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Gair gan y Gweinidog

A word from the Minister.

It does not matter where you go, be it here in Toronto or anywhere in the world, more or less, you just cannot avoid being reminded that it is the Christmas season. Note that I use the proper term – not ‘Holiday Season’ or ‘Holidays’ but CHRISTMAS. I simply cannot understand why anyone, of any creed or background, could find fault with one Christian or group of Christians wishing their counterparts a joyful Christian Festival. In fact I know for a fact that this issue has nothing to do with people of other religions, it seems to stem from a strange idea that some so-called Christians have that to mention a Christian festival within earshot of one who is not a Christian may cause offence. Let me tell it straight – it gives me offence when we do NOT mention Christmas by name at this time of year. It insults our faith and it insults the Lord.

I have been pleasantly educated since my arrival here that for those who worship at Dewi Sant and most other U.C. Churches this is a time when we concentrate mostly on giving rather than receiving. I have witnessed my third White Gifts Sunday, and the kindness in giving, the joy through giving and the spiritual uplift as a result of the giving is a wonder to behold. The time given for the children of the Church to prepare them for the Christmas Pageant bore fruit again on the 10th of December – if you missed the service, you REALLY missed a GREAT service. Then we have enjoyed the fruits of Labour of Love from so many over the past few weeks that Christmas this year will again be remembered by me as a time of wonder and wealth for all the right reasons. Thank you all for your contributions, in all ways, to the church.

This is the time of year when changes in Executive Committees in the church take effect. There are two major changes this year, with Sheryl Clay stepping down as Chair of Stewards and Myfanwy Bajaj stepping down as Chair of the UCW. May I take this opportunity to thank them both on behalf of Dewi Sant for the work they have done, and wish the new Chairs every success.

As of now the Centenary Celebrations will be well under way. I hope that all the Gadwyn readers will get the opportunity to celebrate with us in many ways and in many of the events planned for 2007. In the meantime may I wish you the joys of Christmas and a happy and prosperous and blessed 2007.

Nadolig Llawn a phob llwyddiant a bodlonrwydd yn ystod y flwyddyn i ddod.

Pob bendith, Deian Evans, Gweinidog.

Y Nadolig.

Celyn a thelyn a than---ar aelwyd
A charoli diddan,
A'r hen fyd i gyd yn gan
O achos y Mab bychan.

(Gan Robert Owen) Myfanwy.

U C W ----- Merched Yr Eglwys.

The Christmas Bazaar was a resounding success. Our "marathon," Welsh cakes were sold out within half an hour of opening. Many people came a little later only to be disappointed that there were none left. Next year we shall probably have to double or triple the quantity; if we can stand the fun!! Rita Hoffman was one of the happy bakers and I apologize for leaving her name out last month. Thank you Rita. We thank all those who donated goods and items, those who helped set up and breakdown.

*Thanks to the bazaar sub-committee and to Kaydon enterprises for their special donation of Welsh goods. Thank you all so much for everything and thank you Sheryl Clay for organizing the sub-committee and all the other hard work that you put into getting this bazaar off the ground. Great job. This is my last report as chair of UCW. I am thankful to all of those who have been such great support. **Diolch o galon.***

Myfanwy Bajaj.

The next UCW event takes place on January 13th. at 6.30—A Murder Mystery Night including a full dinner. Cost is \$15. Please book your tickets soon as the event is being catered.

Christmas Pageant, 2006.

As the Christmas season approaches, the congregation at Dewi Sant looks forward with great anticipation to the annual Children's Pageant. On December 10th we were once again delighted with the children's performance, and the sanctuary resounded with our applause.

We knew we were in for a treat when we were greeted by a large sign which read "HOLIDAY INN. NO VACANCIES! The front of the altar had been cleverly turned into a multi purpose stage with Mary and Joseph's home on one side and the Inn on the other. A quick slide of the Inn was just enough to show the stable and manger.

Jennifer Evans as narrator kept the story flowing. As there were more roles than actors, the older students took on several parts. Stephanie Evans and Ashley Terry played Joseph and Mary and also two of the three kings. Jade Thomas began as Gabriel, then did a quick change to Inn Keeper, back to the angel Gabriel, then finally the third King!

Gabriel's angelic little helpers were Bronwen Livingstone, Morgan Phillips, Madison Freemantle, Tegan Thomas, Katie Quesnelle and Ava Jones. Meeko Thomas and Stirling Stroud were the shepherds. In between her acting roles, Ashley entertained us by playing carols on her flute, and both Ashley and Stephanie sang a spirited rendition of "Go, Tell it on the Mountain."

Betty Cullingworth accompanied the little ones as they sang "Away in the Manger", a delightful Welsh carol, "Clip, Clop", and "The Twelve Days of Christmas". The children explained the meaning of each gift given by "my true love". Did you realize, for example, that the "true love" is God and that the "partridge in a pear tree" is a symbol for Jesus Christ who died on a tree as a gift from God?

Mrs Pam Evans, superintendent of the Sunday School, deserves an enormous vote of thanks from us all for her ongoing hard work with the children. Thanks also to Brenda Davies and Katie Jones. There were many extremely proud parents and grandparents amongst the congregation and we're already looking forward to next year.

Hefina Phillips (one of the proud grandmothers!)

My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine: Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses: God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question: I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one: Every morning is the dawn of a new error.

SPONSOR A YEAR, 1907 - 2007

Thank you for checking out the list of years sponsored as shown in last month's Gadwyn. Unfortunately a few years were inadvertently omitted and I'd be very grateful if you could check the list once again for any mistakes or omissions. For any corrections (or additional sponsored years), please contact Hefina Phillips at 905 847 5474.....

1907: William Thomas Barker : **1908:** Bryn and Emma Evans: **1909:** Horace Smith: **1910:** Glyn and Marjorie Hilton:
1911: Katharine Jones: **1912:** Olwen Hoffman, Anne Evans: **1913:** Mervyn Williams: **1914:** Nan Smith, Anne Boswell:
1915: Lisa Cullingworth: **1916:** Muriel Mason: **1917:** Ellis Vincent Davies, Emyr Jones and Catrin Waterworth:
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1931: Catherine Otley: **1932:** Bernice Adler: **1933:** Clarice Terry: **1934:** Murray Black: **1935:** Ram Bajaj, Gwennllian Elizabeth Jones: **1936:** Myfanwy Bajaj: **1937:** Deryck Evans: **1938:** Harold Woodey: **1939:** Emily Smith: **1940:** Risti and Knud Jensen and Marjorie Tsipuras: **1941:** Eirlys and Gordon Barker: **1942:** Mairwen Thornley, Artur Monteiro: Ken Sykes:
1944: Colin Christie, Kenneth Barker: **1945:** Bill Phillips: **1946:** Heddwyn and Iris Williams, Nina Morris, Albert and May Hale: **1947:** Wendy Vander Voort: **1948:** Megan and Vaughan Lewis, Michael Williams: **1949:** Owen and Josie Jones:
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1953: Gareth and Betty Evans: **1954:** Rev. Dr. Cerwyn and Nora Davies, Lorna and Peter Hobbs: **1955:** Violet and Elwyn Clay, Aneurin ac Eluned Jones: **1956:** Emyr Wyn Davies, Peter and Joy Bailey: **1957:** Sheryl Clay, Islwyn and Megan Morris, Geraint Wyn Davies, Iona Rees, Ellen Fitzgibbon: **1958:** Judith Williams, Catherine and Art Otley, Reginald Trodd:
1959: Howell Pritchard, Edward Stroud, Michael and Anne Bennett, Sybil and Ifor Pugh: **1960:** John Otley:
1961: Joy David, Donna Morris, Myfanwy Davies and Rick Bellwood: **1962:** Myfanwy Williams-Owen: **1963:** Ann and Thomas Gifford, Cheryl Smith: **1964:** Dorothy Jones, Trevor and Eurwen Jones, Paul Otley, Robert Huw Jones: **1965:** Arun Bajaj:
1966: Ross Cullingworth: **1967:** Bethan Louise Jones: **1968:** Anne Johnston: **1969:** Peter and Trisha Stevenson:
1970: Audrey and Cyril Evans, Tara Sian Bajaj-Freemantle: **1971:** Ne^st Pritchard, Jack and Irene Evans:
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Hefina Phillips.

Eisteddfod - March 10, 2007

It has been a very long time since we have had an eisteddfod at Dewi Sant. Well, we don't have much longer to wait. Mark the date Saturday, March 10th on your 2007 calendar, and plan to spend the day participating in this most traditional of events.

For a list of all the competitions, log on to the Dewi Sant website (www.dewisant.com) or call the church for a hard copy of the programme (416-485-7583). There is something for everyone. Can't sing? What about the cooking, crafts or photography categories? Clever with flowers? There's a section just for you. And even if, for some reason, you can't attend that particular Saturday, you could take part in the literary competition. There is also a limerick competition, which is always great fun. Just come up with final line of the following:

There was a young lady from Wales,
Who each time she stepped on the scales,
She let out a cry
Then muttered, "Oh! My!"

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Most of the competitions are for both children and adults. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to participate and let's make this day a very special one.

On the website there will be a list of the poems for the various recitation categories and all deadlines for entries. Let's make this eisteddfod a huge success.

Hefina

Welsh Folk Dancing – Our 'Twmpath' at Dewi Sant.

The history of Welsh folk dancing is quite a sad one. With the advent of the Non-conformist sects in the 18th and 19th centuries, the chapels saw the Welsh folk arts and customs as ones that were very sinful and not in keeping with chapel teaching. The chapels, chapel-folk, deacons and preachers, some of them the greats of their day like Thomas Charles, Bala, did their utmost to stamp out all sorts of "sinful" folk entertainment such as dancing, folk singing, Mabsant festivals and folk music generally, except, of course, hymn singing and music in the chapels. People such as William Jones (Llangadfan) and Edward Jones (Bardd y Brenin) saw the great damage that was being done to the culture, and they managed to record the dances on paper. Like most music of that period, there was a lot of exchange and borrowing between Wales, England, Scotland, Ireland and Europe and a number of Welsh dances went into the British/English collections. They tended to keep their original Welsh names in translation to English, the dance "Hoffedd ap Hywel" became "Powell's Fancy" for example. Over a period of time, the rich, lively, Welsh folk culture vanished, with only the odd clogger continuing to step and pass the tradition on to the next generation, and with the triple harpers still playing in the mansions, keeping the traditional tunes, many of which were dance tunes. By the start of the 20th century, folk dancing contributed very little to Welsh culture.

In the Twenties, Hugh Mellor, Urdd Gobaith Cymru and others started to take interest in the old dances. In the 1940s, Lois Blake and Gwyn Williams came to the fore in reviving the Welsh dancing tradition and in 1949 the Welsh Folk Dance Society was formed, with the aim of promoting and resurrecting the old dances. Many dances with Welsh names or "feel" to them were collected from the collections, with the odd import that, perhaps, had nothing to do with Wales! By reviving and creating dances and with much research and practice, Welsh folk dancing developed into a lively, visible, colourful and living part of the Welsh culture. By today the Urdd National Eisteddfod promotes Welsh dancing and attracts thousands of young people in dancing competitions every year. The Gwent Children's Festival and the Welsh Children's Festival are very successful with thousands of children taking part. (Gwyl Ifan) in Cardiff every midsummer is one of the great events of the folk-dancing year attracting hundreds of adult dancers from all parts of Wales in traditional costume.....On Saturday November 25th at Dewi Sant there was also a revival of the Twmpath. This was one of the events organized by the Renewal Committee. What fun we all had. Some of us were dancing [or trying to dance], some were spectators and all of us were very hungry at the end of the evening when we enjoyed a plateful of delicious chili prepared by Arleigh and Trish. Thank you also to Betty and Ross for the refreshments. The fellowship hall was tastefully decorated by Leona. Our caller for the evening was Brenda who wore her beautiful Welsh Costume and taught us new steps and dances. One of the dances she taught us was : Cylch Y Cymru (Welsh Council)..... Formation: Large circle men with their partners on their right facing partners. Music: Any 32 bar jig. The Dance Shake right hands 4 times. Shake left hands 4 times. Clap both partners hands 4 times. Slip to the centre 4 steps and back. Slip to the centre 4 steps and back. Arm right with your partner twice around. Arm left with the person behind (new partner) once around. End in a double circle men on the inside ladies on the outside facing anticlockwise and promenade. Men pull new partners in front of them to start the dance again. We are eager to start a group so as to perform in the 2007 celebration weekend. If you have an interest in being part of a folk dance group please let us know. We hope to start our practices in the new year. The first one will be held January 6th-7-9 p.m.

Annette Evans.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church. Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

Happenings & Events in 2007 sponsored by the Renewal Committee

Mark your calendars and be sure to attend!

February 17th – Noson Lawen

March 1st – Reception at The Ontario Legislature

March 10th – Eisteddfod (Submission details available Tuesday at www.dewisant.com and Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006 at church)

April 1st – Auction & Luncheon at Rosedale Golf Club

April 30th – History of the Church at the Toronto Historical Society

May – Concert by Sheryl Clay and Jean Thompson (Date to be confirmed)

June 3rd – Picnic on Centre Island

Oct. - Grand Celebration Weekend

Friday, 19th Banquet at the Granite Club

Saturday, 20th Concert at York Minster Church, Yonge & St. Clair

Sunday, 21st Gymanfa Ganu at Dewi Sant, Iwan Edwards conducting.

Watch for more information and dates in your monthly Gadwyn!

Donations for the Renewal Auction in April 2007

If anybody would like to donate an item to the Auction, please call Leona Francis at 905 727-0440. Please call Leona early, as all item donations must be received by March 1st, 2007.

Meriel Simpson.

Congratulations

Good news is always very welcome, and none more than at this time of year. It was with great excitement that we recently learned of the forthcoming marriage of Vaughan Lewis and Sally Evans Funderburk.

Vaughan, originally from Llanelli, is a long time member of Dewi Sant. Sally lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and is a founding member of the local St. David's Society. She hails from Pontarddulais and is a native Welsh speaker. The happy couple met at the National Gymanfa Ganu in Buffalo.

Sally and Vaughan plan to get married in the early summer and make their home in Toronto. Sally has already joined Merched Dewi and is looking forward to being an active member of the Toronto Welsh community.

Llongyfarchiadau a dymuniadau gwresog i chi'ch dau. Hefina Phillips

Brain cells come and brain cells go. But fat cells live forever. Life not only begins at forty. It also begins to show. God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you? Some minds are like concrete thoroughly mixed up and permanently set. Peace starts with a smile.

In Memoriam-----Er Cof.

David Aldon Jones.

It was with great sadness that I received the news that Aldon Jones had passed away at the beginning of December. Aldon, up until his illness, had been a staunch supporter of the Welsh services at Dewi Sant.

I got to know Aldon early after moving to Toronto, and three of us who were Welsh speakers and living in Oakville tried not to miss those special Gwasanaethau Cymraeg (Welsh services.) The first Sunday evenings of every month were great fun as Aldon used to drive Wendy and myself to Dewi Sant, laughing and gossiping all the way into Toronto.

Aldon was originally from Betws near Ammanford. He was a retired school teacher and was married to Julie, an American. He lost Julie to cancer about 4 years ago and subsequently became even closer to his step children in the States. He, himself, was diagnosed with cancer about a year ago. We met often for lunch or coffee, but he was very private about his illness and would not discuss anything with me other than the awful effects of the chemotherapy. Even that he played down. I guessed that all was not well when he called to offer me his Welsh books and CDs.

He moved to Tennessee to live with his stepson in October of this year, and that is where he passed away.

Whenever he left a message on my machine, he didn't need to leave his name, because the message was always the same: "Ble ddiawl wyt ti nawr? Dim ond galafantan wyt ti. Galw fi." (Where the h_____ are you now? All you do is gallivant. Call me!) It's one of those messages that always made me smile and that I now wish I hadn't erased.

Hefina Phillips

James Harold Stevenson.

Harold passed away on November 10th, 2006. He was the husband of the late Megan Stevenson. Harold worked on the family farm for many years until moving to Thornhill. There he pursued a new career in carpentry. He had a natural talent for it and worked for several construction companies.

Harold was welcomed into the Welsh community when he married Megan. The marriage took place in Dewi Sant Welsh United Church on December 9th, 1967. They subsequently made their home in Willowdale and traveled widely for the next 25 years. Megan was first cousin to Marie Hillier. Harold was interested in sports, and was a member of the Willowdale Lawn Bowling Club. Harold became a caregiver when Megan's health declined and ended with her death on January 28th 1993.

The next few years were very lonely for Harold, but due to his own declining health his sister Alice moved in with him. They both moved into a nursing home in Collingwood in the Spring of this Year. Harold was a former trustee and a faithful member of Dewi Sant.

Our condolences go to his nephews and nieces.

Myfanwy.

An Adult's Christmas in Wales

Before we left Toronto for Wales, Nora and I would say to each other, "Wont it be nice to live life in the slow lane for a few months!!" Well guess what?! What slow lane?! Haverfordwest is the county town of Pembrokeshire with a population of just over 15.0000. It is the industrial and social hub of south west Wales. It has a beautiful "down town" area. Everybody seems to know everybody. Our first venture into Tesco (for a quick introductory visit) took us over two hours, not because of our purchases, but down each aisle, we would hear our names being called, "Cerwyn and Nora, we heard that you are back home. When are going back to Canada then?!"

Even before we had arrived, we had been invited to join the Arts Club, with a membership made up of retired professional people, mostly teachers (so Nora is in her element!). Many of them have turned out to be my old Grammar School cronies, so we have shared many an embellished story! Following the first meeting we were told "Oh by the way, we have a choir, we shall be singing at a concert for Christmas, here is your music, practice and come to the rehearsal next Monday!!" Well, the concert came and went, and I have to say that the best part was the food that followed! Merched Dewi, we "was not!"

We have been visited by the parish priest (the local vicar), and old friend, who I had threatened through one his parishioners, that if he did not do his duty I would report him to the bishop!! He came for tea!

Concerts, pageants and carol services and of course parties abound at this time of year, and it so happens that there is a relative or an old acquaintance belonging to each one, so guess what! Yes, we've sang more carols than we have in years!!

We get around to all of these celebratory events (nowhere is further than five minutes away!) in our sky blue automatic Ford Focus. When it comes to driving, I am scared stiff of these deadly roundabouts, which I negotiate about five times before I find the right exit! Give me the 401 any day!!

Have I mentioned the coffee mornings?

Merry Christmas to all Gadwyn readers and a happy new year.

Cerwyn and Nora.

One particular four-year old prayed, "and forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets: Another little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a good boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a good time like I am."

Donors to Y Gadwyn.

Vronwen Davies: Albert & Doreeta Lusk: Mairwen Thornley: Jennifer Steadman: Bill & Mary Hall: Joan Mathews: Stephanie & Alex Dellow: Gwen Evans: Helen Taylor: Glenys Huws: Dorothy Wilson: Iris Rees: Margaret Reynolds: Glen & Sandy Ross: Moyra Thomas: Brian & Joan Hughes: Eurwen & Trevor Jones

On The Move.

Glenys Huws, 49 Wheatfield Road, Etobicoke, Ontario, M8V 2P5

Gareth Owen Fund:

We are currently accepting applications for The Gareth Owen Fund. This fund was established to assist young people associated with Dewi Sant Welsh United church finance recreational (e.g. summer camp), medical or scholastic needs.

The deadline for applications is March 1st, 2007. All applications should be sent to:

The Gareth Owen Fund, c/o Dewi Sant Welsh United Church , 33 Melrose Ave, Toronto, On. M5M 1Y6.

Letters to the Editor.

Sincere greetings to you all at Dewi Sant from the lovely Gower coast. I was at the first service held at Dewi Sant and hope to make it to the Centennial celebrations next Fall. Good luck to you all.

My good friends Lorna and Peter Hobbs will be visiting soon. We go back a very long way and our thoughts and prayers are with dear Lorna at this time. It is very sad to see such a dear friend suffering so much.

Nadolig llawen to all. Moyra Thomas (nee Banford.)

My love and good wishes go to all my friends at Dewi Sant. It is good to keep in contact through Y Gadwyn. Hope to attend some of the celebrations next year. Vronwen Davies, Carp, Ontario.

I am back from spending two happy months in Carmarthen. Whilst there the organist of the English Cong. Church passed away. I had the privilege of playing the organ at his very large funeral. Enclosed is a cheque for Y Gadwyn with many thanks to Myfanwy and to all who keep us in touch with Dewi Sant, even though we cannot attend. Cofion cynnes. Joan Mathews, Ridgeway, Ontario.

Part of a letter from Russia.

.....We traveled home by bus. This was a very different experience. Some buses have conductors, but on others passengers place coins on a shelf near the driver. I figured that we would wait until we got off to place our coins on the shelf. At this point the person on my left passed me several bills and coins. I realized that notwithstanding the crowds between me and the driver it was expected that I pass the money on. I tapped the next person on the shoulder: she gave me a long stare, then took the money and tapped the next person who in turn gave a long stare but also passed along the money in the direction of the driver... After a while the person on my right tapped me; I gave her a long stare, then took a wad of tickets from her, kept some for us and tapped the person on my left. Recently Anna inadvertently sat in the conductor's seat and was rewarded by people passing her the money. In fact Anna is often mistaken for a Russian

Recently Anna inadvertently sat in the conductor's seat and was rewarded by people passing her money. In fact Anna is often mistaken for Russian and addressed in Russian ----- usually accompanying Mike. This could be because Mike is so obviously a foreigner that it is assumed that Anna is his Russian floozie! Or maybe it is Anna's

Ukranian peasant stock heritage that tricks them. Anyway we get really surprised looks when Mike answers in fluent Russian.
Anna and Mike Wills. (Dunets.)

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

This is a recipe in memory of Freda Knill Lepki, Leona Francis' mother.

Mum's Cold Remedy

2oz brandy. 1oz lemon juice, 1 scant tablespoon of honey, (or more to your taste.)

Place the ingredients in a large coffee mug and fill with boiling water. Place a cinnamon stick in the mug and use as a stirrer. Keep the stick in the mug until it has all been drunk. Eating the cinnamon stick is NOT recommended!!

Leona Francis.

A Poem For Seniors.

**A row of bottles on my shelf caused me to analyze myself!
One yellow pill I have to pop goes to my heart so it won't stop.
A little white one that I take goes to my hands so they won't shake.
The blue one that I use a lot tells me I'm happy when I'm not.
The purple one goes to my brain and tells me that I have no pain.
The capsules tell me not to wheeze or cough or choke or even sneeze
The red ones, smallest of them all go to my blood so I won't fall.
The orange ones very big and bright prevent leg cramps in the night.
Such an array of brilliant pills helping to cure all kinds of ills!
But what I'd like to know—is what tells them where to go.....**

There's always so much to be thankful for if you take time to think about it. For example I'm sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.

Don Davies.

This cheery message was sent in by Deian's father. It is always a pleasure to see his smiling face and to listen to his words of wisdom when he visits us at Dewi Sant.

I wish all my friends at Dewi Sant every blessing over Christmas and into the New Year. Thank you for the welcome I always receive and I look forward to seeing you again in 2007 for the centenary celebrations. Rev. Irfon Evans

Thank you for taking part in the competition for November. Although no-one got all the answers correct, the closest was Joan Lloyd. So congratulations to Joan, now a two-times winner!!

Here are the answers :

- 1 Oh Come all ye Faithful
- 2 Joy to the world
- 3 In the bleak mid-winter
- 4 Hark the herald angels sing
- 5 O, holy night
- 6 While shepherds watched
- 7 The first Noel
- 8 God rest ye merry gentlemen

Religious background:

Angels, Manger, Gifts, Mince pies, Carols, Shepherds, Star.

Now for this month's contest – Short and simple. Name the cities where you would find the following streets:

Les Champs Elysees	Bond Street	Wall Street
Sunset Boulevard	Via Veneto	Beacon Street
Boulevard St. Michel	Wilshire Boulevard	Peachtree Street
Hans Christian Andersen Boulevard		Nevsky Prospect
Kurfurstendam	Dizengoff	Madison Avenue
Piccadilly	Coronation Street	Bourbon Street
Basin Street.	Las Ramblas	Bloor Street

Services of worship continue on a weekly basis. Every Sunday morning there is an 11 a.m. Service conducted by the Reverend Deian Evans.

On the first Sunday of every month there is a service at 7 p.m. In Welsh, also conducted by the Reverend Deian Evans.

Sunday School is held every Sunday under the direction of Pam Evans.

Welsh classes resume in the New Year. Contact John Otley for further information.

The deadline for the next Gadwyn is **January 14th**. My email address is myfanwy@rogers.com, 905 737 4399 34 Carrington Drive Richmond Hill L4C 8A2 Ontario.

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i chi gyd. A very Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year to you all. M.