

# **Dewi Sant Welsh United Church**

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### **Welsh Classes**

This is the twenty-fourth consecutive year that Welsh classes have been presented by Dewi Sant Welsh United Church as part of the Church's cultural mission. The congregation of Dewi Sant places great importance on its culture and traditions (including the Welsh language). Though there is no charge for the classes, you may wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to Dewi Sant Welsh United Church so that the Church may continue its unique Welsh traditions. In past years, many students have seen fit to donate \$50 - \$100 to the Church. Forms are available at the Welsh classes if you choose to make such a donation.

### **Lessons**

We will be concentrating on modern, spoken Welsh. This is the Welsh that you will hear on the streets, in the shops and in the pubs in Welsh-speaking areas of Wales. Though there will be writing exercises, the emphasis is on speaking and understanding.

Modern Welsh can be divided into a number of different dialects (in much the same way that we can divide "British" English from "Canadian" English). Though the vast majority of words and grammatical patterns are the same throughout Wales, there are some regional differences that we should note as we go along. For our purposes, we will simplify the dialects into "northern" and "southern" forms. Choose whichever you prefer.

Teaching materials will be provided for you. Most lessons end with a worksheet for you to do at home. This will give you an opportunity to review and practice what you have learned in class. If you wish to do the work sheets and turn them in, I will give you feedback on how you are doing. Further, by turning in the worksheets, I am able to judge how the class as a whole is progressing.

## **Schedule**

The classes will run every Friday (with a few exceptions such as Thanksgiving Weekend) from September 22<sup>nd</sup> through to December 15<sup>th</sup>. We will then break for the Christmas holiday. We will pick up the classes again in early January and carry on into early May. In total, there will be about 26 classes (depending on holidays).

The classes will begin promptly at 7:00 pm and run to 9:00 pm. There will be a short break around 8:00 pm. Thought there are a few stores on Yonge Street, you might want to bring your own refreshment for the break.

## **Location Of The Classes**

The classes are held in the Clinton Library of Dewi Sant Welsh United Church. The Church is located at 33 Melrose Avenue, just west of Yonge Street between Wilson/York Mills and Lawrence. For a landmark, there's a McDonalds on the corner of Yonge Street and Melrose Avenue.

Parking is available in the parking lot behind the Church. This can be accessed by a laneway beside McDonalds (see diagram following). Please do not park on Melrose Avenue as the police will issue parking tickets.

Access to the Clinton Library is through the Church's back door (off of the parking lot). Once in the Church, there will be signs directing you to the library. Please note that as the library is in the back of the Church, the front door of the Church (i.e., the door facing onto Melrose Avenue) will be kept locked for security reasons.



Parking at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church

## **Things To Bring**

All materials will be provided for you. The only things that you will need is paper and a pen. You might also want to get a three-ring binder to keep your materials in order. If you have a Welsh-English dictionary, you might want to bring that along with you.

## **Cewch Hwyl / Have Fun**

We are here to learn Welsh. I have always found that students learn best in an informal, fun environment. So don't get too bogged down with words and phrases. Don't get frustrated. Learning any new language will not happen overnight. However, it will all come in time. Relax and enjoy learning the "Language of Heaven."

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask. If you don't understand something, you can be sure others are having similar problems. So don't be afraid to ask even those "stupid" questions.

Ac uwchben pob dim, cewch hwyl wrth ddysgu! / And above all else, have fun learning!