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Gair gan y Gweinidog A word from the Minister

Once again the Thanksgiving festival has come and gone. At the Church a special service was held to thank the Lord for the abundance of blessings He has given each and every one of us, and to respond in love by donating gifts of food, through the Lansing United Church Food Bank Project, to those not as fortunate as ourselves.

I often feel that one of the dangers of living a Christian life is that we tend to become accustomed to the gifts we are readily given by Him. We tend to take those gifts for granted, just because they are so abundant and regular. It's a similar situation to a person who lives overlooking some wondrous views. At first the views are breathtaking and noticeable. As time goes by, we look out and are impressed. Eventually it is just a view, a view that does not excite us any more. It takes a visit from someone who shows amazement at the view to make us realize what we have and to appreciate it. That is exactly what happened at the Thanksgiving service, that special occasion when we were reminded of the beauty of His blessings.

So what happens when we take our gifts for granted? One tendency is to start complaining. Instead of giving thanks for what we have, all we do is complain about what we do not have, complain that we are not happy and wish we had something different. I know, because I have been there. Have you? And I can tell you more. If God DID give us everything we wanted, granted our every wish, in time we would complain again that this was not enough. Those who have become used to the blessings they have will never be satisfied. We need to look for the things that make our lives worth living, and give thanks for them.

Just like the story I heard recently about a minister who always looked upon the bright side of life in his Sunday Service prayers. One Sunday everything that could go wrong did. There was a storm raging outside. The power was out. He had walked to Church because his car would not start. In his hurry to get to Church on time he had forgotten his sermon notes. The organist was ill and the singing of hymns would have to be unaccompanied. The list of unfortunate events went on and on. Surely, thought the members, the minister won't be able to pray a prayer of thanks this morning.

This is what he prayed in his call to worship at the beginning of the service – “Thank you, dear God, that it's not always like this! Amen”

Thank the Lord, always. Consider the alternative.

Deian

UCW-----Merched yr Eglwys.

The ladies met for the monthly meeting as usual. The Clinton room was transformed into a movie hall with popcorn and chips. (courtesy of Betty Jones.) Amongst many gales of laughter a British movie, "The Calendar Girls" was a huge success, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Risti Jensen we then were treated to doughnuts and tea in the fellowship hall. In fact the ladies got such a kick out of the movie that there was quite a lot of chatting about trying to raise some funds (modestly) in the same way as our brave English counterparts had done. The jury is still out on this one so don't rush your photos in just yet!!! (Also some of our more portly figures will have to be trimmed a little after the way we enjoyed all the goodies offered!)

The annual bazaar will have taken place before the next Gadwyn, so that will be reported in the next issue..

Please note that the next UCW event will be the Advent Service. This will be held on November 22nd at 7.30. The service is lead by the ladies of the church and the Reverend Deian Evans will be serving Holy Communion.

Please add this to your November list of functions to attend. It is a beautiful, meaningful way to begin the Christmas season. Myfanwy.

Update on Renewal 2007.

One hundred thousand dollars! That's our goal in Dewi Sant as we approach our centenary in 2007. This sum is needed to replace the furnace and for the everyday upkeep of the church. Treasurer Ross Cullingworth is pleased to announce that as of September 30, we had reached the sum of \$44,296.73. Almost half way there!!

Future fund raising plans include a cookbook (recipes to Gaynor McConnell (a s a p) and a continuation of the very successful "Loaves and Fishes" and "Sponsor a Year". To date "Loaves and Fishes" has raised \$2,370.50. Renewal Committee chair, Betty Cullingworth, is so impressed with these results that she asks us to continue with our efforts to double the \$25 supplied by Ross.

"Sponsor a Year" has raised \$13,200.00, but there are still a few orphan years waiting for adoption: 1911, 1915, 1917, 1918, 1930, 1937, 1949, 1951, 1963, 1969, 1978, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1990, 2001, 2002, 2006. Readers of Y Gadwyn are invited to sponsor one of these lonely years at a cost of \$100. Sponsors' names will be inscribed on a commemorative plaque.

Our "birthday party weekend" will be in October 2007 and will include a Banquet, a Grand Concert and a Gymanfa Ganu. In the meantime the sum of \$100,000 beckons so that we can ensure another hundred years in the history of our church. Let's do all we can, individually and collectively, to reach that goal. Hefina Phillips.

Thoughts to Ponder and smile ---: *Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die----- Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day; teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks---- Some people are like a Slinky... not really good for anything, but you still can't help but smile when you see one tumble down the stairs---- Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of **nothing**----All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism----- Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut saves you thirty cents?---- In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal-----We know exactly where one cow with mad-cow-disease is located among the millions and millions of cows in America but we haven't got a clue as to where thousands of illegal immigrants and terrorists are located. Maybe we should put the Department of Agriculture in charge of immigration!!!*

In Memoriam.

Er Cof.

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Megan Charles Lewis. She was a faithful member of Dewi Sant, and a member of the Agape Choir. She will be sorely missed.

After a two year valiant struggle following a stroke Meg found peace on October 15th. 2005. She left this world the hard way...but not without bringing so much happiness to everyone fortunate enough to have known her.

She loved and lived for her family, her husband of 57 years, Vaughan, her four daughters, Susan (Mrs. Ronald Wallace), Lindsay, On, and their children Peter and Andrew; Janet (Mrs. James Cumming), Atlanta GA and their children Blair, Jared, Paxton and Leah; Carol (Mrs. Garry Stuart), Burlington On. And children Emily and Victoria and Gillian (Mrs. Stephen Moore), Toronto. She also leaves four great – grandchildren. She is predeceased by her parents Mr. and Mrs. David Charles and her brother, Rev. Alwyn Charles.

Born in Llanelli, Meg and her husband immigrated to Canada in 1952, a decision they never regretted. Upon moving from Montreal she discovered the church that was to mean so much to her for the rest of her life, Dewi Sant Welsh United Church.

A service in her honour will be held at a date to be determined and her ashes will be scattered on the St. Lawrence River in the Thousand Islands near the spot where so many joyful Lewis family reunions have been held over the years.

TWMVC trip to the East Coast.

Shortly after 8.00a.m., on Canada Day, a number of TWMVC choristers and companions met in Terminal 3, Pearson Airport, for our flight to Halifax. A few others had decided to drive to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and meet us there. We arrived in Halifax at about 2.00 p.m., despite fears that we would be diverted to Moncton, N.B., because of fog. Fog did indeed cause havoc at Halifax airport, before and after our arrival. Divine intervention comes to mind! Settling in to the Citadel Hotel was easy, and the evening was free. Some of us were lucky to be able to relax and have supper in the company of old friends and acquaintances.

On Saturday, day 2, there was an opportunity to savour some of the interesting things to do in Halifax. Just behind the hotel was the Citadel, a national historic site restored to the mid-Victorian era, and featuring the 78th Highland Regiment. Also, Pier 21 National Historic Site, (40,000 sq ft) the last surviving ocean immigration shed in Canada, full of the history of Canadian immigration up to the mid 20th century. This was of particular interest to some members who had been through its “gates”.

The Maritime museum of the Atlantic featured, among other things, exhibits of the Titanic, (many of its victims are buried in Halifax,) and of course the Halifax explosion of 1917, the biggest explosion the world had known until the atomic bombs dropped on Japan in 1945. Another option was a trip around the harbour and George’s Island in the 3-masted tall ship, Silva.

That evening saw the first concert, with Clare Coolens, soloist, at the First Baptist Church, across the road from the Dalhousie University Campus. It was a thrill to sing to a full house with standing room only, in a church holding at least 600 people! After the concert, there was a warm welcome for the choir at the Vimy Branch 27, Royal Canadian Legion, a short walk from our hotel.

The major feature of the next day was a trip on the Evangeline Trail. This was apparently named for the daughter of the wealthiest farmer in the region deported in 1755, along with hundreds of other French settlers, known as the Acadians. Evangeline was immortalized by Longfellow, in a poem published in 1847, and telling, for the first time, the story of the deportation of thousands of Acadians. In 1713, part of Acadie became Nova Scotia, with Port Royal, now Annapolis Royal, its capital. Rather than leave, the Acadians chose to stay and live under British rule. They were asked to sign an oath of allegiance to the British crown. Many signed a conditional oath in

1730, when they were promised they would not be forced to take up arms against the French. All changed in 1744 when war between England and France was declared. The French from Quebec and fortress Louisburg tried to retake Acadie, but were not successful in defeating the English, based at their headquarters in Halifax, (which was made the capital of the new colony in 1749). The majority of inhabitants in the colony were Acadians. The Minas Basin area became the breadbasket of the region, and Grand Pre was the largest of many Acadian communities in Nova Scotia. In 1755, the Acadians in the Minas Basin had their boats and guns confiscated, and the governor, Charles Lawrence, then had the Acadians expelled from Nova Scotia and dispersed among the British colonies to the south, from Massachusetts to Georgia. 6000 were deported in 1755, and many thousands more before peace was declared in 1763.

This trip took us through the beautiful Annapolis Valley, via Windsor, to Wolfville. Windsor claims to be the home of Ice Hockey, just as Cooperstown claims to be the home of Baseball. It also happens to lie mid way between the North Pole and the Equator. After a very pleasant lunch at a bistro café in Wolfville, we continued to Grand Pre and the Minas Basin, to the Lookoff, and on to Halls Harbour, and the Bay of Fundy. Halls Harbour is a small picturesque harbour village, where one house on the bay flies the Red Dragon! Some of us bought cooked lobster here to take back to Halifax for supper.

Our hosts that evening were the Halifax Welsh Society, who had prepared a wonderful evening for us, with pizza and beverages, in a garden scenically located overlooking the sea, close to Pleasant Point Park, but there was no outward sign of the devastation caused by hurricane Juan in September 2003.

Day 4 saw us board the bus for Lunenburg. We stopped for lunch at Peggy's Cove, and more lobster, but it was a perfect day, and the scenic beauty was stunning. Not far along the road, there is a monument to the 229 people who perished on the Swissair, Flight 111 crash, September 2nd 1998. On arrival in Lunenburg, the choir was privileged to sing a few songs in the newly restored and re-consecrated St John's Anglican Church, originally built in 1754, and reconstructed in 1870, the original roof brought from the old King's Chapel in Boston. It has been fully restored to its original form following a recent fire. One member of the congregation apparently said that the only difference between the church as it was, and the present building, is the smell of fresh paint! The concert that evening was held at the Central United Church, with soloist Linda Jeffries, to another full house. Among the first settlers was a Captain Jonathan Jones and his family, arriving from the United States in 1790, following the American Revolution. He had been given grants of Crown lands in the Baddeck river area, and was followed by other loyalists, and immigrants from Scotland. Baddeck is the home of the Alexander Graham Bell museum. This remarkable man was responsible for a lot more than inventing the telephone. He worked tirelessly on projects for the deaf, developed an early hydroplane and an early aeroplane, and promoted the tetrahedron in a number of experiments.

Two concerts were arranged during our stay on Cape Breton Island. The first was held in Port Hawkesbury, with Patrick Lamey and his wife, Heather Richards, a talented local couple, to a small but enthusiastic audience. The second concert was held at the Gaelic College, not far from Baddeck, and featured the Iona Gaelic Singers.

No trip to Cape Breton would be complete without a tour of the Cabot Trail. The circular route, in clockwise direction took us to Cheticamp, where we paused for lunch. Here the Acadian influence was obvious, with a great number of Acadian flags flown. The flag is the French Tricolor, with a golden star on the blue segment. French was clearly the language of the village. Driving on we experienced the scenic beauty of the rugged coast, stopping briefly to walk along the beach at Ingonish.

Another memorable experience was the trip to Louisburg, a National Historic Site. Officially founded in 1720, this became an important French fortress, only to change hands repeatedly during the conflicts between France and Britain. The Government of Canada reconstructed 20% of the fort, beginning in 1961, but the major buildings have been restored.. There are now dozens of costumed animators acting as town residents as if they lived in 1744. It would take a full day to take in the site adequately.

After 4 days, it was time to leave Cape Breton. Masses of lupins were prevalent growing wild along the roadsides. After crossing the Canso Causeway, we had a brief stop in Antigonish for lunch. The causeway celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. The causeway is 4500 feet long, and it took 10,000,000 tons of rock from nearby Cape Porcupine to build. Canso, along with Port Royal, was one of the original French settlements, dating back to 1605, and celebrating their 400th anniversary this year. However, it seems that the first European to land on Nova Scotia shores was Prince Henry Sinclair, from Orkney, landing at Guysborough in 1398, almost 100 years

before Columbus. The first settlers to this region were Irish Loyalists, led by Capt. Timothy Hierlihy in 1784, and the settlement was originally known as Georgetown, later called by its Mi'kmaq name, Antigonish,

A ferry-crossing brought us to Prince Edward Island, with its characteristic red soil.

Whilst in Charlottown, named after Queen Charlotte, wife of King George III, we experienced some history, visiting Founder's Hall, where there is an audio-visual journey outlining the history of Confederation, beginning with the Charlottown Conference of Sept 7, 1864, to the present. We also enjoyed the musical "Ann of Green Gables", the most famous of PEI's fictional works.

Our P.E.I. concert was part of the Indian River Festival, and the concert was held in the famous St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Indian River, designed by famed maritime architect, William Crichlow Harris. Featured guests included Teresa Doyle, soprano, and Lenard Whiting and Giles Tomkins, who sang the famous "Pearl Fishers" duet. Before leaving the island, we had an opportunity to sail down river at Montague, and see how mussels are farmed, and watch several Gray and Harbour seals frolic in the water.

On the final evening, we celebrated with a lobster dinner and entertainment at Rainbow Valley. After crossing the Confederation bridge to New Brunswick, there was an opportunity to visit the renowned Hopewell Rock, and Flowerpot island before boarding the plane back to Toronto, after a busy, but thoroughly enjoyable and well organised 12 days. The choir enjoyed an excellent audience response throughout the tour, and left a legacy and a generous bursary to 2 or 3 young local musicians at each venue. Perhaps one or more of them will feature as soloist in the future.

Dr. Stephen Jones.

Dr. Cerwyn Receives a Knighthood.

On October 29th 2005, at a special ceremony in Toronto, Dr Cerwyn Davies had a knighthood bestowed upon him by the International Knightly Order of St George.

Some would say, "How come a Welshman who all his life has acclaimed St David as his patron Saint, would receive an honour from St George?!!" That 's what I also asked and came to learn some fascinating information.

Although St George is the patron Saint of England, he is also the patron saint of no less than twelve other countries, as well as being the patron of soldiers, cavalry and chivalry; of farm workers, Boy Scouts, and butchers, horses, riders, saddlers and of archers! He was also patron saint of the Knights of the Round Table, because he was the only saint who was a horseman! It would seem that almost everyone want to claim of little part of him!!

Among his recognised virtues were courage, honour and fortitude in the defence of the Christian faith, for which he was beheaded. During the time of the Crusades various Christian countries rewarded their returning soldiers with knighthoods.

Among the first to do this was Hungary, whose then King, Charles 1st (Robert of Anjou,) in 1326 created an Order of Chivalry, which was titled " Knightly Order of St George" thus becoming the most ancient of those Chivalric Orders which were later created as "Royal institutions, and has more or less a continuous existence of 670 years. The next Order created was in England and became known as the Order of the Garter. Others were to follow.

During the Communist take over of Hungary, the Order went underground, but when in 1989 the communist regime was overthrown, a spectacular re-emergence of the Order was witnessed when its constitution was officially ratified at a ceremony in Budapest in the presence of the President's representative, the Prince Cardinal of Hungary, and the Senior Protestant Bishop and the Hungarian Senior Judge. The following year the Order was registered as a member of the Pactio Secreta, (the International Council of Chivalric Order.)

Today the Order is active in England with its spiritual headquarters in the Cathedral of Rochester as well as Spain, Greece

In 2002 the Order was introduced to North America with its Priory in Niagara Falls. On October 29th 2005 the Priory of Toronto was established, with its spiritual headquarters in Eglinton-St George United Church, one of the most beautiful chapels in the city. The Rev. Dr. Cerwyn Davies, because of his contribution to the religious life of Southern Ontario and beyond, was invited to become the spiritual head of the Toronto Priory and was accordingly, dubbed and spurred as a

knight of the International Knightly Order of St George. In honour of St George, who, as stated above, was the only saint to be a 'horseman' the title given to his knights is "Chevalier" which is of course the French for 'horseman' (Cavalier, cavalry etc) The Welsh word for knight is the same, "Marchog!" Congratulations—Llongyfarchiadau, we are proud of you. It brings to mind the famous Welsh Hymn "Marchog Iesu, yn llwyddiannus gwisg dy gleddau 'ngwasg dy glun....."
Myfanwy..

Thank You. Diolch Yn Fawr.

The family of Megan Lewis thank all those for their prayers, those who kept sending cards of comfort, those who visited and sang to her and those who simply came to speak to her in Welsh. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. The Family.

We would like to sincerely thank all of our "church family" who shared our special day with us. You made it a truly memorable day.

A special "Thank You" to Deian who performed the wedding ceremony most graciously, and Cerwyn who took time out of his busy schedule to honour us with his words and prayers. Also, a big "Thank You" to Sheryl who sang most beautifully and to Murray who honoured us with the music.

We consider ourselves blessed also to have had the presence of Lorna, Catherine, Rita, Jean and Audrey who aided the caterers, and helped to decorate the hall. Without these ladies efforts, things would not have gone as smoothly as they did.

Thank you once again, to one and all.

Colin and Melinda..

Dear friends, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone at Dewi Sant for their prayers, cards, phone calls and best wishes during my recent illness. I was overwhelmed. A special "thank you" goes to Betty Cullingworth for keeping everyone up-to-date with my progress (or lack of it!) It was via these emails (forwarded on to others) that friends and family in Wales discovered that I was sick.

I intended to have a few days with friends in England, followed by a two week vacation with my daughter, Siân, and her family in Wales. The trip to Wales had been a year in the planning, and we were to spend the second week in St. David's, walking the coastal path. Needless to say, I didn't make it! The day after arriving in England I got taken sick with E.coli septicemia and spent the "holiday" in the Intensive Care Unit of Southampton Hospital.

It took two months in total for me to be given permission to fly home. (Before the final meeting with the consultant I had made sure that I had on plenty of make-up and had worn a colour that really suited me!!! So I was thrilled when he commented how well I looked. My plan had worked!) The doctors warned me that it would take six months before I'd be back to normal, but if I behaved myself I might catch the end of the ski season! However, I am making such a remarkable recovery that I'm sure I'll be on those slopes by the beginning of February.

Your prayers played an enormous part in my recovery. One of my earliest recollections when I regained consciousness was an intense feeling of being prayed for. It was an incredible feeling of comfort and security. I had no doubt that I would get well. Thank you all. Diolch o galon.

Hefina Phillips.

Kitchen Corner

Cornel Fach y Gegin.

This was sent by Margaret Frampton of London Ontario, in memory of Mrs. Frances Bates whose mother came from Maesteg..

Cherry Almond Bread.

Combine together --: 2 cups all purpose flour, 4 teaspoons Baking powder, 1/2. Teaspoon salt, 3/4.cup sugar, 1/4. Teaspoon cinnamon (optional), 1/2. Cup raisins, 1/4. Cup of slivered almond or 2 teaspoons of Essence of almond, 3/4. Cup of cherries or maraschino cherries cut in half. Stir this very well and set aside.

Next--:Beat 2 eggs well, add 1 cup of milk and mix thoroughly, add 3 tablespoons of melted butter. Stir this into the cherry mixture—only long enough to mix all the ingredients.

Put the mixture into a 9x2x3 greased loaf pan. Let sit for 15 minutes before baking in preheated 350 F. oven for one hour or so until well done. Wait for one day before cutting.

People on the Move.

**Margaret Heard, Ashley Close, 99 Harvey St., Apt. 302 Perth, ON K7H 3M5
Nêst Pritchard—new e-mail address—npritchard@sympatico.ca**

Welcome To Our World.

Sheila Holyer and Francesco are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Lewis. Sheila gave birth to Lewis on August 23rd at East general Hospital. Lewis, brother to Nia was 7lbs. 7oz. at birth. Nia, his big sister and Nain (Nest) are happy to have Lewis join the family. Uncle David from Hamilton and Auntie Mari from Australia were amongst his first visitors.

**Ganed mab i /A son was born to Aled & Pauline Jones, PO Box 5358, Helderberg, 7135, South Africa, Yn / at Vergelegen MediClinic, Somerset West:
Rhydian Zacharie Jones, 8/10/05, 1.16 p.m., 4085g (9lb 0oz). Brawd bach i / a little brother for Mererid & Heledd.**

Donors To Y Gadwyn.

Elizabeth Blunn, Margaret Frampton, Ed. Morgan, Pontardawe, Richard T. Jones, Aurora On., Jean Roberts, Joyce Sanderson, Kathleen Williams, Gladys Pekovic, Robert and Olwen Whiffin, Mamie Morgan (widow of John O Morgans.)

Toronto Male Voice Choir.

November 10th 7.30 at St. Michael's Cathedral. 65 Bond Stret. Bond Street/Shuter, Toronto. Hospital Foundation benefit for HIV/Aids in Africa. Soloist-Soul Influence.

December 9th 7.30 at Eglinton St. George's United Church. 35 Lytton Blvd. Yonge/Lawrence Toronto.

THE BLESSING. My wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to our six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," she replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say", my wife said. Our daughter bowed her head and said, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

BEWARE OF TRASH One particular four-year old prayed, "And forgive us our 'trash baskets' as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

Report from The Board Of Steward's Focus Group – October 16th, 2005

On Sunday, October 16th, a focus group was held to discuss the financial present and future of Dewi Sant. As of August month end, Dewi Sant had a \$35,000 deficit.

Ross Cullingworth opened the meeting by outlining the current financial status. He stressed that the congregation has not been able to meet its financial obligations over the last few years and has been relying too heavily on one time only contributions and bequests. At this time, he announced that Dewi Sant has once more benefited from a generous bequest of \$25,000, relieving some stress from the \$35,000 deficit. He emphasized the need to address the financial future of Dewi Sant at this juncture to plan for the future.

The members present split into 3 groups to discuss this issue further. They were asked to look at the problem in two ways and report back to the group.

1. What can Dewi Sant do to address the immediate problem?
2. What can be done in the future to ensure the financial well being of the Dewi Sant community?

People were encouraged to be creative and not be limited by what can and cannot be accomplished in the short and long term.

What follows is a list of the ideas discussed at the meeting:

Encourage increased stewardship/involvement within the current membership:

- Establish what an average contribution should be to provide a guideline.
- Promote PAR (Pre-Authorized payment provides the ability for the church to withdraw a set amount from a member's bank account – this provides a steady income for the church).
- Ask members to pledge an amount at the beginning of each year/consider tithing.
- Ask members to re-visit their charitable donations to Dewi Sant and other charities and re-consider Dewi Sant in the mix.
- Ask members to consider Dewi Sant in their wills, for memorial funds, stock options, etc.
- Ask members to make a one-time contribution to address our current financial shortfall.
- Make it possible for people without transportation to attend church regularly by arranging car pools.
- Call members who have not been in church recently.
- Put the question to all members; ask for their input/involvement/support.
- Use Newsletter to list upcoming events on the last page to encourage membership participation.
- Encourage the youth – youth group, etc.

Consider Alternative Sources of Revenue:

- Increase rental revenue by actively promoting Dewi Sant facilities/rent Clinton Room.
- Memorial plaques on the pews.
- Interlocking stones with names at the front of the church.
- Consider moving some memorial funds to general fund (co-ordinate with families).
- Make improvements to Manse to make it rentable at a higher rate.

Promote Dewi Sant to non-members:

- **Encourage people that have grown up in Dewi Sant to become involved in the life of the church – consider a reunion; ask members to encourage their children and grandchildren to attend services and become involved (even if only on an occasional basis).**
- **Encourage those that have left to return.**
- Promote a presence in the community; promote Dewi Sant to people who may never have heard of us:
 - British show; Eaton Centre display on St. David's Day; Article in The United Church Observer focusing on Ethnic Ministries; St. David's Day radio and TV spots (Andy Berry show, City TV); WNGGA/OGGA program advertising; Re-run Vision TV program; Local schools and Library – programs, materials on Welsh and Welsh in Toronto; Dewi Sant bumper stickers; Use the Website more extensively; Ask everyone to become ambassadors for Dewi Sant and invite Welsh friends and people with an interest in Welsh culture to get involved.

The meeting concluded with a decision to meet in January or February to discuss progress. The Board of Stewards will use the next three months to consider these items. In the meantime, I invite you all to contact me with your thoughts and ideas.

Sheryl Clay,
Chair Of Board Of Stewards.

Letters To The Editor

Ed Morgan in Pontardawe, Swansea, writes "Many, many thanks for Y Gadwyn. It brightens up an old man's day, like today. Diolch, Ed Morgan"

Margaret Frampton wrote me a lovely long letter with several recipes included. Margaret tells of how she is preparing to "nest" now that winter is fast approaching. She talks of the many things to be thankful for at this time of the year. In the past Margaret has shared with Gadwyn readers stories of her life as a nurse in war torn London and the many trials and tribulations that were experienced at that time. Y Gadwyn has been recycled to friends near Mold. Margaret says that as the years go by there are fewer friends and fewer memories unfortunately.

More Zen Sarcasm. Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving. Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it. Never miss a good chance to shut up. A closed mouth gathers no foot. There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither one works. If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything!! Some days you're the bug; some days you're the windshield. Everyone seems normal until you get to know them. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.

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Up Coming Events.

November 19th. An evening of rock and roll with Elvis Priestley Concert Rev. Dorian Baxter, a.k.a."Elvis Priestley" will entertain you with old Elvis favourites. All proceeds go to Dewi Sant Renewal 2007 fund. Rev. Baxter is donating his services to help our church. Come to Lawrence Park C.I. at 7.30. Tickets \$25. free parking. Tel#'s 416 485 7583. 905 737 4399. 416 486 0432 and 905 727 0440

November 20th. All the Lewis family will attend morning service. The hymns sung and the Merched Dewi contribution will be dedicated to Megan Lewis.

November 22nd. UCW Advent service at 7.30 Refreshments to follow.

November 27th. First Advent service.

December 3rd. Saint Davids Christmas Dinner - all are welcome. 905 737 4399.

December 4th. White Gift Sunday.

December 6th. Lunch Bunch Christmas Party.

December 11th. Children's Christmas pageant.

December 24th. Christmas Eve service at 8.00 pm.

December 25th. Christmas morning worship service at 11.00 am.

From The EditorWrth Y Golygydd.

Thank you to Stephen Jones for coming through with your article and to Cerwyn for supplying information for me to write the article. I really appreciate your help. I truly believe that all the readers of Y Gadwyn could produce at least one communication. That would make nearly five hundred pieces for me. With SO many readers I really do need some input. My e mail is myfanwy@rogers.com 905 737 4399.

The deadline is Sunday November 20th. Please be on time as I am going to Montreal a few days later for an Ethnic Ministry conference and will NOT entertain any late comers however wonderful I think you are. Myfanwy.

