

Inviting all the baptised to share Communion

The Church in Wales is changing its policy on admission to Holy Communion. From Advent Sunday, 27th November 2016, everyone who has been baptised in the name of the Trinity will be welcome to receive Holy Communion if they wish, whether or not they have been confirmed. The only restriction is that the law on not giving alcohol to the under 5s should be respected and obeyed.

PCC members and others who are interested are invited to an Open Meeting on Tuesday 15th November at 7.00 pm in Llandybie Church Hall to hear about the reasons behind the new policy and discuss its implications for the Parish. Copies of documents explaining the change are available in each church. Please come along and have your say.

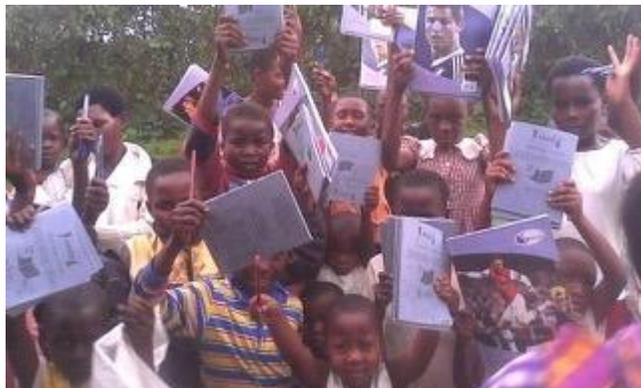
Messy Church

November's Messy Church will be held on Wednesday, 23rd November, 2016 at the Church Hall, Llandybie from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. The theme will be Jesus' words "I am the Light of the World". Please encourage children and families to come along.

BUTEBE ORPHANAGE - UGANDA

It is with regret that due to family commitments Sonia Martin will not be travelling to Uganda in December, though all donations have been passed on to Pastor Alfred of the New Hope Church in Butebe. With this money the children have received new pens, pencils and school books also some water tablets (See picture below). Sonia thanks everyone who has contributed to this worthy cause.

Blessings, Sonia



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Newsletter of the
Parish of Llandybie
with Llandyfân and
St Mark's Cwmcoch

From the Vicar / Oddi wrth y Ficer

November begins with All Saints' Day, when we give thanks for all the saints whose lives and examples inspire us on our journey through life. We hear the stories of some of the saints at our Friday morning Eucharist, and I enjoy thinking about the lives of these people from different centuries, countries and cultures. There is always something we can learn from their experience as we seek to follow Jesus today.

November 2nd is All Souls Day, when we give thanks for all those we have known and loved and whose memory we cherish. At every funeral we remind ourselves of the Christian hope of the resurrection and the eternal life which Jesus offers us. This hope, and the support of family and friends brings us comfort in times of loss. There are special opportunities to remember our loved ones this month: on 20th November at 'Their Light Still Shines' at the Botanic Garden, and on 28th November at the Lions' Club 'Tree of Light' at Llandybie Parish Church.

Remembrance Sunday falls on 13th November this year, and we will once again be holding our Service of Remembrance at 10.55 am, in order to observe the silence at 11.00 am. There is something very powerful about collective remembrance such as this, as people around the country silently remember those who gave their lives in times of war, and pray for peace around the world.

Advent Sunday comes at the end of the month, as our thoughts begin to turn towards Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation, not just to celebrate Jesus' first coming as a baby at Bethlehem, but for his second coming, when he will return as Judge. Like the saints who have gone before us, let us get ready to meet our Lord in his heavenly kingdom.

Gan ddymuno pob bendith / Wishing you every blessing,

Ann Howells Ficer / Vicar

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Service of Remembrance

The annual Service of Remembrance will take place at Llandybie Parish Church on Sunday 13th November, starting at 10.55 am, so that we can observe the silence at 11.00 am.

Silent Prayer Group – a new venture for the Parish

Many of us appreciate the value of silent prayer, but our usual services give little time for reflection and waiting on God in silence. In response to this a silent prayer group is being set up, providing an opportunity to meet once a month for half an hour of silent prayer. The first session will be held in Llandybie Parish Church on Monday 14th November at 7.00 pm, and will start with a short introduction to the practice of silent prayer, followed by 20 minutes of silence. You are welcome to come along to try it to see whether it is helpful for you.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th November at 2.00 pm in Llandybie Church Hall when we shall welcome the Rev'd Canon Dr Jeni Parsons, Diocesan Social Responsibility Officer as our speaker. All are welcome to join us.

Mothers' Union Archdeaconry Jesse Tree Service

The Jesse Tree Service for the Archdeaconry of Carmarthen will be held in Llandybie Parish Church on Thursday 17th November at 7.00 pm. All are welcome.

Mothers' Union Deanery Advent Service – advance notice

This service will be held on Monday 5th December at 2.00 pm in All Saints' Church, Ammanford. All are welcome to come along.

Their Light Still Shines

This annual celebration of remembrance and thanksgiving organised by the Chaplaincy Department of the Hywel Dda Health Board and Tŷ Cymorth (Carmarthen and District) Hospice Appeal committee will be held on Sunday 20th November at 2.30 pm in the large Glasshouse at the National Botanic Garden, Llanarthne. Entry to Garden is free for those attending the event. There will be no service at Cwmcoch Church and no evening service at Llandybie Parish Church on that day to give people the opportunity to attend.

FROM OUR REGISTERS / ALLAN O GOFRESTRAU'R PLWYF

BURIALS / CLADDEDIGAETHAU

7 th Oct	Anne Louise Davies – 72 years High Street, Llandybie Service and burial at Llandybie
8 th Oct	Peter Bailey – 63 years Caeffynnon, Llandybie Burial of ashes at Llandybie
20 th Oct	Ann Marie Clement Wood – 49 years Woodfield Road, Llandybie Cremation at Morryston

We offer our sympathies to their families in their loss.

Love Life Love Advent

You may remember the LENT booklets we had a few years ago. A version for ADVENT has been produced with suggestions for prayer and action each day. Copies are for sale in each church at £2.50 each.

Plant Dewi Christmas Cards

Order forms are available in each Church for Plant Dewi Charity Christmas Cards, wrapping paper is also available. Please support this worthy cause. Please add your name to the order form in your Church.

Found Property

The following items were found in the Parish Church, Llandybie:-

1. A pair of dark red framed glasses
2. Silver coloured bracelet

Please speak to the Wardens if you have lost these items or know who they belong to.

Thanks

Once again our three churches were decorated beautifully for the Harvest. Everyone, including the visiting preachers greatly admired and appreciated all the work that had gone into decorating. Thanks to all who donated items for the Food Bank in Ammanford, who were overjoyed to receive such a large amount from the Parish Church. The fruit and vegetables that were received were distributed to members of the Church.

Advent Service led by Côr Merched Tybie

We look forward to welcoming Côr Merched Tybie to Llandybie Parish Church for their annual Advent Sunday service on Sunday 27th November at 11.00 am. This service of preparation for Christmas in music and readings is a treat not to be missed.

Lions Club Tree of Light

The annual Tree of Light ceremony together with the switching on of the Christmas lights will take place on Monday 28th November at 6.30 pm. Sponsor forms will be available for you to give a donation for the Lions Club charities in memory of a loved one.

Harvest Family Service

This took place at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday, 2nd October at the Parish Church. The Vicar took the service, with the theme of "Harvest". The hymns were announced by Rhiannon, Bethan, Owain and Carwyn. The Bible readings were read in Welsh by Rhiannon and English by Bethan. We were led in prayer by the Vicar. At the beginning of the service the young people and members of the congregation brought their gifts to the Altar. We all then celebrated Holy Communion. The organist was Mrs. Elyth Morris, accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Singh playing the violin.

Open Day – Llandyfan Church

On the 17th of September we had our first Open Day advertised under the Cadw Open Doors initiative. We had over 80 visitors and most stayed for at least an hour and many stayed longer once they had sampled the beautiful cakes our ladies had made. Anne Saunders had put together two boards with photos of the various weddings and baptisms that had taken place over the years, together with photos of the congregation again going back many years, which proved to be of great interest. Chris Gray led tours of the underground chamber to see the spring and the spiders proved to be an added attraction. We had over £200 in donations for the day, and hope that some of the people who came to visit may decide to come and see us on a Sunday in future. Many thanks to all who supported the event and helped on the day.

Escape to Egypt – Christian Aid walk 4 – 15 December

There are more than 65 million refugees in our world today. In fear, they flee conflict, natural disasters and extreme poverty. In hope, they seek a safe place to call home.

This Christmas, Christian Aid Cymru will walk from Bethlehem in Carmarthenshire to Aifft (Egypt) in Denbighshire in solidarity with these people, our brothers and sisters. It will be a sponsored walk, with donations going towards the work Christian Aid does to fight poverty generally, which includes vital work in supporting refugees in many parts of the world.

We invite you to join us on the walk - either for the whole journey or for specific legs - and help us draw attention to the world's refugee crisis and raise funds for Christian Aid's work.

If you are not able to walk with us then why not sponsor us and ask your friends to sponsor us too? Along the way there will be a variety of events held within the communities we walk through. Please join us at those events and help us promote them in your locality.

Our journey through South West Wales

Sunday, Dec 4th Bethlehem, Carmarthenshire – Rhydedwin (near Talley)

Monday, Dec 5th Rhydedwin – Lampeter

Tuesday, Dec 6th Lampeter – Blaenpennal

Wednesday Dec 7th Blaenpennal - Aberystwyth

Thursday, Dec 8th Aberystwyth – Ynyslas (The journey will then continue to North Wales through Aberdyfi.)

If you have any questions or would like to talk to us about the walk and how you could help, please contact one of our offices in Wales. Alternatively, please visit our website: www.christianaid.org.uk or email us at wales@christian-aid.org

You will need to register to participate in the walk and also apply for a sponsorship form and a kit list.

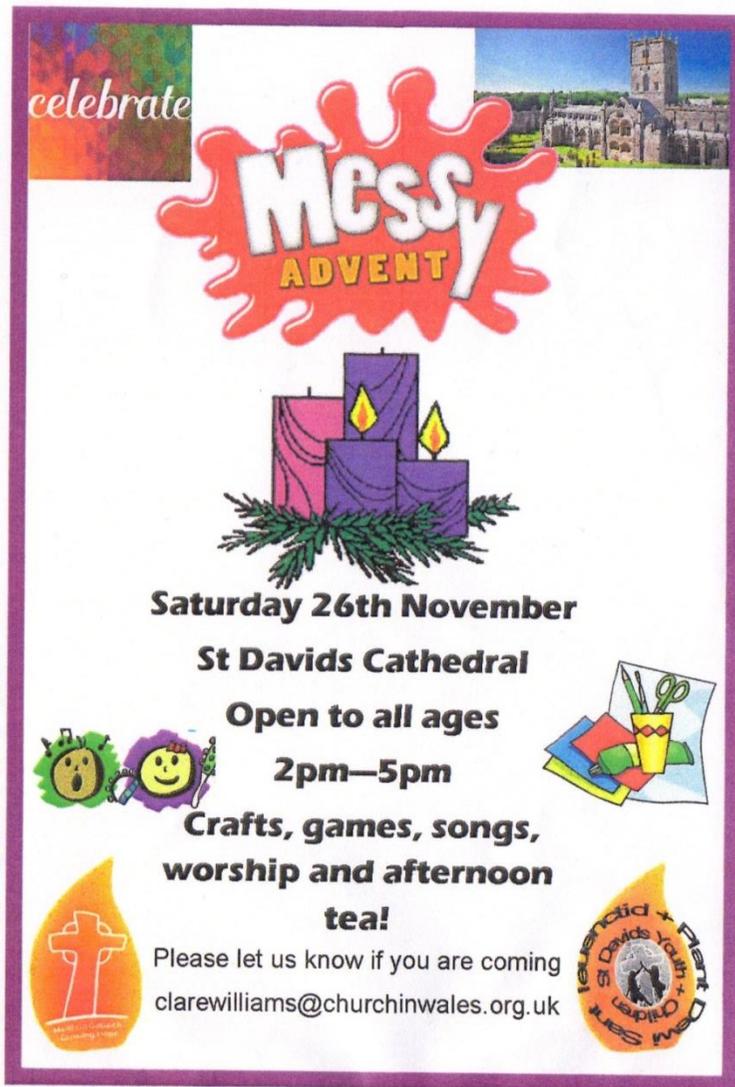
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Côr Meibion Llandybie Christmas Concert – advance notice

The male voice choir will once again be holding their Christmas Concert in Llandybie Parish Church this year, on Friday 9th December at 7.00 pm. More details next month – put the date in your diaries.

Open Day – Llandybie Parish Church

The CADW Open Doors event took place on Saturday, 24th September, 2016. It went off exceptionally well with many people attending the various sessions and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We are grateful to all the artistes who gave up their time to perform free for their continued support. Thanks also to those persons who brought along their art work, displays by Mothers Union and Messy Church. Finally thanks to all the visitors, helpers and tea makers.

Llandyfan Harvest Supper

A very enjoyable evening was had by all who attended the harvest supper at Llandyfan Church Hall on Friday 21st October. A delicious meal of ham salad and apple pie was followed by entertainment from Susan and Joyce Williams, who had us laughing and singing along to the guitar. The evening was rounded up by the usual raffle, and around £500 was raised. Many thanks to those who prepared the hall (including putting a tarpaulin on the roof in case it rained). Thanks also to those who prepared and served the food, and all who donated raffle prizes and gave donations.

Bible Sunday Family Service

This was held on Sunday 23rd October at Llandybie Parish Church. The service of Family Communion was led by the Vicar on the theme of 'The Bible'. The readings were read by Brian Hopkins and the Vicar. The hymns were announced by Owain and Carwyn and the organist was Mrs Elyth Morris.

Messy Church Team Meeting

The Messy Church Team will be meeting at Llandybie Church Hall on Thursday 3rd November at 2.00 pm to sort out the craft materials and tidy up the room upstairs.

Messy Christmas – advance notice

Messy Christmas will be held in Llandybie Parish Church on Wednesday 7th December from 3.30 – 5.00 pm. Put the date in your diaries now, and come along and join in the fun.

Coleg Sir Gâr Christingle Service – advance notice

The staff and students of Coleg Sir Gâr will be returning to Llandybie Parish Church for their Christingle Service on Tuesday 6th December at 11.30 am. All are welcome to attend.

NOVEMBER DIARY / DYDDIADUR MIS TACHWEDD

TUES, 1 st NOV	8.30 am Morning Prayer (E) (Lbie)	FRI, 18 th NOV	10.30 am Healing Service with Holy Communion (E) (Lbie)
WED, 2 nd NOV	8.30 am Morning Prayer (E) (Ccch)	Readings – sheet	
THUR, 3 rd NOV	8.30 am Morning Prayer (E) (Lbie) 2.30 pm Messy Church Team Meeting Church Hall, Llandybie	SUN, 20 th NOV	8.30 am Holy Communion (E) (Lbie)
FRI, 4 th NOV	10.30 am Healing Service with Holy Communion (E) (Lbie)	CHRIST THE KING KINGDOM 4	9.45 am Holy Communion (E) (Ldfn) 11.00 am Morning Prayer (E) (Lbie) No service at Cwmcoch No 5.00 pm service at Llandybie 2.30 pm “Their Light Still Shines” at Great Glasshouse, Botanic Garden, Llanarthne
SUN, 6 th NOV	8.30 am Cymun Bendigaid (W) (Lbie)	TUES, 22 nd NOV	8.30 am Morning Prayer (E) (Lbie)
KINGDOM 2	9.45 am Holy Communion (Bilingual) (Ldfn) 11.00 am Holy Communion (E) (Lbie) 2.30 pm Gosper (W) (Ccch) 5.00 pm Gosper (W) (Lbie)	WED, 23 rd NOV	8.30 am Morning Prayer (E) (Ccch) 3.30 – 5.00 pm Messy Church, Llandybie Church Hall
TUES, 8 th NOV	8.30 am Morning Prayer (E) (Lbie)	THUR, 24 th NOV	8.30 am Morning Prayer (E) (Lbie)
WED, 9 th NOV	8.30 am Morning Prayer (E) (Ccch)	FRI, 25 th NOV	10.30 am Healing Service with Holy Communion (E) (Lbie)
THUR, 10 th NOV	8.30 am Morning Prayer (E) (Lbie)	Readings – sheet	
FRI, 11 th NOV	10.30 am Healing Service with Holy Communion (E) (Lbie)	SAT, 26 th NOV	2.00 – 5.00 pm Messy Advent St Davids Cathedral
ARMISTICE DAY	with 2 minutes silence	SUN, 27 th NOV	8.30 am Holy Communion (E) (Lbie)
Readings – sheet		ADVENT SUNDAY	10.15 am Morning Prayer (E) (Ccch)
SUN, 13 th NOV	8.30 am Holy Communion (E) (Lbie)	(Year A begins)	11.00 am Advent Service with Côr Merched Tybie (E) (Lbie)
REMEMBRANCE	10.55 am Service of Remembrance (E) (Lbie)		2.30 pm Baptism (Bilingual) (Lbie)
KINGDOM 3	2.30 pm Cymun Bendigaid (W) (Ccch) 5.00 pm Evening Prayer (E) (Lbie)		5.00 pm Evening Prayer (E) (Lbie)
MON, 14 th NOV	7.00 pm Silent Prayer at the Parish Church (Lbie)	MON, 28 th NOV	6.30 pm Ammanford Lions Club “Tree of Light” and switching on Church Christmas lights (Lbie)
TUES, 15 th NOV	8.30 am Morning Prayer (E) (Lbie) 2.00 pm Mothers’ Union – Church Hall (Lbie) 7.00 pm Special Meeting of P.C.C. on new policy on admission to Communion - open to all	TUES, 29 th NOV	8.30 am Morning Prayer (E) (Lbie)
WED, 16 th NOV	8.30 am Morning Prayer (E) (Ccch)	WED, 30 th NOV	8.30 am Morning Prayer (E) (Ccch)
THUR, 17 th NOV	8.30 am Morning Prayer (E) (Lbie) 7.00 pm Mothers’ Union Archdeaconry Jesse Tree Service at Llandybie Parish Church		

