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Gair y Gweinidog - Minister's Message

It is a real privilege to greet the members and friends of Eglwys Dewi Sant. This is a fine church with a wonderful record of serving the Welsh community in Canada. In fact it has been for a number of years the largest Welsh Church outside of Wales.

Established in 1907 we are nearly celebrating our centenary. I wonder what John Roberts and William Thomas, the two twenty year olds who started it by establishing the first Welsh Sunday school would have thought of it all? We owe them and all who have followed them - members, officers, friends and ministers a great debt of gratitude.

Diolch yn fawr i bawb sydd wedi bod mor ffyddlon a gweithgar. Many thanks to everyone who has been so loyal and who worked so hard at Dewi Sant. The work continues and I'm so pleased to have been welcomed as one of the church's outstanding and talented team. I know that together we can look forward with great excitement to celebrating the coming months and, especially, our centenary in 2007.

On my arrival on October 2nd I received a royal welcome, the apartment is a delight, the spirit at the services and the work at the Church have warmed my heart. Thank you all very much.

I read at that first service the words of Dick Shepherd, Vicar, 90 years ago of St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square, London (England!) when he dreamt what his church could be in the life of the people - it was "where the love of Jesus can be found". That is our dream for Dewi Sant.

Bendith arnoch - remember to get in touch if I can be of any help at any time.

With every good wish as we remember each other in our prayers,

Roger

United Church Women

A message from The UCW President

The United church Women of Dewi Sant Welsh United Church request the pleasure of your company to celebrate "ADVENT" in lessons and carols . Tuesday November 25th 2003 at 7.30pm. The Reverend Roger Roberts will lead us in the celebration of Holy Communion (by intinction)

Jean Iona Thompson has prepared and directed the Advent Service. The Agape Choir, and soloists Sheryl Clay and Meriel Simpson will be participating along with Trumpeter Robert Bruce. Accompaniment will be by Dr. M Black. After the service we will be serving tea and light refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Our General meeting will be held on Tuesday the 28th of October. We invite all our Church members and friends (this includes all you men). We will be having a Halloween Theme. We have invited Reverend Roger Roberts to be our special guest. Come along and join in our fun and refreshments. See you all there at 7.30pm.

But some things never change--- The UCW Christmas Bazaar being one of them. We are as always wanting to tap into the multi talents of our congregation enabling us to have a very successful Bazaar once again. When we are able to have a successful event, the Church as a whole benefits, because the money we take in is mainly donated to Dewi Sant. So please think of us when you are perhaps preserving and/or pickling. Perhaps your talents lean toward knitting, sewing or crocheting. Of course we will be having a bake sale that day and this year we are adding a separate savoury stall. When you get a call from Lorna (Baked goods) or from Gaynor (Savoury's) Remember the work you are doing is for Dewi Sant our Welsh United Church .

Keep in mind the Afghan auction and sale to be held early in 2004.

Thank you. Joy Bailey

Sunday Morning Tea

Hot patootie, bless my soul,
The tea list's not full
And we've got a new goal,
To fill it with names as quick as can be,
It's lots of fun, as all can see.
To men and women we make this plea,
Because if there are no names, there will be no tea.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to those faithful few who help out with the tea. However it is not fair that these few should do all the work.

Making Sunday morning tea allows you to talk to nearly everyone in church. There are instructions on one of the cupboards in the kitchen as to the procedure. If you wish to bake or buy goodies we are delighted to have them. If you do not wish to do so there are cookies in the cupboard as well. All you need to bring in is milk.

Our fellowship time after the service is one of the things that bonds us together as a congregation. Please help us to keep this important part of our church life going. We cannot do it without you.

The Sunday evening Welsh service tea time faces the same problem as the Sunday morning one does. We also need volunteers for the Sunday evening tea.

I cannot stress enough that it is not fair to ask a faithful few to do all the work. We are a family in Dewi Sant. Family members help each other. Please help us with the tea, both morning and evening. If everyone lends a hand no one will be overburdened and we will strengthen the church that is so dear to us.

Thank you. Flo and Brenda

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Hefina Phillips (on behalf of the Search Committee)

Committee Of Stewards

At the last annual general meeting everyone was made aware of the decline in Member's contributions over the past two years. Many of us hoped that 2003 would see a reversal of this disturbing trend.

This year began poorly but improved gradually with each month so that at September 30th we were only 4% behind that of the first nine months of '02. Expressed in dollars, \$50,000 in '03 compared to \$52,000 in '02 from Members.

Income from Friends, Loose and Y Gadwyn also lagged as attendances on Sundays got smaller. "Other Income" i.e. Hall and Parking rent plus the Manse remained strong.

Certain maintenance items have been deferred for a year so that we remain close to budget by December 31/03. Next year, however, we face the probable replacing of the boiler-room furnace.

As in every household Dewi Sant must pay its bills as they become due—hydro, gas, water, taxes, Presbytery dues, insurance, salaries, etc. Regrettably, with insufficient Member contributions in the early months of '03 we were forced to redeem a Bond for \$25,000 when it matured in August in order to meet our commitments.

Many of us sometimes overlook the damaging effect of inflation and consequently tend to give our customary contributions without any increase from year to year. This is even true of those on PAR who are, at least, consistent with their offerings. Would you please, examine your own contributions and see if you also have overlooked inflation.

With the coming of a new Minister we all have a moral obligation to ensure that our contract with him will not fail for want of financial support. Whoever answers our call will be making a commitment that will have to be matched by us.

To close on a lighter note: In the past we have thanked generous non-members by card or e-mail. We now think the time has come to publicly acknowledge the following students of the Welsh classes for their generous unsolicited donations:

David Cox and Rachel Edwards
Deborah Evans
Jeanette Roberts-Newman
Owen Thompson

Keith Davies
Leona Francis
John Sparkes
Morgan Vallis

Amanda Evans
Gwyneth Lewis
Sheila Tee
Susan Wilkinson

Diolch yn Fawr Iawn / Thank You

Sincere thanks are extended to Betty and Tom Jones for overseeing the decorating of the apartment being used by the Reverend Roger Roberts during his stay here in Toronto. Using furnishings lent by various church members, Betty and Tom have transformed the apartment into a very attractive, comfortable home. Sion Glyn and Kevin Cullingworth lent their brawn to the endeavour as well.

Diolch yn fawr iawn to all those who helped make this initiative a success but special kudos to Betty and Tom for their leadership and considerable efforts.

Submitted by Betty Cullingworth

Mission And Service

As the seasons change and the weather begins to get cold and wet – we bring out our warm clothing, turn on the furnace, or make plans to leave for Florida.

For many living in Toronto, and across Canada, things are not that easy especially in Winter, and they become more and more dependent on charity for shelter, and food.

THANK YOU to Dewi Sant members who regularly place food in the basket in the narthex, and to Catherine and John Otley who deliver these donations to the Lansing Food Bank. We are told that Dewi Sant is the 'top' donor to this Food Bank!!

In spite of our most generous gifts the need increases every year, and as the (edited) report below shows it is the most vulnerable members of our society who suffer.

Food Banks and Homeless Shelters were always considered 'band-aid' solutions, to the problems of poverty and the lack of affordable housing. There is talk that government funding for food banks is about to be drastically cut, or withdrawn, and some food banks may have to close down. NOW more than ever we need to put political pressure on all levels of government to eliminate the need for the band-aids, and make it possible for all to live in safety and with dignity.

NEW STUDY FINDS ALARMING RATES OF CHILD HUNGER AMONG ONTARIO FOOD BANK CLIENTS

Toronto, Ontario - September 22, 2003

According to a new survey of Ontario food bank recipients released today, children in nearly 40% of families experience hunger at least once a month, including more than one in ten families where children go hungry a couple of times a week. Despite the assistance of food banks and the widespread practice of parents sacrificing their own food to feed their children, high rates of child hunger were found among food bank clients in each participating community. Amongst its key results, the study found large numbers of people with disabilities in food bank lines. Two out of five clients reported a disability that restricts their ability to work. More than half of the clients with disabilities were not on the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). Study data suggest that nearly half of these clients would no longer require food banks if they were able to access ODSP. Study contributors urge all provincial parties to commit to raise the minimum wage and social assistance rates, to increase funding for child care and housing and to reinstate rent control to ensure that all Ontarians can pay the rent, feed themselves and if they have children, feed the kids.

Contact: John Campey, Executive Director, Community Social Planning Council of Toronto, phone (416) 351-0095 x260, fax (416) 351-0107.

Full Report and Food Bank Fact Sheet available online at www.socialplanningtoronto.org

Submitted by Nest Pritchard

Smile awhile!

Hymns for Professionals.....The Contractor's Hymn: The Church has one Foundation.

The Golfer's Hymn: There is a green hill far away. The Electrician's Hymn: Send the light.

Massage Therapist: He touched me. The Gossip's hymn: Pass it on.

The Politician's Hymn: Standing on the promise. The Optometrist's Hymn: Open my eyes that I might see.

The Weatherman's Hymn: There shall be showers of blessings.

The Shopper's Hymn: Sweet by and by. The Doctor's Hymn: The great physician.

Submitted by Hefina Phillips

Cyfarchion o Gymru / Greetings from Wales

I am writing in my capacity as the Chairman of the Cymru District of the Methodist Church. On behalf of our District, which is responsible for the Welsh language churches throughout Wales and beyond, I see from your excellent web site that you have a meeting on October 4th, to welcome the Rev. Roger Roberts as interim supply pastor to your church. As Roger's Chairman I am pleased he is coming to assist you until you secure a full time pastor. I understand Roger has preached at your church earlier this year therefore there is no need for me to introduce him to you. I would like to take the opportunity to say that I have known Roger for a very long time and he has had an outstanding ministry in the Welsh churches of North Wales, particularly in the Dyffryn Conwy Circuit, which he has served faithfully since 1970.

Roger has been a very faithful pastor to his people and also a very popular and much sought after preacher by all denominations both English and Welsh languages. He has worked tirelessly ecumenically and through his efforts has pioneered a scheme at his home town of Llandudno which has brought the four Welsh Language churches together to worship in one building. He has been a very popular and much loved President of the Llandudno Town Council of Churches, which is now called CYTUN and embraces all denominations including Anglican (Church in Wales) and Roman Catholic. (Cytun, means---in agreement together.)

We will miss Roger very much while he is with you but our loss is your gain and I am confident your church will be much blessed under his ministry. On behalf of us Welsh Methodists we wish you every blessing as a church and admire you for keeping the Welsh witness alive in Toronto and may it go from strength to strength through the work of your church.

Look after Roger for us and when you are able please allow us to have him back safe here in Wales. We would welcome being in contact with your church and our District in the future.

Rev. Patrick Slattery, Chairman of Cymru District

Mae'n hyfryd clywed bod un o weinidogion ni, sef y Parch. Roger Roberts wedi cytuno i gynorthwyo chi fel eglwys hyd nes y daw gweinidog llawn amser atoch yn y dyfodol. Fel y gwyddoch, mae Roger yn bregethwr poblogaidd iawn gan bob enwad yng Nghymru yn y Gymraeg ac yn Saesneg. Hefyd mae yn fugail hynod o ffyddlon i holl aelodau ei eglwysi. Mae hefyd yn weithiwr brwd iawn dros ecwmeniaeth ac wedi llwyddo yn Llandudno i ddod a'r pwedwar eglwys Gymraeg at eu gilydd i ffurfio un Eglwys.-----Carwn ddymuno yn dda i chi fel Eglwys Dewi Sant Toronto, dan ei weinidogaeth. Diolch hefyd am gadw'r dystiolaeth Gymraeg yn fyw yng Nghanaada yn y dyddiau hyn. Bendith Duw arnoch chwi fel eglwys yn y dyfodol.

Yn gywir iawn, y Parchedig Patrick Slattery

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Many Thanks To This Month's Contributors

Eirys and George Brobyn, Shirley Evans, Don and Lillian Crawley, Patricia Thomas, David Wynne and Helen Jones, Joy David, Thomas and Irene Morgan, Meirion and Audrey Roberts, Margaret Frampton, Robert and Olwen Whiffin, Dorothy Price & Margaret Frampton

On The Move

From October 31st Peter and Joy Bailey: 178 Britannia Avenue, Bradford, Ontario. L3Z 1A5.

From October 21st Ed and Irene Field: 10 Cliff Drive, Newcastle, Ontario. L1B 1P2, telephone # 905 697 6479.

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Jean Thompson: JIona656@rogers.com

My friend has been paying a psychiatrist \$50.00 an hour every week for two and a half years. He must be crazy!!.....My mother is mean and short tempered - is she going through mental pause?

Thanks to Donna Morris we all came back from our trip to Bala with some really great recipes

Cranberry Sauce

3 cups fresh cranberries: or frozen cranberries: 1 cup sugar: 1 cup water.

Method: Rinse the berries. Put through a food processor, blender or chop fine by hand. Boil in sugar and water for 5 minutes gently , until the berries pop. Remove from the heat, refrigerate. Grand Marnier or Cointreau can be used. Adjust sugar accordingly.

Cranberry Orange Sauce

4 cups fresh cranberries: 2 oranges: 2 cups sugar.

Method: Rinse the berries and put through chopper, bender, or chop by hand. Put oranges, (skin and pulp) through the same process. Mix the oranges and the berries together. Add sugar and mix well. No cooking required. This will keep well in a refrigerator for several weeks, or may be frozen.

Hot Cranberry Dip

2 cups cranberries: 3 tbsp. Horseradish: 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce: 1 tbsp. Lemon juice: 2 cloves garlic minced: ½ tsp. Cayenne pepper.

Method: Mix all ingredients in a saucepan. Bring the mixture to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 5 minutes to blend flavours. Microwave. Blend mixture in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high for 3 minutes. Stir and continue cooking for 1 or 2 more minutes, stirring after each minute to make sure that it has been heated all the way through.

Serve this tasty dip with, meatballs, Vienna sausages, cut up wieners or pieces of fruit. Keep hot in a chaffing dish or an electric warmer.

Dewi Sant Welsh United Church

The community of Dewi Sant Welsh United Church meets at 11 am each Sunday morning for worship. The Sunday school runs from September to June under the very able leadership of Pam Evans. There are monthly evening services conducted in Welsh. These are held on the first Sunday of every month at seven p.m. For information about Welsh language classes contact John Otley Tel #416 782 7169

The Reverend Roger Roberts will be conducting services once a month on Saturday mornings for Welsh learners. 12.00 at Dewi Sant. If you require more information please phone the church office.

The Saint Davids Society

As you may have seen from posters and newspaper advertisements, "our Swansea boy is back." Well no, not really..Bob Kingdom is bringing Dylan Thomas back to us! Reminiscent of Emyln Williams, Bob is "doing" Dylan's unforgettable North American tour. Bob sounds and looks exactly like Dylan Thomas. I was told by friends from San Francisco, that they had been enthralled by the performance a few nights ago. Bob is at present in Atlanta, Georgia and goes to Boston and on to a sell out performance in New York. He is also going travelling west in Canada before coming to Toronto. Anthony Hopkins produced this show, therefore I have no hesitation in making this recommendation. I hope that as many of you as possible will make an effort to support Bob. "The Return Journey," is at The St. Lawrence Centre. Thursday October 30th. 8pm. Tickets are \$30. Please phone for tickets. They will be held for you at the box office. It is open seating---first come first serve. Tel # 416 366 7723

Upcoming events planned by the Society. December 5th at 7 pm in the church hall. A catered Christmas Dinner, (roast turkey) with all the trimmings. All Dewi Sant family and friends are invited to attend. Please make this a function not to be missed. Members and non members are the same price. There will be entertainment and carols etc. . This year we ask everyone to bring one item of food towards the church's food collection. Tickets will be pre sold. See Myfanwy Bajaj or Ed Field. Tickets---\$12.

The Society is having Dewi's Dinner in the Church hall on Saturday March 5th. This will be a traditional roast lamb dinner, Welsh cawl, and dessert. As this is a celebration of the life of our Patron Dewi Sant we will entertain, as well as feed you!! Please note: At this dinner there will be a monetary presentation made by the president of the Saint Davids Society, to Dewi Sant, "to help the continuance of the work of the church." Please support this good cause. Tickets \$12.50 Ed and Myfanwy.

Another Performance well worth attending: An evening Recital with, Gwyndaf Jones, Tenor. Accompanied by Alde CalonGcagong. Eglinton St. George's United Church, 33 Lytton Blvd. Toronto Tuesday November 25th at 7.30 pm. For tickets call 519 252 3576 or purchase at the door. Tickets: \$15 each. Dewi Sant will remember the late Reverend Tudor Jones who passed away in London Ontario. He was Gwyndaf's father. Many of us know the family well and wish Gwyndaf success. M.

Under The Weather

Albert Hale has been feeling unwell recently and is undergoing surgery this week. We wish Albert a quick recovery and God's blessings.

From The Editor / Wrth Y Golygydd

Thank you again for all you support financially and verbally. Date of the next Gadwyn deadline will be 16th of November. Please e mail your contributions to myfanwy @rogers.com or leave an envelope in the office at Dewi Sant. Tiny pieces of paper get lost very easily!! My telephone # is 905 737 4399. Diolch i bawb. Myfanwy. Also, I love you all DEARLY, but "the following Sunday," really is too late. I am going to have to say NO, since, at times, the last minute items mean that I have to do many hours late into the night, the Monday before going to print. Re organising several pages is sometimes necessary. I would prefer to have more time to do a better job!! Myfanwy.

The New Euro-English (Wouldn't Welsh Be Easier?)

Are we SURE we want everyone to learn and speak English??? :)

European Commission has just announced an agreement whereby English will be the official language of the European nation rather than German which was the other possibility.

As part of the negotiations, Her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a 5-year phase-in plan that would become known as "Euro-English".

In the first year, "s" will replace the soft "c". Certainly, this will make the sivil servants jump with joy. The hard "c" will be dropped in favour of the "k". This should klear up konfusion, and keyboards kan have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced with the "f". This will make words like fotograf 20% shorter.

In the 3rd year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expected to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible.

Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horibl mes of the silent "e" in the languag is disgrasful and it should go away.

By the 4th yer peopl wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "v".

During ze fifz yer, ze unesesary "o" kan be dropd from vords kontaining "ou" and after ziz fifz yer, ve vil hav a reil sensibl riten styl.

Zer vil be no mor trubl or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech oza. Ze drem of a united urop vil finali kum tru.

If zis mad yu smil, ples pas it on to oza pepl. Ozaviz, delet.

Get the picture?

Submitted by Francis Silburn

A teacher was observing her class while they drew. As one little girl worked diligently the teacher asked her what she was drawing. "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused then said, "but no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat or looking up from her drawing the little girl replied, "They will in a minute!"