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### **Gair gan y Gweinidog      A word from the Minister**

May I firstly wish you a very, very belated Happy Thanksgiving. Although the Harvest Thanksgiving Festival has long passed I believe that it is never TOO late to wish anyone well, and certainly it is ALWAYS a good time to remind people of the importance of giving thanks, to one another and to the Good Lord.

I had not realized that Thanksgiving was such a big event here. Annette and I noticed the turkeys for sale in the stores and thought that it was much too early to think about Christmas food shopping! Then the invitations came for us to share our Thanksgiving in the home and at the table of new friends, and we were overwhelmed by kindness. We would like to thank everyone who invited us to their Thanksgiving Meal. Having made a 'raincheck' with everyone we are set for many years to come!

The Fall was late arriving this year because of the lovely weather we have been experiencing here in Toronto, but we finally got to travel north recently to a lakeside Cottage to be shown the trees and leaves in full colour and splendour. Who dares to claim that there is no caring and loving Creator when we see the beauty of His work at times like this.

Things are gathering pace in Dewi Sant as we move towards the Winter months. Mid-week events have started once again and are already proving popular. Look for Dates for the Diary and announcements in the Gadwyn for details of the events. You are all welcome to come along, in mid-week and, of course, on Sunday morning and at 7.00 pm on every first Sunday of the month for the Welsh Service.

I would like to extend to everyone who is not well at the moment my best wishes for recovery, and to those who are house bound or hospital-bound my blessing. May I relate condolences to those who are mourning and suffering in physical, emotional and spiritual ways.

May the Lord bless you, and keep you safe in His kind and guiding hands.  
Pob dymuniad da i holl ddarllenwyr y Gadwyn.

Deian Evans

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her 5 and 6 year old students. After explaining the commandment "honour thy father and thy mother" she asked, "is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy answered. "Thou shall not kill....."

## UCW LADIES.

Here we are once more thinking of Christmas. It is hard to believe that we are so close to one of the most important holy days of the year.

It of course, also brings along all the Christmas Bazaars and we are no exception, on November 27th at 10.00am. we shall open the doors to this year's Dewi Sant Bazaar. In order to make this a success and enable us to present a good sum of money to the Church, we need all your help.

I mentioned in the last Gadwyn that we needed knitters, bakers, preservers, and ladies that sew. With your help we can make this our best year ever. If you are able to help but are unable to bring things to the Church, we will gladly come and pick them up. Just give me a call. My home phone is probably long distance to most of you, but my cell phone is 416-737-1154.

We have tickets available now for our raffle of a beautiful fleece throw that our very talented Leona Francis is making for us. It will be a green background with a gorgeous Welsh Dragon in red. The tickets are \$2.00 dollars each or three for \$5.00. We will be drawing the winning ticket at the end of the bazaar on the 27th of November.

We will be celebrating Advent on November 23rd at 7.30pm in the Church. Jean Iona Thompson is putting together a wonderful service that will include the members of the Agape choir being reunited for the evening. We invite you all to come and get into the real spirit of Christmas. I always find it so soothing amidst the hustle and bustle that Christmas has now become.

*Regards, Joy*

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### The Power of Prayer.

**After starting a new diet, I altered my drive to town to avoid passing my favourite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window was a host of my favourite goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, "Lord, it's up to you...if you want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery." Sure enough, He answered my prayer. On the eighth time around the block, there it was!**

## RENEWAL 2007

### Create a Slogan Contest

Are you creative with words? Can you capture a concept in a phrase? The Renewal 2007 Campaign needs a slogan to capture the concept of the church's physical and spiritual renewal, as well as starting our 2<sup>nd</sup> century. So turn on your creative juices and see what you can come up with. The deadline has been extended to November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please send your entries to Betty Cullingworth, c/o Dewi Sant Church, 33 Melrose Ave., Toronto, M5M 1Y6 or by email at [info@dewisant.com](mailto:info@dewisant.com)

There are lots of exciting challenges on the horizon in the coming months. It is wonderful to see the good work that has already be done for the "Renewal" and the way we are all working together, challenging our creative juices, physically and spiritually.

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## Lunch Bunch

**A reminder. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> a representative of The Toronto Fire Service is to share some very important safety tips with us. Followed by soup and fellowship.**

**December. There will be a Christmas party with lots of food and fun.**

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### **Kitchen Corner-----Cornel Fach Y Gegin**

. This basic recipe, which is very simple and lends itself to many *variations*, is from the *More-with-Less* cookbook, commissioned by the Mennonite Central Committee in response to world food needs. In addition to the recipes, this cookbook contains messages, personal remarks, and prayers from around the world, including this prayer from a woman in Botswana:

**O God,  
We've wasted, we've complained, we've grumbled.  
We've misused our resources  
We've confused our needs with our wants.  
For these sins, Father, forgive us.  
Help us reset our priorities according to Your will.**

### **CARLA'S HOT MILK SPONGE CAKE**

Preheat oven to 325.

In a mixing bowl, beat well, 2 eggs. Add 1 cup sugar and 1 tsp. vanilla. Beat until light. Combine separately, 1 cup flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, ¼ tsp. salt. By hand, fold dry ingredients into egg mixture. Bring to a boil in a small saucepan, ½ cup milk, 1 tsp. butter (or use microwave). Add slowly to batter, stirring gently. Pour into well-greased and floured 7"x12", or 9"x9" (or 9" round cake pan). Bake for 30 - 35 minutes.

#### **Variation: Victoria Sponge**

Use a 9" round cake pan. When the cake has cooled, cut in half horizontally through the middle. Spread the bottom half of the cake with strawberry jelly and replace the top half. When ready to serve, sprinkle the cake with **powdered** sugar.

**Risti Jensen.**

This is the type of thing that Gaynor McConnell and Lorna Hobbs are looking for, to include in their Renewal 2007 Cookery book. This will make their publication a very interesting one.

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## Diolchgarwch

Amser diolch yw yr Hydref,  
Yn y Llan ac yn y cartref,  
Diolch wnawn i'r Un sy'n cynnig  
Popeth da o'i ras arbennig.

Mewn gweddiau fe drown ato  
Gofyn gormod a wnawn ganddo.  
Eto gwrando mae bob amser  
Er ein digon, gwel ein prinder

Yn ein digon a'n llawenydd  
Boed y cofio mewn cywilydd  
Am y rhai sydd yn Ei deulu  
Sy'n newynu a sychedu.

Wedi i'r twrci gael ei orffen,  
Wedi bwyta'r pastai pwmpen,  
Boed i'n pryder fod yn gyson

Am y rhai sydd heb ein digon.

Y Parchedig Deian Evans.

**A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary had taken Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, “they couldn’t get a baby sitter.”**

### **THE NEXT BRYN TERFEL?**

While working in Raleigh NC. recently I got caught up in the frenzy surrounding the arrival of Grant Llewellyn. Who was this person who had totally captured the hearts and minds of the cultural community not only of Raleigh but of the State of North Carolina? Who was this person whose picture appeared larger than life on banners flying from every downtown light pole? Who was this man who caused the search committee to immediately abandon all further interviews and guest appearances to woo their new-found star?

It took no time at all to learn from newspaper headlines and radio and television interviews that Grant Llewellyn is the new musical director and conductor of the North Carolina Symphony orchestra who performed at the beautiful Neymandi Hall in Raleigh’s BTI centre.

Grant Llewellyn is from and still lives in Tenby. He is married with four children, Imogen, Ceridwen, Jasper and Theo. He conducted his first symphony at Cambridge University in 1980. In the viola section was one Charlotte Rose. Charlotte is now his wife. The symphony he conducted was Mahler’s first which is what he chose for his inaugural concert in Meymandi Hall in September, along with Haydn’s 104<sup>th</sup> symphony.

I was fortunate to be a guest of one of the sponsors of the concert and as I sat in the second row from the new conductor and I was captivated by his charisma, his talent and his presence on stage. As I watched him connect with the orchestra and audience, my mind wandered back to Hoiday Inn when a young man, 19 years of age took Toronto by storm as guest soloist with the Dunvant male choir when they performed at the Ontario Gymynfa Ganu’s Saturday night concert. Yes! The young man was Bryn Terfel displaying the same charisma, talent and presence that I was again witnessing 20 years later. Will Grant Llewellyn be Wales’ next world renowned musician? Time will tell but I have already made up my mind.

On a personal note, I met Grant Llewellyn the day following his first concert as the new maestro. I introduced myself as being from Ystradgynlais and as someone who knew Tenby very well from the countless Sunday school trips we made to his home town.---**and it always rained!!!** We swapped reminiscences of Wales and ended up with a discussion of Max Boyce songs and trips to Murrayfield to see Wales play Scotland. It was quite a change from Mahler and Haydn but just as enjoyable.

**Bill Phillips. Atlanta.**

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### **Gadwyn Donors**

Many thanks to our friends who have contributed to the publishing and postage costs in the past. This past month we thank David Jones of Whitby, Nancy & Elwyn Jones and Doreen Bray.

### **Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau---The Land of My Fathers.**

How often when you are far a field you have received blank stares when you have mentioned Wales? Actually, sometimes you are met with derision and disbelief ! **Well NOT any more, Wales is now truly on the map.**----- **OR SHOULD I SAY OFF THE MAP??**  
**Thanks to a blooper dropping us deep down out of sight into the ocean we are very well known!**

Wales was wiped off the map yesterday when it failed to appear on the cover of the annual yearbook produced by Brussels statisticians. The map shows a line from Chester to the Severn Estuary along the English border, but Wales has vanished.



The map showing England

Glenys Kinnock, the Welsh MEP and wife of the former Labour leader Neil Kinnock, said it was "quite a shocking omission", but added: "I can assure you they will not forget us again."

"Maybe with computerised drawing this can happen and someone who isn't aware of this glorious country may not have known it existed."

She said the error did not reflect the level of funding Wales receives from Brussels, and said she would seek an explanation.

She added: "We are certainly not a part of Europe that gets forgotten."

On the streets of Cardiff, people made light of the disappearance of their homeland. One blamed it on an English [conspiracy surrounding Saturday's World Cup](#) qualifying football match against Wales. David Evans, 42, a market trader, said: "Obviously the only way they think they can beat us is to make us disappear off the map." Caroline Jones, 28, a sales assistant, said: "Hopefully if we're cut off from Europe we can sail off to the Caribbean and be part of that instead. I wouldn't mind swapping our rain for sunshine."

The Eurostat Yearbook 2004 is billed as a "statistical compendium . . . presenting the diversity of Eurostat's data" and costs 50 euros, or £34.38. The Eurostat office said: "We're looking into the error. **No offence was intended** to the people of Wales."

A spokesman added that the blunder was "**certainly not deliberate**" and was "**just a design fault**". The proof-reading process was being examined to see how the error could have slipped through. He could not confirm whether the book would be reprinted. The spokesman said Wales would feature prominently in Eurostat's regional yearbook published this week.

**Thank you to Ann and Ray Dayes, London Ontario.**

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**Whilst we are on the subject of Wales here is another item of interest! Welsh 'helped build' Stonehenge.**

Archeologists believe they have **finally** discovered the elusive Britons who dragged the Stonehenge 'bluestones' more than 100 miles to their final resting place on Salisbury Plain. Tests on both tooth enamel of Bronze Age skeletons from a 4,300-year old Boscombe Down grave revealed that they were almost certainly born in West Wales close to where the bluestones originated in the Preseli Hills of Pembrokeshire. The grave was unusual as it contained the remains of seven people—three children, a teenager and three men. Archaeologists are calling the "Boscombe Bowmen" because of the flint arrowheads also found in the grave! In Medieval times people believed that stones could only have been transported to Stonehenge by Merlin!

Informed opinion suggested the skulls, because they were so similar, might be related. As such, they could have all worked on this monumental task as one family! Additional tests by British Geological Survey scientists on teeth showed they were from a location where rocks were radioactive—pinpointing either the Lake District or Wales. As enamel forms on children's teeth, it apparently locks in evidence of where they grew up. This clearly indicates the West Wales association ----- **and now "tongue in cheek!!!!"**

*Nothing is sacred in this world of ours! The Arch Druid of Wales has called for England's most famous landmark to be re-located in Wales. In a recent letter to "TheTelegraph" the 'guru' of the Gorsedd (Bardic Throne ) Dr. Robyn Lewis, highlighted the significance of the Stonehenge discovery and suggested to the English (since they returned ) the Stone of destiny to Scotland- that it should only be a matter of time for the Elgin marbles to be returned to Greece) it would be appropriate for Stonehenge bluestones to be returned to Wales! It is recalled that some enterprising Scots once stole their stone from Westminster Abbey. These Pembrokeshire bluestones are too heavy for such slight of hand—even by a bunch of Welsh front-row-forwards! To boot, the Arch Druid himself is probably no modern day Hercules and neither does he appear to be particularly cost conscious: could he really have thought much beyond his nose on the subject for his plea---or on the 'astronomical' implications of his desire?*

*The limitations of existing road systems, railways and bridges from Salisbury Plain and the Principality would surely scuttle any serious consideration- even if the majority of Welsh folk cared? One wonders if the Arch Druid is a **humorist** and that his letter was written in jest? But again, and unbeknown to us mortals, Dr. Lewis may be privy to knowledge about where Merlin hangs his cone shaped headgear these days! Does he profess some special Arch Druid quality, we wonder? One of Dr. Lewis' ideas was for transportable 'fake' Gorsedd stones to be moved to each venue enabling ceremonials to be held at the festival site. Capping all this, he agreed to the sale of alcoholic drinks at the 'National'! So, could it therefore be a related initiative for the Lewis 'Gorsedd Stones' to also double as cunningly disguised public toilets? The originality of this man, Eh?*

*Thanks to the Calgary Welsh Society President, Roly Thomas for his humorous research. Dr. Lewis is the immediate past Arch Druid. I experienced two eisteddfodau in the Bardic Circle during his time and found him an extremely intelligent, (often with tongue in cheek)---humorous man, always ready to challenge and make people think. He put Gorsedd Y Beirdd in the limelight quite often. **M***

### **Under The Weather.**

*We are pleased to hear that Ken Davies is now well after receiving surgical treatment. We also owe Ken a vote of thanks for taking the time and effort to repair the front steps of our church.*

*Tom Jones is in the Rehabilitation Unit of York Centre Hospital. He is on the mend after a fall breaking his hip bone.*

*Liz Wagman is a patient at Sunnybrook hospital.*

*Flo Sutton also fell and damaged her wrist.*

*We wish all these good friends a speedy recovery. You have been remembered in the prayers at Dewi Sant.*

### **Sympathy.**

*Our sympathy goes to the family and friends of Vera Clarke who past away recently in Orillia.*

*Also we extend or sympathy to Peter and Trisha Stevenson on the passing of Peter's father on Thanksgiving. Our thoughts are with you.*

### **To Dewi Sant Welsh United Church**

*On behalf of Eirlys and Joanne Barker we wish to thank the members of the church for their support, kindness and the beautiful flowers sent to us in the sudden death of Ken. A special Thank You to Rev. Deian Evans for his patience and understanding while I informed him of Ken's wonderful fun loving personality and the special qualities that he possessed. Mom and I were very pleased with the service and felt that it was the perfect way in which to give Ken the finest send-off. We will miss his perfect smile.*

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We were grateful to Josie and Owen Jones for their daughter-in-law's superb solo with her harp. Her performance added a very special touch to the service.

I want to let you know that Ken and I enjoyed many vacations in our motorhome traveling coast to coast. Ken's dream vacation was to return to Deadwood, South Dakota which we decided to do this summer. He could not wait to get to Deadwood and was smiling from ear to ear as we arrived. His dream came true and so we are left with these memories to help us through the next months and years without him.

**Sincerely Joanne and Eirllys.**

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**On The Move.**

**Rev. Alwyn and Janet Evans, 21 Exchange Street, Maesteg, Mid Glamorgan, CF349EA.**

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**Kerstin Baker and James Ash, 289 Willow Ave., Toronto, ON M4E 3K6, 416-698-7524**

**Thank You.**

I would like to express thanks to the ladies who held the shower for me back in May and also could I be added to the mailing list to get the Y GADWYN. I will be happy to send a contribution in the near future. My address is 21 Radford Avenue, Toronto Ontario, M6R 1Z5. I will have my own e mail up and running soon, but in the mean time I am using my mothers. Many Thanks  
Bronwen

A huge thank you must be made publicly to all the ladies who threw me such a wonderful shower back in the spring. Donna Morris and Betty Jones organized a lovely afternoon and it was made very special by all those who attended and contributed gifts. It was so nice to be back in a familiar setting where I have so many great memories. It was overwhelming that all of you made such an effort to be there with your best wishes. I also would like to take this opportunity to say one more Thank You. One of these very special ladies did not receive a Thank you card from me. I think we say "the dog ate the card" and therefore I did not know who to thank for the Sears certificate. So this is a much more exciting and public thank you to you. Hoping you are all are healthy and well. Sincerely Bronwen Low

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**The Award-Winning Hannaford Street Silver Band Serves Up "Welsh Rare Bits"**

News Release, Sept. 28, 2004. The Hannaford Street Silver Band serves up a tasty menu, "Welsh Rare Bits", on Sunday, November 7th at 3:00 p.m. at the Jane Mallett Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. East, Toronto.

To direct this delicious mixture of brass band masterworks, the HSSB is delighted to welcome back for a second visit from Wales, **Guest Conductor Robert Childs**. Dr. Childs is Music Director of the Cory Buy As You View Band, Director of Brass Band Studies at the Welsh College of Music and Drama, and Professor of Euphonium at the Royal Northern College of Music and at the University of Leeds.

**Trombone soloist** of the Cory Band and former British Solo Champion, **Christopher Thomas** makes his HSSB debut performing Gareth Wood's *Trombone Concerto*, and Canadian composer Douglas Court's *Celebration Overture*. This Welsh-themed concert has a bit of a twist when Thomas performs the ultimate showpiece, Arthur Pryor's *The Blue Bells of Scotland*.

The Welsh flavour on the menu also offers: Nigel Clarke's *Gwennan Gorn*, Peter Graham's *Day of the Dragon* and Rodney Newton's *Pictures from the East*.

Besides Court's *Celebration Overture*, other Canadian composers' works included in the concert are Malcolm Forsyth's *The Bride's Farewell* and J. Scott Irvine's *Hail to the Chief*.

There will be a pre-concert chat in the lobby of the Jane Mallet Theatre at 2:15 with Robert Childs and Christopher Thomas, hosted by the HSSB's co-founder Ray Tizzard.

Tickets:

Regular: \$30 Senior: \$25

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At Sunday school they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother found Johnny lying down as though he was ill. She said, "Johnny what's the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

### Bridge Of memories

**She sat in her chair of wheels, no name forthcoming.**

**Her face grey and gaunt, but with just a hint of former beauty and inner strength.**

**Her look now vacant, lifeless, chin sunk low into her chest.**

**The many others, sitting, standing or shuffling around,**

**Talking to anybody, everybody and especially---to nobody,**

**Some were getting answers!**

**A home to care for Senior Citizens!**

**What sham the word "home"! What meaning the word "care"?**

**Oh! The place was clean enough, plasticized, scrubbed and sanitized.**

**Comfortable even, in a way.**

**We were visitors.**

**Glyn played the piano and the four of us**

**Started to sing the old songs of yesteryear.**

**A few slowly came to gather around, first to listen,**

**Some clapped, their hands out of tune, out of time!**

**But with faint smiles on their previously emotionally—blank faces.**

**A few actually began to sing ,**

**Their voices even more out of tune than the piano!**

**Still, she sat, away from the ones around the piano.**

**Glyn's next selection was a lively song of the twenties.**

**It brought a hint of recognition to her eyes.**

**She actually inched her mobile prison forward,**

**Easing her head from her chest, her eyes started to glisten.**

**Her lips moving, still without sound, but in perfect time with the piano.**

**Our eyes met briefly, -- was she actually smiling at me?**

Her head nodding ever so slightly, her windows on the world actually open.  
At that moment I felt, nay, knew, that she had left her chair  
Had left her weak body.  
She had become again a lithe young girl in flapper's dress and hat.  
She was dancing the Charleston with a laughing, tall, dark,  
Handsome young man, probably both very much in love!  
The song had spanned the decades, forming a Bridge of Memories.  
Spanning if only for a very short while, today with happy yesteryear.  
It lasted only the length of the music.  
Her head very slowly sinking down again, but her eyes  
Now with a wistful far away look.  
Later, as we prepared to leave, our eyes met yet again.  
She gave an almost imperceptible nod and smile.  
For a brief, Oh! So brief a moment, she had lived again!  
And had, in absolute silence, given me the warmest thank you ever!

Tom Jones.

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*Submitted for the eisteddfod in Buffalo at the National Gymanfa Ganu weekend. Sept. 2004. It was amongst several of Tom's winnings*

*Since, unexpectedly I have "extra" space in this Gadwyn this month --- here is more about our vanished land.*

*Worth Repeating-----*

*For many years, scholars have argued over the possible site of Atlantis, the fabled lost world first mentioned by Plato in the fourth century B.C. At last the controversy is at an end. The true site has been stumbled upon by the EU's statistical office, Eurostat; Atlantis once occupied the land known as Wales, the proud Celtic nation which disappeared into the Irish Sea in 2004 A.D.*

*By inadvertently publishing a map of Europe that omitted Wales, on the cover of an otherwise unexceptional compilation of EU statistics, Eurostat has highlighted the uncanny similarities between the myth of Atlantis and the reality of Wales.*

*Plato in his 'Critias Dialogue,' describes Atlantis as blessed by "mountains celebrated for their number and the size and beauty"---clear evocation of the grandeur of Snowdonia. According to Plato, these mountains had "many wealthy villages of country folk, and many rivers and lakes, and meadows supplying food enough for every animal, wild or tame and much wood of various sorts"----surely a description of Conwy and Gwynedd. Meanwhile, Plato's writing of "the largest of the harbours" being full of a "multitudinous sound of human voices, and din and clatter of all sorts night and day" is obviously a tribute to Cardiff's vibrant bars and clubs.*

*True there are few signs of the great number of elephants, as mentioned by Plato, or that the Welsh countryside was formed by the lovemaking of Poseidon rather than by glaciers. But the parallels are hard to ignore, especially the "roofs formed out of the native rock," acknowledging the excellence of Welsh slate.*

*Like Atlantis, by disappearing from the map Wales has found itself at the center of things.*

*Political parties have jumped on the issue with Euroskeptics at Ukip crowing that Wales is lucky to be out of EU, while nationalists at Plaid Cymru say this would not happen if Wales had independence. Good news, then, that Wales is still with us, whatever the maps of Eurostat might su*  
Marie Hillier and Vaughan Lewis.

This was first to appear in the Guardian London.

*Dewi Sant United Church.*

*Services at Dewi Sant are held every Sunday morning at 11.00 am .*

*Welsh Language services are on the first Sunday of every month.*

*All services are conducted by the Reverend Deian Evans.*

*Sunday school every Sunday morning, with the children coming upstairs to spend quality time with the congregation and to receive a short exciting message form Rev. Deian.*

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Please mark these up coming events on your calendars

**Saint Davids Society of Toronto**

On November Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Christmas dinner, with roast turkey and all the trimmings. There will be a Noson Lawen and a sing song to follow. Over seventy people were at our dinner last year. Since that was so well received we are using the same caterer again. Tickets are \$12.50 each - available from [myfanwy@rogers.com](mailto:myfanwy@rogers.com) 905 737 4399 and Margaret Carabine 905 727 9101 and Wanda Sweet at Dewi Sant office.

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Thank you again for your support. Next month I am looking forward to some really interesting articles on travel, etc. etc. I did not have many important announcements to include this month so I was able to put other material in. It would be nice to hear from ..... YOU. Next deadline is Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>.

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Here is a small anecdote that was left at the church for me-----*The Rev.Dr. Thomas Charles Williams was the visiting preacher at a Welsh Presbyterian Church. The elders informed him that one of the elders had deserted his wife after one day of marriage and they were considering excommunicating him. Dr. Williams was requested to approach the offending elder. The elder explained to the good doctor that his bride had a wooden leg and he'd only discovered it on the wedding night! On reporting back to the elders advising that no action be taken, Dr. Williams said, "There is not one of you present who would not have found that out before long."* Anonymous!!!

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