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News of the Toronto Welsh Community

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Croeso! - Welcome back! We are now in the first few days of Autumn and we have been blessed to have warm weather to enjoy as we collectively ease back into a rather more hectic schedule. Children are back at school, parents are back at work, activities have resumed in all forms at church and in the wider world.

We have already begun Bible discussion Group, the Lunch Bunch, the Annual Mission and Service BBQ, and of course, the monthly Sunday Evening Welsh services at Dewi Sant. Meetings have also resumed with the session meeting the 3rd Sunday of the month and the Official Board meeting the last weekend of alternate months.

The summer has been quietly active at Dewi Sant however, with a new roof being installed and a NEW Audio-Visual system getting ready for its inaugural launch in November. It is all very exciting! Much appreciation is due to all the volunteers who have faithfully worked on implementing these changes for the good of the congregation and the building's ongoing maintenance.

God is with us in all we do at home, at work, in learning and at play. Let us continue to gather at Dewi Sant for worship and all that it means to be in community.

Bendithion - Blessings!

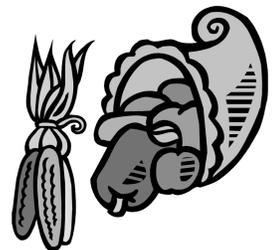
Rev. Anne

Thanksgiving Greetings from the Ministers Desk.

As I write this, I am preparing to leave for my trip to Wales in less than 24 hours!

When I return at Thanksgiving, I will have travelled around your home country with my husband, seeing scenery familiar to you and new to me! It is enormously meaningful to connect your stories and memories with the places and names of your past. I am grateful for your encouragement and travel tips! I hope to hear some music, discover a chapel, eat some Welsh cakes and test some cider!

Thanksgiving is a time of year to take stock of all that we have and all that we believe in. It spurs us on to appreciate the plenty in our lives. At the same time, it is an opportunity to consider those whose needs are not being met. Many people choose to donate to food banks or other charities, in honour of those who are hungry or lonely. A family feast of turkey and all the delicious dishes is not guaranteed to all. I hope you will remember those in need at this time of year, recalling that we, who are abundantly provided for, can share with those who are not.



May God be with you in this time of harvest and may your gatherings bring joy to your family.

Bendithion! *Rev Anne*

My Journey to Ministry: After the MDiv.

It's hard to believe that four years have elapsed since I started my studies in Theology, yet here I am in 2014 with a Master of Divinity (MDiv). I thoroughly enjoyed my courses and being part of the academic world, and made some great friends along the way. This means I have completed the academic requirements for the ministry, which was Phase I. Now I start Phase II.

In order to qualify to be ordained, the United Church of Canada (UCC) requires all candidates for ordination to do an internship. As an intern, one is under the supervision of an ordained minister and pretty much gets involved in all aspects of the church: planning and participating in worship services, pastoral work in the congregation, youth group, funerals, baptisms, communion, and fellowship. Churches volunteer to supervise an intern and are matched with a suitable candidate. And an internship is a paid gig!



I have been very fortunate to be matched with Westway United Church (www.westwayunitedchurch.org), about five minutes by car from where I live. It is a well established church with a very friendly congregation. This church community is diverse in its makeup, with many cultures and many age groups and many of the people are long-time members. I had the chance to introduce myself unofficially in July, so have already met quite a few members. I will be at Westway from September to April and hopefully by the end of the internship, I will have a call to ministry set up.

Also starting in September are the interviews for ordination. My first one is booked for September 9th with Presbytery and is followed in November by my interview with Toronto Conference. If I'm successful with the interviews, get a good review on my internship and am lucky enough to get a call, I'll be able to be ordained by Toronto Conference at the end of May, 2015.

I'll keep you posted as to my progress, so stay tuned. Of course, you are all invited to the Ordination ceremony.

Blessings,
Meriel

Celebrations



Congratulations to Betty & Ross Cullingworth on the birth of their granddaughter
Hunter Cynthia Cullingworth this summer.
And to Lisa and Hugh, the proud parents!

and

Congratulations to Katherine Jenkins, who married Andrew Levitas recently.
Katherine O B E is one of our Welsh treasures,
now known throughout the world for her beautiful mezzo soprano voice.





DEWI SANT BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

Saturday November 8th, 2014

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

We will have our usual tables: Home baking / Jams / Tea Room/ Welsh keepsakes/Raffle /Silent auction/Christmas items/Knitwear/Gently used goods /Children's goods/Treasures/Women's Accessories/White elephant

We are in need of:

- Volunteers to set-up and price the items on Friday Nov. 7 from 4 pm onwards.
- Volunteers to sell on Saturday
- Young, strong people to help with take down and loading on the Saturday after the Bazaar.
- Donations for the Silent Auction. Betty and Ross Cullingworth are looking for donations of new and suitable items.
- Donations for the Raffle. Please contact Trisha Stevenson.
- Donations for the Bake Table may be brought on Friday Nov 7 or early Saturday morning. Please contact Gaynor McConnell.



Your donations for all the above tables will be gratefully received from Sunday October the 26th, onward. Tables will be provided in the Fellowship Hall for this purpose. Please watch for the signs.

Please note that we are not accepting clothing this year.

Sincere thanks,

Arleigh Quesnelle

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Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Our next exciting venture will be a **wonderful evening of Welsh music and literature** on **November 22**. Gaynor Jones-Low and Bob Missen will present an evening of readings and songs that they initially performed on St. Davids Day 2014. Again, this will be given at no cost to us to assist us in raising funds to improve and upgrade our audio visual system. Tickets will be the same reasonable price as the concert: \$20.00 per person. Please put this date in your calendars and plan to attend with friends, neighbours and family. It is a great (early) Christmas gift!



Rescheduled! On Saturday, October 25, 11 am - 1 pm,
the St. David's Society of Toronto presents
The Mabinogion as told by master storyteller, Hugh Cotton
at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church.

Tickets: \$15 for adults and youth, including a light lunch.

For reservations call: 416-483-5664 or email: plloydjones@hotmail.com



Dewi Sant Welsh United Church - "Lunch Bunch", Fall 2014

Nov. 4th 2014, 11 a.m. -
"Wen-Do" for the ladies (women's self-defense).

Cards/board games for the gentlemen.

Soup provided - \$2.

Bring your own sandwich.



Dec. 2nd 2014, 11 a.m. -
"Pre-Christmas Celebration"
to include a buffet lunch.

Tickets in advance: \$7.50 each

OCTOBER 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7 pm TWMVC	2	3	4 2 pm Hope Church
Rev. Anne on holiday in Wales ~ Sept. 26 – Oct. 10						
5 Pentecost World Communion Sunday <i>Rev. Rob Metcalfe</i> 11 am Communion 2 pm Hope Church 7 pm Welsh Service	6	7 10 am Bible Study 11 am Lunch Bunch	8 7 pm TWMVC	9	10	11 2 pm Hope Church
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