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Neges y Gweinidog

Minister's message.

The Christmas celebrations are more or less done for another year, yet there are probably many of you who are still trying to work out how to finish the last pieces of the Festive turkey and there are others attempting to find a suitable 'home' for all those unwanted presents (not true in my case!). Already we are thinking about what lies ahead in 2006, from a personal, social, national and international viewpoint. I, for one, am glad that the new year, on the whole, is a complete mystery, because if I knew what lay ahead I am not so certain that I would want to face everything. This is a major advantage to us – not being able to do anything about the many events that are going to change our lives. Another advantage we have is the ability, and opportunity in many cases, to right the wrongs of the past. This is the basis of the New Year's Resolutions made at this time of year. We reflect upon our past weaknesses and we promise ourselves to make amends. All our best intentions never succeed as we would wish, but at least we try, and by trying we feel so much better. I wonder how many of your resolutions are already broken??

Looking back not only gives one an opportunity to remember the negative aspects but also the positives. I can look back with a feeling of great joy from the viewpoint of Church life at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church. The members there are a family, a close knit community who care for one another and who bear each others' burdens through actions and prayers. They are people who care for the Toronto community and work to make the city a better place to live in. They respect one another, and their Minister, in a way that makes one glow with joy. If there is a need for a resolution from the Church point of view I believe it is this – to continue growing in harmony and unity.

I wish to thank all those who have worked with me over the past twelve months, throughout 2005, and in so doing have served the Lord well. We do not work in order to receive praise, but knowing that our efforts are appreciated, from a human and divine viewpoint, we continue with a joyous heart and a greater resolve to succeed.

May I wish all the Gadwyn readers a very prosperous 2006, filled with God's grace. Pob bendith yn y flwyddyn newydd. Deian.

A quick smile

A vulture boards an airplane carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

"Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too."

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal:----transcen dental medication!

UCW------ Merched yr Eglwys.

After a very successful Christmas bazaar in November and a well attended Advent service Our next event is a Twelfth Night dinner on January 14th. There will be a Murder Mystery presentation, as described in the last Gadwyn. Sheryl Clay is to be thanked for masterminding this production. We anticipate that it will be a great deal of fun—(although no one is <u>actually</u> murdered..)

A Valentine Luncheon will be held on February 14th at midday. Tickets for this can be obtained from Betty Stroud at \$5.00.

Saint Davids Society Of Toronto.

To commemorate our Patron Saint there will be a banquet and dance. A mini Gymanfa will take place as soon as the "hwyl" is mustered! Then will come music and dancing. Due to various reasons it was not possible to hold this event until March 11th. I hope that this does not diminish the sincerity or spirit of our celebration. Please put this on your calendars and

try to attend. The more the merrier.

The place—Fantasy Farm, Pottery Road, Toronto. Tickets are \$65. Obtainable from Myfanwy Bajaj. 905 737 4399 myfanwy@rogers.com and Margaret Carabine 905 727 9109

It Sometimes Pays To Be A Pack Rat.

The other day, I was trying to salvage what I could following a basement flood. Boxes of books and papers had been stored there since the move from my old house more than 5 years ago.

One box contained 6 volumes of "Cambrian Minstrelsie", a National collection of Welsh Songs, edited by Joseph Parry, from the late Victorian era. They were a gift to my mother from her harp teacher, an elderly spinster, who lived in a flat off Cathedral Road in Cardiff. She had been the official harpist to the court of Queen Victoria at one time. The books were mouldy, but not entirely ruined.

I also came across a letter, dated 1975, confirming that I was a full member at Eglwys Heol-y-Crwys in Cardiff. In an effort to find that letter again, I came across 2 pages I had torn out of "Y Faner", dated November, 1986. My attention was drawn to the article I had saved, and completely forgotten about. Some of your readers may remember an article I submitted to the Gadwyn some time ago, chronicling our unforgettable journey to Chile and Argentina, and more particularly, to "Y Wladfa", the Welsh colony on the Chubut River in Patagonia.

About a year ago, my mother bought me a book to read, a small book called "Nel Fach Y Bwcs", written by Marged Jones, first printed in 1992, and again in 1995. It is the story of Ellen Davies (Marged Jones' mother-in-law), and her family, and the hardships they endured during the early days of the settlement. Her parents, and she, that is, Ellen Davies, as a baby, along with her two brothers, left the Rhondda Valley and the coal mines, to start afresh in Patagonia in 1870, just 5 years after the first settlers arrived on the Mimosa. Her father had a book store in the Rhondda, and was known as "John Davies y bwcs", hence Nel's name. Her father, "Davies y bwcs" was granted 100 acres at Bryn Crwn, in the Chubut valley, where he built his farm, Llain Las, and where the family lived until the farm was sold in 1901, and the family scattered. By then, Nel's mother had been buried in Gaiman, two of her brothers had left for

the gold mines of South Africa, and Nel, now 30, left to return to Wales with her father and her deceased brother's wife and son.

Whilst I was in Patagonia, I had met Bila Griffiths in Esquel, where we had stayed with Bila's niece, Rini. Both Bila and Rini were Welsh speaking. I had the company of Bila on the long journey by bus from the Andes' foothills, through the pampas, to Gaiman, not far from the Atlantic coast. It was during that journey that Bila had filled me in with a lot of history about the settlement, and about her upbringing at Bryn Crwn.

It wasn't until I had read the newly found article from 1986, that I realized that it was Bila's father, Willie Griffiths, who, along with his brother, John Arfon Griffiths, that had bought Llain Las from Nel's father in 1901.

I had even written to Bila proudly telling her that I had read a book about Bryn Crwn, without realizing that Llain Las was indeed her home! Perhaps she didn't receive my letter, because the address to which I had sent the letter, was not quite complete. I couldn't make out some of Bila's handwriting, scribbled on the back page of my Patagonia handbook on a moving bus.

However, I was very pleased that these isolated facts are now tied together, the circle is complete, and I can now put a face to link me to a most interesting historical narrative, and put all the events together. Who knows, perhaps one day, if I'm lucky enough, I can tell Bila myself about my interesting discovery. Anybody who has been to Patagonia will agree, that once you have been there, you will want to go back!

Dr. Stephen Jones.

Welcome to Our World.

The Thompson family, Nicole, Dryw, Owen and Nain, Jean Iona share their joy on the arrival of Charlotte Iona, Nov. 9th/ 05. We have another angel "for our Christmas tree."

Donors To Y Gadwyn.

Anne Boswell, Brenda Johnson, William P. Davies, William & Mary Hall, Joan Mathews, Aled ab Iorwerth on behalf of his parents, Iorwerth & Irene Walters, Dorothy Price, Margaret Telford, Haulwen Edwards, A Wilkie, Shirley Evans, David A. Pugh, Rev. Aled Jones, Maureen & Ceiri Jones, Elaine Kirkham, Doreen Beckitt, Bonnie & Gwyn Roberts, Brenda Johnson, Bill Davies, Mr. & Mrs. Alex Dellow, Aldon Jones, Ann McConnell, Helene Maxwell, Gwen Williams, Helen Taylor, Charles Oakley, Phyllis Mcleod, Myfanwy Williams Owen, Robert & Olwen Whiffin.

Thank you all very much. Diolch yn fawr iawn.

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Change of e mail Address.

Betty Jones, bettybwt@rogers.com

On A Light Note:

STUFF THE TURKEY.

On the first day of Christmas my true love said to me, I'm glad we bought a fresh turkey and a proper Christmas tree, On the second day of Christmas much laughter could be heard, As we tucked into the turkey, — a most delicious bird. On the third day of Christmas we entertained the people next door The turkey tasted just as good as it had the day before. Day four relations came to stay, poor gran is looking old, We finished up the Christmas pud and ate the turkey cold. On the fifth day of Christmas outside the snowflakes flurried,

But we were nice and warm inside, we had our turkey curried. On the sixth day, I must admit, the Christmas spirit died The children fought and bickered, we ate turkey rissoles fried, On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love he did wince When he sat down at the table and was offered turkey mince. Day eight and nerves were getting frayed – the dog had run for shelter I served turkey pancakes with a glass of Alkaseltzer! On day 9 our cat left home- by lunch time Dad was blotto, He said he had to have a drink to face- turkey risotto, By the tenth day the booze had gone – except our home made brew. As if that wasn't bad enough, we suffered turkey stew. On the eleventh day of Christmas, the tree was moulting The mince pies were as hard as rock, and the turkey was revolting. On the twelfth day, my true love had a smile upon his lips, The guests had gone, the turkey too – and we dined on fish and chips. Author Unknown------Submitted by Olwen Dunets.

What kind of coffee was served on the Titanic? Sanka of course, and what kind of lettuce ---iceberg. What is a zebra?—26 sizes larger than an "A" bra! What do Eskimos get from sitting on the ice too long? Polaroids. What do you call four bullfighters in quicksand? Quatro sinko.

Did you hear about the dyslexic Satanist? He sold his soul to Santa!

Gas prices are so high that when I pulled into the gas station this morning and asked for a few dollar's worth--- the attendant dabbed some behind my ears!

The butchers claim that they are not making money. The wholesalers claim they're not making money. The ranchers claim that they're not making money. So who's making money? Sometimes I get the uneasy feeling that there are cows out there who are buying mutual funds!!

Ontario Welsh Festival, 2006.

What are your plans for the last weekend of April, 2006? Why not come celebrate your Welsh heritage at the Arden Park Hotel in Stratford, Ontario. From April 28th to the 30th Canadians and Americans will gather at the annual Ontario Welsh Festival / Gymanfa Ganu. If your plans are for only one weekend away this Spring or Summer, make this the one!

If you have never attended a Gymanfa Ganu weekend, you are in for an unforgettable experience. Traditionally a choir from Wales is invited to participate and this year we are fortunate to have Cantorion Pontarddulais, a mixed choir that has won the first prize at the National Eisteddfod five years in succession. Pontarddulais, a small town West of Swansea, is well known for its music. There must be something in the water since so many people from "Y Bont" (as it is affectionately known) are blessed with excellent voices. Their conductor, Ifor Miles, is no exception. He comes from a very musical family and although the headmaster of a local Welsh medium school by profession, he was an obvious choice as conductor of Cantorion Pontarddulais. We look forward to welcoming them on this their first visit to Canada and to hearing them perform on Saturday evening.

During the weekend there will be plenty of other activities. On Friday evening, Myfanwy Bajaj will emcee the Noson Lawen in her inimitable way. She would be delighted to hear from you should you, your children and/or your grandchildren wish to participate in the entertainment. There will be tea, coffee and Welsh cakes to follow, with an open bar nearby. A sing song naturally evolves after this! Myfanwy can be reached at myfanwy@rogers.com

If you are not too tired after the fun on Friday night, please attend the Annual General Meeting on Saturday morning. After the AGM there will be an hour of children's activities led by Mabel Hastings. The afternoon will be a busy one with a seminar given by a member of the Shakespearian Theatre. At 3 PM poetry enthusiasts are invited to come read their own work or that of their favourite poets. Just time for a quick shower and change of clothes before getting ready for the Banquet. Cantorion

Pontarddulais, in the meantime, are busy preparing for the Grand Concert at 8 PM. The guest soloist for the evening is our own Sheryl Clay.

No, the night is not yet over! After the concert come join us around the piano for a singalong! Try and get a few hours sleep because you will need your energy for the glorious hymn singing on Sunday. Both the morning and afternoon sessions will be conducted by Ifor Miles. So that we waste no energy returning to the hotel, lunch will be served in the church hall.

As if that is not enough, Stratford is the home of the Shakespeare Festival. The 2006 program commences the week of the Gymanfa, therefore you might consider staying on for a few days to take advantage of this wonderful theatre. To view the list of plays, log on to www.stratfordfestival.ca. When you reserve your room at the Arden Park, 877-788-8818, speak nicely to them and they might let you stay on at the hotel for extra nights at the same excellent rate that they have given us for the Ontario Welsh Festival weekend! For up to the minute details about the weekend, visit our website at www.onatriowelshfestival.ca See you in Stratford!

Hefina Phillips.

In Memoriam.

Megan Lewis

My family and I wish to thank all those who made the service of November 20th so memorable. Meg had made me promise over three years ago that there would not be a Memorial Service for her. She wanted no eulogies and said she had no achievements to praise.

To respect her wish, our Minister approved an alternative. All the music of a regular Sunday service would be dedicated to Meg. This was done with good taste and no fanfare. The presence of all the Merched Dewi, which Meg, like so many, greatly admired meant more to the family than I can say. I doubt if "Gwahoddiad" has ever been better sung and with such emotion. The service was truly memorable. That morning Meg's achievements all sat in the front pews together with their husbands, their children and her grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers it was asked that donations be made to Dewi Sant and the response has been overwhelming. I believe I have written to all those who contributed to this Memorial Fund, the total amount to be shown in the coming Annual Report, but I might have overlooked one of the many. If so, please accept my apology and heartfelt Thanks. You will all be remembered. The Fund is already being transferred to the appropriate Dewi Sant accounts where it will be put to the best possible use.

Vaughan Lewis

Albert Silburn

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Albert Silburn, beloved husband of Frances. Albert suffered greatly during the last few years and was nursed with great love and diligence by Frances. He bore his pain with dignity. He was a gentle loving husband. Our condolences go to Frances and the family.

Albert was born and raised in Kettering, in the Midlands of England. He was from a happy family of four siblings. He started his working life like his father in the traditional leather trade of Northamptonshire. In 1939 he volunteered for the Army but most of his war years were spent in the south of England dodging V-1's. After the war he worked in engineering companies in London and Kettering.

In 1952 he married Frances. Later that year they emigrated to Canada where he worked for the A.V. Roe Company on the Avro-Arrow project until it was halted in 1959. At that point he retrained in

computer work and was employed by an Insurance Company and later the Provincial Government, where he worked for 21 years.

Bert enjoyed the outdoors. Both he and Frances were members of the Ramblers and Foot Path Association of Britain and spent happy holidays in the rural districts of England, Wales and Scotland. On coming to Canada they toured a great deal of North America but Bert's favourite place was in the Georgian Bay area, where he enjoyed fishing – hoping the fish wouldn't bite.

As a young man he played football and always retained a keen interest in British League football. He was also a keen cribbage player and belonged to the Toronto league. Bert had a wonderful sense of humour and if anyone could laugh at himself he could.

Margery Masterson.

MASTERSON, Marjorie (Madge) Kathleen - It is with great sorrow the family announces the passing of Marjorie Masterson on December 4, 2005, in her 84th year at Guelph General Hospital. Beloved wife of Reg Masterson for 59 years. Dear mother of Gillian (Wally). Grandmother Terri (Mark) and Lindsay (Ray). Great-grandmother of Eric and Heidi, Nicholas, Bradley, Daniel and Brooke. Predeceased by her brother, Gerald Stephen James (1990) and her parents, Albert Oliver James (1939) and Alice James (1978). At Madge's request, there was no visitation. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held at Little's Funeral Home and Cremation Centre 223 Main St. E., Cambridge.

Submitted by Gillian Pollard.(Daughter.)

Our sympathy goes to the family. Marjorie would occasionally phone to chat about Y Gadwyn and loved Welsh music.

Colin Wild.

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Colin Wild, the husband of Gwen Wild. I have no further details at this time. We send our love and sympathy to Gwen.

Our condolences go to Audrey Evans, Cyril and family on the passing of Audrey's mother in B.C. There will be a service of remembrance for Catharine (Kay) Mary Beck at Kane's Funeral home on Saturday January 14th at 2.30pm.

Our thoughts and sympathy go to David Jones of Whitby. David's mother passed away recently in Pwllheli.

Thank You

To My Dewi Sant Family

I want to express my sincere, heartfelt <u>thanks</u> for all your prayers, good wishes, cards, phone calls, meals, baked goods, plants and visits. The outpouring of love has been overwhelming and it has given me great strength, which has touched all my family very deeply.

A very long journey still to travel as my treatments began on November 16th, so please keep praying for our family, your support is a blessing which is so greatly appreciated.

Lucille Harris and Family.

My family and I wish to thank The Rev Deian Evans and our friends at Dewi Sant for their support during Albert's illness and at his funeral. The phone calls, cards and floral tributes were comforting and consoling. Mr Geraint Jones kindly gave the eulogy; he had been a colleague of Albert's prior to their retirement from Provincial Services. Deian's words at the funeral service were uplifting and it was a blessing to have such help.

Diolch yn fawr. Sincerely, Frances Silburn.

I would like to thank the many people at Dewi Sant for their cards, telephone calls and prayers during my recent stay in the hospital. Also, thank you Deian for your prayers, support and kind words. They were all really appreciated and I have no doubt that they contributed in a significant way to my rapid recovery from the surgery.

Ifor Pugh.

We have so many friends ailing in our church, and Welsh family at this time. It is sad that so many good people are suffering. We hold them all in our prayers and send them our good wishes. Lucille Harris is continuing her treatment. Ifor Pugh is beginning his treatment as is Lorna Hobbs. You are in our thoughts.

Our friend Lyn Harry suffered a severe stroke in late December. He is now unable to communicate or receive visitors. Our thoughts and prayers are with Cecilia during this sad time.

Michael Williams

Over the past several weeks at Dewi Sant we have received more than our fair share of sad news. Therefore members' good news makes us doubly joyful. On January 11th Peter Williams will fly to Stockholm to see his brother Michael being honoured by the Swedish Parliament for his extraordinary work with and for refugees in that country.

Michael will be awarded the Martin Luther King prize in recognition of his involvement in the right of refugees and asylum seekers to a just and humane treatment in Sweden. As a result of his work as chairman of the Swedish Network of Refugees and Asylum support groups and as member of Sweden's Christian Council on migration and integration, Michael has greatly influenced public opinion, resulting in a change in Sweden's law regarding the granting of a partial amnesty to asylum seekers. He is especially passionate about the plight of refugee children. Knowledge, humility and enthusiasm characterize his involvement.

Michael is no stranger to us here in Toronto. He attends events in Dewi Sant when visiting Peter and he also accompanied the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir on their tour of the Maritimes this past Summer. We send Michael our warmest congratulations. Llongyfarchiadau gwresog, Michael.

Hefina Phillips.

Directory Enquiries

Caller: "I'd like the number of the Argoed Fish Bar in Cardiff please". Operator: "I'm sorry, there's no listing. Is the spelling correct?" Caller: "Well, it used to be called the Bargoed Fish Bar but the 'B' fell off".

Then there was the caller who asked for a knitwear company in Woven.

Operator: "Woven? Are you sure?" Caller: "Yes. That's what it says on the label; Woven in Scotland". -

On another occasion, a man making heavy breathing sounds from a phone box told a worried operator: "I haven't got a pen, so I'm steaming up the window to write the number on".

Man of the Month

Our vote for man of the month goes to Dr. Murray Black. He has been so, so busy.....not only the Church Organist on Sundays but also other events such as....



- > The Advent Service, -
- > Lunch Bunch
- > St. David's Society
- > Gadwyn collating, Bulletin folding
- > Setting up tables, putting away tables
- > Rehearsals for all events
- > Fetching coffee for Deian & Wanda
- > Giving taxi services for members of Church
- > Keeping spirits up
- > A good listener
- > All round good guy!!!

Congratulations to Rebecca Redmile

Rebecca has been a very busy person since the Summer. She was successful in gaining an A grade in her Welsh examination for the Welsh Joint Examination Board and received her certificate at the Welsh Eisteddfod at the Faenol. Also during the Summer Rebecca attended the Cwrs Cymraeg Cymdeithas Madog at the Rio Grande University in Ohio. Rebecca was successful again and won the Eisteddfod Chair for her poem. Rebecca has been a keen member of the Welsh class at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church on Saturday mornings.

Cornel Fach y Gegin----- Kitchen Corner.

Light Orange Trifle.

<u>Ingredients:</u> 1 packet of white angel cake mix (16 0z.). 1 packet sugar free instant pudding (1.1oz) skimmed milk. 1 tablespoon orange rind. 1 container of light whipped topping – thawed (4oz.) 6 tablespoons of orange juice. ¼ cup of sliced almonds.

Method. Prepare the cake as directed. Use only half. The other half can be frozen. Cut the remaining cake into1 inch pieces. Prepare the pudding using skimmed milk as directed. Fold in the orange peel and ½ of the whipped topping. Place half the cake cubes into a 2 quart dish. Sprinkle with 2 teaspoons of orange juice. Spread with 1/3 of the pudding. Repeat this process twice. Spread the remaining topping over the top. Cover and refrigerate for at least 3 hours. Sprinkle with almonds before serving. Serves 12--- 2/3 cup servings.

This is a light refreshing treat after all the heavy Christmas goodies.

Dorothy Wilson.

Noodle Pudding.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Boil one package of egg noodle (medium width) until tender. Drain and rinse with cold water (this removes excess starch). Add 4oz of butter, 4 oz of sugar, a pinch of salt, 1 teaspoon of cinnamon, 4 oz raisins and 4 beaten eggs. Mix thoroughly Pour into an oven proof dish. Bake for approximately 45 minutes. If the top browns too quickly cover with foil. This is easy and economical and children love it.

Jeanette Roberts Newman.

Renewal 2007.

As you may know we are working on a "Book of Memories." We have received quite a good selection of recent memorabilia. We are now looking for anything from 1904 to 1960. Anything that you have pertaining to those years would be helpful. Photographs, old programmes, tickets, documents of any kind. The most insignificant item may be of value to us. They can be copied and d returned. All these little discarded items in the attic or basement, can help fill in our rich history and make the book very interesting.

Please get in touch with me if you can help, Betty Jones. <u>bettybwt@rogers.com</u> 905 508 4961.

On <u>April 1st</u>. The O.P.P. Choir will be giving a concert at Dewi Sant. Marjorie Williams is a member of this choir and has been able to get them to come to give of their talent and time to help us fund raise. There will be further details in the next Gadwyn. Keep this date open. This is a very popular choir.

Singles Ad.- The best ever printed in The Atlanta Journal:

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant.

I'm a very good looking girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire.

Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me.

Call (404) 875-6420 and ask for Daisy. I'll be waiting......

Over 15,000 men found themselves talking to the Atlanta Humane Society about an 8-week-old black Labrador retriever!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.

Vaughan Lewis.

The Welsh Connection.

There are reportedly 45,000 Welshmen and women in the Greater Toronto area. Where are we all?

A dinner meeting for people of Welsh heritage has been arranged for Thursday evening, January 19, 2006. This will be the first of monthly get-togethers. The purpose? To get to know each other and to build Welsh friendships and connections.

This "Connection" is patterned on organizations already well established in the GTA by the English and the Irish. The group will have no religious or political affiliation.

The first meeting of "The Welsh Connection" will take place at the Cricket Club on 141 Wilson Ave., Toronto, M5M 3A3. A la carte meals start at \$16 per entrée. Arrive by 6.30 PM so that we can have a pre-dinner drink and chat. If you would like to attend (and shake off the post Christmas malaise) please contact Cara Archer at 416 306 4106 or CArcher @ameritrade.com Peter Williams at pwilliams @ameritrade.com

Please forward this message to all your Welsh connections.

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This is the first editorial of 2006. I am not happy.

First of all I love doing Y Gadwyn for you. It takes a good couple of days to get it done, and that is fine. The big problem is I can count on the fingers of half a hand the number of people that send in items. Myfanwy Bajaj can write you an essay every month, but that is not the purpose of Y Gadwyn. I will include anything that I deem suitable for publication so please make an effort to help.

Please note that it is more convenient to send your items to me rather than Wanda. Make it a one step rather than two. Wanda has to forward everything to me. Please make this a task that I can look forward to every month, rather than one that I am starting to dread. Thank you.

myfanwy@rogers.com 905 737 4399 Happy New year

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda. Myfanwy.

FOR SALE: "CENTURA PROFESSIONAL WURLITZER ORGAN"

The worship services at Dewi Sant are at 11.00 am Sunday mornings. Welsh language worship service 7.00 pm on the first Sunday of every month Welsh language classes Friday night and Saturday morning. Please contact John Otley for details. John.otley@sympatico.ca 416 782 7169.

The next Gadwyn deadline is February 12th. Please make it a good one. Thank you, Myfanwy.