

Dewi Sant Welsh United Church

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Minister's Message - Neges y Gweinidog July 2004

As I write this there are just two weeks before the election, and I still haven't made up my mind how to vote. I'm one of those people the pollsters would have to classify as "undecided", and being undecided in politics is unusual for me.

A friend of mine claims that for the first time in his life he has decided not to vote. He says that he is too frustrated and angry to give anyone his support. I can understand his feelings, but I cannot support his decision. The shape our country will take as we move into the future, the way we will relate to the rest of the world, the way we will meet the needs of all kinds of people within our own borders, what we will expect citizens to pay for the society we are building, how we will deliver justice to our people and care for our environment, all of these are important issues. Every one of them is raised in the Scriptures and in our Faith. Decisions are hard, but we have no right to opt out of making them.

If you think I'm trying to tell you how to vote, I'm not. As I said, I still have not made up my own mind. But we've been given the great privilege of choosing those people who will lead us into our future. Let's accept that privilege as a sacred trust and pray that God will guide us as we use it. In fact, let's pray every day that whatever happens on June 28th God's will may be done.

Blessing on all,
Sincerely Gordon.

Greetings from Wales

Here I am again with a few words to remind you that I still exist, that is if you did not see me a couple of weeks ago during my 'whistle stop' visit to Toronto. It was a very quick visit, arriving late on Sunday and returning on Thursday, with the main purpose of looking for a place to live once I arrive in September. Annette and I saw a place, which suits us, overlooking the Lake. Our home in Cricieth faces the ocean - Cardigan Bay, so having such a view from our new accommodation in Toronto will make us feel right at home!

We also got the chance to meet many of the people of Dewi Sant whilst we were there and to get acquainted with some of the Church practicalities. The visit to the church has only made me realize even more that I have made the right decision in becoming a minister at Dewi Sant, and by now I am looking forward so much, I can hardly wait for September to arrive! At the very first opportunity I will be joining the Lunch Bunch crowd to have a PROPER chat. Also I am still thinking about ideas for the 'loaves and fishes' project.

Before then there is so much to do, to get everything right here in Cricieth so that my transit to Toronto will be smooth, to meet up with family and friends to say a fond farewell and to tie up loose ends generally. There is also the not so small matter of preparing for the tasks, which I have been allotted at Buffalo Festival. The next time I contact you via the Gadwyn I will be so, so close to arriving. One thing is for certain - I will do my best to leave a lasting impression, which will be a positive one.

Looking forward to meeting you all,

Deian.

Their last name and that of their trade or occupation invariably referred to men folk where I was born and raised in Wales. There would be Jones the Milk, Morgan the Meat, Williams the Station (master), Ellis Click Click, (photographer) and so on. The two that I particularly remember are our Baptist minister Evans Above and the mortician, Evans Below.

(Readers Digest March 1995-David Wynne Jones. Oakville.)

Going to Heaven

An exasperated mother, whose son was always being naughty, finally asked him. "How do you expect to go to Heaven?"

The boy thought for a minute then said, "Well, I will run in and out, and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says "For Heaven's sake Dylan, come in or stay out."

ANNUAL M&S BARBEQUE

Once more you are invited to enjoy good food and fellowship, at the same time as showing your support for the Mission and Service work of Dewi Sant. The BBQ at Joan Lloyd's has now become a September tradition, and an event not to be missed - without a very good reason.

This year the BBQ will be held after the morning service (12:30 approx.)
SEPT. 19th. at 44 Kingsdale Ave. Willowdale (North of Sheppard, East of
Yonge St.) Tickets: \$8 adults, \$4 children available after Aug. 20th at Dewi Sant.

All proceeds to the Mission and Service Fund.

P.S. Sincere thanks to Tom and Betty Jones for their generous donation of food, as well as the time and work they contributed to the very successful M&S Spring Fundraiser, (Lunch Sale and Auction).

Nêst Pritchard.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!!

...for the **FESTIVAL OF WALES IN BUFFALO** – Labour Weekend, 2004

From Thursday, September 2 to Sunday, September 5, the Festival of Wales will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in Buffalo with a program filled with events, concerts, seminars and Cymanfaoedd to please every Welsh heart. To ensure the smooth running of these activities, a huge volunteer contingent is needed.

If you are planning to attend the NAFOW even for a day or so and you think that you might have some time available to help as a volunteer, I would be delighted to hear from you. There is something of interest for everyone so please do not hesitate to give me your name and we will find an activity of interest to you.

You can reach me by phone at (416) 486-0432 or by e-mail at cullingwho@rogers.com

Diolch yn fawr iawn in advance for any help that you can offer.....**Betty Cullingworth.**

Whilst we are still on the subject of Buffalo..... Many of our Gymanfa goers feel that as they get older it is much easier to be driven to an event. With this in mind Clarice Terry is interested in renting a coach to convey people to Y Gymanfa on the Sunday in Buffalo. If you feel that you'd be interested please get in touch with Clarice. 30th of June would be an appropriate date for the final count in order that the bus can be booked in time. There are still some seats available, so please don't delay in booking your seat.

Clarice Terry 905 460 9526 clarice.terry@sympatico.ca

REPORT FROM STEWARDS:

Dewi Sant has finished its' first quarter (January to March, 2004) with very promising results. Based on the figures below, you will note that we ended March 2004 with an overall positive of \$2,028.37; this is quite an accomplishment especially when compared with the figures from the same time period last year where we had an overall loss of \$7,466.86. At a high level, our success can be attributed to the following:

- Higher donations (member, friends and associates, loose)
- Increased rental revenue (with a sizable payment for a commercial recently filmed at Dewi Sant)
- A generous donation from The St. David's Society
- Income from the sale of Videos and DVDs (filming of the St. David's Day Service).

Below are more detailed financials extracted from Ross Cullingworth's quarterly profit and loss statement

| | As of March, 2003 | As of March, 2004 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Income: | | |
| Donations: | | |
| Members | \$15,649.00 | \$19,010.00 |
| Friends & Associates | 1,898.15 | 3,103.84 |
| Loose | 459.02 | 1,056.06 |
| Gadwyn | 794.00 | 966.93 |
| Total Donations | \$18,800.17 | \$24,136.83 |
| Rental Income | 6,340.00 | 9,110.50 |
| Miscellaneous Income | | |
| Vision TV Income (video & DVD sales) | 0 | 5,800.00 |
| St David's society | 366.94 | 1,000.00 |
| Other Miscellaneous Income | 0 | 3,212.11 |
| Total Miscellaneous Income | 366.94 | 10,012.11 |
| Total Income | \$25,507.11 | \$43,259.44 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Office | \$3,774.54 | \$3,073.09 |
| Technology | 780.46 | 465.01 |
| Church (Presbytery, etc) | 1,019.39 | 2,792.30 |
| Property (Church, Manse, Insurance, etc) | 2,921.00 | 2,426.19 |
| Utilities | 5,642.19 | 5,407.69 |
| Session | 401.19 | 687.68 |
| Promotions Committee | 0 | 574.42 |
| Vision TV Expenses | 0 | 3,500.00 |
| Payroll – Minister | 7,797.45 | 12,621.26 |
| Payroll – Secretary | 5,773.25 | 5,571.43 |
| Payroll – Other Staff | 4,864.50 | 4,112.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$32,973.97 | 41,231.07 |
| Net Profit/(Loss) | (\$7,466.86) | \$2,028.37 |

It is very encouraging to see the downward trend finally change; we all can feel proud of this collective accomplishment. Let's keep it up, and see the year out in a profitable position. Over the last few years, we have been moving funds from our investments just to keep our head above water, it would be wise to replace these funds so that we can protect the future of the Dewi Sant Community; we also have many expenses as we move towards bringing our new minister from Wales in the next few months.

The Stewards would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to use their church envelopes when giving (if you do not have an envelope, please see one of the Stewards or if you don't remember your number, please let us know) this will enable the team of people who count after church every Sunday to get their job done quickly; it will also guarantee that you receive the appropriate receipt at year end for taxation purposes. We also encourage those not on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) to consider this as a way of contributing to Dewi Sant.

Last but not least, we would like to thank Vaughan Lewis for his excellent leadership as Chair Of Stewards; Vaughan retired from this position this year after many years of service and will be greatly missed.

Sheryl Clay,
Chair Of Stewards

U. C. W.

On behalf of the UCW Executive I want to thank you for the support everyone has given us this year. We have asked and received a lot of monetary support with our dinners and raffles and also received a great deal of help with assisting when it came to working in the kitchen, or waiting on tables. Without your help the UCW could not function. Putting your name down occasionally to help with Sunday morning teas may be just an hour or two of work, but to our congregation Sunday morning Tea is a continuance of our Sunday worship and we would be lost without it. I wish you all a wonderful summer and we will commence our usual meetings and functions in September. I will not promise you less work come September because we all know we will be back in full swing with dinner's raffles, and the morning teas list is always there to be filled in. All I will say is that all that we do is for Dewi Sant Welsh United Church and we do it all gladly.

Joy Bailey.

Did you know that you burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television!
that donkey kills more people kicks than in plane crashes!
that American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one (1) olive from each salad served in first-class,.
that Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise,.
that apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at giving you that boost in the morning.

Renewal 2007 Corner.

The Renewal 2007 Committee continues to meet regularly to plan events for the period leading up to the centenary celebrations in 2007.

The first major event is the KICKOFF LUNCHEON on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26. With our new minister, the Reverend Deian Evans, and his wife, Annette, in attendance, the lunch will be a vibrant start to the campaign intended to revitalize the spiritual and financial health of our church as we approach the centenary. Our stated financial goal is \$100,000 but the real goal is to experience a "revival" in the life and activities of Dewi Sant.

Everyone is reminded of our need for a slogan for the campaign. We would like to announce the chosen slogan on the 26th so please put on your creative thinking hats and send your suggestions to me or to the church for referral to the committee.

Who is on the committee? We need everyone who is interested in being involved to come along to the open meetings with suggestions, offers of help etc. Many ideas have been suggested already but manpower will be needed to bring these ideas to fruition.

The Loaves and Fishes program has been announced but as of yet, requests for the seed money of \$25.00 have been rather slow. The summer may very well be an excellent time to practise your entrepreneurial talents. Why not try something and then let us know at the luncheon how you have fared! Ross Cullingworth is anxious to give you this money so don't hesitate to take advantage of his largesse while it is available.

The committee has also decided to start a program called "Sponsor a Year in the Life of Dewi Sant" as we approach our hundred-year birthday. Starting with the year 1907, we are hoping that each year will be sponsored for the sum of \$100.00. You may wish to choose a year that has special significance to you or your family, or you may be willing to choose any year that is available. During the centenary year, a plaque commemorating these donations will be installed in the church. If you wish to be involved in this program, please contact me directly or the church office. Cheques should be made payable to the Dewi Sant Renewal Fund.

There are lots of exciting events on the horizon. Why not mark your calendars to join us after church on July 18th for the next meeting of the Renewal committee!!

Submitted by Betty Cullingworth.

Worship Committee

Under the guidance of the minister, Dewi Sant's Worship Committee meets regularly to discuss the weekly services and upcoming events, and to exchange ideas on to how to strengthen our faith. We also serve as a link between the congregation and the minister.

Prayer is an integral part of every Christian community. At their recent meeting, the committee discussed the introduction of a "Prayer Time". At every meeting of the Worship committee, ten families would be named during our opening prayer session. These families would be informed before hand that their names would be included. They would also be invited to inform the minister or the chair of the committee (Nest Pritchard) of any particular issue that they would have us pray for. We hope that the congregation will support us in this new endeavour.

Hefina Phillips (on behalf of the worship committee - Rev. Gordon Nodwell, Nest Pritchard, Clarice Terry, Myfanwy Bajaj, Dr. Murray Black, Hefina Phillips)

Olwen Andreson, an Associate Member of Dewi Sant Welsh Church passed away at Stouffville-Markham General Hospital early in April. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her sister, Rheta Coulston, also an Associate Member. Their brother, Llewelyn Anderson passed away last December at Sunnybrook Hospital.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Mrs. Iris M. Williams

A service to commemorate the life of Iris M Williams was held at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church on Sunday, June 20th, 2004. Iris, the wife of Rev. Hedd-Wyn Williams, passed away peacefully on the evening of Monday, June 14th, 2004, at Sunnybrook Hospital in the presence of her loving husband Hedd- Wyn, daughters Cheryl and Shian, son Hedd-Wyn, and granddaughter Rebecca.

Williams, Iris Maria – R.N., C.M.B May 18, 1920--- June 14, 2004

Beloved wife of Rev. Hedd –Wyn Williams passed away peacefully on the evening of Monday June 14, 2004 at Sunnybrook Hospital in the presence of her loving husband Hedd-Wyn, daughters Cheryl and Shian, son Wyn, and granddaughter Rebecca.

Iris (nee Lloyd) was born May 18th, 1920, in the town of Neyland Pembrokeshire, S Wales, received her nursing qualification at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary. She emigrated to Canada as a young bride in January 1946 with her husband of six months, the Rev. Hedd-Wyn Williams, to take up ministerial duties at the Dewi Sant Welsh United Church. She pursued her own nursing career at the Toronto General, Scarborough General and Providence Villa Hospitals and ended her working life as a dedicated volunteer at the Scarborough General Outpatient Cancer Clinic. As a member of the church, she was involved in the life and witness of the Dewi Sant, St. Paul's and Wanstead United Churches.

As a loving and devoted wife and mother, she was the anchor in the day to day activities of her husband and three children, always encouraging their best by example and always there to provide support and comfort. She had a quiet humour and a quality of softness that could be seen in her own daily life and she handled her own trials and tribulations with a quiet dignity and lack of complaint.

She is survived by her husband Rev. Hedd-Wyn Williams (Toronto), Minister Emeritus to the Dewi Sant and Wanstead United Churches, daughter Shian (Toronto), daughter and son-in-law Cheryl and Bryan Davies (Peterborough), son and daughter-in-law Dr. Hedd-Wyn Williams and Amber Pestell (Calgary), and her grand-children Rebecca Davies (Toronto) and Caitlin and Cameron Williams (Calgary).

Iris will be sorely missed by her church and her dear friends but most of all she leaves a void in the hearts of her husband and family.

DEWI SANT'S TROPHY CUPBOARD

When downstairs in Dewi Sant either making your way to the Fellowship Hall or running in to the Facilities on either end of the cloak room, you have to pass the Trophy Cupboard installed on the long wall. This cupboard holds trophies that are given for Excellence in Dewi Sant's Eisteddfodau. This practice of giving trophies at the Eisteddfod started back in 1981 or was it 1982? Never mind - I'm close. Each year of Dewi Sant's Eisteddfod, more trophies were added, covering all competitions listed in the Syllabus. Some were given from friends of Dewi Sant, most were given in Memory of a loved one.

A few years ago, a much loved lady by the name of Joan Illes passed away and her family in Wales sent Dewi Sant a lovely figurine of a Miner and Child made out of coal. There wasn't anything on it mentioning Joan's name, it was just put in the cupboard, hopefully not to be forgotten. On John's (Joan's Husband) last visit to Toronto from Hungary, he and I decided that the figurine be turned into a trophy "for children, Betty" he said. What category from the Eisteddfod could this trophy be dedicated? Those of you who remember Joan will remember how she loved to tell us her stories, she could always make us laugh. I'm sure you will understand when I tell you the engraving on Joan's Trophy is:

Dewi Sant Welsh Eisteddfod
JOAN ILLES
MEMORIAL TROPHY
"CHILDREN'S HUMOROUS MONOLOGUE"

John, if you are reading this Gadwyn, I am sure you will be pleased with Joan's new Trophy. It's beautiful.

Betty Jones

"NEWS ABOUT DEWI SANT'S CHILDREN"

On May 30th in Dewi Sant's Fellowship Hall, the ladies of the Church attended a very lovely Bridal Shower for Bronwen Low, daughter of Gaynor and David Low and granddaughter of Katharine Jones and the late Rev. John Humphries. Bronwen received many useful and lovely gifts and a very happy time was had by all.

On June 12th "The Deed was Done". Bronwen and her now husband Kevin McMurray were married in Bellefair United Church in downtown Toronto. A very pretty wedding was under the very experienced hand of Rev. Cerwyn Davies, better known to Dewi Sant's Children as "Uncle Cerwyn". We wish Bronwen and Kevin much happiness in their life together along with a very special "ring bearer" who wore a golden brown coat and didn't bark once. Best Wishes Bronwen and Kevin.

On May 7th family and friends of Amira Bajaj, daughter of Myfanwy and Ram Bajaj, attended a Bridal Shower for Amira in the Fellowship Hall of Dewi Sant. Many ladies attended and enjoyed great fellowship along with lovely refreshments. Amira and her future husband, Jarelle Christie will be married on Sunday, June 27th at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church. The Minister "in charge" again will be Rev. Cerwyn Davies. Our very best wishes to Amira and Jarelle.

Uncle Cerwyn has been kept quite busy lately, marrying the children he confirmed while Minister of Dewi Sant. No doubt he will be "Baptizing little ones" in the not too distant future.

Betty Jones

We have a winner

Brenda Davies competed in the Davenport Festival in the beginning of May and won a second in Broadway category, a third in Foreign Art Song category and a third in Opera. Congratulations Brenda.

You Are Invited

Cerwyn and Nora Davies would like to invite any and all readers of Y Gadwyn who will be around Toronto on Sunday July 11th, 2004, to join them at Dewi Sant after the morning service for a reception to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of their wedding. Hugs only.

On The Move

Joyce McMullen has moved to Fellowship Towers, 877 Yonge Street., Apt. 901, Toronto, Ontario M4W 3M2. Tel. 416-920-2486

Eirlys Barker - 158 Chamber Crescent, Newmarket, Ontario L3X 1S9

Donors To Y Gadwyn

Violet & Elwyn Clay, Mr. & Mrs. D. Wynne Jones, Verona & Albert Large, Reg & Marjorie Masterson, Gladys Pekovic, Audrey & Meirion Roberts, Olwen & Robert Whiffin. Also Aled ab Iorwerth of Ottawa has sent a donation on behalf of his parents, Irene and Iorwerth Walters, Wales.

Thank you all!!

The Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir have given me their timetable for the next season so that we may all support them at some of their venues.

September 4/5th (Labour day weekend) North American Festival of Wales, Buffalo, NY.

Sat. September 18th 2004 - Brampton RFC.

Wed. October 13th 2004 @ 7.30pm - St Georges Church, Toronto.

Sat. October 23rd 2004 @ 7.30pm - River Run Theatre, Guelph.

Sat. November 6th 2004 @ 7.30pm - St John's Norway, Toronto EERC.

Contact - < beard-leegeobead@onramp.ca >

Sat. November 27th 2004 @ 7.30 pm - Waterloo, Ont.

Sat. December 4th 2004 @ 7.30pm - Christmas Concert - Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen St. East, Toronto

It's Good To Have A Little SMILE
(just like life when there is a space available!)

Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs.

Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, "How old was your husband?" "98," she replied. "Two years older than me." "So you're 96," the undertaker commented. She responded, "Hardly worth going home, is it?"

Dewi Sant Welsh United Church

Services of Worship will continue throughout July and August at 11.00 am on Sundays. Welsh language Worship services will commence once again on September 12th under the leadership of Rev. Deian Evans.

Welsh Classes will also resume in September. Please contact John Otley for further information. 416 782 7169 john.otley@sympatico.ca

From the editor

*Thank you for the financial support given again this year. Every single penny is precious at this stage in the life of Dewi Sant. Having Y Gadwyn self-supporting is one less burden. Thank you all for your kind words. Please keep up the good work once more in September. I hope that you will all have a very healthy safe Summer. Please be ready to inundate me with all kinds of articles for Y Gadwyn.
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