that time are still members today. It was also at this time that the Cymru'r Groes was started and we had approximately 45 members with a varied programme for the young people. We still remember the Maundy Thursday vigil in Church and all the lessons taught to us about the Easter Story. The Sunday School was still thriving, the Annual Concert revived and our church was indeed alive.

In 1991 Revd Hugh Thomas became our Vicar, having moved from Newport in Pembrokeshire and he was with us until 2003. During this time Mrs Mari Thomas, his wife, became the Diocesan MU President. The Church was still thriving as we had strong foundations, built upon by former and present clergy and their wives, together with the commitment and hard work of the lay people in our Church. Mari used to give piano lessons at the vicarage and many are still greatly indebted to her today for enhancing their musical skills. It was during Revd Thomas' ministry that we had the Spire repointed and we had an extensive programme of fundraising. Also during his time with us we celebrated the new millennium with a special service on Dec 31st at midnight. We had gifts of 4 stained glass windows and had dedication services attended by Bishop Huw Jones and Archdeacon Islwyn John. The graveyard crew were greatly indebted to Vicar Thomas, as he was a regular attender and enjoyed the outdoors as well as the fellowship. It was during Revd Hugh Thomas' ministry that Tafod Twrog was established and it is still as popular as ever today, serving the whole community.

In 2004 Revd Hywel Davies became our Vicar and he stayed with us for 3 years until 2007. Everyone was very sad to see him leave as he was a very popular member of our community. He opened up the Vicarage for Parish use, where we had Christmas Mulled wine, Coffee mornings etc. He introduced the Tuesday Morning Matins and then after the service he used to

walk around the village visiting the elderly and infirm of all denominations. He also started to build up relations with the National Botanic Garden where we had a service at 2.30pm on the third Sunday of every month (which is still taking place today). Vicar Hywel enjoyed the musical aspect of the services and joined local choirs and drama clubs. He started CYTUN in the area which is still active today. During his time as well the Clwb Iau started meeting on a Thursday evening and it is still active today. Vicar Hywel took part in all community events and took the church out to the community.

After 2 years interregnum where we all worked hard together to sustain our church, the Venerable Alun Evans decided he would move to Llanddarog to be our Vicar in 2009, and also resume his duties as Archdeacon of Carmarthen. This was historical as he was the first Archdeacon to be incumbent in the Parish. We really didn't know what to expect as he was still carrying out the duties of the Archdeacon and we were slightly concerned how much time he would have to serve the Parishes of Llanddarog and Llanarthne. But we soon learned that Parish Life was paramount to his ministry and we are greatly indebted to both him and Evelyn for all their hard work. The Parish was never neglected at any time and was always a priority. In a quiet way he encouraged us along, always supporting us in all that we did, but would also tell us straight if he was not in agreement with something, and that we valued. Vicar Alun started the Sunrise Service on Easter morning followed by breakfast at the Vicarage. He was also the one who encouraged us to hold an annual Plygain Service on the Second Sunday in January (which is still ongoing and we have approx. 150 in attendance). We also had an Ascension Day Eucharist followed by a Cheese and Wine at the Vicarage. We had strawberry teas and Summer Mission Praise in August on the Vicarage grounds. The Open Garden at Ty'r Llain raised a lot of money for local charities and this has now become an annual event in the Church calendar. Vicar Alun also introduced the Crib Service on Christmas Eve afternoon. We will always remember the Pet Service (that we held in the new graveyard), where Vicar Alun was tangled up by the lead of his dog Sally. And will we ever forget the bilingual Revue "Trwbwl y Tŵr" written and produced by Henry Lewis. A new experience for us all and something the village will never forget. With all our concerns and worries it was an astounding success on the night. Vicar Alun retired in August 2014 but unfortunately Evelyn did not enjoy the best of health. We consider it a great privilege that she decided she wanted to be buried at Llanddarog Church, a truly remarkable lady who kept her light under a bushel.

Following a short interregnum it was announced that Canon Bryan Witt would be our new incumbent starting in March 2015. Having worked closely with Canon Bryan who was the Diocesan Director of Education I was very pleased with the appointment. However, within a month of the licensing service we

were starting on a new venture, entering a Local Ministry Area of Llannau Tywi consisting of 4 churches - Llanddarog, Llanarthne, Llangunnor and St Anne's Cwmffrwd. Canon Bryan and Heather had a welcoming party for us at the New Vicarage and indeed during their time the Vicarage has been an open house. We remember the Lenten lunches (delicious homemade soups) which we had throughout Lent, and the fellowship around the table. The Clwb Iau was supported faithfully by both and we remember Canon Bryan's addresses which were so apt and appropriate for family services. It made all of us think what has he got in his bag today? They both supported the MU and we were so pleased as a branch when Heather was recently commissioned as Diocesan President and we wish her every blessing in her new role. We will continue to pray for her and as a branch support her in her projects. During her time with us she developed the "Create and Praise" seminars which have now become very popular throughout the Diocese. We also have a thriving Knit and Natter group who meet twice a month, and it is worth seeing the high quality cards that we have on sale in the church, where the proceeds are given to the Church and MIND. We have a Paned a Chlonc (after Morning Prayer on Tuesday) which gives opportunities for people to learn Welsh and especially to learn the Welsh liturgy for our services. This has been very successful. We have over the years regularly supported the work of the Carmarthen Food Bank. Also during the past two years we have an ukulele group called Tannau Twrog who perform on a regular basis in the services and in local events. In the last few weeks many of our members have enjoyed the walk on a Monday evening as part of the newly formed St Twrog Walking Club. Canon Bryan and Heather have always supported community events during their time with us and we wish both of them a happy and healthy retirement.

During the past seven years the School and the Church have developed closer links and we are so proud that we have a Church School in Llanddarog which frequents our church on a regular basis. Also the Vicar or a Church Representative regularly attends the Assembly on a Tuesday Morning. The Year 6 Leavers Service takes place in Church and as a Church we present a copy of the New Testament to all leavers. We have worked alongside them in developing the Easter and Pentecost Experiences, and the Pilgrimage for Year 6 to St Davids. We also participated in developing the Prayer Garden at the School two years ago which the Venerable Alun Evans officially opened and Bishop Joanna blessed. The Church is also used as an extra resource to develop the RE curriculum. We also have exciting plans for further developments in the future.

Again as a Diocese and as a Parish we venture into new pastures as we await our new incumbent Canon Dewi Roberts and Debbie, and we hope that they will settle down well amongst us. I'm sure they will soon see that we are a vibrant Church but open to change. In October we become a part of the Local

Ministry Area of Cydweli, but we need to ensure that we keep our identity as St Twrog Church, and again build upon the strengths and successes of all those incumbents who have served us so faithfully during the years of their ministry. Each and every one has left a footprint, a footprint that has made our Church what it is today. They say that "Success always leaves footprints". Let's therefore strive together to make our Church a special place where we can worship our Lord in humility. You cannot see faith, but you can see the footprints of the faithful. We must leave behind "faithful footprints" for others to follow.

Edrychwn ymlaen yn llawn brwdfrydedd i'r dyfodol, gan gofio mae beth bynnag yw strwythur yr Eglwys yr un yw'r Duw yr ydym yn ei addoli. Diolchaf i'r holl ficeriaid yn y 70 mlynedd diwethaf sydd wedi dylanwadu arnaf a rhoi cyfle i mi aeddfedu fel Cristion.

Jean Voyle Williams

CROESO/WELCOME

Mae'n hyfryd i gael croesawi Y Parchedig Canon Dewi Roberts a Debbie i'r ardal, gan ddymuno iddynt bob hapusrwydd yn ein plith. Maent yn symud o ardal Castell Newydd Emlyn ar ol i Canon Dewi wasanaethu yn ffyddlon yn y fro honno am 17 mlynedd. Edrychwn ymlaen at eu cwmni. Rwyn ffyddiog y byddant yn ymgatrefu yn hapus iawn yn ein plith. Bydded i ni barhau i rhoi ein gorau i Grist a'i Eglwys.

"Am hynny, calonogwch eich gilydd, ac adeiladwch bob un ei gilydd, fel, yn wir yr ydych yn gwneud." (1 Thesalonaid 4:5)

Revd Canon Dewi Roberts and Debbie will be moving to live in the Vicarage at LLanddarog in late August and to be licensed as our Priest on September 3rd. He has served the Newcastle Emlyn area faithfully for 17 years. We look forward to working with both and wish them well in their new ministry.

I think that the following verse should be a source of guidance to us as we welcome our new Priest. "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy." (Hebrews 13:17)

Jean Voyle Williams

Roedd 22 o aelodau yn bresennol gyda Canon Bryan Witt yn y gadair.
Dechreuwyd y cyfarfod a gweddi.

Materion a drafodwyd / Matters discussed

1. Finance. Acknowledgment had been received from the Oncology Unit at Glangwili Hospital for a cheque of £300 — proceeds of the Plygain, also from Water Aid for a donation of £153 being the result of cleaning shoes on Maundy Thursday
2. Faculty applications for the Memorial Bench and painting the interior of the church and purchase of new carpet to be arranged.
3. Tower. Steven Knott had prepared a list of outstanding defects to be sent to the contractor. The Vicar in conjunction with Keith Knott to contact Steven Knott immediately stating that this work must be carried out ASAP.
4. Open Church. The church is now open daily between 10.30a.m and 4p.m.
5. Walking Club to take place on Monday evenings at 6.30 under the leadership of Kim Davies.
6. Vicar's Retirement. The Vicar's final service will be held on Sunday 28th of July at 10a.m. The guest preacher will be the Venerable Randolph Thomas. A luncheon to be arranged at the Ivy Bush in the afternoon. A testimonial will be arranged to mark the Vicar's service in the parish.

Two further meetings have been held on Tuesday 21st May and Monday 3rd June to discuss the Tower. Present at the June meeting was Archdeacon Dorrien Davies, Howard Llewelyn the Diocesan Secretary and Janet Avery the DAC secretary.

The meeting was in favour that this matter be resolved before the new Vicar arrives. The PCC were very unhappy how matters had been dealt with and are now looking forward to a satisfactory completion.

Diolchodd y Ficer i bawb am eu presenoldeb a therfynwyd y cyfarfod gyda'r gras.

DYDDIADAU AR GYFER Y DYDDIADUR / DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(am fanylion am batrwm misol y gwasanaethau, gwelwch y dudalen olaf)
(for details of the monthly pattern of services, please see the back page)

Awst/August

4 August Dydd Sul/ Sunday Drindod 7/Trinity 7

9.30am Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Communion (Bilingual)

5 August Dydd Llun/Monday

6.30pm Clwb Cerdded/Walking Club

11 August Dydd Sul/Sunday Drindod 8/Trinity 8

9.30am Cymun Bendigaid/ Holy Communion (Bilingual)

12 August Dydd Llun/Monday

6.30pm Clwb Cerdded/Walking Club

18 August Dydd Sul/Sunday Drindod 9/Trinity 9

9.30am Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Communion (Bilingual) Venerable
Randolph Thomas.

19 August Dydd Llun/Monday

6.30pm Clwb Cerdded/Walking Club

25 August Dydd Sul/Sunday Drindod 10/Trinity 10

9.30am Cymun Bendigaid/Holy Communion (Bilingual)

Dim gwasanaethau yn yr hwyr ym Mis Awst/ No evening services in August)

Medi/September

1 September Dydd Sul/ Sunday Drindod 11/ Trinity 11

9.30am Cymun Bendigaid (Cymraeg) Parchedig Hywel Davies

5.00pm Evensong (English)

3 September Nos Fawrth/Tuesday

7.00pm Gwasanaeth Trwyddedu Y Parchedig Ganon Dewi Roberts yn Eglwys
Sant Twrog/ Revd Canon Dewi Roberts licensed as Priest in Charge of
Llanddarog, Llanarthne and Llangyndeyrn

7 September Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday

3.00pm (Time to be confirmed)Sioe Garddwriaeth Mynyddcerrig/
Mynyddcerrig Horticultural Show Cyfarfod a Llywydd Byd Eang
Undeb y Mamau yn Eglwys Crist, Caerfyrddin/Meeting the MU World
Wide President at Christ Church Carmarthen

8 September Dydd Sul/Sunday Drindod 12/Trinity 12

9.30am Boreol Weddi (Cymraeg)

11.00am Clwb Iau

5.00pm Holy Communion (English)

9 September Dydd Llun/Monday

10.30am MU Deanery meeting at the Ivy Bush Carmarthen

7.00pm Cyfarfod o'r Ardal Weinidogaethol yn Eglwys Santes Fair Cydweli/
Meeting of the Local Ministry Area at St Mary's Church Kidwelly.

10 September Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday

10.00am Boreol Weddi/Morning Prayer

10.30am Paned a Chlonc (for those who want to learn Welsh)

12 September Dydd Iau/Thursday

7.00pm Cymun Bendigaid Undeb y Mamau a chyfarfod i ddilyn/Mothers'
Union Holy Communion to be followed by a meeting

15 September Dydd Sul/Sunday Drindod 13/Trinity 13

9.30am Holy Communion (English)

2.30pm Gwasanaeth yn yr Ardd Fotaneg/Service in the Botanic garden

19 September Dydd Iau/Thursday

7.00pm Gwasanaeth Diolchgarwch Eglwys Llanarthne/
Llanarthne Church Harvest Thanksgiving Service (Bilingual)

21 September Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday

11am-2p, Cynhadledd Cymraeg yr Esgobaeth yn Neuadd Y Brifysgol Dewi Sant
Campws Llanbed

22 September Dydd Sul/Sunday Drindod 14/Trinity 14

11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving (English) Holy Communion
Venerable Alun Evans

Dim gwasanaeth yn yr hwyr/No evening service

24 September Dydd Mawrth/ Tuesday

10.00am Boreol Weddi/Morning Prayer

10.30am Paned a Chlonc (for those who want to learn Welsh)

**26 September Dydd Iau/Thursday Gwasanaeth Diolchgarwch/
Harvest Thanksgiving Service.**

6.30pm Hwyrrol Weddi (Cymraeg) Pregethwr Gwadd
Parchedig Nicholas Bee (Capel Newydd)

7.45pm Swper y Cynhaeaf yn Neuadd y Pentref/
Harvest Supper at the Village Hall.

29 September Dydd Sul/Sunday Mihangel a'r Holl Angylion/St Michael and All Angels

10.00am Gwasanaeth Ardal Gweinidogaethol yn Eglwys Llanarthne/
Ministry Area Service

Hydref / October

6 October Dydd Sul Sunday Drindod 16/Trinity 16

9.30am Gwasanaeth Diolchgarwch y Teulu (Dwyieithog)/
Harvest Family Service (Bilingual)

Dim gwasanaeth yn yr hwyr/No evening Service

8 October Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday

10.00am Boreol Weddi/Morning Prayer (Bilingual)

10.30am Paned a Chlonc (for those who want to learn Welsh)

10 October Dydd Iau/Thursday

7.00pm LMA Inauguration at St Mary's Church Cydweli

13 October Dydd Sul/Sunday Drindod 17/Trinity 17

9.30am Boreol Weddi (Cymraeg)

5.00pm Holy Communion (English)

17 October Dydd Iau/Thursday

7.00pm Undeb y Mamau/Mothers' Union –Members Evening

20 October Dydd Sul/Sunday Drindod 18/Trinity 18

9.30am Holy Communion (English)

2.30pm Gwasanaeth Arbennig yn yr Ardd Fotaneg/
Special Service in the Botanic Garden.

22 October Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday

10.00am Boreol Weddi/Morning Prayer (Bilingual)

10.30am Paned a Chlonc (for those who want to learn Welsh)

27 October Dydd Sul/Sunday Sul y Beibl/Bible Sunday

9.30am Cymun Bendigaid (Cymraeg)

11.00am Holy Communion (English)

Dim gwasanaeth yn yr hwyr/No evening Service

“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.”

Robert Louis Stevenson

Undeb y Mamau ~ Mothers' Union

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent at the Cathedral in April for the commissioning of the new Diocesan Trustee Board. More information in Heather's letter in Teulu Non. A business meeting was held in May, when amongst other things a new MU banner was discussed. At the end of May we had a return trip to Pemberton, this time to see the exhibition to celebrate the completion of the mapping of the village on a tapestry. Lovely welcome and weather.

In June several members attended the Deanery Festival led by Canon Ann Howells in Llanllwch. The theme was Hope and the collection went to the MU "Summer of Hope" Appeal. The service was followed by delicious refreshments and chat. Glenys Payne, the new MU Diocesan Chaplain, was the speaker for our June meeting, with MULO as her subject, Mothers' Union, Listening, Observing, Acting.

June was a busy month with the Diocesan Council meeting on the 18th in Kidwelly. This year was different with a meeting held in each Archdeaconry to encourage more to attend. Heather welcomed everyone and Glenys led prayers and Bible study. After some business Sam spoke about Plant Dewi, which evolved from the Children's Society, speaking about her pleasure in going to work. There are 4 Family Groups for young families, a Family Centre and Dads' Group in Burry Port and free nursery places in deprived areas, with some funding from the Local Authority. Baby Bundles started 3 years ago, after a successful application for funding from a £1 million legacy. They accept new and good secondhand clothes for babies up to 12 months old. Referrals are received from midwives, Women's Aid, etc., families identified, contacted, forms-filled and bundle delivered within a week. 100 packs have been distributed between April 18 to March 2019. They are very grateful to Mothers' Union for their support.

The speakers list is being updated. Brenda is the IT manager and there is a new website for more information. There was an appeal for members to attend the AGM in Portsmouth, staying in Bournemouth. AFIA will continue to be supported with day trips as well as holidays. Heather's coffee morning in St. David's raised £300 for Plant Dewi. Following the success of the raffle from Mary Sumner House raised £40,000, there will be another one this year. The

Diocesan banner has been repaired, but a new one is required, design ideas are needed. Bit like Llanddarog.

The Winter Council meeting will be in Bronwydd on 30th November. Sheran Harper our Worldwide President will be in Christ church, Carmarthen on 7th September for a service, a display showing our projects, banners and refreshments (I will be asking for volunteers). More information in Teulu Non.

Friday 9th August: Mary Sumner Day, Deanery Lunch in The Falcon. Names to Mair or me.

Thursday 12th September: Holy Communion and programme planning for 2020

Thursday 17th October: Members Meeting - Hostesses, Marian D. and Vilna.

Meetings are in church at 7pm unless stated otherwise. Visitors are very welcome. Enquiries to Jean Voyle Williams 01267 275222.

Barbara Quick

News from Llanddarog Community Council

This is the first of what we intend to be occasional updates on the work of your Community Council. Our work is funded from the Council tax you pay and whilst we are set one of the lowest precept demands in the area (Based on BAND D), we do manage to do quite a substantial amount of work for you.

Primarily we try to support as many organisations as we are able within our budget. An instance of this is sponsorship of the Llanddarog Show this year, and we congratulate all those involved on a great success again. We offer to support provision of Christmas decorations for each of the three villages in our Community Council – Llanddarog, Porthyrhyd and Mynyddcerrig, as well as financially supporting each of the villages Halls/Welfare organisations via standing revenue grants. And of course, there is also our grass-cutting programme each summer as well as funding street lighting.

Apart from the above longstanding annual commitments, we have put in place a special projects programme for this Council term which has allowed us to respond to your concerns by prioritising specific projects. We have part funded the introduction of new road signage in Mynyddcerrig alongside Carmarthenshire County Council, fully funded a waiting shelter in Llanddarog and are exploring the possibility of part funding the provision of speed warning signs in Porthyrhyd.

The Community Council meets every second Wednesday of the month (apart from August) and there may also be additional special meetings in the year. Our meetings are open to the public.

To contact any of your local Community Councillors, please contact the Clerk, Mr Owain Enoch on 01269 833705 or email to post@cllanddarog.uk. You will find more details about your Community Council on our website – www.llanddarogcommunitycouncil.co.uk or www.cyngorcymunedllanddarog.co.uk.

Newyddion wrth Cyngor Cymuned Llanddarog

Dyma'r cyntaf o'r hyn a fwriadwn i fod yn ddiweddariad o bryd i'w gilydd am waith eich Cyngor Cymuned. Mae ein gwaith yn cael ei gyllido drwy'r Dreth y Cyngor, ac er ein bod yn hawlio'r praesept sydd gyda'r isaf yn yr ardal (yn seiliedig ar eiddo Band D) rydym yn llwyddo i wneud cryn dipyn ar eich rhan.

Yn y lle cyntaf, rydym ni'n ceisio cefnogi cynifer o sefydliadau ag y gallwn gan ddefnyddio ein cyllideb. Enghraifft o hyn yw'r nawdd ar gyfer Sioe Llanddarog eleni, a llongyfarchiadau i bawb fu'n cyfrannu at gynnal digwyddiad llwyddiannus eto eleni. Rydym yn darparu addurniadau Nadolig yn y tri phentref sydd yn ardal y Cyngor Cymuned, sef Llanddarog, Porthyrhyd a Mynyddcerrig. Rydym hefyd yn cefnogi'r neuaddau pentref neu'r pwyllgorau llesiant drwy grantiau refeniw sefydlog. Yn ogystal â hyn oll, rydym yn cyllido a threfnu rhaglen dorri gwair ym misoedd yr haf, a chyllido goleuadau ffordd.

I ategu at y trefniadau blynyddol hyn, mae gennym raglen o brosiectau arbennig ar gyfer oes y Cyngor hwn. Mae hyn yn ein galluogi i ymateb i'ch pryderon drwy flaenoriaethu rhai prosiectau penodol. Rydym wedi cyfrannu at gost darparu arwyddion ffordd newydd ym Mynyddcerrig gyda Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin, wedi cyllido cysgodfa yn Llanddarog, ac rydym ar hyn o bryd yn ystyried y posibilrwydd o gyfrannu at gost darparu arwyddion rhybudd cyflymder ym Mhorthyrhyd.

Mae'r Cyngor Cymuned yn cwrdd ar ail ddydd Mercher bob mis (ac eithrio mis Awst), ac mae'n bosib y cynhelir rhai cyfarfodydd ychwanegol yn ystod y flwyddyn. Mae ein cyfarfodydd yn agored i'r cyhoedd.

Er mwyn cysylltu â'ch Cyngorwyr Cymuned lleol, cysylltwch â Chlerc y Cyngor, Mr Owain Enoch drwy ffonio 01269 833705 neu drwy anfon e-bost at post@cllanddarog.uk. Mae rhagor o wybodaeth am eich Cyngor Cymuned ar y wefan - www.llanddarogcommunitycouncil.co.uk neu www.cyngorcymunedllanddarog.co.uk.

Newyddion Ysgol Llanddarog

Mae'r flwyddyn ysgol hon yn gyflym dirwyn i ben a disgyblion ac athrawon yn edrych ymlaen at gael seibiant haeddiannol dros wyliau'r Haf. Ond wrth gwrs, mae'r tymor olaf wedi bod cyn prysured ag erioed gyda nifer o ddigwyddiadau wedi'u trefnu.

Ar brynhawn Sul, 9fed o Fehefin, cynhaliwyd Gwasanaeth Blynyddol y Gymuned yn yr eglwys a chafwyd dwy eitem gan gôr yr ysgol sef 'Can y Botymau' a'r emyn hyfryd, 'Dwy Law yn Erfyn'. Diolch hefyd i Gwenno Evans am ei pherffomiad gwych ar y clarinet.

Roedd Pabell y Plant yn Sioe Llanddarog yn werth ei gweld eleni eto gyda chornel chwarae rôl y gofod a chystadleuaethu amrywiol wedi'u trefnu ar gyfer y dydd. Yn y brif babell, roedd arddangosfa o gynnyrch celf a dylunio a thechnoleg y disgyblion gan gynnwys gwaith ffeltio a gwnïo yn seiliedig ar y llyfr 'Lost Words,' gwaith dylunio a thechnoleg yn dangos sgiliau creadigol Disgyblion 5 a 6 wedi iddynt greu trychfilod bychain allan o nwyddau ailgylchu a disgyblion y Cyfnod Sylfaen yn arddangos eu gwaith portreadau ac offerynnau cerdd.

Trefnwyd ymweliadau yn ogystal. Bu'r Adran Iau am ddiwrnod i Ganolfan Gwlyptir Penclacwydd ger Llanelli a disgyblion y Cyfnod Sylfaen i weld sioe Rwtsh Ratsh Rala Rwdins yn Theatr y Lyric yn ogystal â chael diwrnod hwyl ar dir yr ysgol. Yna daeth Steffan Hughes o Glwb Chwaraeon Sgiliau i gynnal amrywiaeth o weithgareddau chwaraeon gyda phob dosbarth yn ei dro. Bu disgyblion Blwyddyn 6 ar eu pererindod flynyddol i Dŷ Ddewi yng nghwmni Mrs Jones, Mrs Janet Ingram, Huw a Jean Voyle Williams a Miss Vilna Thomas. Cawsant ddiwrnod cofiadwy wrth gerdded ar hyd arfordir Sir Benfro a chael cyfle i fyfyrion am eu profiadau yn yr ysgol gynradd cyn gorffen y daith gyda gwasanaeth byr o flaen Cysegrfa Dewi Sant yn yr Eglwys Gadeiriol.

Cynhaliwyd dau wasanaeth ar gyfer rhieni yn ystod y tymor hwn. Thema gwasanaeth disgyblion Dosbarth 1 a 2 oedd yr Haf a thema Blwyddyn 5 oedd effeithiau llygredd plastig ar y Byd. Braf oedd gweld cymaint o rieni yno i'w cefnogi a roedd pob disgybl wedi dysgu eu rhannau yn arbennig.

Cynhaliwyd Ffair Haf llwyddiannus iawn yn yr ysgol nos Fercher, 10 fed o Orffennaf gydag amrywiaeth o stondinau yno, gan gynnwys Stodin Pitsas

Dominos, castell bownsio, cacennau hyfryd ac ocsiwn bywiog iawn. Mae'n diolch i Gymdeithas Cyfeillion yr Ysgol a holl rieni a'r gymuned am eu brwdfrydedd i gefnogi a chodi arian i'r gronfa'r ysgol fel bod y disgyblion yn gallu cael y gorau posib.

Yn olaf, rhaid llongyfarch disgyblion côr yr ysgol eleni ar eu llwyddiant gwych yn Eisteddfod yr Urdd a gynhaliwyd ym Mae Caerdydd ar ddiwedd Mis Mai. Roedd pob un, fel y gallwch ddychymgyu, wrth eu bodd ar ddod yn gyntaf yng nghystadleuaeth y Côr i Ysgolion Cynradd hyd at 150 o blant. Profiad arbennig iddynt ac un y byddant yn ei gofio am byth. Diolch hefyd i'n cyfeilydd Mr John Evans am roi o'i amser i ni.

Marian Evans

Open Garden at Ty'r Llain

We often talk to each other about the enormous support we receive from so many people and the Open Garden is just one of the many times that we feel honoured to have such support. The event itself doesn't just happen. Yes, we spend a lot of time in the garden, but there are other things as anyone who has organised something similar will know – there's the preparation of the stalls, collecting raffle prizes and selling entrance tickets. On the day itself there's the entrance with the sale of plants, asking people to guess the number of potatoes in the bucket, manning the stalls, making never ending tea and coffee (some of which is supplied in flasks already made – aren't we lucky!) and preparing the scones with jam and cream. Of course, then at the end there is the clearing up.

As you can tell, so many people are involved. We really enjoy our day with you, talking about the garden and 'showing it off!' and spending a few moments with as many of you as possible. We have donations from so many before, during and after the Open Garden – everyone is so generous.

So, this year we were able to give £350 to St Twrog Church, £350 to Llanddarog Show and £350 to the Oncology Unit, Glangwili Hospital as well as £100 to Carmarthen Food Bank to enable them to buy the things they need for their users.

What can we say, except a very big thank you to you all. We and the organisations you have enabled us to support are sincerely grateful.

Margaret and Peter

CLWB IAU

Clwb Iau has continued with good attendance. On Sunday July 8th the children, parents, the Vicar, Heather and helpers enjoyed a lovely Sports and Barbecue afternoon at Huw and Jean's house. We had a fun dressing up race, some running races, a sack race and a team race which involved more fun and water. We then enjoyed a barbecue and ice cream which the children really enjoyed. Thank-you to Huw and Jean, parents and helpers for making the afternoon a success.

We will be meeting next in September (date to be arranged) where we will go on a nature walk and do some leaf craft in preparation for Harvest. In October we will be beginning to prepare for the Church's Angel festival and in November cooking gingerbread angel decorations and preparing for the Crib Service.

All the helpers and parents would like to wish the Vicar a happy retirement and thank the Vicar and Heather for the support and help they have given to Clwb Iau.

Thankyou to Jean, Maria, Sian, and all the helpers and parents for their continued support to make Clwb Iau a success.

Helen Beynon

"The thankful receiver bears a plentiful harvest."

William Blake

"In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy."

William Blake

"The only thing that endures over time is the 'Law of the Farm.' You must prepare the ground, plant the seed, cultivate, and water if you expect to reap the harvest."

Stephen Covey (Business Management Guru)

"Love is to the heart what the summer is to the farmer's year. It brings to harvest all the loveliest flowers of the soul."

Billy Graham

It was with good reason that God commanded through Moses that the vineyard and harvest were not to be gleaned to the last grape or grain; but something to be left for the poor. For covetousness is never to be satisfied; the more it has, the more it wants. Such insatiable ones injure themselves, and transform God's blessings into evil.

(Martin Luther)

Bowlio Dan Do Llanddarog Indoor Bowls

League games are played on Tuesdays with practice nights on Thursdays from 7 to 9pm in the Village Hall. New members welcome. Enquiries to Lewis Jones 275593.

Clwb Cinio/Luncheon Club

Last Tuesday in the month. Yn fisol ar y dydd Mawrth olaf. 1pm Prince of Wales, Porthyrhyd.

Knit and Natter

Group sessions are hosted in different group members' houses on the first and third Thursday of each month. We have a lot of fun during our meetings and yet we are still very productive! If you are interested in coming along, contact Margaret Rees on 275479. Don't worry, if you need a lift, we can usually fit one or two more in!

Also under the banner of the Knit and Natter Group two of our members make greetings cards in both English and Welsh which are either available in the church or in response to requests from local people. Profits from the sale of these cards are shared between St Twrog Church and Carmarthen MIND. We recently received a thank you letter from Carmarthen MIND who said that the donation will go towards encouraging their service users to participate in workshops at the resource centre and for trips out and about. This year they will be taking them to Tenby.

The hosts for this quarter are as follows:

1 August	Celia Bond	19 September	Margaret Rees
15 August	Carol King	3 October	Mo Whitehead
5 September	Jenny Youens	17 October	Margaret Morris

Merched y Wawr

Bu rhai aelodau yn cefnogi 'r prosiect Glanhau'r Gwanwyn ac yn casglu sbwriel o amgylch y pentref yn mis Ebrill.

Megan Williams, un o'n haelodau, oedd yn arddangos enghreifftiau o'i gwniio arbennig i'n haddysgu a'n diddori dro yma ac amhosib yw cyfleu mor rhyfeddol oedd ei champweithiau. Cyn cyflwyno ei gwaith ei hun galwodd ar Carol ac Elsbeth i arddangos cwiltiau'r gorffennol. Roedd un o waith hen hen fodryb i Carol yn artist-waith campus - yn ddarnau bychain o ddefnyddiau o wahanol faint a siâp wedi eu pwytho'n ofalus a lliwgar, a dwy enghraifft o gwiltio gwnaed gan gymdoges iddi flynyddoedd yn ôl oedd yr eiddo Elsbeth. Cwiltiau yn uno darnau o ddefnyddiau er mwyn llunio cyfanwaith defnyddiol mewn cyfnod o brinder oedd y rhain.

Cwiltiau modern yw'r eiddo Megan. Bu Megan yn deilwres gydol ei bywyd ac wedi ymddeol yr aeth ati i ddysgu cwiltio. Edmygw'n ei dawn yn fawr ac mae wedi ennill pencampwriaeth Sioe Llanelwedd fwy nag unwaith.

Cafwyd cyfarfod blynyddol yn Mis Mai ac ail etholwyd pob swydd at y flwyddyn nesaf, ac aethom ati i bartoi rhaglen at y tymor nesaf. Cafwyd gwybod o'r Swyddfa Ganolog bod ein rhaglen llynedd wedi ennill "Canmoliaeth Uchel" yng nghystadleuaeth y rhaglenni 2019. Bu'r daith flynyddol i Erddi Hilton ger Hwlfordd, ac yna ymlaen i Gaffi Beca am swper. Cafwyd diwrnod braf a hamddenol gyda'n gilydd i ddiweddu y tymor.

Neuadd y Pentre Llanddarog Village Hall

Addas ar gyfer pob math o weithgareddau yn y Brif Neuadd, cegin hwylus, ystafell gefn ar gyfer gweithgareddau llai o faint maes parcio eang. / Looking for a place to hold an event, then Llanddarog Village Hall is the place with a main hall, a committee room, a spacious kitchen and a large car park. Cysylltwch/Contact: Mair Davies 275271/ 07527933331

Paned a Chlonc

On the second and fourth Tuesday in school term time, following the usual 10 o'clock morning prayer service, we meet in the community area of the church at 10.30 to share coffee and chat so that Welsh learners have an opportunity to practise their Welsh. See Dates for your Diary here in Tafod Twrog. All are welcome.

Porthyrhyd & Llanddarog Pensioners Society

After a busy summer building up a tan we approach the Autumn with a trip to Tenby on 13th August and with a change of date to our scheduled trip to Aberystwyth and the Rheidol Railway now 5th September. Our Harvest Celebration will be on 1st October with the Rev. Nicholas Bee, with a collection in aid of Silverline.

New members are always welcome as we all enjoy the friendship and activities offered by the society. Meetings are held at Neuadd Fach, Porthyrhyd on the first Tuesday of the month unless otherwise stated and begin at 2pm. Enquiries to Marion Little 01267 275507.

Porthyrhyd, Y Neuadd Fach

The Hire of The Hall and Cae'r Efail: The hall is an ideal venue for private parties, group meetings or conferences. If you wish to hire the Hall or Cae'r Efail please contact Mair Evans 01267 275411 or e-mail mairevans@hotmail.com or 01267 275730 / Mae'r Neuadd Fach ar gael i'w llogi ar gyfer cyfarfodydd, dosbarthiadau, partion ac ati. Ffoniwch 01267 275411 neu 01267 275730

Gweithgareddau Wythnosol / Weekly Events

Cofiwch am y Gyrfâu Chwist bob nos Lun am 7.30 y.h a'r Clwb Bowlio ar nos Iau am 7 y.h. Croeso cynnes i bawb.

Whist Drives every Monday at 7.30 p.m and the Bowls Club on Thursdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome to all.

Sioe Llanddarog Show

Chairman, Emyr Williams welcomed visitors on a sunny day to the Show held on the 22nd June and introduced this year's Show Presidents Huw and Jean Rees of Capel Dewi.

Unfortunately, the horse section had to be cancelled this year due to outbreaks of equine flu but this did not appear to affect attendance. There were good entries in the sheep and cattle section. The main feature in the marquee again this year was the display in the children's section of items prepared beforehand and also on show day. Thanks to the School Staff for their assistance in organising and arranging the display. There were excellent exhibits in the domestic, handicraft and photography sections. There were a lot of entries in the dog show and of vintage tractors with additional displays by the local Young Farmers Club and various trade stands. Hawys Llewelyn Jones of Year 4 in Llanddarog School designed the cover page for this year's show schedule.

Afternoon events were completed with a fun tug of war competition between teams from various groups within the community.

Local group Baldande and the Tom Collins Trio provided the evening entertainment in the marquee.

Committee members wish to thank all those who assisted, competed and visited the show and helped make it a thoroughly enjoyable event. The Committee is also grateful to Mr and Mrs Rees, Ty'r Llain for their generous donation from proceeds of the Open Garden Day.

The Annual Dinner will be held on Friday the 20th September at the White Hart, Llandeilo.

For further information refer to www.sioellanddarogshow.co.uk or contact Lewis Jones on secretary@sioellanddarogshow.co.uk

Llanddarog and District Women's Institute

We meet in the committee room of Neuadd y Pentre, Llanddarog at 7pm on the first Wednesday of each month. New members are always welcome, please contact Margaret Morris 01267 275946. To further our enjoyment of summer's late arrival, we will enjoy the following events:-

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| 7 August | 12.30 Lunch at the Mansel Arms |
| 4 September | 7pm Treasured memories with Helen Williams |
| 2 October | 7pm Recycling |
| 6 November | 7pm AGM |

GWASANAETHAU'R SUL YN EGLWYS Y PLWYF

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE PARISH CHURCH

Sul/Sunday 1	Cymun Bendigaid	9.30 am	Evensong	5 pm
Sul/Sunday 2	Boreol Weddi	9.30 am	Holy Communion	5 pm
Sul/Sunday 3	Holy Communion	9.30 am	Service in the Botanic Gardens	2.30 pm
Sul/Sunday 4	Cymun Bendigaid	9.30 am	Holy Communion	11 am
Sul/Sunday 5	Cymun dwyieithog gyda eglwysi eraill LLannau Tywi / Bilingual Holy Communion with the other churches in the Ministry Area of Llannau Tywi. Lluniaeth i dillyn/ Refreshments to follow			10 am

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